

FREMONT

CITY SCHOOLS



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1. INCREASE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
2. CLOSE SOCIO-ECONOMIC, ETHNIC AND DISABILITY GAPS IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
3. BUILD HOPE, TRUST AND RESPECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

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Hello Washington Families,

As we move into the Fall Season and school starts to become a routine, there are certain elements of your child's education that I would like to highlight. 1) Homework. Homework should be review work for your child to do independently. If homework is taking your child more than 10-15 minutes per grade (i.e. 40-60 minutes for a fourth-grade student), I would expect that you are communicating with the classroom teacher. 2) Study/Homework location. Just a reminder that your child should have a place to complete homework that is free from distraction but still comfortable. 3) Unexpected Events. If there is a change in your child's life, it can drastically affect her or him in the classroom. Family pets sometime run away and grandparents sometime become very ill. Events such as these can be very easily addressed by me or a teacher when you provide us with a note or phone call. Your child is important to me and the Washington Staff. Learning will not take place if your child's mind is on other matters outside the building. The more we communicate, the better chance your child has for academic success. 4) You are the most important element in

your child's education. Asking a few simple questions will show your child that you care about what is happening at school. Be careful, though; a question requiring a one-word answer will get just that. "How was your day?" This question will many times get a one-word answer. You may hear the following responses, "Great!" or "Boring" or "Fine." All of those answers tell you next to nothing. A better choice is, "Tell me something you learned in reading today." or "What was the best part of your day?", "or the worst," or "what made you laugh today." It will only take a few seconds to ask those questions, but hold on because you may be in for a long response, especially if your child is in kindergarten, first, or second grades. I hope these tips help. If you have any comment, questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Yours in Education,

Mr. Arnold

STRONG ACADEMICS + STRONG CHARACTER = STRONG COMMUNITY

LEGO Club

Meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month during the school year.

Kindergarten – 6th Grade
10:00 – 11:30 am

Bring your imaginations and we'll supply the LEGOS.

Meeting Dates

Saturday, October 8th

Please call 419-334-7101 ext. 209 to register or

Register online at:
www.birchard.lib.oh.us

Dear Parents,

We have had several concerns about unsupervised children at our Fremont Ross football games. We need your help to ensure that all of our students are safe and having a good time. Children must be in their seats at all times, unless they have adult supervision. If your student is unsupervised, they will be instructed to go back to their seat. During the game, they must have an adult escort to use the restroom or visit the concession stand. Please do not drop your elementary student off at the football game. **They must have a parent with them in order to be admitted to the football game.**

We appreciate your cooperation in this effort to keep our students safe. We look forward to seeing all of you at the game. Thank you all for your continued support of Fremont Ross Athletics.

Book Fair

We are excited about our upcoming "Scholastic To the Book Fair and Beyond" Book Fair!" on Oct. 10th-14th. Each child will visit the Fair with his or her class and have the opportunity to purchase books. You can also select books for your child's teacher to help build their classroom library.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12th there will be a "Grand Friends" lunch where you will be able to come during lunch time to eat with your child and purchase books.

If you're all booked up during Book Fair week (or just want to keep shopping), be sure to visit the Book Fair online at www.scholastic.com/schoolbookfairs. The online Book Fair is available for an extended time from Oct.14-Oct 18th.

Don't miss the opportunity to light up a child's face with the excitement of reading a good book.

Hope to see you at the Book Fair!

Mrs. Sterling
Washington Library Aide

New Lunch Times

After trying out a new lunch schedule at the beginning of this new school year, we have decided to go back to the lunch times of last year. So..... our lunch times and grades are as follows:

- Grades 4, 5, and 6 will be eating at 11:30.
- Grades 2 and 3 will be eating at 12:00.
- Grades Kdg and 1 will be eating at 12:30.

Attendance %

For the month of September, we had an attendance of 96.81%.

The Fremont City School District will not discriminate nor tolerate harassment in its educational programs or activities for any reason, including on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, military status, sexual orientation, or ancestry. Additionally, it will not discriminate in its employment policies nor practices.

The mission of Fremont City Schools is to develop well-educated, life-long learners prepared to be responsible, productive, and respectful members of their communities.

Safety Drills

The safety of each and every one of the students and staff attending Fremont City Schools is a top priority each and every day. Each building principal is required to assemble a safety team made up of building staff that meets on a regular basis to discuss safety issues affecting the building, such as locking doors and windows, drill schedules, or lockdown procedures. Each school year, the buildings are to conduct a fire drill for every month of attendance, a tornado drill in September and during each month of tornado season (March through May), and a safety drill (lockdown) each month of the school year. The September fire drill must be conducted within the first ten days of each new school year. A bomb threat drill must also be conducted in September and April. All buildings are required to conduct a building evacuation drill on an annual basis, if not more. During these drills, all students and staff walk to their designated evacuation site and simulate how students will be safely supervised and held until parents or guardians can sign for their release. Evacuations would only occur in situations when building occupancy would be of high risk, such as a bomb threat or chemical spill. It is the goal of Fremont City Schools to keep all students in school everyday focused on academics; but if and when emergencies occur, each building staff will be ready to protect all students. We appreciate the cooperation of all parents and guardians in understanding the need for drill practice and reinforcing the district safety procedures. For further details or if you have any questions about any of the safety drills, please contact your building principal(s).

Responsibility/October

The word of the month for October is **Responsibility**. We are responsible for our choices. When we demonstrate accountability, reliability, and consistency in our words and actions, we are being responsible. Everyone has responsibilities, and it is very important that children learn that they are expected to accept responsibility for their choices and actions. Making excuses hurts them. We can give kids small tasks to do, encourage them to finish what they begin, and then show genuine appreciation for what they accomplish. Children must learn to finish any job or duty to the best of their ability.

To help children accept responsibility:

1. Never do for children what they can do themselves.
2. Encourage them to attempt to do things for themselves.
3. Reward children for their effort as well as accomplishments.
4. Assign daily chores.
5. Expect children to finish the task they begin.
6. Let your children make decisions for themselves.
7. Communicate to your children that you have confidence in their abilities.

Mrs. Overstreet
Professional School Counselor

Washington's Wellness Workout!

Please join us for an 8-week beginner's yoga class every Thursday, starting October 13th at 6:30 p.m. Each class is \$3.50 or \$24.00 for the 8-week session. No RSVP is necessary. Attend whenever you can!

*Please bring a mat and water.

~ Relaxation~Improve Strength and Flexibility~Low Impact~

Classes are taught by Angie Hines and sponsored by Washington PTO.

Please call Jody Solomon (419.307.3479) with any questions.

RED RIBBON WEEK

Thank you for participating in the countywide Red Ribbon Celebration.
Let's work together to help our youth - "Drug-Free is the Key!"

This year's theme is "It's Up To Me To Be Drug Free."

- Monday, October 24** "Sock-Out Drugs!" (wear crazy socks)
- Tuesday, October 25** "Put On Your Thinking Caps!" (wear a crazy hat)
- Wednesday, October 26** National 'Wear Red' Day
- Thursday, October 27** "Our Future is Too Bright to do Drugs!"
(wear sunglasses or brightly colored clothing)
- Friday, October 28** "Team Up Against Drugs!"
(spirit day, wear team attire)

SAVE THE DATE...The FREE Red Ribbon Family Fest SPOOKTACULAR will be held at the Terra Community College on October 25th, from 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Students may wear costumes to further enjoy the evening! The event offers drinks, snacks, and candy (Trick-or-Treat). There will also be door prizes.

...This is all FREE!

*Not only is this a FUN evening, but you can also help your school just by attending the event! The school that has the highest percentage of its students in attendance will win \$150 for the school!

Your Partner in education,

**Linda Overstreet
School Counselor**