



September 2022

Welcome back to another exciting school year! It is hard to believe we are starting our 3rd year in this beautiful new building. Thank you again to all of the community members for these buildings!

What's new? We are excited to have new swings installed on our playground. The students are loving it! These were purchased with FCS funds for all elementary buildings.

We have a chunk of new staff in the building. Rachel Chervenak is joining us in 4th grade and comes with experience from Croghan Elementary. Madison Benavides is our new cross categorical unit teacher and has two new paras; Sherell Liggins and Trisha Martin. Amanda Nowak is our new school psychologist. Ana Randol is a new addition to the kitchen staff. Jessica Fish joined us late last year as a night custodian. Georgette Finley is our new secretary and Dawn Souders is our floating secretary that we share with Croghan as well!

Reminders: Just a reminder that breakfast starts every day at 8:30 am. All other students should arrive at 8:45 am. Parents should not be dropping off in the front loop as this is for busses only. Only CC unit and preschool are allowed to pick up students in the back of the building.

Please encourage and model reading at home with your children! It makes a huge difference!

Please join with us and make this the best school year yet!

With Kids in Mind

Chris Ward, Principal



Nurse's Notes

Welcome back to school!

Medication: If your child needs to take medication at school, prescription or over the counter, a form must be completed by your physician and signed by the parent. When the medication is brought to school it must be in the original container. Forms are available in the school office or on our website.

Mobile Dentist: The Smile Ohio-Mobile Dentist visits each Fremont School twice a year. This preventive dental care program offers examinations, cleanings, fluoride treatments, X-rays and sealants in the school setting. The Smile Program will provide care to everyone and offers financial assistance if needed. All participants receive a toothbrush. Watch for the permission paper which will be sent home next month. If there are any questions or concerns during the school year, please contact the school office.

Colleen Osborne
School Nurse



Fantastic Futures...

No matter where your child's future takes him/her, developing strong habits for learning in elementary school will benefit your child for life. It is important for children to learn organizational skills, time management, and problem solving skills to be successful now and in the future. Here's are some ways you can help your child develop these crucial skills:

- Establish daily routines and talk about the schedule and any changes with your child
- Look through your child's planner/folder each day and clean out their backpack regularly
- Use STEP (Say the Problem, Think of Solutions, Explore Consequences, Pick the Best Solution) to model and solve problems at home



Atkinson Elementary Daily Schedule

STUDENTS

8:30 - 8:45	Breakfast
8:45	First Bell
9:00	Classes begin
10:55-11:15	Preschool & Kg Lunch(recess 11:15-11:45)
11:25-11:45	1st Grade Lunch(recess 11:45-12:15)
11:55-12:15	4th Grade Lunch(recess 12:15-12:45)
12:25-12:45	2nd & 3rd Grade Lunch(recess 12:45-1:15)
12:55-1:15	5th Grade Lunch(recess 1:15-1:45)
3:15	Delaware walkers & Preschool Dismissal
3:20	Car Riders Dismissal
3:25	Bus Riders & Walkers Dismissal

ABSENCES AND LEAVING EARLY

School hours are from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. The **first bell rings at 8:45 am** for the students to enter the building. There is a strong correlation between good school attendance and academic success. Please make every effort to make sure your child is in attendance regularly to receive the full benefit of school. Students will be considered tardy/late to school if they are not in their classroom at 9:00. If you know your child will be out of school due to illness or any type of absence, please call the office at 419-332-5361 before 9:30 am. Anyone picking up or dropping off a student during school hours needs to sign them in/out in the office. **A note from the custodial parent needs to be sent to school in the morning if the child will be leaving during school hours. We cannot release a child to anyone other than the custodial parent during the school day without a written note from the parent.**



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DISASTER DRILL

The safety of each and every one of the students and staff attending Fremont City Schools is a top priority 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.

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September's character focus is RESPECT. We are working on the following skills: using polite greetings, making eye contact when someone is speaking, using manners to be polite and following classroom expectations.

October's character focus is COURAGE. We are working on the following skills: using an assertive voice or raising your hand to ask for help, standing up for yourself and others, resisting Peer Pressure, and trying new things.

Please talk with your child about the importance of strong character at home, at school and in the community.

Courage!



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Upcoming Calendar of Events

- September 29 & 30: Grandfriends Day
September 30: MidTerms go home
October 4: Gifted to Creek Bend Field Trip
October 7: NO SCHOOL
October 18-24: 3rd Grade Ohio State Tests
October 19: Kg to Pumpkin Patch
October 20 & 21: Donuts for Dads
October 21: First Nine Weeks Ends
October 27: Picture Day
October 27: Candy Fundraiser starts
November 1: Parent Teacher Conferences
November 3: Parent Teacher Conferences
November 4: NO SCHOOL
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November 16: Gifted to Creek Bend Field Trip

FINAL FORMS

Please remember that if you change phone numbers, address or contacts, you must update your information in Final Forms. The school staff depends on this information to be current in case you need to be contacted.



PTO Information

September 29 & 30, 2022 -	Grandfriends Day
October 11, 2022 -	Meeting @ 5:30pm
October 20 & 21, 2022 -	Donuts for Dads
November 8, 2022 -	Meeting @ 5:30pm
November 10, 2022 -	OSU/UofM Dinner
December 13, 2022 -	Meeting @ 5:30pm
January 10, 2023 -	Meeting @ 5:30pm
February 14, 2023 -	Meeting @ 5:30pm
March 14, 2023 -	Meeting @ 5:30pm
April 11, 2023 -	Meeting @ 5:30pm
April 20 & 21, 2023 -	Muffins for Moms
May 9, 2023 -	Meeting @ 5:30pm

Officers:

President/Acting Secretary: Sara Durnwald
Treasurer: Allison Eaglen
Teacher Rep: Christina McBride
Teacher Rep: Evilia Sandoval
Teacher Rep: Connie Snyder

2021-2022 Atkinson Yearbooks are for sale
\$15.00 each.
Call or email the school office to get yours
today!!

