



## October 2022

Otis Elementary Families:

The 2022-2023 school year is off to a wonderful start! It is such a pleasure to see our students and staff enthusiastically working towards the common goal of learning and Achievement.

Parents, I would like to thank you for making this great start possible! From updating Final Forms to connecting with your child's teacher the parent support and involvement has already been wonderful!

We also have been working diligently to inform parents and students about the requirements of individual grade levels as well as the 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee. While more information will be given during our November conferences, the focus is on reading standards as well as the Ohio law that re-emphasizes the importance that elementary education has. Truly, elementary school has a lasting impact on habits (like hard work, doing homework, and the love of reading) that continue for a lifetime. It is essential that we build a strong academic foundation for a student to be successful and that is of course achieved by the school and the home working together! Lastly, we were again witness to the important first steps into the building of our kindergarten class, the CLASS of 2035. It was so thrilling to imagine the possibilities that await them. Our staff could be building the necessary skills of reading and mathematics for a carpenter, a company president, a teacher, a farmer, an entrepreneur, an inventor, or a scientist. What an exciting and marvelous feeling!

I would like to again express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve the students of Fremont City Schools. I welcome your calls and visits as we make this a successful year of learning and achievement.

Make it a great day!



Together we make a difference...

I dreamed I stood in a studio and watched two sculptors there.  
The clay they used was a young child's mind, and they fashioned it with care.  
One was a teacher who used such tools as books and music and art.  
One was a parent with a guiding hand and a gentle, loving heart.  
...And when at last their work was done they were proud of what they wrought,  
for the things they worked into the child could never be sold or bought.  
...And they both agreed they would have failed if each had worked alone,  
for behind the parent stood the school, and behind the teacher the home.

Author unknown



# STUDENTS

## ABSENCES AND LEAVING EARLY

School hours are from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. The first bell rings at 8:25 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 419-332-8964 before 9:30 am. Anyone picking up or dropping off a student during school hours needs to sign them in/out in the office.

### Transportation Home

Please send a letter with a student or call the office if a student will have a change in how he/she typically gets home from school. We simply cannot rely on what a student says.

Thank you!



### Student Vacations

If a vacation is planned please remember to contact the school office at 419-332-8964. A district form needs to be filled out and approved. We appreciate everyone letting the teachers know but the office needs to be contacted as well. A friendly reminder that a student is allowed 5 excused vacation days per school year and vacation days during 3rd, 4th and 5th grade OSTs will not be approved. Please refer to the student handbook for more information.

Thank you for your understanding.



# **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.



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**STAFF**



### IMPORTANT DATES FROM Ms. Iscman

- Bullying Prevention Month = October 1st - 31st
- Start With Hello Week = Oct. 3rd - 7th
- Unity Day (wear orange) = Oct. 19th
- Red Ribbon Week = Oct. 24th - 28th
- Kindness Week = Feb. 13th - 17th

### 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

Exposure to COVID

-Students are no longer required to quarantine due to exposure unless symptomatic.  
-It is recommended if exposed and symptom free a student should mask in school for 5 days. Any questions, please contact the school nurse at 419-332-8964.

Thank You!



## Upcoming Calendar of Events

**October 4:** Gifted to Creek Bend Field Trip

**October 4:** Kg to Pumpkin Patch

**October 7:** NO SCHOOL

**October 11:** 4th Grade to Fairgrounds

**October 11:** PTO Meeting 5pm

**October 18-24:** 3rd Grade Ohio State Tests

**October 21:** First Nine Weeks Ends

**October 25:** Picture Day

**October 25:** PTO Trick or Treat Night

**November 1:** Parent Teacher Conferences

**November 3:** Parent Teacher Conferences

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**November 8:** PTO Meeting 5pm

**November 22:** Midterms Sent Home

**November 23-25:** Thanksgiving Break

### Otis PTO

The Otis School PTO is a great way to meet other parents and keep current on school happenings. This group meets on the **second Tuesday of the month at 5:00 P.M.** in the cafeteria. Our PTO sponsors many fundraisers which provide many opportunities for our students.

All Otis families are welcome!

Jackie Seibert- President

Tara Lemay - Vice President

Brianne Harder- Secretary

Niki Wasserman- Treasurer

Courtney Adams- Parent Rep

