

Fort Recovery Elementary News



“Fort Recovery Schools: An exemplary school district adding value for all students.”



March 2010

Ready for Spring

Coming up this month

Thursday, March 4

- 7:00pm Kindergarten Parent Meeting

Tuesday, March 9

- Happy Birthday Mr. Larry Hart

Friday, March 12

- Happy Birthday Mrs. Susan Pugh

Monday, March 15

- 7:30pm Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 16

- 3:30 Book Club

Thursday, March 18

- Happy Birthday Mrs. Lori Acheson
- 3:30 Student Council Mtg.

Friday, March 19

- End of Third Nine Weeks

Monday, March 22

- Kindergarten Screening

Tuesday, March 23

- Happy Birthday Mrs. Nancy Abels
- Kindergarten Screening

Tuesday, March 30

- Happy Birthday Mr. Bob Heitkamp
- Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, March 31 and Thursday, April 1

- School in Session Make-up Days

Although the weather would suggest otherwise, spring is on its way. Springtime always means that its time to begin preparing for next year. This Thursday at 7:00 we will host a meeting for parents of future kindergartners. This meeting will include information about what to expect that day of screening and parents will also have the opportunity to sign up for the kindergarten screening that will take place on March 22nd and 23rd.

A preschool screening for 3, 4, and 5 year olds will also be conducted here on Friday, April 23rd. We will be screening children in a variety of developmental areas. Possible screenings include vision and hearing acuity, fine motor coordination, speech and language development, visual and auditory memory/perception, and general knowledge. If you are interested in having your child screened, please call the office **after Easter break** at 419-375-2768 to register. This is a free service provided by your local school district in cooperation with the Mercer County Educational Service Center

You will or may already have received conference sign up papers. Please note that your child's teacher may indicate that all is well and there is not a need for a conference this Spring. That is a good thing, however, feel free to schedule a conference if you'd like to speak to your child's teachers.


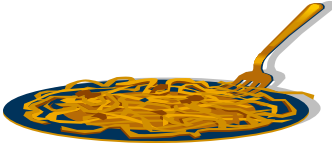
I am often asked what should be expected of spring conferences and I encourage parents to prepare questions ahead of time. In doing so, you will be sure to address those issues with your child's teacher that are important to you. For example, I often want to know more about my child's work habits and social behavior and not just academics. I see their papers come home and can check progress book, so I have a pretty good idea about their academics. I often ask questions like, are they excited to be in class? How do they work with other students? What are their work habits- fast, slow, efficient?

Spring conference time is another good opportunity to plan for next year. You might want to know what environment your child works best in. It is also a good time to ask what skills in particular you need to be working on at home in order to support your child's learning. You may also inquire about summer school. Information about summer school will be available at conferences.

On Thursday, April 15th in addition to conferences, we will also hold a STEM open house to showcase some of the wonderful things going on in the district. The ABC (Academic Booster Club) will also be sponsoring their annual pork chop dinner that evening. More details will come in the April newsletter.

Thanks for Your Goodwill

- ***Even with all the snow days, the students managed to collect \$1,553.95 for our annual Pennies for Patients campaign this year. Thanks for all your support and generosity to this very worthy cause. Our Elementary student council members should also be commended for leading this service project. They did an outstanding job.***

<p align="center">Magazines for the Public Library</p>	<p align="center">Attendance Information</p>	
<p>There may be some-one out there who would love to support the elementary school but is not fond of magazines. We have a great idea about a way that you could support the elementary school and support our public library as well! State funding for libraries has been greatly reduced. If you wish to purchase a magazine subscription for the Fort Recovery Public Library, it would be greatly appreciated! With donated subscriptions, the library will be able to continue to have the current issue of magazines for the public. If you are interested, please call the public library at 419-375-2869 and they can suggest a magazine that is within the price range you would like to spend. They would also be pleased with any new magazines that you could suggest to be added to their collection. With your generous support of the magazine sales, you will help both our elementary school and our local library.</p> 	<p>You must call if your child will be out for the day. If you call in before or after school hours to reach the central phone system, just punch in Nancy Abels' Extension #203 and leave a message on her voice mail. If you call during school hours, please do call the appropriate building when possible. (However, if the phone is busy or the secretary is unavailable, any one of the school numbers can be called and you can then be connected to the person you need to talk to.) IMPORTANT- If you have a block on your phone it will not accept phone calls from school. This can be a serious situation if a child is hurt or sick. Also, if you do have a block make CERTAIN you call in if the child is absent, since we won't be able to call you and verify his whereabouts - which is the law! Thanks</p>	
<p>Be sure to check out the elementary website for pictures of students enjoying their rewards for completing the summer reading requirements. Thanks for supporting their efforts this summer!</p>	<p align="center">Your Right to Know</p> <p>You may request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's teachers, including: if the teacher has met state qualifications and licensing criteria for their grade level; if the teacher is teaching under emergency or temporary status; the teacher's degree major, graduate certification and field of discipline; and whether your child is provided services by para-professionals and what their qualifications are. If teachers do not meet the qualifications of "highly qualified," you will receive a letter stating so. Rest assured that all staff at FR Elementary are highly qualified and teaching in their area of certification for the 2009-2010 school year.</p>	
<p align="center">Essential 55</p>	<p align="center">Student Council</p> <p>Any 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade student interested in becoming a representative for student council this year should have picked up a form highlighting the election process this week. Students will need to turn in a permission slip signed by parents no later than Monday, September 8th. Elections will take place on Tuesday, September 15th and the first meeting of the school year is scheduled for Thursday, September 17th. Mrs. Stammen and I look forward to working with the student council this year!</p>	<p align="center">Notes from the Office</p> <p>If you would like school personnel to administer any non prescription medication (Motrin, Tylenol, etc...) you will need to fill out an authorization form. This is also true for prescription medications.</p> <p>Copies of both forms are available in the office.</p>
<p>This year the elementary and middle school will be working together to study the book <i>The Essential 55</i> by Ron Clark. Areas of focus this month include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appropriately responding to adults 2. The importance of making eye contact 3. Congratulating a classmate 4. Respecting other students' comments, opinions, and ideas. 5. If you win, do not brag; if you lose, do not show anger 6. If you are asked a question in conversation, ask a question in return 	 <p align="center">Save the date: Fall Open House Thursday, October 22 5:30-7:30 Spaghetti Dinner 5:00-7:00</p> <p align="center"><i>"If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders."</i> -Abigail Van Buren</p> <p align="center"><i>Enjoy Labor Day Weekend!</i> Shelly Vaughn</p>	