



December 2023

December Fun: This year's theme will be Elf on a Shelf part 2 entitled "Elf Pets, Santa's Reindeer Rescue!" We are also excited to bring the 12 days (plus 1) before Christmas break to our students. From wearing Santa hats and flannel shirts, to dressing up in their PJ's, students will be experiencing some fun events during the month of December! Be watching for an Elf on the building during the month of December!

Holiday Shop: During the week of December 11th students will be able to shop for Christmas at our Holiday Shop sponsored by PTO. Students will be given a flyer and can bring money in to purchase gifts or gift certificates online for family and friends. Info coming soon!

Attendance/Grades: Please be sure your children are completing their work on time. Students should be here no later than 8:45 am each day. Breakfast begins at 8:30 and ends at 8:55 am. Please be sure to call the school if your child will be absent. Final forms info should be updated with correct phone numbers.

Read: Please continue to encourage your child to READ, READ, READ! Students need to be exposed to reading as much as possible. Ask your child questions about what they read as this helps to increase comprehension. Speaking of reading... We will be having a Read A-Thon fundraiser. More details to come!

Communication: Stay connected with our building by joining our Atkinson Facebook page. In addition many of the teachers (not all) have a Bloomz page, Class Dojo, Remind app, email, or some way you can communicate personally with your child's teacher. If you aren't on our school wide phone call list, text, or e-mail for alerts please update your information in Final Forms. You can also view your child's grades online through Progress Book. Call the school if you need help with this.

Happy Holidays!

Chris Ward, Principal



School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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.**

Attendance Policy

- Students are allotted 5 days of excused absences without a doctor's note in one school year.
- After 5 days of excused absences a doctor's note is needed. Otherwise absences will be considered "unexcused".

Habitual Truancy

- 30 or more consecutive hours without a legitimate excuse
- 42 or more hours in one school month without a legitimate excuse
- 72 or more hours in one school year without a legitimate excuse

**ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE
TOMORROW!
ATTENDANCE COUNTS!
ALL DAY EVERYDAY!**



Upcoming Calendar Events

Picture Retakes.....

December 7th (in the morning)



Holiday Shop

December 11 - 14

Marco's Pizza Day

Thursday 12/21/23



CHRISTMAS BREAK

NO SCHOOL December 21 – January 1



NURSE'S CORNER

STAFF



With flu and stomach bug season in full swing, we ask that students experiencing the following symptoms be kept home until their symptoms are resolved for at least 24 hours to reduce the spread of infection:

- Fever
- Vomiting (from illness)
- Diarrhea
- Red painful eyes (with drainage or crusting)
- Unusual rash
- Difficulty breathing or severe cough
- Any symptoms that that require more care than what can be provided in school

If your child experiences one of these symptoms above while at school, they will be sent home (excused). When students come to the health office and **DO NOT** have the symptoms listed above and have minor complaints, we often try to encourage them to “stick it out.” Sometimes, if your student makes multiple visits or has unusual complaints, we will call, or email you as a courtesy so that you can help us decide the next best course of action. Parents are welcome to pick up their children for minor illness/complaints however these absences may not be excused by the nurse. If your child has a chronic condition that they are missing school more frequently, let's work together to come up with a plan! I am always happy to help.

**Just a reminder that ALL medications and/or and treatments that are to be given or available at school must be accompanied by a parent and physician authorization form. These forms are available on the Fremont city schools website, or you can call or email me and I will send one home. This includes any over the counter medication (such as Tums, Tylenol, or cough drops) as well as any emergency or daily medication. Sorry there are no exceptions to this rule and new forms are required each school year.

Thank you for your consideration in these matters, don't forget to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. As always, if you have any updates, or health concerns about your child, or if there is just something that you want to give me a heads up on-please, call me at the school or email me.

Sincerely,
Colleen Osborne RN/BSN/LSN
osbornec@fremontschools.net
Health office phone : (419) 332-5361



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STUDENTS

October Students of the Month



Dane Curran
Grady Ellenberger
Wyatt Sears
Evoni Stanley
Ana Willoughby
Hyrum Williamson
Addyson Crowell
Joseph Sturgeon
Melina Gray
Xaevius Lindsey-Jurovcik
Valentine Ross
Taten Michaels
Macklin Burns
Nevaeh Garza
Brody Smith
Isaiah Weiss
Ryker Meadows

November Responsibility Winners!

Noah Carroll	Caedance Grine
Jase Carroll	Mack Burns
Zamarah Smith	Tymira Flenoy
Amani Green	Maleah Jones
Aariel Stewart	Hayley Berger
Maddox Lieske	Addison Blodgett
Amina Brown	Lilly Daughtery
Kynzlee Alexander-Pitts	
Valeria Gomez-Osorio	

*December's Word
of the Month is:*

Compassion

/ˌkəmˈpɑːʃən / noun

feeling of understanding about the suffering of another and a desire to alleviate or avoid that pain.



Breakfast & Lunch

- Lunch and Breakfast is free of charge for this year at all elementary buildings
- No fast food or food from other establishments are allowed in the cafeteria
- Packers may buy a milk for \$.50
- Money can be added to student's account for milk with cash or check (payable to Fremont City Schools) or online through www.fremontcity.familyportal.cloud

WINTER WEATHER AND RECESS

Please make sure that your child dresses properly for outside recess during the winter months. Coats, hats and gloves are a must!



COMMUNITY

Reading Buddies



Birchard Public Library Storytimes

Beginning September 5

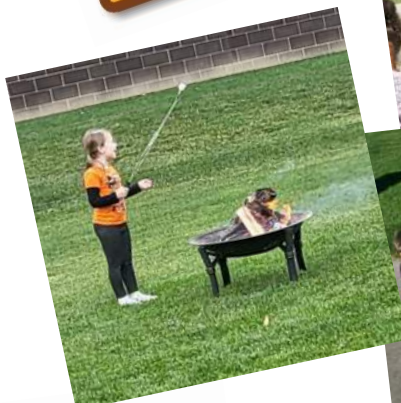
preschool storytime Mondays @ 10am	baby storytime Wednesdays @ 10am
toddler storytime Tuesdays @ 10am	family Storytime Thursdays @ 6:30pm

no registration required



COMMUNITY

Atkinson's Fall Campout



Mobile Dentist



Dessert with the Principals



PLEASE do NOT drop off or pick up your student in the front loop. This drive is for bus drop off and pick up only. Thank you for your support!

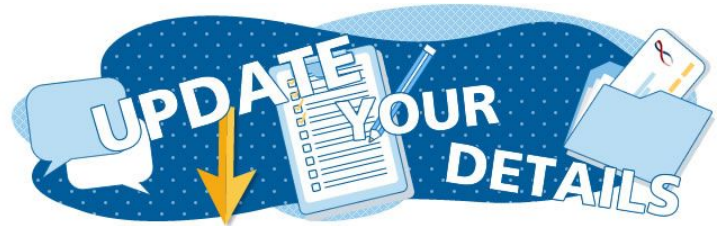


PTO Meetings @ 5:30 pm

December 12, 2023
January 9, 2024
February 13, 2024
March 12, 2024
April 16, 2024
May 14, 2024

Officers:

President: Blair & Brittany Ellenberger
Secretary: Janelle Opelt
Treasurer: Allison Eaglen
Teacher Rep: Christina McBride
Teacher Rep: Evilia Sandoval



FINAL FORMS

**2023-2024 Forms
must be updated and
signed**

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.



12 (+1) Days of Christmas

Help us celebrate the days leading up to break

Mon. 12/4	Wear GREEN Grinch gear- Get the Grinch in the holiday spirit!
Tues. 12/5	Toes, Bows and Comfy clothes- wear Christmas socks, bows and something relaxing
Wed. 12/6	St. Nicholas Day! Wear Santa Hats and Red Shirts!
Thurs. 12/7	Feeling Cheery and Bright- Wear bright colors or something that makes you smile (Picture retake day/staff classroom snapshots)
Fri. 12/8	Spread Christmas Cheer in your Christmas gear - Wear a sweatshirt with a Christmas saying
Mon. 12/11	Merry Monday, wear RED, WHITE & GREEN
Tues. 12/12	Silver Bells and Elves- Wear silver bling, stripes, or elf hats
Wed. 12/13	Fleece Navidad- Wear a fleece or flannel shirt
Thurs. 12/14	Reindeer gear- Wear brown and red for Rudolph
Fri. 12/15	Feelin' Frosty - Wear white and bundle up with a scarf!

Mon. 12/18	Staying Warm- ugly/pretty Christmas sweater day!
Tues. 12/19	Blue Christmas- Dress in blue
Wed. 12/20	Twas the night before Christmas- Wear your Pajamas! (Christmas ones if you have them)