



December 2023

SCHOOLS

Dear Croghan Families,

The upcoming New Year is a time for reflection and resolutions. Reflecting on our first half of the 2023-2024 school year, we are thankful for the opportunity to serve our most treasured asset, our students. We are looking forward to 2024 and the second half of the year. We are excited to see not only the academic growth but also the personal growth that our students will gain as we finish out the year.

Our commitment to providing a dynamic and safe learning environment has driven several positive changes. We've prioritized both the educational and emotional well-being of our students. Their enthusiasm for learning and the joy they bring to the school every day is truly inspiring. As we approach the New Year, it's the perfect time to reflect on our accomplishments and set goals for the future. In the spirit of continuous improvement, we will focus on teaching perseverance to our students. We want to instill in our students that they can accomplish hard tasks by maintaining a positive attitude and giving 100% every day.

As we look forward to the challenges and triumphs that the New Year will bring, let us remain committed to our shared goals of providing an exceptional learning experience for our students. Together, we can continue to build a school community that thrives on learning, safety, and fun.

Together; staff, students, families and our Croghan community, we will continue to work together to help our students succeed! Together We Are Better . . . Together We Soar!

Your Partners in Education,

Christina J. French  
Principal

Michael Schwartz  
Assistant Principal



## Transportation Home

If a student's transportation home is changing for the day, please contact the school office at 419-332-1511 by **2:00pm**. Thank you!

## Weather Reminders

Students may enter the building at 8:30 AM. If it is raining and/or snowing students will need to stand outside until 8:30 AM . We do not have staff in the building to monitor students earlier than the time listed above. Please remember to send a coat, hat and gloves with your student each day. We will go outside as long as the windchill is 20 degrees or above.

## 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 tardies add up and count toward days of absence. Please make sure your child is at school on time.
  - If you know that you will be picking your child up early for an appointment, please send a note to school with them.
- Please call in your student's absence to the school office by 9am the day that they will be out. There is voicemail so that you can call any time day or night.  
419-332-1511**

## 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

## Upcoming PTO Meetings

December 12, 2023

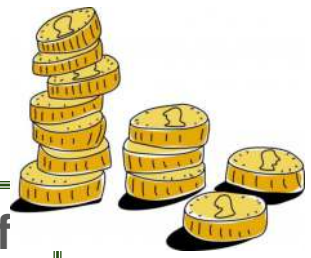
January 9, 2024

February 13, 2024

All meetings take place at 5:30pm



# STAFF



Croghan collected a total of 165 pounds of change which amounted to \$740.63! Mrs. Caraballo's class was the winner of the pizza party (collecting 35 pounds)!

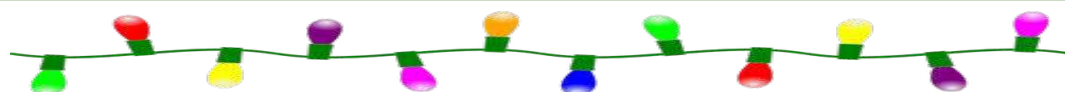
## Dates to Remember

12/12/23	PTO Meeting at 5:30pm
12/21/23	Second Quarter Ends
12/21/23-1/1/24	Winter Break
1/2/24	School Resumes
1/5/24	Grade Cards Sent Home
1/15/24	No School- Martin Luther King Day

Please remember to put your child's name in their coat and lunch bag so that the item can be returned to your child if it is misplaced. All items left in Lost & Found after Winter Break, Spring Break and after the last day of school are donated to Share & Care.

## Lunch Notes

- 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](http://www.fremontcity.familyportal.cloud)





# Croghan Elementary's WINTER SPIRIT DAYS

**Mon. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>**      **HOLIDAY FLAIR**      Ornament yourself with tinsel, lights, jewelry, hats, or other holiday decorations.

**Tues. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>**      **POLAR ANIMALS**      Wear clothes with polar bears, penguins, or black & white!

**Wed. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**      **GRINCH DAY**      Wear green, dress as the Grinch, or dress as a Who.

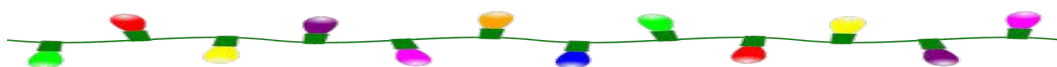
**Thurs. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**      **BLIZZARD!**      Wear as much white as you can (or snowflakes)!

**Fri. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**      **FLANNEL FRIDAY**      Wear something flannel.

**Mon. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**      **UGLY SWEATERS**      Wear a funny or ugly holiday top.

**Tues. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>**      **GOLDEN TICKET**      Wear gold or yellow.

**Wed. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>**      **PAJAMA DAY**      Cozy up in your favorite (& warm) pajamas.  
\*must be school appropriate\*



## A message from our School Counselor, Mrs. Avants. . . .

Hello Croghan Families! Our word of the month for November is Gratitude. The definition of gratitude that we focused on was choosing to notice and appreciate things in our life, things in others and things in the world.

I want to make sure that students understand that Gratitude is  
1) a choice that we get to make over and over again and  
2) it doesn't always have to be about something positive. We can feel grateful even for tough or challenging things in our life! There is plenty of research that shows a strong connection between Gratitude and reduced anxiety, increased happiness, and better relationships.

I encourage you to use the following suggestions to have conversations with your children about gratitude.

### CONVERSATION STARTERS:

- Talk about why you were grateful for the teachers and mentors in your life and then ask your children why they are grateful for theirs. Have they had a favorite teacher? If so, who? What makes that teacher a favorite? If they haven't had a favorite yet, find out what makes a great teacher in their eyes.
- Discuss your family history with your child. What are some triumphs in your family that you are grateful for? Who are the people that you're grateful for? The places? Share those joyous details with your family. If you have pictures or other artifacts to share, that would be a great addition to the conversation!
- Discuss why you are grateful for your child. Be specific: who are they? How do they make you feel? Ask them what they are grateful for about your family, your home, your neighborhood, etc..



Keep up to date on the latest events happening in the district by logging on to [www.fremontschools.net](http://www.fremontschools.net). The top left corner has a link for the Master District Calendar.





## A note from Mrs. Amor, our School Nurse. . . .

School District Letterhead

### WHEN TO KEEP A CHILD HOME WITH ILLNESS

It can be hard to know when to send children to school if they tell you that they do not feel well. Usually, the best place for them is in school, but there are some times when keeping them home to rest or call for an appointment with your health care provider is recommended.

**Please keep your child home and/or contact your child's doctor for:**

- Fever greater than 100.4° (taken by mouth)
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- Severe sore throat along with fever and feeling ill for more than 48 hours, or after exposure to Strep throat infection
- Honey-crusted sores around the nose or mouth or rash on other body parts
- Large amounts of mucous (liquid) from their nose, with face pain or headache
- Severe ear pain or fluid coming from the ear
- Severe headache, especially with fever

If your child has a fever, it is **not** a good idea to give them medicine like Tylenol or Ibuprofen and send them to school because as soon as the medicine wears off, the fever may return and you will be called to come and pick up your child.

**Please keep children home for 24 hours after the fever ends or they have completed 24 hours of medication if prescribed by your health care provider.**

If you find your child is frequently asking to stay home from school, if they are falling behind or appear anxious about school, or if there does not appear to be any physical symptoms, contact your school nurse and your health care provider to discuss your concerns. Sometimes emotional stress can look like physical symptoms such as frequent headaches, stomachaches, or unexplained pain.

Remind children to throw away used tissues, cover their mouth when they cough or sneeze, keep their hands away from their face, and to wash hands often with soap and warm water will help keep everyone healthier.

Here's to a wonderful Holiday Season!!!

On Monday, November 13, all staff and students gathered outside around the flagpole to honor veterans by singing Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA".

