Winter 2024 Newsletter

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SOLAR ECLIPSE 2024

April 8, 2024, will be an exciting day: we are preparing for a total solar eclipse! Teachers at every grade level are preparing activities to help students understand what will occur and how to safely view the eclipse. Each Fremont City School student, from preschool through grade 12, will be given a pair of ISO certification standard glasses prior to Spring Break. Our district will be closed from March 29-April 8 for Spring Break, and we will not be holding any viewing parties on FCS property. However, mark your calendars for Fremont City Schools' Solar Eclipse Family Night on March 21, 2024. This event will be held at Fremont Middle School from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to learn how to prepare and what to expect during the solar eclipse on April 8th. Also, the first 500 participants will receive a free pair of glasses to safely view the eclipse.



FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT DETWILER

Greetings Little Giants,

This year at Fremont City Schools we have been focusing on the joy we get from working with the children of this community as well as the support and encouragement we get from each other and our parents. Each week we share out to the staff a couple simple joys we have experienced by just being here. We give shout-outs to positive coworkers, acknowledge the kindness shown by students and celebrate the satisfaction of watching kids learn.

I encourage all of my fellow Fremonters to do the same. Pause and see the joy that is possible from being around the amazing young people that we have here in our town.

May your 2024 be filled with Joy!

Jon Detwiler, Superintendent



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FREMONT ROSS OFFERS CLASSES FOR ALL LEARNERS!

FREMONT ROSS HIGH SCHOOL

Fremont Ross offers a college feel with not only the new building layout but the classes that are being offered as well. As it has been throughout the history of Ross, standard classes, such as the required mathematics, English, science, social studies, and physical education, continue to be the main starting point for scheduling classes, however, there are many more opportunities for course electives. As schools around the area look to reduce course offerings for many different reasons, Fremont Ross continues to expand their list of course offerings to provide meaningful, real-life classes. See your grade level counselor to schedule these classes. If you see a course title that may interest you, check out our link to our course description guide! https://shorturl.at/dyzY8

AGRICULTURE

- Agriculture Business
- Livestock
- Greenhouse Management
- Agriculture Food and Natural Resources
- Animal and Plant Science
- Mechanical Principles

BUSINESS

- Introduction to Business
- Accounting

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

- Healthy Cuisine
- Nutrition for Athletes
- Personal Development
- Yoga

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

- Woodworking I & II
- Introduction to Design Engineering

MUSIC

- Orchestra
- Jazz Band
- Mens and Womens Chorus
- Show Choir
- Band

THE ARTS

- Drawing and Painting I & II
- Photography I & II
- Art 2D
- Art 3D
- Sculpting I & II
- Advertising Design
- Art III Studio

WORLD LANGUAGES

- Spanish I, II, III, IV
- French I, II, III, IV
- American Sign Language
- Publications



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FREMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL KEEPS STUDENTS BUSY!

FREMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Fremont Middle School has had a busy holiday season. To count down the days leading up to winter break, students and staff participated by dressing up for the 12 Days of Christmas. Various themes included Candy Cane Day, favorite Christmas characters, PJ Day, and Ugly Sweater Day. There was great participation with students and staff showing up with their holiday spirit each day.

The FMS Technology Club took their annual field trip to the WFRO Eagle 99 radio station with Mr. Hunt. This was a great opportunity for students to experience and observe an operating radio station. Students had a fun time learning about



the technology and the marketing behind the Eagle 99 radio station. The purpose of the trip was educational and a non-experimental research opportunity that provided FMS students with experiences outside their everyday activities. Students were able to explore the world of technology as it relates to everyday life.

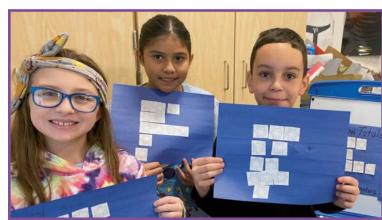
To help promote good reading habits for the students at FMS, we will be starting a program called "Drop Everything and Read FMS!" or "D.E.A.R. FMS!" Beginning in the third quarter, each Friday students will be asked to participate in a sustained silent reading period. Each grade level team has developed incentives to help motivate students to become engaged and active readers. The aim is to positively promote active reading and improve literacy for all students building-wide. We look forward to seeing the positive impacts this has for our student body.

We hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday season.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LUTZ ELEMENTARY?

LUTZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The third grade students in Ms. Morris' class at Lutz Elementary learned how to use frequency tables and picture graphs to compare and interpret data. The snow total picture graph shown in the photo shows how much snow the students feel that Fremont will receive each month this winter. The students worked together in small groups to create picture graphs. First, they analyzed their frequency tables and began to construct a key to interpret symbols for the data set. Once the students determined the key, they began to put their picture graph together using the key to correctly identify the snow amounts for each month. The students had a great time hoping for tons of snow, while using their knowledge of graphs to show what they think Fremont's snow totals will be this winter.





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CROGHAN STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

CROGHAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The 4th and 5th grade students at Croghan Elementary were invited to join an after-school program this year that promotes positivity, community and outreach. The "Make a Difference Club" meets monthly after school and is overseen by our 4th grade teacher Mrs. Wheeler. Students brainstorm different ideas and initiatives at each meeting that they collectively believe will boost student morale, help out the Fremont community and ultimately spread happiness and goodwill.

The first collaborative project had student members creating friendship bracelets to be shared with all of the Croghan staff and students to build unity and connectivity as a school community. The most recent initiative had our beloved furry friends in mind as students collected cast off items to repurpose and construct into creative animal toys that will later be donated to our local animal shelters. Students are recognizing that although they might still be small in size and age, they can still make a very huge difference in the lives of others.



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GROUPS GALORE AT ATKINSON

ATKINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The school year is in full swing and Atkinson students and staff have been hard at work. We have implemented many grouping strategies this year to help students both academically and socially.

Students participate in "Skill Block" four times per week for 30-45 minutes where they are grouped within their grade level by skill and subject area (reading and math). It's all hands on deck during this time as focus tutors, classroom teachers, Intervention Specialists, special area teachers, and the Title 1 reading teacher pull groups to provide intervention to struggling students, support for grade level curriculum, and enrichment for advanced students. Students must work cooperatively with their teachers and peers during this learning time.

Once a month students participate in "Reading Buddies" in which students read together and complete activities. Older students are partnered up with younger students to enjoy reading to one another, playing learning games, and completing literacy activities together. Our older students have been excellent role models for our younger students!

We are looking forward to having fun and seeing the growth our students can make with the grouping this year!







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TREASURER'S UPDATE MAINTAINING FACILTIES

FROM THE TREASURER

You may have noticed some work being done at Don Paul Stadium or the Maintenance Building (aka the old American Legion) lately. If you have been to a football game recently and sat on the visitor's side, you know that it was time for those bleachers to be replaced! And if you have driven down Buckland Avenue near Lutz School, the Maintenance Building has been looking a little shabby. Fremont City Schools has been very fortunate to have multiple grant funding opportunities to help with the costs of improving and maintaining these facilities. Construction projects are expensive due to the increasing costs of materials. With everyone's budget being affected by inflation, school districts are no different. Being able to utilize grants to complete these needed projects has helped the District's current financial situation to stay positive.





WHATS HAPPENING IN OTIS ELEMENTARY?

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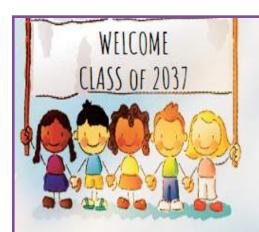
One of the most important skills in life to have is that of gratitude. Gratitude is strongly and consistently associated with greater happiness and helps all people feel more positive. At Otis Elementary our students, staff, and school community showed their gratitude and appreciation this November to our Veterans of the U.S. Military. Two key items this fall highlighted the importance of this deserved recognition. First, Mrs. Kerry Wendling and her News Crew Club continued their outreach to gather pictures of Veterans, and our Otis community responded with over 130 Veterans (all related to Otis students and staff) being honored! As part of the tribute to their service, a Veterans Wall was displayed in the main hallway for all students, staff, and visitors to see. Secondly, a Veterans Day breakfast was provided for over 40 Veterans, each with their special Otis student proudly by their side. While we know "thank you" is not nearly enough, we hope that these efforts help show our immense gratitude to their service.



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GREATER FREMONT INITIATIVE

FCSD is a part of the Greater Fremont 43420 initiative - where team members from multiple industries, community sectors, and residents are on a journey to bring people together and build a community of excellence for the future. Using the Community of Excellence Framework, we strive to improve our community's outcomes related to health and wellness, educational attainment, economic vitality, equity, and inclusion, along with overall quality of life. More detailed information about the Greater Fremont initiative and how to get involved to help shape the future is forthcoming mid-January, 2024.



FREMONT CITY SCHOOLS Kindergarten Registration

2024-2025

* STUDENTS MUST BE 5 YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2024 *



 Register anytime online at <u>www.fremontschools.net</u> and click on *FINAL FORMS*

OR scan the QR code with your phone camera



Once forms are completed, the Central Registration secretary will contact you to schedule an appointment to finish the enrollment and collect required documentation.

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