



FREMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL
May 2008 Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk:

We now have the state MEAP results, so here is how Fremont compared to the state:

Grade	Subject/Level 1 & 2	Fremont%	State%
6	ELA	79	82
6	Math	79	73
6	Social Studies	68	73
7	ELA	74	72
7	Math	78	73
8	ELA	80	77
8	Math	76	72
8	Science	87	79

We continue to review and analyze the data and see where we need to make changes in the delivery of our curriculum.

With spring weather and the end of school approaching, I find we have more discipline issues, especially in the unstructured times - i.e. before school and during recreation. If you drop off your child, it is helpful to do it closer to 8:00 a.m. The traffic pattern in the morning is not as congested at that time. For the safety of all students, please use the designated area. It is unsafe when students are dropped along the sidewalk or across the road. Mrs. Ward, the crossing guard, has been instructed not to allow traffic to the front of the building while elementary students are boarding the buses in the back of the building from 7:30 to 8:05 a.m. and 3:07 to 3:20 p.m.

Please be aware of what clothing your children are wearing when they leave home. Jeans with excessive holes, whether above or below the knee, are not acceptable and must be covered up. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must extend beyond a closed fist. Tops must be at least 4 fingers wide and the opening for the arms must fit snugly against the body. No see through, mesh or low cut shirts, no bare midriffs or sagging pants allowed.

Notes from Athletics:

Track and tennis continue for our students. Thanks to Coach Hansen, Coach Elmer, Coach McBride, and Coach Tuls for their direction of our fine young athletes. As noted in last month's newsletter, circle May 13, on your calendars. This is the evening that free physicals are available at Fremont High School. Report times are for grade levels as of next school year:

6:30-6:45	6 th and 7 th grade girls
6:45-7:00	8 th grade girls
8:30-8:40	8 th grade boys
8:40-8:55	6 th and 7 th grade boys

Even if your child is not sure he/she wants to participate in any sports next year, this is a great opportunity to make sure it is done before the 2008/2009 school year begins. Your son/daughter can bring home a form for you to complete prior to May 13, or forms will be available the night of the physicals. Physicals are required for each school year, not calendar year.

Benefit for Mrs. Angie Kurtz:

We have an opportunity to help one of our own - Angie Kurtz, who is currently on medical leave from her FMS teaching assignment. A truly amazing young woman, Angie continues to be an inspiration to all of us. Here's some additional information:

Three years ago, at the age of 29, Angie was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer. She is currently undergoing treatment at the Detroit Karmanos Cancer Institute. Angie is not able to work and her treatment requires traveling and lodging expenses in Detroit. On May 31st, there will be a benefit spaghetti dinner and auction for her and her family.

SATURDAY, MAY 31ST 2008
6:30PM
St Michael's Church
6392 S. Maple Island, Brunswick

\$7.00 Individual
\$25.00 Family Dinner Ticket

** Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance
at Fremont Middle School.*

Lots of great auction items!

Donations may be sent or dropped off to: The "*Angie Kurtz Benefit Fund*" at any *Fifth Third Bank* or *Newaygo County Service Employee Credit Union*.

For questions on the benefit, please contact:

Holly Champoux 231-719-2902
Stacy Franckowiak 231-744-2768
Lynn Thomas 924-8149

NCCS Art Winner:

Congratulations to the following:

Theron Blake - Outstanding recognition
Abby Spickerman - Chicago Art Study Trip
Tory Cheney - Alternate trip winner

Their work will also be on display at the Grant Fine arts Center on May 13.

Culture Fair:

The 6th grade students and teachers enjoyed another successful Culture Fair. Thanks to all of the guest speakers, parents and grandparents who helped during the day. Winners were:

Derk Smith, Mercedes Barends, Lauren Blais, Chelsea Sidlauskas, Devin Mott, Katie Moore, North Lensky, Quin Cramer, Courtney Miller, Kyle White, Christina Bitson, Calvin Crandell, Jessica Johnson, Dannielle Higgins, Dustin Cheney, Kenzie Zuchowski, Grace Briggs, Bennett Featherstone, Gabby Echavarria, Eli Jones, Tayler Walton, Alondra Martinez, Mackenzie

Lounsbery, Kera Howell, Nicole Zerfas, Kyle Flannery, Lily Wever, Abby Wosinski, Matthew Lentz, Sarah Bauer, Bennett Featherstone, Morice Wood, and Glenn Klahre.

Nature Center Clean-Up:

On May 3, Mrs. Koni Howell organized a group of volunteers - Girl Scouts, Boys Scouts - to help clean up the nature center at Fremont Middle School. Thanks to the following who clipped branches and raked debris to clear paths and the outside classroom area: Lynda Dobrowolski, Kaylyn Dobrowolski, Natasha Norwood, Robin Maring, Bev Mohrbach, Makayla Mohrbach, Rebecca Welsh, Raven Mears, Lynn DeBlock, Amy Stroven, Shay Stroven, Bev Blamer, Sarah Sikanas, Hannah Schmelling, Chris Howell, Kera Howell, Joe Bauer, Sarah Bauer, LaMae Brooks, Carrie Brooks, Jennifer Dekleva, Jesse Berndt, Dr. Julie Gage, Eva Berndt, Kayla Berndt, Dr. Mark Berndt, Emily Eglinton, Jeff Mott, Devin Mott, Caden Dobrowolski, Cameron Denhof, Ryan Mohrbach, Nathan Dukes, Collin Howell, Jacob Grabill and Mrs. Hummel. Even though it was chilly, Mr. Grabill took off his shoes, rolled up his pant legs and stood in the water to fix a bridge!

Requests for next year:

Due to the upcoming retirements, we are unable to have core requests for the next school year at this time. Our tentative plan is to have something available in June after new teachers have been hired. More information will be forthcoming.

Upcoming Dates:

Free physical night at the high school - May 13
Horizon Core flying - May 20
Star Core flying - May 21 and 22
Choral Spring Concert - May 27 @ 7 p.m.
Band/Orchestra Concert - tentative May 29 @ 7 p.m.
6th grade to White Caps game - May 29
School of Choice application deadline - June 1
8th grade to Michigan Adventure - June 3
Awards assembly - June 5 - a.m.
8th grade graduation - June 6 - 8:30 a.m.