

Ellis School Newsletter

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Attention Parents!! Change in School Schedule!

Due to the number of snow days this year, the teacher workshop planned for March 30 has been cancelled. As a result of this change, **students will have school March 30.** Thank you!

News from the Nurse

Believe it or not, spring is coming! We are seeing many students with colds and sore throats. The CDC said the true influenza is just starting to be seen in the northeast. They are still suggesting the flu vaccine if you have not had it. Since the spring weather is hopefully around the corner, I just wanted to remind parents to start giving **allergy medication** to students with pollen allergies. It is more effective if they are already started on it prior to the pollen arriving. It will also be time to monitor for **ticks, mosquitoes, poison ivy, and those dangerous UV rays from the sun.** Every year I see students who are miserable with seasonal allergies or burned from the first time out on a sunny spring day without sun screen. It would be good practice to just start applying sun screen every morning and reapply often during the day. **Sun screen should be skin tested first as some people can be sensitive to different brands.** Students should not share sun screen with other students. Throw out the supply from last year and start fresh with a new sun screen which will be more affective. In keeping with the Ellis School Motto, we adults need to help our students be ***Respectful, Responsible, and Prepared in self care.***

One last reminder, parents of students entering preschool or kindergarten for the first time need to have a copy of current and up to date immunizations and a physical done in the last year to be handed in at registration this spring.

Thanks from First Grade!!!

The first grade team would like to thank the Ellis School PTA for approving our classroom materials from Labels for Education. Our classes received the following items to share around:

Sight Words Library

Yoga CD

Rock'n Learn Addition and Subtraction DVD

Time Bingo (5 sets)

Colored Pencils (4 Sets)

Families make these great gifts possible. Thanks to all who clip and save!!!

March 6, 2009

Upcoming Events:

- **March 10– School Pictures**
- **March 13– Middle School Dance**
Grades 6-8 only
- **March 20– 8th Grade Spaghetti Dinner**
5-7 pm

Picture Day

Spring Pictures are coming Tuesday, March 10, 2009. A smile is required, but bring no money. A proof will be sent home for you to review. Purchase only what you would like. There is no obligation. All students will be photographed for school records.

The 3rd Grade Newsletter March 2009



Our third graders are learning about realistic fiction like, Junie B. Jones, Judy Moody, Amber Brown, The Mouse and The Motorcycle, Geronimo Stilton, Matilda, Bailey School Kids, and Frannie Stein just to name a few. We continue to focus on the story elements. Also, we are starting literature circles which will differentiate the instruction of all students such as, Silver, Stone fox, Balto and The Great Race, Ramona, and Cam Jansen.

We have started Unit 6 Geometry. Students continue to review regrouping of addition and subtraction. Multiplication is an ongoing process that children need practice not only at school but at home and over the summer to prepare them for fourth grade. A good solid foundation in math has only proven success.

Science is moving ahead rapidly as we are starting a fun and exciting unit on the rock cycle. Students will learn about igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks. We have science rock kits so they are able to touch and view them.

Current events are at a high as we discuss them daily. Students are encouraged to watch the news and often class discussions take place to help the children understand what is going on in the world. The Scholastic News reinforces various skills taught and discusses upcoming events around the world. The Scholastic News is a great tool that 3rd grade teachers use that teach test taking skills to help better prepare for the NE-CAP.

Technology is being used to aid the student in writing. They have been learning how to use the different tools that Microsoft Word offers. Paragraph writing with main ideas and supporting details is the main focus for creative writing. Letter writing and addressing envelopes is being mastered, this is a great way for students to communicate in other ways other than using the computer.

The Fremont PTA is hosting a CAKE BAKE OFF & WALK COMPETITION!

PTA News

There is a \$1 registration fee to bake and decorate the most fun, exciting, creative cake you can at home. On Saturday, March 28th at 2:00 pm the cakes will be put on display, in the Ellis School Gym, for judging. Every event attendee will be given one vote in each of four age categories. Not interested in baking?? No problem, come on over to be a judge and play for a chance to take a cake home! After the votes are tallied and prizes awarded, the cakes will be given away in a fun "cake walk" game. For \$0.50 you can buy a ticket to walk to the music and hope to be the lucky one standing on a winning spot! Each ticket purchased will also be entered in a raffle, which will wrap up the event. All proceeds will go toward PTA sponsored programs and mini grants. However, this event was conceived with the hope of encourage creativity, bringing families together and connecting the community at all levels. Registration forms will be made available at The Ellis School Lobby, Fremont Town Hall, Fremont Public Library or from our website www.fremontpta.org. Questions can be directed to Jennifer Brown at (603)244-2721 or via email at bakingbrownies@comcast.net

During the week of March 23rd the Fremont PTA is sponsoring an Artist in Residence program for the elementary and middle school. The poet Marrie Harris will be visiting all classes during that week. She is the author of two children's books, G is for Granite and Primary Numbers. If you would like to pre-order either of these books and have them autographed, please fill out the order form and return it to the school no later than Friday, March 13th. If you have any questions feel free to contact Nancy Bernhardt at 895-4218 or nlbernhardt@yahoo.com or Martha Abney at 895-2936.

Computer Class

Latest Happenings in the computer lab:

Third grade is beginning their unit on the **Iditarod** after completing the book ***Balto*** .

The Junior Iditarod began on Sunday, March 1, 2009. For up to the minute news and information about these races students will be visiting:

Scholastic Junior Iditarod: <http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/iditarod/junior/index.asp?article=winner2008>

Official Site of the Junior Iditarod: <http://www.ultimateiditarod.com/junior.html>

Kidworks Deluxe

Students in Kindergarten through fourth grade have been creating and publishing their own books on a variety of topics. (Animal tracks, 100's Day, Favorite Animals, Family)

The software they are using is **Kidworks Deluxe** by Knowledge Adventure. Students “build writing, reading, and creativity skills. This multimedia creativity tool combines a word processor, a paint program, and design projects into one dynamic package to expand your students' language skills.” For more information on this product you can visit: http://www.knowledgeadventure.com/school/catalog/kw_del.aspx

Animated Books

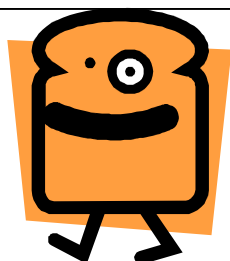
Mrs. Kenney and Mrs. Antoine are working in collaboration with second grade teachers and students in the creation of animated books. Students are writing stories, getting their picture taken in front of a green screen, narrating their stories using Audacity, illustrating their stories and putting it all together using Sam Animation to produce an animated book for each student! (Audacity and Sam Animation are free downloads)

Game Maker

Fifth and Sixth grade students are using GameMaker from YoYo Games to create their own interactive online games. This course encourages students to apply many higher order thinking skills through problem solving, becoming immersed in cause and effect, conducting research, using trial and error, and sharing their products with classmates and then the world. Students are gaining experience in a "hot" career field. (Game Maker is a free download from YoYoGames)

Teen Entrepreneur

Seventh and Eight Grade students are involved in creating their own businesses. They are collaborating in groups of 2 to 3 students to compile a business plan complete with market analysis, cost analysis, letterhead, business cards, brochures, resume, mailing list and website. Thanks to local business owners who have visited our classroom to speak to the students about their real life business experiences.



Change in the Hot Lunch Menu!!

Thursday, March 12 the lunch menu will be changed to Breakfast for lunch, French Toast.

8th Grade Spaghetti Dinner Time

We worked hard to reach the top of the pile.
Come support us with a spaghetti smile.

When: March 20

Where: Ellis School

Time: 5-7 pm

Cost: \$10.00 per family, \$7.00 per couple,
\$5.00 for single person.

If you have any question please contact
Mashelle Pike at 895-6755 or by e-mail
mashelle@comcast.net

Come join us for a fun time and well worthy
cause.

Attention All Students

Are you good at drawing free hand or creating
designs on the computer?

YOUR CREATION CAN BE THE NEXT YEAR- BOOK COVER!

How do you get your creation on the cover of
the yearbook?

*Submit an 8 X 10 of your artwork (in the best
quality possible) to Mrs. Blades before March
27, 2009. (Be sure to save it too)*

Voting for the best design will take place in
April



Good News Club is back at Ellis School.

Good news Clubs are groups of boys & girls in grades 1 through 6 who meet together after school to hear Bible stories, sing songs, play games and win prizes. These clubs are affiliated with Child Evangelism Fellowship, an international interdenominational organization.

We will meet each Wednesday from 3:00 until 4:30 in Mrs. Polizzo's room. This year's club will run from the March 11 until April 22 and 6 weeks of our focus will be on the Biblical character, Elijah. We'll have a special Easter Party Club to celebrate the new season. Ultimately, we'll have fun together in a loving, caring, happy atmosphere as we learn how we can have HOPE even when we feel overwhelmed and hopeless. Believe it or not, kids feel the pressure of these crazy days too.

Check backpacks for permission slips or pick one up at the office. Permission slips must be filled out and returned to the school office for proper routing of children after school. For more information call Laurie Jong-sma at 770-9322.

It's Good to be Back! Can't wait to see you there!

Middle School Homework Helpline

Parents or students call the school number of
[895-2511](tel:895-2511) after school hours and dial one of the
following extensions:

175 - 5th grade 176 - 6th grade
177 - 7th grade 178 - 8th grade.

Middle School Hours—7:50—2:20
Elementary Hours—8:35—3:05

Telephone Extensions

Nurse—dial—8

Absent & Tardy Line—dial 7