

Firebird News Flash

December 2015



French Run Families,

December has quickly arrived. Our Firebirds have made great strides in both academics and character education. Simply put, we are SOARING into the new year.

This month will be short but very busy. The first week of December, third grade students will be taking the Ohio State Test in English Language Arts. The assessment is part of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, and a passing score will be required to be admitted into the fourth grade.

Other upcoming assessments will continue throughout the month with Winter Benchmarking in DIBELS and STAR for all grades, and Common Assessments.

In addition to a busy assessment schedule, there will also be many exciting activities: The NED Show will present on character education, French Run's annual Winter Wonderland Craft Night, Firebird Breakfast and Pride Assembly focusing on "Acceptance."

French Run Third Graders have been selected, one of five schools, to participate in the Rosa Parks Annual "Power of One" Tribute on December 4, 2015.

As the weather begins to get colder please ensure that you are keeping an eye on the news. School Delays and Closings will be delivered through our online reporting system and it is imperative for communication purposes that phone numbers and emails remain up-to-date.

Colder weather means more families bringing their children to school. For the safety of our students and staff during drop off and pick up, please pull vehicles to the front of the car line. Stopping or parking in the middle of the lane adds to the challenge of getting all of our students in the building safely.

In an effort to continuously improve the experience and satisfaction of the French Run Community, please provide feedback by copying and pasting the link below into your address bar.

<http://goo.gl/forms/UEhmwaUIzP>

Continue to check out our website, like us on Facebook, and join our email list.

Thank You For Your Continued Support,

Thomas Holdren

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December 1-2 – 3rd ELA Test
December 4 – 3rd Field Trip
December 7 – Computer Science Week
December 7 – PTO Meeting
December 9-11 – Book Fair
December 11 – Winter Wonderland
December 15 – Board Meeting 6pm
December 18 – Firebird Breakfast
December 18 – Pride Assembly 1:30pm
December 18 – End of 2nd Quarter
December 21-31 – No School
January 1 – No School
January 4 – School Resumes



Volunteers are always welcome!

3rd Quarter means ART will be returning to French Run. We are very excited to have Mrs. Jeni King here for the next 10 weeks. Donations of Clorox Wipes (or similar) are appreciated.

News from the Gym...Don't forget to wear/bring TENNIS shoes EVERY Tuesday!
~Thanks, Mrs. Gochenour



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Character Pillars

September – RESPECT

October - COLLABORATION

November – CITIZENSHIP

December –ACCEPTANCE

January - RESPONSIBILITY

February - INSPIRATION

March - PERSEVERANCE

April - CREATIVITY



French Run Elementary is dedicated to holding students to high standards academically as well as behaviorally. A strong character foundation will enable our Firebirds to navigate successfully through school, in the workplace and in the community. Please help stress the importance of a strong moral compass with your child, and encourage them to listen and seek understanding as well as the importance of utilizing their own voice. The above themes or pillars are the basis for our PRIDE ASSEMBLIES held once a month to recognize leadership qualities of our students. Parents are always welcomed and encouraged to attend and volunteer.

Notes from the School Nurse

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Cold & flu season is upon us! Here are some tips for preventing the spread of germs in the school environment:

- ✓ **Keep your child home if they have a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or bad cough/cold symptoms. Students must be fever, vomit and diarrhea-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication to return to school.**
- ✓ **Teach your children the importance of thorough, frequent hand washing and the appropriate use of hand sanitizers when soap and water are not available.**
- ✓ **Remind your children to cough and sneeze into their elbow, not their hands.**
- ✓ **Make sure your children know to use tissues when needed, to throw dirty tissues in the trash and to wash their hands after tissue use.**

Donations of tissues, hand sanitizers (unscented), and antibacterial cleansing wipes are always appreciated by teachers and staff!

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