

# Firebird News Flash



## November 2016

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French Run Families,

With November comes colder weather and a chance for school to be come closed or delayed. Please ensure French Run has up-to-date phone numbers and email addresses. In the event of school cancellation French Run will utilize email and social media to inform families of closure or delays.

November is also a big month for our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. On the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> they will be taking Ohio's State Test in Reading. This is the first of two reading tests that our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will participate in this year. As always, have students get plenty of sleep and eat breakfast on the days of testing. Encourage them to do their best, to check their answers, and know they have had great preparation by their wonderful teachers so they will all do amazing!

### Novmber Events

November 10 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade STATE TEST

November 11 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade STATE TEST

November 14 – PTO/ANNUAL TITLE MTG

November 21 – Rapid Evacuation Drill

November 22 – PRIDE ASSEMBLY –  
HONESTY/TRUSTWORTHINESS 1:30pm

November 23 – NO SCHOOL

November 24 – NO SCHOOL

November 25 – NO SCHOOL

November 30 – Dec 2 – BOOK FAIR



Reminder for ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL:

- School doors open at 7:55am, please do not leave students unattended in the morning.
- Breakfast is served daily from 7:55 until announcements at 8:15.
- Dismissal occurs at 2:35pm. If your child is to take an alternate way home, or a different mode of transportation than usual, the office requires written documentation by 1:30pm at the latest.

This Month's Character Pillar is  
HONESTY/TRUSTWORTHINESS.

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

Thank You For Your Continued Support,  
Thomas Holdren

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### Character Pillars

August – RESPECT

September - CITIZENSHIP

October – COLLABORATION

November – TRUSTWORTHINESS

January- RESPONSIBILITY

February - ACCEPTANCE

March- CREATIVITY

April - PERSEVERANCE



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 eight times a year to recognize leadership qualities of our students. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to attend and volunteer. Being a member of a PRIDE TEAM is one of the highest recognitions at French Run Elementary.

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### Notes From French Run PTO

Thank you to all who attended the PTO Open house and have offered their volunteer service. The next PTO meeting will be on Monday, November 14, 2016 (Annual Title I Meeting) in the media center at 6pm. The PTO is collecting and sorting Box Tops for Education to be redeemed for cash, if you have box tops saved please send them into the school as soon as possible. If you have not already done so, please sign up for Kroger Community Rewards and select French Run PTO as your charity, our organization number for signing up is 82187. Next big event is WINTER WONDERLAND all volunteers are welcome.

If you are interested in joining the PTO or volunteering your time please email [frenchrunPTO@gmail.com](mailto:frenchrunPTO@gmail.com).

French Run PTO FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/FRPTO>

Watch DOGS: We had a great turnout for our pizza with dad event. Watch DOGS will soon start their volunteer shifts during the school day, if you or a member of your family is interested in being a part of your child's education please email [watchDOGsfrenchrun@gmail.com](mailto:watchDOGsfrenchrun@gmail.com) to get started. For more information about the Watch DOGS program: <http://www.fathers.com/watchdogs/watch-dogs-faqs/>

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### NEWS FROM THE NURSE

As the new school year begins, remember these tips to help keep our French Run community well:

\*Send only healthy, well-rested children to school.

\*Keep ill children home until they have been fever, vomit, and diarrhea free for 24 hours without the aid of medication.

**\*\*\*The most important defense against germs is good, frequent hand washing!\*\*\***

#### SCREENINGS:

All kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and students new to the district are screened for hearing and vision. If you receive a referral for further follow-up care by a professional, please schedule an appointment right away. If you need assistance in getting care, please contact me at French Run. Good hearing and vision are vital to learning!

#### MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL:

If your student needs medication to be administered at school, please be aware that there are specific procedures that must be followed. All prescription medications require a form to be completed by the physician and the parent (attached). Medications must be in the original labeled container and must be delivered to the school along with the proper form by an adult. We cannot administer expired medications.

In good health!

Sandra Kageorge, RN  
School Nurse

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### Assessments and Testing

During the school year each child will be assessed on multiple occasions with multiple measures. The purposes of the assessments are to determine where a child begins, to ensure the child is progressing, and to find out how much he or she learned over the course of the year.

This year the local or school-based assessments that we will use for Kindergarten through Fourth Grade are DIBELS(K-3) to measure fluency, STAR Reading, STAR Math, iReady Reading and iReady Math. It is extremely important that students do their best on these assessments, and also understand that they will get some questions wrong. At the beginning of the year we will use these results to form station and rotational groupings in the classroom, as well as intervention groups.

State Mandated Assessments for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade include Reading, Math, and Social Studies (4<sup>th</sup> only). The state assessments are used to determine achievement scores and grades on school report cards.

If you have any questions about how these tests affect your child, please feel free to contact his or her teacher. All teachers at French Run Elementary are well versed in discussing assessment data. I also love to have these discussions and my office is always open.

Our job of educators is to assist families, and advocate for the best education possible for each one of your children. Whether you know a lot, or a little, we are always here to help. Use us as a resource. The best educational outcomes occur when parent and school relationships remain strong and unified.

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### LIBRARY NOTES

Each week, your child checks out a book from the library. (If they are in third or fourth grade, they check out two.) Their books are due on their library day the following week. Lately, we have been having a struggle with the return of books. Please remind your children to return their books so that others can use them. Parents are responsible for the replacement cost of books that are lost.

Thank you for your help in keeping our shelves full!

Mrs. McMillan  
French Run Library

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### School Report Card

As many of you know, the State of Ohio has released school report cards from last year. Many school districts and school buildings received results that were lower than previous school years. Although French Run did not have an impressive grade in the category of Achievement, we fared well in Growth and K-3 Literacy.

Our Continuous Improvement Plan for 2016-2017 addresses our deficits in achievement and we expect to maintain our grades in literacy and growth. If you are interested in speaking about the report card, or our plan to increase achievement outcomes for all students, please come in and speak with me.

All parent and community feedback is welcomed and appreciated. Knowing your views on what we do well and what we can do to improve is the only way that we can get better.

<http://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/Pages/School-Report.aspx?SchoolIRN=012518>