

Firebird News Flash

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French Run Families,

Thank you all to such a wonderful beginning of the school year. Students are continuing to laugh, smile, and learn every day. In addition to cooler weather, October will be full of events at French Run. On Track Letters will be distributed the last week of September to students in First, Second, and Third Grade. These letters explain to families if their student is “on track” in reading based on beginning of the year assessments.

Our Pie Peddler fundraiser sponsored by French Run PTO will begin on October 3rd. Also the PTO will be helping support our Collaboration Parties at the end of October. Room parents are needed and welcomed to help coordinate. Please inquire with your child’s teacher or PTO to assist.

October Events

- September 29 – On Track Letters
- September 30 – PRIDE Assembly 9:30
- October 3 – Pie Peddler Fundraiser
- October 3 – PTO Meeting 6pm]
- October 5 – Literacy Night 5:30-6:30
- October 14 – End of 1st Quarter
- October 18 – Board Meeting 6:30
- October 20&26 – Conferences 3-7pm
- October 30 – PRIDE ASSEMBLY
- October 30 – Collaboration Parties



Other events of interest are Third Grade Literacy Night on October 5. Although this is targeted toward parents of Third Grade Students, any parent grade K-3 can feel free to attend to learn more about the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. Parent Teacher Conferences are from 3-7pm on October 20 and October 26, 2016.

- 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 CITIZENSHIP.

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

January- RESPONSIBILITY

September - CITIZENSHIP

February - ACCEPTANCE

October – COLLABORATION

March- CREATIVITY

November –TRUSTWORTHINESS

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 October 3rd 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. Carnival Ice Cream located at 7524 E Main Street, Reynoldsburg OH 43068 is hosting a fundraiser for French Run Elementary on Saturday September 24th all day long! No flier is required, and 20% of the sales will be donated to the PTO. If you are interested in joining the PTO or volunteering your time please email 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 to get started. For more information about the Watch DOGS program: <http://www.fathers.com/watchdogs/watch-dogs-faqs/>

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Dear French Run Families,

The *Character Pillar* for the month of October is *Collaboration*. During October, teachers will be looking for students who show *teamwork* and model the skill of *working together*. In an effort to show off our Firebirds' creativity and *collaboration*, French Run will be hosting our Annual *Collaboration Day*.

As part of our Collaboration theme, we will be having Collaboration Parties in our classrooms on Friday, October 28th beginning at 1:00 pm. Included in the party will be a Collaboration Parade. Your child is invited to COLLABORATE to find a way to "dress up" for our parade. We are asking that students collaborate to wear friendly costumes that show teamwork or unity showing that they can align themselves to a team in some way. An example, friends could dress up as football players, a group of princesses, civil service (fire fighters, police officers), etc. No blood, weapons, or full masks will be allowed.

We look forward to seeing the creative ideas that our critical thinkers are able to devise!!

Sincerely,

The French Run PTO & Mr. Holdren

Collaboration Party—Fri, Oct. 28th 1:00 p.m.

If you would be able to donate or volunteer for our Collaboration Party, please mark the area below where you can help and return to school by Tuesday, October 11. Items may be sent in on Thursday, October 27.

_____ help during the party _____ napkins _____ plates
_____ drinks _____ cookies _____ chips
_____ game/activity _____ craft _____ other, please list _____
_____ volunteer to help coordinate donations and/or activities for your child's class

Name _____ Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Child's Name _____ Child's Teacher _____

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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, 1st grade, 3rd 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 3rd and 4th Grade include Reading, Math, and Social Studies (4th 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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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>