

Falls-Lenox Primary School News

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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As we wrap up the second trimester of the school year, the staff at Falls-Lenox would like to thank the students and parents for a great year so far! There have been many fun and educational activities that have taken place over the last few months. We have celebrated reading with first and second grade Literacy Nights and hope to see all of our third grade students at Literacy Night on March 6th at 6 p.m. The third grade students did a great job at their "Mighty Minds" music concert, and we look forward to the first grade music concert on March 20th. The third grade students also participated in Career Day where they had an opportunity to learn about different occupations. All students at Falls-Lenox celebrated Disability Awareness Week in January. Throughout the week, students participated in a poster/essay contest, classroom read-alouds, and an assembly. The activities were designed to foster a sense of awareness, understanding, and acceptance of others who may have a disability of some type. In addition to these activities, Falls-Lenox was the proud winner of the NFL 360 grant, and as a result, we have installed a rock traverse wall in the Falls Gym. The staff and students also received a special visit from several Cleveland Brown's players!

Our Mission Statement:

The mission of Falls-Lenox Primary School is to provide students with skills, and promote attitudes necessary to become life-long learners and productive members of their community.



READING AND WRITING AT HOME

Right-To-Read Week begins on March 3rd and students will participate each day in several "Wild West Reader" activities at the "Triple R Ranch!" Parents serve as teachers and role models in reading. In order to support your child's reading abilities, consider asking the following questions before and during reading:

Questions to ask when reading fiction or non-fiction:

- ◇ What predictions can you make about what will happen next?
- ◇ What is the problem in the story? What is the solution?
- ◇ How do the characters respond to the problem? How would you describe the characters? What are their traits?
- ◇ Retell the events of the story. What happened in the beginning, middle, and end of the story?
- ◇ What is the moral/theme/lesson of the story? How do you know?
- ◇ What is the main idea of the selection or paragraph? What details support this main idea?
- ◇ Identify non-fiction text features (headings, captions, diagrams/pictures, bold words, glossary, table of contents) and explain why they are important.

Written response to text:

- ◇ Write an opinion piece in which you introduce the topic or book, state an opinion, supply reasons that support the opinion from the text and provide a closing sentence.

**For a list of first, second, and third grade reading websites and apps, please visit www.ofcs.net and click on 'Falls-Lenox Primary School' and 'Newsletters'. Then click on 'Second Trimester Newsletter.'*

Important Dates:	
PTA Yankee Candle Sale	2/28-3/17
Right-to-Read Week	3/3 - 3/7
3rd Grade Literacy Night	3/6 - 6 PM
2nd Grade Relay for Life Movie Night	3/14 - 2:45-4:45
Red Cross Blood Drive	3/17 - 3-7 PM
FL/ECC March PTA Meeting - At OFIS with dinner and tour	3/18 Tour 6 PM Meeting 7 PM
1st Grade Music Concert @ HS	3/20 - 6:15 & 7:15 PM
No School—Spring Break	3/24-3/28
3rd Grade CAP assessment in Social Studies	4/1
3rd Grade CAP assessment in Science	4/2
Bulldog Party Rock (PTA Event)	4/4
No School	4/18 & 4/21
2nd Grade Terra-Nova Tests	4/22-4/25
3rd Grade Relay for Life Movie Night	4/25 - 2:45-4:45
3rd Grade Reading OAA	5/6
3rd Grade Math OAA	5/7

YOUR STUDENT'S HIGH SCHOOL



The 1.8 Mill Bond Issue for Olmsted Falls High School is back on the election ballot this May. Parent support of this issue will be critical to its success. **Passage of the bond issue will address overcrowding issues that currently impact safety and security at OFHS.** Funds generated from this bond issue will build new, permanent classrooms onto the existing high school building. This will eliminate the need for the classroom trailers currently located at the edge of the parking lot, serving nearly 1,000 students each day. **This will mean that our current 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders will attend a high school where all of their classes are under one roof.** Passage of the bond issue will also allow for much-needed security enhancements for the high school building – including video camera monitoring systems. Any Falls-Lenox parent with questions about the May bond issue for OFHS are invited and encouraged to call Superintendent Dr. Jim Lloyd directly with any questions at 427-6000.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE



- ◆ Big congratulations to Mrs. Butto and her family on the addition of a new baby boy! Mrs. Dorsey, substitute for Mrs. Butto, has had a wonderful time getting to know all the Falls-Lenox students!
- ◆ In the month of February, students learned about the importance of body rights and were encouraged to talk to parents with any questions they may have. Thank you for your support on this sensitive topic.
- ◆ In March, our 1st grade students will practice good decision making and second grade will get a guidance lesson on positive self-talk. In April, classroom guidance for 3rd grade will consist of test taking strategies in preparation for the spring OAA.
- ◆ Small groups are underway for social skills and are going great!
- ◆ The word of the month for February is cooperation, March is honesty and April is perseverance. Take some time to talk to your children about the meaning of these words and how they can be good citizens by using them in action on a daily basis.

NEWS FROM THE NURSE



Thank you to all parents who have contributed to our spare clothing collection. At this time, we have a great need for **GIRLS' pants and/or leggings, sizes 6-12.** If you have any pants or leggings that your daughter has outgrown, please consider donating them to the clinic. If you have boys' pants that you would like to donate, we will gratefully accept those as well. Thank you so much for your continued help and support. The students really appreciate it.

FUN AT FALLS-LENOX PRIMARY SCHOOL!



*Third Grade Concert
Mighty Minds!*



Literacy Night!



*NFL 360 Winners! Cleveland
Browns Day!*