

February 2012

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Fairfield Central Elementary School News

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Principal's News

From the Desk of Mr. Wood

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Dear Parents,

Intramural Basketball & Cheerleading will begin Wednesday, February 15, for 4th grade students. Games start at 3:30 PM and end by 5:00 PM. All Central students are welcome to attend. Students must have a signed permission slip to stay for each game. Permission slips will be sent home at the beginning of February. Following is the tentative after-school game schedule.

Wednesday, February 15

Wednesday, February 22

Tuesday, February 28

To celebrate *Black History Month*, students will be making announcements over the PA system highlighting famous African Americans. Each classroom will also be working on activities promoting Black History Month.

As part of Fairfield City Schools Diversity Plan, we would like to establish a *Central Parent Ambassador Program* to welcome all new parents into Central's Community. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact me at 829-7979, ext 149, or email me at wood_r@fairfield-city.k12.oh.us. This program will be an excellent way to provide support for all our new families.

Report cards went home on Friday, January 20. Please review your child's progress, and if you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. Also going home with 2nd and 4th grade report cards were the Cogat and Iowa Test Results.

Schools fees of \$55.00 for grades 1 through 4, and \$25.00 for Kindergarten, were due in September. If you still have outstanding fees, you can pay them by cash, check, money order, or our convenient online EZ Pay Program. Unfortunately, we are no longer offering the option to use credit cards in the office. For your convenience, however, we can set you up with a payment plan. Please call the office secretary, Mrs. Leiter, at 829-7979 for details.

The *He & Me Cake Decorating Contest* is scheduled for Friday, January 27, at 7:00 PM. This is a fun night for your child and dad, uncle, grandpa, or a special friend. If you have any questions, please call the PTC Coordinator, Kelly Armes, at 874-6704.

A note to Kindergarten PM parents who drive their children to school. Please bring your child into the building and remain in Room 204 with your child until the students are sent to their classrooms or until an adult is there to supervise. We have had some confusion with that this school year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 829-7979, ext 149, and I will gladly assist you.

Sincerely,

Richard Wood
Fairfield Central Principal



We are on the WEB !!!

In order to save on paper and copying expenses, Fairfield Central will distribute hard copy Newsletters at the beginning of each quarter. Every month, the Central Newsletter will be updated on the Fairfield City Schools website. Find our monthly Newsletters online at: <http://www.fairfieldcityschools.com/Schools/Central/index.shtml>

CENTRAL CULTURAL FESTIVAL



Come to the **Central Cultural Festival on March 8, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM**, to celebrate, recognize, and learn about Central diversity! There will be entertainment, food, and each class is showcasing a different country. Poster contest entries can be submitted February 1 through February 17, and the winners will be announced before the event. Look for more details to be sent home soon. This event is sponsored by the Fairfield Central Community Diversity Alliance and the Fairfield Central PTC.

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Mark your calendars for these special events:

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| January 27 | Cake Decorating Contest |
| February 1 | Year Book Orders Due |
| February 8 | Class/Group Pictures |
| February 9 | Market Day Pickup |
| February 14 | Valentine's Parties |
| February 17 | Spirit Day |
| February 20 | No School-President's Day |
| Feb 27-Mar 2 | Right to Read Week |
| February 28 | CiCi's Pizza Night |
| March 8 | Central Cultural Festival |

Activities and Events

HE & ME CAKE DECORATING CONTEST –

JANUARY 27

Show us your cake decorating skills during Central's He & Me Cake Decorating Contest on January 27 at 7:00 PM. Details about this fun event were sent home with your child or contact Kelly Armes.

CLASS/GROUP PICTURES – FEBRUARY 8

All classroom and group pictures will be taken on Wednesday, February 8. Wear your favorite outfit and bring your smile!

MARKET DAY – PICKUP FEBRUARY 9 (5:00-6:00 PM)

Thank you for your continued support of Market Day. It is a good fundraiser for Central and you get to order tasty food. Please plan to pick up your orders at Central on February 9 from 5-6PM. The next pickup day is March 8 between 5-6pm. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for monthly Market Day delivery from 3:45-5:00 PM!!!** For more information, contact Mary Vollner at 829-7979.

URGENT: We need help with Market Day. Our current Market Day coordinator cannot be at the scheduled pickups until 5:00 PM starting in January. We need to have at least 2 people on those scheduled Thursdays from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM to assist with the delivery of the product. Please contact Jill Arent at 874-2456 if you are able to help for even one date. If we each took one date, we could easily cover the rest of the calendar year.

VALENTINE'S PARTIES – FEBRUARY 14

In celebration of Valentine's Day, classrooms will enjoy games, fun, and food. Watch for details to be sent home with your child soon.

SPIRIT DAY – FEBRUARY 17

Show your school spirit by wearing red/white or your Fairfield School spirit wear on February 17. Order your Central spirit wear through a PTC member.

NO SCHOOL – FEBRUARY 20

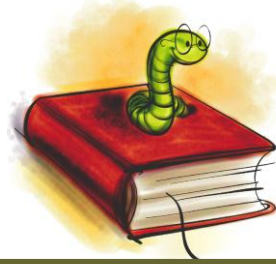
Fairfield City Schools will be **closed** on Monday, February 20, in recognition of the President's Day holiday.

CICI'S PIZZA NIGHT – FEBRUARY 28

Enjoy a dinner out with your family at CiCi's Pizza at Jungle Jims and inform them you are a Fairfield Central student and they will make a donation to our School's fundraiser!

RIGHT TO READ WEEK – FEB 27-MAR 2

We'll be recognizing the importance of reading during the week of February 27 through March 2 with reading activities, guest readers, and cupcakes in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2.



A Message from our PTC President!

Dear Central Families,

What does the PTC do? Why are they always asking for volunteers and money? The simple answer is we try to help the students and staff at Central. We need volunteers to help with little things like cutting Campbell's soup labels, baking cupcakes for Dr. Seuss' Birthday celebration, combing hair on picture day, or escorting classes to a different room for testing. We need volunteers to type the newsletter, take tickets for a cake walk or even to pop popcorn for a class reward. We need volunteers to do big things like chair a book fair or plan a family event, order spirit wear, pass out fundraiser orders or make raffle baskets. We raise funds to pay for classroom parties, book club books, library books, PTC events, playground equipment, grade level events, and other school equipment. We do it all for the students at Central. And, we couldn't do any of it without you. Thank you for all your time and effort, big and small.

With much gratitude,
Jill Arent, PTC President
Fairfield Central Elementary School

Little Red School House is Open!



The Little Red School House is open on Tuesdays during lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Your child may buy pens, pencils, folders, notebooks, and other school supplies. If questions, please contact Pam Callaway at 509-8470.

Year Book Orders Due!

Enjoy the memory of your child's school year 2011-2012 at Central forever by ordering a Fairfield Central Year Book 2011-2012. Please return your order form and \$13 to their teacher by Wednesday, February 1, 2012.

Treasurer's Report...by Chrissy Lynch, PTC Treasurer

The balance in the PTC checking account is \$17,597.01 and our savings account is \$3,301.21. We had a very successful Winter Wonderland in December that brought a profit of \$913.33, and Midland Fall Fundraiser was \$4,671.65. We have also had Skyline and CiCi's nights that have generated over \$500 between the two. Thank you all for your continued support of the students and PTC of Central Elementary!



Parents & Teachers for Children

The PTC supports the administrators, teachers and students by helping with various activities throughout the year that enhance the educational experience for the students. In addition, the PTC Board raises money that is used to supply educational materials and opportunities for our school.

2011-2012 PTC Board Members

President – Jill Arent, 874-2456
1st Vice President – Mindy Bill, 874-1654
2nd Vice President – Pam Callaway 509-8470
Treasurer – Chrissy Lynch, 942-1003
Secretary – Shirlene Norris, 874-7668
Volunteer Coordinator – Crystal Hensely, 942-2631
Volunteer Coordinator – Beth Bailey, 807-8225

If you are interested in this rewarding volunteer organization, please call Jill Arent at 874-2456.

Join the PTC Board!!!

Want to join the PTC Board? **We are looking to fill the 2nd Vice President on the PTC Board.** The responsibilities are coordinate fundraising programs such as the Spring Family Fest; attend PTC meetings; oversee PTC sponsored events and assemblies when needed. We are looking for someone to finish the year and help chair the Spring Family Fest. We do most of our communications through email and hold meetings in the evenings periodically. If you would like to get more involved with your child's school, meet more parents, are interested in the PTC and want to be a part of it, please contact Jill Arent at 874-2456 or at jillyarent@yahoo.com.

Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found lockers at Central for any misplaced items (*coats, hats, gloves, scarves, etc.*). Label your child's personal belongings to avoid lost items. **Volunteers needed!** Please call a Volunteer Coordinator on our PTC Board to help.

FUNDRAISING



Campbell's Labels & Box Tops

Gather up all of those Campbell's labels/UPCs and Box Tops that you have been saving and start sending them in. If you are new to our school, here is how it works: Just collect labels/UPCs from Campbell's products and Box Tops points. By sending them in to the School, we are able to "purchase" valuable educational items from an extensive catalog for our school with these labels/UPCs/Box Tops. As an added incentive, the two classrooms that collect the most labels will get to have an ice cream party at the end of the school year as a reward for their effort. Send in those labels now to Shirley Norris!

My Coke Rewards for Schools Program

Turn in your Coke codes and/or bottle caps to our PTC Secretary, Shirlene Norris, in order for Central to earn rewards for school supplies and educational resources.

MARKET DAY PROGRAM

Market day is a great fundraising opportunity. Parents can purchase great tasting brand named foods for their family, which a portion of the proceeds is given to the School. If you're not already a customer, why not try a few products this month! You can also place your order online at www.marketday.com and use school code 6081.

