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# Fairfield Central Elementary School News

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## Principal's News

*From the Desk of Mr. Wood*

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that the Holiday Season is upon us. The third and fourth grade chorus performed on Thursday, December 15, at 7:00 PM in the gym. I hope you had the opportunity to attend.

The third grade OAA Reading scores are in and were sent home with Progress Reports last Friday. The overall percent passing the test rose 3.6% in 2011. In addition, the percent of students in the advance category increased from 10.5% to 22.9%. Congratulations to all. Please review your child's results. If they scored below proficient, check with your child's teacher to see what interventions are in place to ensure your child is successful on the Spring Reading Achievement Assessment.

Reminder, Progress Book is a great way to check on the progress of your child on a daily basis. If you have misplaced the information or are having problems accessing the information, please contact the office at 829-7979.

As part of the Fairfield City Schools Diversity Plan, Goal III is: Increase Community engagement and parental involvement. I would like to share the following short term strategies related to Goal III.

### Goal III

#### Increase community engagement and parental involvement

#### Short-term strategies: (3 months – 1 year)

- ❖ Develop a Parent of Color Networking group. Involve the Building Diversity Alliances in populating the networking group.
- ❖ Establish school Parent Ambassador Program to welcome all new parents into FCS Community and develop school related relationships that focus on transition issues, community resources, and support for helping parents help their students.
- ❖ Distribute information about the diversity within our school community at Open House programs by creating a community resource handbook. The handbook could include educational, cultural, and social service resources relevant to parents and community members.
- ❖ Inform parents about the cultures represented in our school and the resources available for collaborating with the school. Develop effective ways to follow up with families, who do not attend Open House to share information and find out their interests and needs related to helping their students succeed.
- ❖ Offer alternatives to evening events (i.e. weekends). Many families work evening hours and cannot attend usually scheduled events. Changing and/or altering when events are offered could result in the participation of different groups of parents and community members.
- ❖ Incorporate feature stories/profiles about our families and community resources in the monthly district newsletter. Make it available in different languages.

If you are interested in getting involved with any of these strategies, please email me at [wood\\_r@fairfield-city.k12.oh.us](mailto:wood_r@fairfield-city.k12.oh.us).

I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable Holiday Break.

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>

***He and Me Cake Decorating Contest***



Join your classmates at Central on Friday evening, **January 27**, at 7:00 PM for a "He and Me Cake Decorating Contest"! Students must bring a male family member (father, grandfather, uncle, etc.) to assist them with decorating a cake. Bring your pre-baked cake (no formed pans please), and bring all of your cake decorating supplies to this event. You and your partner will have 30 minutes to decorate your cake. Judges will select winners for prizes! If questions or if you would like to volunteer, contact Kelly Armes at [kcm411@fuse.net](mailto:kcm411@fuse.net).

***DATES TO REMEMBER!***

*Mark your calendars for these special events:*

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>December 21</b>    | <b>Holiday Parties</b>          |
| <b>Dec 22 – Jan 1</b> | <b>Winter Break-No School</b>   |
| <b>January 2</b>      | <b>School Resumes</b>           |
| <b>January 9-23</b>   | <b>Skyline Nights</b>           |
| <b>January 12</b>     | <b>Market Day Pickup</b>        |
| <b>January 16</b>     | <b>M. L. King Day-No School</b> |
| <b>January 27</b>     | <b>Cake Decorating Contest</b>  |
| <b>February 8</b>     | <b>Class/Group Pictures</b>     |

**Activities and Events**

**WINTER BREAK – DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 1**

Fairfield Central will be **closed** for winter break from December 22 through January 1, returning to school on Monday, January 2, 2012. Enjoy this holiday and New Year's break with family!



**SKYLINE NIGHTS – JANUARY 9 - 12**

Enjoy a dinner out with your family at Skyline Chili (north of Central on Dixie) and inform them you are a Fairfield Central student and Skyline will make a donation to our School's fundraiser!

**MARKET DAY – PICKUP JANUARY 12 (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 January 12 from 5-6PM. The next pickup day is February 9 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.

**NO SCHOOL – JANUARY 16**

Fairfield City Schools will be **closed** on Monday, January 16, 2012, in recognition of the Martin Luther King Day Holiday.

**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. Watch for details about this fun event to be sent home.

**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!



**A Message from our PTC President!**

Dear Central Families,

The holiday season is over and we are beginning a new calendar year. Our Scholastic Book Fair was a big success and Winter Wonderland was lots of fun. Thank you to all the hard working volunteers that helped to make our events wonderful. All the "decorations" and non-perishables from the Hat and Mitten Tree were donated to Rethreads. Your contributions were much appreciated. The weather is growing colder which means more hats and gloves will be worn. Remember to check the lockers across from the office for Lost and Found items. Don't forget about Skyline Nights this month. Check the PTC Calendar or the PTC bulletin board for dates. Let's see who Central's next Cake Boss will be at our annual He & Me Cake Decorating evening. It is always a fun time. As always, if you are interested in helping or volunteering, please contact the PTC.

Happy New Year!

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.

**Got Old Blue Jeans?!!**

Start saving your old blue jeans! Don't throw them out. Donate them to us. Fairfield Central will be doing a charity event in January and February 2012. Look for more details and information to come soon.

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

Currently, we have \$23,112.57 in our checking account, and \$3,301.07 in our savings account. The Book Fair resulted in a profit of about \$1,700, and we were able to purchase over \$1,700 in Scholastic books for the library! We also made over \$900 at Winter Wonderland. Thank you to all of our students, parents, and volunteers who made these events successful!

**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.

**Campbell's Labels for Education Collection**

Thanks to all our efforts, and the Campbell's Labels program, we are able to purchase equipment and items for Central which would not otherwise have been in the budget. Participation in the program is easy...simply save UPC's (*not the entire label*) from participating products and send them to school with your child. Some of the products eligible for redemption include (*but are not limited to*):

- Campbell's® soups
- SpaghettiOs® Pasta
- Prego® Italian sauces
- Swanson® stocks, broths and canned poultry
- Pepperidge Farm® Goldfish® crackers

Please help us by saving these UPC's! Each one matters. If you have questions with our Labels collection, please contact Jennifer Martin at 206-2820, or Kellie Long at 884-4264. This is a great opportunity to help Central and support your student from home by saving labels for submission.

**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](http://www.marketday.com) and use school code 6081.

