

School News

Student Picture Retakes

Tuesday, Oct. 20th being picture retake day. Students who will be getting their picture retaken need to bring their original pictures with them on that day. Also, any new student or student absent on the original day will have their picture taken.

Pick Up Line Reminder

Please support the Fry pick up line process by:

Turning off your cell phones while in the pick up line. This is for the safety of students, staff and their families.

Please display your assigned car number on the dashboard or visor of your vehicle when picking up students.

Your support helps to ensure that we are able to dismiss the students and a safe and expedited manner. Should you need to review the expectations and procedures for arrival and dismissal please visit the Fry school website.

The Accelerated Reader program is underway!

The Accelerated Reader (AR) program is up and running for the 2009-2010 school year. Please encourage your kids to read AR books (identified with a yellow label over the spine in the LMC or listed on the Fry LMC website at http://fry.ipisd.org/lmc_accel-reader.asp) and take those quizzes! Our first round of prizes will go out the first week of November. Student's names will be added to the AR bulletin board in the LMC when they achieve each level. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Owens at owens3816@sbcglobal.net.

Fall Health Reminder

We are reminding students and staff on a regular basis (through announcements) to be aware of the proper way to sneeze, cough, and wash their hands here at school. As parents we thought you might like to be aware the we are also practicing a number of ways to support the health of our community through:

~ continued regular cleaning of high touch areas

~ reminders for staff and students to practice good hygiene through thorough

hand washing, sneezing/ coughing into a tissue or your own sleeve

~ reminders to stay home if students/staff are ill until they are fever free for at least 24

hours without fever reducing medicine

~ seeking medical attention when necessary

Thank you for your continued efforts in supporting our community during flu season.

Fry PTA News

Entertainment Books on Sale for \$20

Get your orders in for Entertainment Books, as the sale ends October 26. If you want the book you received via your child's backpack, simply return a check in the envelope (for \$20). And you can also order additional books by following the instructions on the enclosed form. If you do not want the book, simply return it in the plastic bag, to your child's teacher. Entertainment Books are the second and final element of the Fry PTA Fall Fundraiser, with 50% of the purchase price coming back to us. Given these economic times, we hope these Entertainment Books can provide some savings that exceed their purchase price. Questions, please contact Peter Barnard at psbarnard@comcast.net, or at 773.575.0813

Give the District Your Feedback Regarding the School Calendar

In a meeting with the Indian Prairie Parent's Council, our superintendent asked that we get some feedback regarding the District 204 school calendar - in short order. This year, as you may know, we started one week earlier than last year so that the high school students are able to finish their final exams before the winter break. The district is going to be meeting again soon to discuss the positives and negatives of the date changes for start and end of the school year, and they want our input. **If you have any comments or concerns, please email Peter Barnard at psbarnard@comcast.net with your thoughts. We need these comments by next Thursday the 22nd.** (Personally, and I may be alone, I am driven crazy by the occasional days off. Would parents like to bundle days together so that we could have a 4 day weekend, rather than a day off here and there?) Think about the calendar and how it could be improved, and we will provide some input to the district.

Box Tops Due by Next Friday - Prizes Awarded

Please send in your box tops, Campbell's, and Tyson label clippings by 10-23 to receive a prize. All submission for box tops have to be postmarked by month end to be counted towards the December check Fry PTA will receive from Box Tops. We are hoping to reach our \$1,000 goal. Please help us get there!!! Please be sure to write your child's name, grade and teacher on the baggie. Any questions, please contact Kristi Bloedorn at thebloedorns@comcast.net .

Thank You from Community Service

The Fry PTA Community Service Committee would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to the Fry Students, Teachers, Parents and Staff. Our first Sharing event was a huge success. We received over **120 Coats, 15 pairs of boots, and 125 pairs of hats, gloves and scarves!!** Your generous donations will help keep many men, women, and children in our community warm this winter. **Great Job Fry!!!** We would also like to Thank Leslie Labell & Michele Rullo's 4th grade girl scout troop for helping collect and sort the donations. Questions: Please contact Deb Stirling at (630) 718-9326 stirlings@comcast.net or Chris Ehlert at (630) 544-6456 or cehlert@wowway.com

In Need of "Artist of the Week" Volunteers

This is a unique program that Mrs. Mills does for the kids. Once a week, 3-4 kids are selected to be artists of the week and their art work is posted on a special bulletin every week. We need your help with selecting and posting the art work. You will also fill out an announcement sheet for Mrs. Arzich and certificates for the kids to take home (everything is pre-printed, you just need to fill in the blanks). It usually requires only a half hour of your time. If we have a good amount of volunteers, the rotation will only be a few times during the school year. Please let Sabina Elam at elam8@comcast.net or Julie Tobolski at tobolskijjisc@yahoo.com know your interest as soon as possible since we will start the program next week. Thank you!

Get Those Final Gift Wrap Orders In!

If you were meaning to place an order, but didn't have the time to do so, Gift Wrap orders can be placed through this weekend, October 20. So please consider making a purchase, if you have not done so already. As always, we thank you for your support. Questions, please contact Peter Barnard at psbarnard@comcast.net, or at 773.575.0813.

Meet the Superintendent at the Next PTA Meeting

Dr. Kathleen Birkett, Superintendent for District 204, will be attending our next PTA meeting on November 17 at 6:30 PM. Come prepared to hear what's going on in the District. And if you have questions you would like to submit in advance, please send them to Peter Barnard. They can be anonymous or can simply be read should you not be able to attend. The Fry staff will also be presenting the Bully Prevention program to the parents in an effort to establish a common understanding of how to support students when they encounter behavior that offends them.

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Fry Upcoming Events for the Week of October 19, 2009

10/19	Monday		Fall Book Fair
		7:50am	Gr 5 Band
10/20	Tuesday	7:50am	4 th & 5 th Gr. Chorus
		9:15	Picture Retakes
10/21	Wednesday	School Begins at 9:15am Professional Development for the staff	
			Book Fair Open until 5:00pm
10/22	Thursday	7:50am	5 th Gr. Orchestra
			Book Fair Open until 5:00pm
10/23	Friday		End of 1 st Quarter
		7:50am	4 th & 5 th Gr. Orff
10/26	Monday	7:50am	5 th Gr. Band
			Red Ribbon Week
			PTA Entertainment Book Sale Ends
10/27	Tuesday	7:50am	4 th & 5 th Gr. Chorus
10/28	Wednesday	School Begins at 9:15am Professional Development for the staff	
10/29	Thursday	7:50am	5 th Gr. Orchestra