



OLD FORT

ELEMENTARY

BUILDING NEWSLETTER – November 2019

Important Dates to Remember...

- 11/5- Preschool Field Trip
- 11/8- PTO Pie Sale Ends
- 11/11- Veteran's Day Program @ 1:30 p.m.
- 11/11- Board Meeting 6:00 (Board Room)
- 11/12- PTO Meeting 6:30
- 11/19- Picture Retake Day
- 11/21- PTO Pie Sale Pick-up 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- 11/22- Last Day for Fall After-school Art Program
- 11/25-11/29- No School for Students
- 11/25- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/26- District Professional Development Day

Building Goals

- 1. Increase overall student achievement**
- 2. Close the achievement gap between student subgroups**
- 3. Create a positive climate and culture for all stakeholders**



Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

NEW BOARD OFFICE: For those who may not know, our Board of Education office has moved. Over the summer, remodeling took place in several classrooms in the old elementary school adjacent to the High School. This building now houses our Superintendent, Treasurer's Office and a Board Room. Most board meetings will be held in this new room, with every third month still being held at the Bettsville building.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: Please remember that Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up in a few weeks. These will be held on Monday, November 25th, and there is no school that week for students. Instructions for signing-up for a conference are on the second page of this newsletter, or you can call the school office for help. We look forward to meeting with all of you soon!

NEW K-3 LITERACY CURRICULUM: Two new and exciting components have been added to our primary literacy curriculum in recent months. In an effort to align our practice with the latest research, both a phonological awareness and an explicit phonics program have begun. K-2 began using the Heggerty Phonemic Awareness curriculum back in January. This focuses on phonological awareness (auditory) components which are a prerequisite to phonics. Phonological awareness includes the ability to segment words, rhyme, add, delete and substitute different phonemes and much more. Additionally, K-3 began implementing Phonics First this Fall. This is an explicit phonics program that teaches phonics in a direct and consistent manner. Skills build upon each other as students move through the program and are able to read and write more complex words. We are already seeing tremendous growth from both of these programs, and we are confident that we are better meeting students' needs since we started them.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of assistance in any way. It is a privilege to serve our Old Fort school community.

With Children at Heart,

Mrs. Laura F. Bryant

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Mark your calendars:

Donuts for Dads is coming soon!

Last Names A-L: Wed., Dec. 11th

Last Names M-Z: Thurs., Dec. 12th

Parent/Teacher Conferences

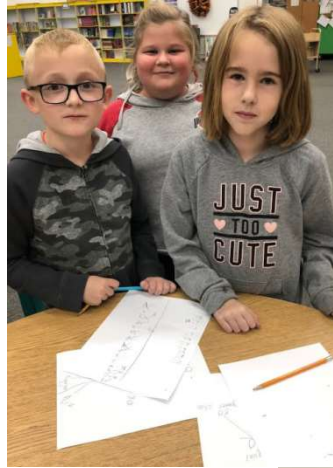
Use the following link to register for Parent/Teacher conferences on November 25th.

<https://oldfortelementary.bringit.bz/dashboard/d77cb0>

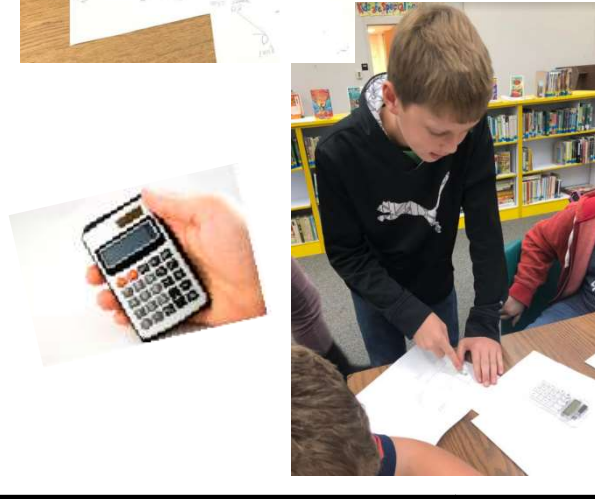
PTO News

- PTO Meeting: Tues., November 12th @ 6:30 in the Elementary Library
- Pie Sale Fundraiser: Our annual pie sale started in late October and will run through Friday, November 8th. Due to the extended week off of Thanksgiving for students, pie pick-up will be from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 21st. Please email PTO with any questions at pto@oldfortschools.org
- PTO is taking over our Bookfairs this year. Look for more info coming soon!

Math Marvels- Students work hard to solve complex math problems. Way to build that mathematical stamina!



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Begin with the end in mind- I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference.

Using Habit 2 at home:

Try creating a family mission statement. A mission statement is a plan for success that focuses on what you want to be and do. It puts your family's goals in focus and moves your ideas forward.

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What Fun Was Had by All!!!

We want to give a HUGE shout-out to our amazing PTO for organizing Halloween in the Hallways! The kids (and adults) all had a blast!

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