



OLD FORT

ELEMENTARY

BUILDING NEWSLETTER – December 2019

Important Dates to Remember...

- 12/9- Board Meeting 6:00 (Board Room)
- 12/10- PTO Meeting 6:30
- 12/11- Donuts for Dads 7:00 a.m. (Last Names A-L)
- 12/12- Donuts for Dads 7:00 a.m. (Last Names M-Z)
- 12/19- Gr. 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Program 6:30
(HS Auditorium)
- 12/20- End of 2nd Quarter
- 12/23-1/6- Christmas Break for Students
- 1/6- Teacher Work Day
- 1/7- School Resumes

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,

CALAMITY DAYS: Please know that all elementary performance and sporting events/practices are cancelled on snow days. If you need to update your phone number to receive the automated calls about delays and closings, please complete the One Call Change Form under the Menu on our website.

OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS: Winter is here, bringing cold and flu season with it. We are able to administer cough drops, Tylenol, cough syrups and other over-the-counter medications in the office to help keep kids in school. You can download the Over-the-Counter Medication form on our district website under "District Links," then "Documents and Forms." This is a nice option to have if you want to take advantage of it.

ATTENDANCE CHANGES: A couple of years ago, HB 410 went into effect, requiring districts to take steps to curb truancy after 65 hours of absences. The original law did not differentiate between excused or unexcused absences. A recent change allows us to code absences with a medical excuse differently. If you bring a medical excuse from your doctor, these hours no longer count toward the 65 hours of truancy, activating the attendance warning letter. If you have your child at any kind of appointment (for themselves), please bring us the physician's excuse. If you forget, most doctors' offices are willing to fax an excuse directly to the school. Our fax number is 419-986-6039. Please contact Ms. Magers with any attendance-related questions.

PIE IN THE FACE: If you heard rumors of kids throwing pies in my face, they were true. We played *The Name Game* at our PBIS assembly on the day before Thanksgiving break. I had to know each student's name, or they got to throw a pie in my face. Luckily for me, I only missed 5 kids' names. To use up the extra whip cream, we drew names, and some lucky kids got a second chance. It was a lot of fun for everyone!



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, and I love being a Stockader!

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



*From all of us at Old Fort Local Schools,
we wish you and your family
a very Merry Christmas!*

PTO News

PTO Meeting: Tues., Dec. 10th @ 6:30 in the Elementary Library

Fundraisers: Thanks to everyone who supported our annual Amish Pie Sale. Top Sellers were Lucy King (1st Place) and Kinsley Schank (2nd Place). Little Caesars order forms will go home before Christmas break. Please email PTO with any questions at pto@oldfortschools.org

Come support our Book Fair during Donuts for Dads. Contact PTO if you'd like to get on the schedule to volunteer. Thank you!

School-wide Jobs



In an effort to take *Leader in Me* to the next level and offer students authentic opportunities to be leaders, students were able to apply for school-wide jobs this year. Here, Emmersyn Pump works on the Clean-up Crew in the cafeteria. Other school-wide jobs include Morning Announcement Crew, Grounds Crew, Greeters, Hospitality Team, Teacher's Aides, Birthday Crew and more.



Leader in Me®

Leader in Me Habit 3

Put first things first- I set priorities, make a schedule and follow a plan. I have self-discipline and am organized.

Using habit 3 at home:

Try identifying "big rocks" and "little rocks" as a family. "Big rocks" are the most important things for you to do such as spending time with your family. "Little Rocks" are the less important things to do such as playing video games.

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