



Old Fort Elementary

Building Newsletter, September/October 2020
Home of the Stockaders

Dear Parents,

Let me start by saying "THANK YOU" for helping support the opening of our school building and district. I am so proud to lead Old Fort Elementary into the 2020 -2021 school year. It has been a great start, although different start, to the year. I am so amazed at how well they are handling everything. It makes me smile everytime I see our students walk through the doors in the morning. Please know it is my honor to be here and help make this happen with our great staff.

We are in the middle of week six and moving forward looking at the end of the first nine weeks right around the corner. I would like to take this opportunity to apologize for not sending a newsletter home sooner. We have been trying to get everything going smoothly, but with all the new protocols, the newsletter moved down on my list of priorities. From this point on, you should be expecting to see the newsletter at the beginning of every month. And I appreciate your understanding through all that has taken place to get the school year up and running.

New to our building: Mrs. Faist, our Assistant Principal and Special Education Director. She has a vast background in special education and experience working with individuals on the autism spectrum.

Safety is still our top priority, especially with the current pandemic. A few things we have in place that have been working well are more lunch periods, wearing of masks & breaks, and a revamped dismissal. We now have four lunch periods to spread out the classes. Our students are doing a great job wearing their masks and are enjoying their mask breaks. If you drive by the school, you might see classes outside for a lesson or taking a scheduled mask break. We have also added mask break squares at recess if a student would like to take time to sit without their mask on. Teachers have added snack times, utilized the Library space to ensure our students are getting time without the masks while following set protocol. You might have noticed our dismissal has changed if you pick up your child. All classes are exiting from the 4/5/6 hallway door and proceeding past the busses. Students are directed by their teachers to their bus or walked to the coned parent area in front of the office. Both staff and students are enjoying this change. We now know where all of our students are going and that they are getting home safely.

I'd like to invite you to join our PTO meetings. You can find the schedule on the Old Fort website. PTO meetings will be held in the Music room at 6:30 p.m. on these dates. We'd love to have your input and involvement.

Lastly, I'd like to give you my contact information. I can be reached during school hours at (419) 986-5166 or by email at ksmith@oldfortschools.org. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is ever anything I can do for you. It is a pleasure to serve your family, and I am looking forward to a great year!

Your Partner in Education,

Mrs. Kristina R. Smith

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Important Dates

10/3 CC Invitational
 10/5 Pie Sale Starts
 10/7 School Pictures
 10/16 End of 1st Quarter
 10/19 PTO Meeting @ 6:30
 10/20-21 3rd Grade State Testing
 10/26 Red Ribbon Week
 10/30 Trunk or Treat & Spooky Lunch

Building Goals

1. Increase overall student achievement
2. Unify and build trust with all stakeholders.
3. Ensure professional growth of every employee



Be on the lookout for information on Parent/Teacher Conferences coming soon!



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<h2>MATRIX</h2>	<p>Feel the Pride! Habits 4, 6</p>	<p>Opt for Wise Choices! Habits 2, 3</p>	<p>Respect Everyone and Everything! Habits 5, 6</p>	<p>Take Responsibility! Habits 1, 3</p>

PBIS Kickoff! Students spent the day traveling around the building being taught our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) lessons by teachers from all grade levels. They ended with our first PBIS reward - Popsicles! YUM! Each day students are reminded of our matrix and how they should handle situations around the building.



Playground lesson



Hallway lesson

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Kids' Corner

When asked the question "What do you love about being back in school", students replied:

Ella K. (3rd) - I love being able to see my friends again... AND NO ONLINE LEARNING OR ZOOM!

Charlotte K. (K) - I love it when we sing the Phonics song.

Brooklyn W. (1st) - We get to see you! (Mrs. Ramsey)

Colten H. (5th) - That I am in a routine again & reading books again.

Scarlet B. (2nd) - I love seeing my friends!

Carter F. (4th) - Going to Science class.

Aurora S. (6th) - I love to learn and hang out with friends.

Reminder!!!

- ★ Keep Final Forms up-to-date! It is important we have the most recent information.
- ★ Also, sign up for your student's teacher's Remind!

PTO News:

Amish Pie Sale Oct. 5th (Pick up on Nov. 19th)

Look for more information on Box Tops & Trunk or Treat.

Logo Sale orders will be sent home in the month of October.

Please check out the Old Fort School website for meeting dates & times.

Next meeting: October 19 @ 6:30 in the elementary music room. Please use the north doors & masks are required

This month in SEL (Social and Emotional Learning)
Diversity and Inclusion

Why do I teach this topic?

A positive school climate is a key ingredient to academic success. Students who feel positive about their school environment are more likely to actively participate in learning, complete assignments, and be committed to doing well in school. A positive school climate is achieved when students foster friendships and positive connections with their peers, and warm and caring relationships with their teachers. Students thrive socially and academically when they feel included in and accepted by their school community. (Sanford Harmony, 2019)

This concept ties into the 7 Habits of Happy Kids (Covey, 2008) by enforcing Habit 4, 5 and 6: Think win-win, seek first to understand, and synergize.

If you want to know more about the curriculum used for SEL lessons, please check out

www.sanfordharmony.org or
www.leaderinme.org

With Love,
Mrs. Shaw

Coming Soon!!!
Spooky Lunch
&
Trunk or Treat
Oct. 30th

Look for information soon!

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2019-20 Read to Win Level 4

Grade 6

Connor Reese
Isabella Tyndall
Henry Beisner
Ember Miller
Jacob Adkins
Connor Fredritz
Brock Hull
Cale Hull

Grade 5

Aiden Dick
Karcen Garner
Alayna Hessick

Grade 4

Drake Barbier
Ava Eilrich
Colten Hoerig
Claire Hunker
Marah Miller
Emmersyn Pump
Reese Boukissen
Carly Fortney
Trevor Gillmor
Dexter Stacy

Grade 3

Cody Adelsperger
Ally Quaintance
Jenna Adkins
Aniston Havens
Cora Sooy
Stevie Baker
Grant Miller
Drake Stacy
Noah Bryant
Juke Pinkston
Jessica Terry
Gage Hartman

Grade 2

Kane Cobb
Ella Kistler
Gage Blymyer
Larissa Graham
Emery Reese
Tanner Compliment
Nolan DuBois
Reed Hessick
Cameron Kline
Emma Manley
Noah Davis
Leia Burks
Maci Shiley
Owen Miller
Koooper Garner
Jacob Koehl
Gage Twigg
Hayden Quick
Dominic Wise
Alelyn Witte
Colt Winget
Gabriella Zimmerman

**AR
points
all
4 Quarters
last year!**

Cafeteria News

Free meals - Only meals are free. Milk (for packed lunches) & extras still cost money. Breakfast & lunch are required to include certain components to be considered in compliance. Breakfast needs 2 out of the 3 components with one being a fruit. Lunch needs 3 of the 5 components with one being a fruit or veggie. If your student would like to have extras, there needs to be money in their account. This is done by adding money on their Pay School account or sending in cash or a check.

