

Fairview Elementary School Newsletter

December 2016



Unit 5 and Fairview Mission

Unit 5 will educate each student to achieve personal excellence. It is the mission of Fairview Elementary School to educate every Falcon to his/her potential. Our commitment is to foster life-long learning by recognizing and encouraging individual talents and capabilities through diverse opportunities.



We also strive to create a sense of community through respect, responsibility and cooperation in a safe, caring and healthy environment. By fully embracing this mission statement, we fully believe that each Falcon will spread his/her wings and fly.

We Believe We Can Fly!!!

Important Dates

December 22 – Christmas Parties (1:30-2:30 p.m.)

December 23 to January 9 – Christmas Break

January 9 – No School (Teacher’s Institute)

January 10 – PTO Meeting (6:30 p.m.)

January 16 – No School

January 20 – Back to School Bash (4:30-6:00 p.m.)

Class Compliment Party

The class compliment party for January will be scooter races. Each class will need 15 compliment cards to attend.



Project Happiness

Our Project Happiness trait for this month is perspective and choice. The students have been taught that even though negative things can happen it is how you look at them that matters. You can always choose happiness and come



from a perspective of being positive. The last Friday of each month we present one student from each class an award for showing that particular trait. We do this during morning assembly. The students who earn the award get a circle with their name on it and a description

of how they showed that month's character trait. The circle is put on the tree located in the kindergarten, first and second grade hallway. Next month's trait is inner meanie and inner friend. Please join us each month for the Project Happiness parent meetings. Mrs. Kinsey will send home monthly reminders in regards to the day and times of those.

Illinois Five Essentials Survey Window Open

Beginning November 16th, teachers, parents, and students across Illinois will have an opportunity to participate in the Illinois 5Essentials Survey.

This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school.

Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the environment at your child's school. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be conducted through January 30, 2017.

To take the survey:

1. Visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/>
2. Click on the "Take the Survey" button at the top of the page
3. Select "Parent Survey"

One person per household should take the survey. Please take a separate survey for each school where you have a child enrolled.

For those parents who would prefer, the survey will also be available online at your child's school. Please go to the office to be directed to the survey location.

The Illinois 5Essentials gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes. These five indicators that affect and predict school success are

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction

Research in more than 400 schools has shown that schools strong on at least three of these indicators were 10 times more likely to improve student learning gains in math and reading than those that were weak on three or more Essentials.

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, or to view previous years' Reports, please visit <https://illinois.5-essentials.org>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 5Essentials Client Services at 1-866-440-1874 or 5essentials@uchicago.edu.

Healthy New Year's Resolutions for Kids

Happy New Year everyone!!

Have you talked with your kids about healthy habits they can resolve to follow in the New Year? Below are a few suggestions from The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

Kids 5- to 12-years-old

- I will drink milk and water, and limit soda and fruit drinks.
- I will try to get all 4 food groups on **My Plate** for each meal (fruits, vegetables, grains and protein) along with a glass of milk
- I will apply sunscreen before I go outdoors. I will try to stay in the shade whenever possible and wear a hat and sunglasses, especially when I'm playing sports.
- I will try to find a sport (like basketball or soccer) or an activity (like playing tag, jumping rope, dancing or riding my bike) that I like and do it at least three times a week!
- I will always wear a helmet when bicycling.
- I will wear my seat belt every time I get in a car. I'll sit in the back seat and use a booster seat until I am tall enough to use a lap/shoulder seat belt.
- I'll be nice to other kids. I'll be friendly to kids who need friends - like someone who is shy, or is new to my school
- I'll never give out personal information such as my name, home address, school name or telephone number on the Internet. Also, I'll never send a

picture of myself to someone I chat with on the computer without my parent's permission.

How about making some all-family resolutions?

Good luck and wishing you and your family a happy and healthy 2017!

Susy Marcum, MSN, RN

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Save the Date – Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart is coming to Fairview! You can get a jump start by fundraising online at <http://jumphoops2017mwa.kintera.org/fairviewesnormalil>



All students who raise \$150 before the upcoming American Heart Association Kick-Off will be recognized at the assembly and receive Gabby, one of our Zoo Crew plush characters!

Fairview Kick Off January 19, 2017

Six Flags Read to Succeed Six Hour Reading Club

This week your child will be bringing home a reading log to participate in the Six Flags Read to Succeed Six Hour Reading Club. Each child needs to read for fun for a total of 6 hours or 360 minutes. You can read books, magazines, newspapers, eBooks or comic books. Reading for homework or a class assignment does NOT count. The reading log will help you keep track of all your reading. List what you read and the time you spend reading (use the back of the reading log if necessary). Have a parent or teacher initial the log. When you reach the goal, return this log to your teacher by February 28th in order to qualify for a free ticket to a Six Flags theme park. Your ticket will be given to you by your teacher/school coordinator.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY! HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY BREAK!



