

FERNWAY FLYER

FEBRUARY, 2012

Dear Parents,

February has arrived! Hopefully our cold weather will disappear soon. Will the groundhog see his shadow Thursday?

I am asking all students to learn their math facts and become math masters so that their pictures can be displayed on the Math Master Poster outside the office. Knowing math is a lifetime activity, please spend a few minutes each day reviewing the math facts with your children. **MATH BLAST DAYS** are held throughout the month. Ask your children about them!

Important activities for February are: the 5th Grade Boys Basketball Team will begin practicing with their coaches Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. O'Malley; students are having fun participating in Game Club and Irish Dancing, and Live News is continuing. It's always exciting to see our students on Fernway Television! Grades three, four and five are busy preparing for the ISATS, which they will be taking at the beginning of March. Check out the ISBE website for all the different information on the ISATS. Take the practice tests with your children.

FAMILY MATH NIGHT is February 8th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please plan on attending. The students love to come to events with their parents. Information will be coming home soon.

Thank you to all the parents who follow the rules for drop off/pick up on O'Brien Dr. I appreciate your patience. **Remember, no one is allowed to park in front to pick up their children.** That area is reserved for the District 140 buses and the day care buses. Also, too many students are arriving late. Please make sure your children arrive on time; the Tardy Bell rings at 8:00.

Immediately following the Fernway Flyer, is the Fernway Flash. Please read the latest PTO Newsletter.

Keep reading too and with your children. Biographies are great to read and discuss during February. Make some hot chocolate, snuggle up and READ.

Enjoy February!

Carol Novak

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR - Kirby School District 140 will conduct kindergarten registration for the 2012-2013 school year on March 21, 2012, at the elementary school building the child is scheduled to attend. Registration hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 5:00p.m. to 7:00 p.m. To attend school in the fall, the student must be five years old on or before September 1, 2012.

At the time of registration, parents **must provide 3 proofs of residency** which can include the following:

- current utility bills (gas, electric, telephone or water bill)
- Cook County Voter's Registration

Parents must present a birth certificate with the county seal affixed. It is also necessary to bring a parent's work number and an emergency contact phone number. **Hospital birth certification will not be accepted as proof of age.**

For children born in Cook County, birth certificates may be obtained from the Cook County Clerk's Office, 16501 South Kedzie Avenue, Markham, 60462 (708) 210-4150; or Bureau of Vital Statistics, Birth Record Division, 118 North Clark, Chicago, 60606 (312) 603-7799.

Persons wishing more information on Fernway School's kindergarten registration may telephone the school at 349-3810 or the Administration Center at 532-6462.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – The February School Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. These meetings are held at our Administration Center, 16931 South Grissom Drive, Tinley Park, IL 60477. All residents of District 140 are invited to be in attendance.

JUST A REMINDER - PLEASE DON'T SEND STUDENTS EARLY TO SCHOOL -- We will have indoor line up on extremely cold days (wind chill below 20 degrees) or inclement weather days. Please dress your children accordingly and please do not have them arrive at school before 7:50 a.m. School starts at 8:00 A.M. and ends at 2:25 p.m. Please also be aware that we will be going out for lunch recess whenever possible. Again, the children should be dressed appropriately for the weather.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING -- In the event that Kirby School District 140 needs to close schools due to inclement weather or other safety-related concerns, families will receive notification by phone from Xpedite, the electronic messaging system for Kirby School District 140; by email from KSD 140 eNews, our email notification system; and online at ksd140.org.

If you need to subscribe to or update your KSD 140 eNews account, please click on **eNews Registration**.

After-School Activities and Programs:

If school is closed for the day, after-school activities and programs, including the Ivy League Program, will also be cancelled.

You may also check these sources for information:

Online:

www.EmergencyClosings.com

Radio:

WGN AM 720 and WBBM AM 780

Television:

CBS, NBC, ABC, WGN, FOX, and CLTV News

ILLNESS AND RETURN TO SCHOOL -- At this time of the year, both at home and at school; we are faced with many illnesses associated with winter. We encourage students to be in attendance at school, but not at the risk of their health. Our Nurse, Ms. Kase, is here to assist children. We will make every attempt to cooperate with parents and notify them when children become ill at school. If your students' emergency sheet is not up to date (i.e. new phone number, new job, new emergency numbers, etc.) this would be a good time to take a few minutes to update this information. We do need this information if we are going to be able to locate you if your child becomes ill at school. We also need to remind parents that if their child is going to be absent from school; they need to call the school office (349-3810) between 7:30-8:30 a.m. to notify us of this absence. It is especially important to notify us if your child has been diagnosed with strep or any other communicable disease. We need to notify the other parents in your child's room of any such cases!!!

START Day – Project START Early Release Day is scheduled for Friday, March 2, 2012.

A REMINDER -- We will be closed in observance of President's Day on Monday, February 20th and then in honor of Casimir Pulaski's Birthday on Monday, March 5, 2011.

Visit Fernway on-line at <http://ksd140.org/fernway/fernway.htm>. Check it out! Also be sure to visit www.ksd140.org. All District 140 information, including the District Newsletter is now online.

FEBRUARY IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1 Ice Cream Day
Boys' Basketball Practice -- 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Irish Dance Practice -- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- 2 Hot Dog Day
- 3 Report Cards Issued
- 6 Irish Dance Practice -- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Boys' Basketball Practice -- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- 7 Game Club -- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- 8 Ice Cream Day
Math Night -- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Special Lunch -- White Castle
PTO Meeting -- 1:00 p.m.
- 13 Irish Dance Practice -- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Boys' Basketball Practice -- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- 15 Ice Cream Day
PTO Meeting -- 1:00 p.m.
Boys' Basketball Practice -- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- 16 School Board Meeting -- 7:00 p.m.
- 20 NO SCHOOL -- Presidents' Day
- 21 Game Club -- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- 22 Ice Cream Day
Market Day Pickup
Boys' Basketball Practice -- 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Irish Dance Practice -- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- 24 Spring Pictures
Pizza
- 27 Irish Dance Practice -- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Boys' Basketball Practice -- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

28 Game Club -- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

29 Irish Dance Practice -- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

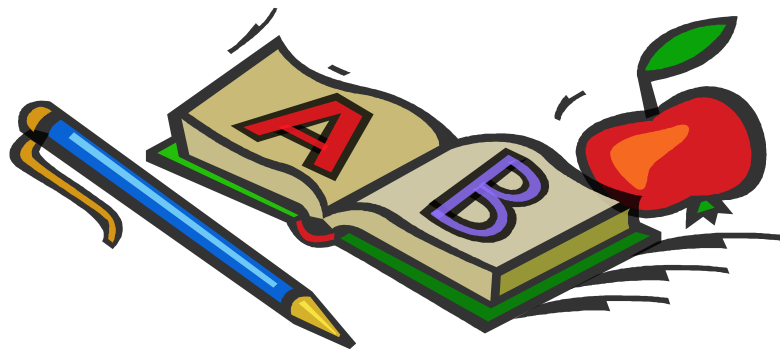
Boys' Basketball Practice -- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

29 Ice Cream Day

March

2 START Day – Students dismiss at 12:35 p.m. – **LUNCH AS USUAL**

6-16 ISAT Testing



Fernway PTO Flash

February 2012

 Important Upcoming Events	
February 2	Hot Dog Day
February 3	Report Cards Issued
February 9	Special Lunch
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 15	PTO Meeting 1 PM
February 20	President's Day No School
February 22	Market Day
February 24	Pizza day Spring pictures

PTO Purchase Update

*Deposit for Fifth Grade Navy Pier
Drama Club Pizza party
5th Grade Field Trip
Assemblies
1st Grade Field Trip
Teacher Holiday Luncheon
Donated \$1.00 per child/Holiday
Party*

School Kidz Supply Kits

Look for the School Kidz Supply Kit order forms coming home the beginning of March. The orders will be due in March. Anyone wishing to order a supply kit for their child would need to fill out the order form completely and make a check payable to **Fernway PTO**. No late orders will be accepted. If you have any questions, you can call Michelle Bolek at (708) 364-0575 after 2:30 pm.

ATTENTION FIFTH GRADE PARENTS

PRAIRIE VIEW PTO WILL BE OFFERING WRAP PACK SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS FOR YOUR INCOMING SIXTH GRADER. ORDER FORMS WITH IMPORTANT DATES WILL ARRIVE HOME WITH YOUR STUDENT IN FEBRUARY. THESE CAN BE PICKED UP AT PRAIRIE VIEW DURING INFORMATION DAY & OPEN HOUSE.

WATCH FOR THIS INFORMATION AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT SUPPLIES

It's Soup Weather!!!

While the cold weather is upon us, now would be a great time to try a Campbell Supper Bake. This hearty meal would satisfy your child physically as well as mentally. When you turn in the UPC code on that box to our Learning Center, the staff is able to purchase books and other materials to enrich your child's mind. Please remember to collect labels from all Campbell's, Swanson, Pepperidge Farm, and Prego products. The label is the UPC code of the product and reads the following:

"Earn Free Stuff For Your School!"

Your children may deposit these labels in the collection container located in the Learning Center each time they visit to check out library books.

**If you are unable
to help out for
your scheduled
volunteer lunch,
please contact the
chairperson.**



Let's kick off a new year with eating healthier! There are many "Taste for Health" options such as 9 grain orzo & spinach blend, GoGo squeeze applesauce, Fruit singles, Dried fruit medley and Lemon pepper chicNsteakes, just to name a few. If you find you're always in a hurry trying to pull a healthy dinner together, let Market Day help with our easy to prepare delicious foods. Once you try Market Day, you'll be a regular customer. Purchasing Market Day helps our school by raising funds for field trips and special assemblies. February's order sheet brings some new items such as Lemon parmesan salmon, Mini cheese pizza bagels and Hickory BBQ chicken sandwiches. If your sweet tooth is missing those holiday goodies, Market Day cookies are here! The more you buy, the more you save! Looking for freebies? With any \$40 order you will receive a free four pack of cookie dough cups and with any \$90 ONLINE order you will receive a free one pound package of chicken gems using the code FEBBONUS. Plus more frequent buyer incentives begin; place \$40 orders three times before May's sale and receive a free cooler tote. February's orders are due to school by the 16th or online by noon the 18th. Pick up is February 22nd from 2:45-3:30. If you have any questions, please contact Tracie Vilimek @ 403-9513 or Camille Vopelak @ 460-1218.

Room Party Parents Appreciated

Thanks to all of the parents who volunteered to make Fernway's Holiday Parties such a smashing success! Whether you were the chairperson, co-chair, baker, or party supply person, the parties would not have happened without your help.

Save Those Box Tops

Thank you for everyone's participation in Box Tops for the first half of the year! It was a great start and I hope that we can end the second half of the school year just as successful as the first half! Keep saving those box tops for Fernway School, and don't be afraid to ask any family member to save them for you also.
Alex Gajda, Box Top Coordinator

Gordon Food Service

The FUNFUNDS Program has a new look, at your local GFS the Fun Funds tags lead you to a 10% donation and now ALL other items earn 1%. This is a bulk store that has no membership fees. Please remember to use your card at check out.

We Appreciate you!

Santa's Secret Shop

We hope everyone enjoyed the gifts that were so carefully chosen for you by your child at Santa's Secret Shop! This event truly brings out the holiday spirit in everyone. Seeing the children get so excited to be able to make their own purchases is priceless. Thank you very much to all the volunteers who helped out during that very busy season. Some of you went above and beyond but claimed you loved every minute of it!

Dawn Bailye, Susan Kramek, Beth DeYoung, Maureen Scumaci, Sandra Johnson, Laurie Stumpf, Karen Brake, Michelle Bolek, Karen Michaels, Christine Ellis, Virginia Mathieu, Molly Duran, Tino Duran Sue Sweircz, Kim Marino, Valerie Zulevic, Stacie DeKerf, Michelle Standish, Leyanna Zegar, Manal Zegar, Pam Zufan, Helen Zentefis, Lisa Rediger, Jenny Jesionowski, Cindy Murray, Therese Cafagna, Adla Askar, Norm Dujka, Nancy Lynch, Laura Mertogan, Melissa Marion, Laura Lisak, Jeanette Cozzolino, Ellen Peterson, Camille Vopelak, Jaime Mihalovich, Sarah Kelly and Tracie Vilimek

Lunch Of The Month for December - Salina's

Kim Marino, Virginia Mathieu, Sue Swiercz, Nabeela Sweis, Jennifer Jesionowski and Veronica De La Mora

Pizza Day

November:

Mark Zufan, Jack Bednarz, Guiliana Palka, Norm Dujka, Kristine Judeh, Valerie Zulevic, Staci DeKerf, Sue Swiercz, Veronica DeLaMora, Megan Zumpano, Jen Iannantone, Lisa Rediger

December:

Jen Iannantone, Pam Zufan, Nancy Lynch, Corrinne Barr, Veronica De La Mora, Mary Kasper, Staci DeKerf, Suzanne Abdelmajid, Guy DeKerf, Manal Zegar, Kristine Judeh, Rich Lisak

Pop

Thank you to all of our pop volunteers in December and January. Sue Swiercz, Oula Dweik, Laurie Stumpf, Kristine Judeh, Dawn Bailye, Laura Lisak, Staci DeKerf, Valerie Keefe, Nancy Lynch, Jen Iannantone, Debbie Waters, Hamda Yasin, Molly McGuire-Duran, Tino Duran, and Amber Otway.

Ice Cream

December:

Suzie Olechny, Lisa Rediger, Dawn Nagel, Dawn Bailye, Laura Mertdogan, Stella Orzech, Fida Yasin, Therese Cafagna, Jen Iannatone, Marzanna Polkowski, Suha Muhammad, Michelle Bolek, Jenny Jesionowski

January:

Kim Marino, Dawn Bailye, Mike Burns, Monica Homerdning, JoAnne Guzik, Hamde Yusin, Corine Barr, Debbie Waters, Kathy Barnett, Michelle Bolek, Jenny Jesionowski

Hot Dog

December:

Veronica DeLaMora, Kim Marino, Jan Lynch, Kristina Tannehill-Judeh, Dawn Nagel, Therese Cafagna, Amber Otway, Jamie Mihalovich, Cristina Tanquilut, Marcia Rivera, Pamela Zufan, Mary Kasper, Alex Gajda, Kitty DeVries and Jenny Jesionowski. Thank you for volunteering your time, it was greatly appreciated! We couldn't do it without you!

January:

Karen Vranicar, Suzie Olechny, Kristina Tannehill-Judeh, Corrine Barr, Monica Homerdning, Laurie Stumpf, Hamda Yasin, Mike Burns, Sue Swiercz, Jen Iannantone, Alex Gajda, Kitty DeVries and Jenny Jesionowski. Thank you for volunteering your time, it was greatly appreciated! We couldn't do it without you!

Market Day

Laurie Stumpf, Jennifer Baldys, Dawn Bailye, Beth DeYoung, Jen Majewski, Camille Vopelak and Tracie Vilimek