

FERNWAY FLYER



DECEMBER, 2009

Happy Holidays,

Cold weather has finally arrived! Snow is on the way! Please make sure that your children are properly dressed. Hats, scarves and warm jackets are the menu of the day. New mittens make a great stocking stuffer along with new pencils, pens and crayons. Remember that students should not arrive at Fernway until 7:50 A.M.

Thank you to all who supported our Book Fair. It was very successful this year. Mrs. Winblad always works so hard coordinating it and appreciates parents valuing the importance of reading good books.

Students will be busy reading holiday books and practicing holiday songs. Fernway will have its annual gingerbread house decorating contest on December 17th. It is a great family project. Information will follow. The Girls' Basketball season has ended, and we are looking forward to the Boys' season this winter. Students have been busy with various activities such as arts and crafts and travel club. Future after school activities will include boys' basketball, Irish Dance and game club. We look forward to having a great time! When you're visiting Fernway, don't forget to peek at the Fernway Bulletin Board in the Commons to check out student activities and our current Fernway Falcons of the Week.

Ask your children what they have been investigating in science. The third grade is finishing a unit on crayfish and soon will be learning about beetles. The fifth grade is starting a unit on food. Hopefully, they will be able to plan a few healthy meals.

Remember to follow the rules for drop off and pick up on O'Brien Drive. All cars need to pull up as far as possible. You may park in the new lot if you wish to walk your children to their line up spot or pick them up at the O'Brien exit door.

Even though our students have been taking field trips, the holiday season is a great opportunity to "investigate" Chicago. Take the trolley to the various museums and other sites. Michigan Avenue is a wonderland with the sparkling trees. It's always fun to view the decorated windows on State Street. Visit your local library and check out a holiday book that you can read as a family. Continue to read to and with your children. Don't forget to practice the math facts with them too!

On behalf of all the Fernway Staff, have a wonderful holiday season! Happy New Year!

Carol Novak

CHRISTMAS PARTY INFORMATION - Our Christmas parties for all grade levels will be on Monday, December 21st from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. If you haven't sent in your \$3.00 to cover the cost of the two parties this school year, please do so now. The room mothers use this money to purchase "goodies" for the parties. Just place \$3.00 in an envelope with your child's name and room number on it along with "Party Money". Quieter activities are being planned for Tuesday, December 22nd to provide a more peaceful ending to the season. The 22nd is a half day of school so we will be dismissing at 11:15 A.M. with no lunch.

THE DISTRICT 140 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING for December will be Thursday, December 3rd and again on December 17th at 7:00 P.M. at the Administration Center.

WINTER is here and we will be lining up outside unless we have a wind chill of 20 degrees or the actual temperature is 20 degrees or below. Please dress your student warmly. We will also have recess unless it is very windy or very cold. above. If the temperature shortened period. Students school in the morning. doesn't ring until 7:55 A.M.



The students will go out if the temperature is 25 degrees and is between 20-25 degrees the students will go out for a need the activity. Also, please don't send students too early to 7:50 A.M. is plenty early enough for school. Our first bell

SCHOOL CLOSING

INFORMATION - In the event that school must close due to inclement weather the closing information will be on WGN and WBBM radio and on TV. Please listen to these stations first thing in the morning to get your information on closings on bad weather days. Our District is also using Xpedite. Every student is listed on the electronic service so you will receive an electronic call telling you that school is closed.

THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS that make our school a better place. Your help with lunch and ice cream



days, field trips, etc. help make our school work. Happy Holidays to all these people who extend themselves for our students and staff.

GIFT IDEAS - Give books, magazines, educational games - both computer and board games. Today there are more educational items available than ever before. Be sure you give non-violent games and toys to your children. **READ! READ! READ!**

MUSIC IS IN THE AIR - The Kirby 140 Band Program is in full swing! Numbering near 500 students strong, our bands, Concert, Symphonic, Cadet, Holiday Ensemble Bands are looking forward to performing at their upcoming concerts in December.

Our beginners will be performing on January 20th, 2010, at Prairie View Middle School. Our 5th graders have been practicing hard and are excited about playing at the Middle School for their debut performance.

Mr. Forlenza and Mr. Szczasny are extremely proud of each of our students and are anxious for our stars to shine bright in their December/January Concerts.

Happy Holidays to all our all!



families. Let's have a good New Year with good health and happiness to



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

November	30	Santa's Secret Shoppe – All Week
December	2	Ice Cream Day
	3	School Board Meeting – 7 PM
	4	Pre School Screening @ Fernway
	9	Ice Cream Day
	10	Hot Dog Day Room Mothers' Meeting – 12:30 PM 1st Grade Skating Party – 2:45-3:45 PM Yearbook Pictures
	16	Ice Cream Market Day Pickup – 2:45-3:45 PM
	17	Gingerbread House Contest School Board Meeting – 7:00 P.M. Special Lunch – Salina's
	18	Pizza
	21	Christmas Parties - 1:00-2:00 PM
	22	Half Day Dismissal – 11:15 AM Winter Break Begins
January	6	Classes resume after Winter Break – Classes begin at 8:00 AM