



FERNWAY FLYER

November, 2009

Dear Parents,

The school year is moving quickly. The Pumpkin Decorating Contest was a success. Thank you to all who entered. Creativity was at its best! Soon Thanksgiving will be celebrated. We have much to be thankful for: our hardworking teachers who are always thinking of new teaching strategies to make learning exciting; our students who are striving to do their best, and our office staff who always deal with the every day happenings in such a positive manner. The custodians who insure that Fernway is always running in peak condition. We are most grateful to parents who encourage their children to study and provide the necessities for their children to succeed, and the PTO for their generosity. Community members who support Fernway and District 140 are most appreciated. THANK YOU!!!

Parent conferences are scheduled for November 23rd and 24th. Please call your child's teacher, if you have not scheduled a conference. It is so important that you discuss your child's progress and have an understanding of his school activities.

Please support our girls' basketball team. The Fernway Falcons' first game is November 2nd. We will play McAuliffe at McAuliffe at 3:15 P.M. They have been practicing very hard and are eagerly awaiting the start of the season. Mrs. Hastings and Mrs. McCall are very proud of them.

Veterans Day is November 11th. Please discuss the importance of this holiday with your children. Our veterans are much appreciated. We look forward to the choir singing patriotic songs for our Veterans Day assembly. Reading /Tech Night is November 18th at 6 P.M. Activities are planned for the whole family. Watch for details in your child's backpack! All families are invited.

As always, continue to read to and with your children. Provide various materials for them to read. Our Book Fair will start November 16th and will be open on Parent Conference Days. Practice their math facts with them. Students need to know their facts to be successful in math. Math Masters will start soon! Ask what their favorite science experiment is. They enjoy "investigating". The children might enjoy browsing through cookbooks for holiday treats! Let them help you in the kitchen.

Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving!
Carol Novak

REPORT CARDS - Please review your child's report card and be sure to attend our parent conferences on Monday, November 23rd from 1:00-8:00 P.M. and on Tuesday, November 24th from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. You should have signed up for an appointment with your child's teacher during our Open House at the beginning of this school year. If you did not attend Open House, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible for an appointment. Your involvement is very important in your child's education. These are non-attendance days for your children.



REMINDER - PLEASE DON'T SEND STUDENTS EARLY TO SCHOOL. We will line up outside unless it is raining or extremely cold. (Wind chill below 20 degrees). Please dress your child accordingly and do not have your child arrive at school before 7:50 A.M.

TELEPHONE CALLS (MESSAGES) TO STUDENTS - We will accept phone calls/messages for your child ONLY under extreme circumstances. This is very disruptive to the classroom and ALL arrangements should be made with your child before they leave home in the morning. Messages are generally left in the respective teacher's mailbox or in the teacher's voice mail for them to deliver to your child. Teachers generally do not check their mailbox after 12:40 P.M. so messages need to be placed in the box before then.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 140 BOARD MEETING - During the month of November the School Board Meeting will be held on November 12th at 7:00 P.M. at the Kirby School District 140 Administration Center, 16931 S. Grissom Drive, Tinley Park. The public is invited to attend all meetings. Notices are displayed in each school regarding these meetings.

SKATING PARTY REMINDER - Our November Roller Skating Party will be held on November 12th for the Second Grade. The roller skating party will run from 2:45 - 3:45 PM in the Fernway Gym. Parents need to pick up their child at 3:45 PM promptly.

Our December Roller Skating Parties will be December 10th for 1st graders. Also, remember NO HEELIES are allowed at any time.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Please do not come back to Fernway School after 3:30 P.M. to pick up left books, homework, etc. The custodians will not let you in. This is due to insurance reasons and safety issues. The textbooks have been placed, as in the past, in both the Tinley Park and the Orland Park libraries. The students may go to either library and use the textbooks there. The other alternative is to come back to school at 7:30 A.M. the following morning, pick up their work to take home and complete, before they return to school for their 8:00 A.M. classes. Social Studies is on-line.

BOOK FAIR - This year's Book Fair will be held from Monday, November 16th through Tuesday, November 24th. Books will be available during Parent Teacher Conferences, Girls' Basketball Games (3:15-4:15 PM), Market Day (2:45-3:45 PM) and Reading and Technology Night (6:00-7:00 PM) as well as during class time on Monday through Friday. Your child will receive a list of the books that may be purchased so that you may help them choose the books they are interested in. The books will be priced from approximately \$3.00 to \$7.00 (more expensive for hard cover books). This year, however, the State of Illinois has deemed it necessary that we charge the state sales tax, as they did last year. When sending money with your child please remember to send a little extra to cover the sales tax.

REMINDER - If your child must miss P.E. (gym) or not have outdoor recess for more than one (1) day we need a doctor's note stating the reason your student cannot participate in either gym and/or recess and for how long they will not be able to participate. A parent note is NOT sufficient.

SCHOOL NEWS.....

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS - Be sure to save Campbell soup labels. Last year we were able to get several tape recorders, maps, a globe and some software with the labels. These items were a benefit to all of our students, and we want to thank those who took the time to save their labels and send them to school.

REMINDER - PUBLIC ACT 91-260 - Amends 625ILCS 5/11-1414 to require drivers of other vehicles to stop their vehicle for a school bus that is stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging pupils on a roadway on school property. This amendment was effective on JANUARY 1, 2000. In other words, starting January 1, 2000 the school bus stop arm will be out when a school bus stops in our school parking lot to either load or unload students. You must stop your vehicle and wait until the bus arm is lowered before proceeding. If you proceed while the bus arm is raised you can be ticketed.



FAMILY READING and TECHNOLOGY NIGHT will be celebrated across the State of Illinois on Wednesday, November 18th. Fernway will be hosting a Reading and Technology Night at 6:00 PM. We have many exciting ways to celebrate reading and technology. Please be sure to mark your calendar and join us here at Fernway at 6:00 PM.

THE GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM would like to thank Don's World of Sports, Inc. for supplying the girls' basketball shirts. Thank you very much.



FROM THE NURSE

Please keep the School Nurse advised of any health concerns. For the protection of your child and others, please do not send your child to school with any of the following symptoms:

- Vomiting
- Runny nose/color discharge
- Sore throat
- Fever
- Rash
- Pediculosis (head lice)
- Diarrhea
- Ear ache/eye discharge
- Persistent cough
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VISION AND HEARING SCREENING

The school nurse will conduct vision screenings on children in K, 2, Special Education and new students to the district. Vision screening is not a substitute for an eye exam by an eye doctor. Children with glasses or under the care of an eye doctor will not undergo the vision screening.

Hearing screenings are conducted by the Nurse for children in K, 1, 2, 3, Special Education and new students entering the district.

Please also be reminded that whenever school is closed, i.e. snow days, holidays, etc. Ivy League is NOT in session. You need to make other arrangements for your child.

A special notice to all upcoming Kindergarten parents. The Kindergarten registration for the 2010-2011 school year for all children, who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2010, will be held here at Fernway on Wednesday, March 31st from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. and from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. More information will be forthcoming in future Fernway Flyers.

Fernway's staff would like to wish all of our Fernway families a very nice Thanksgiving Season. We have so much to be thankful for!!

To access all information including the Fernway Flyer go to www.ksd140.org and click on Fernway School. Use www.ksd140.org also for all District 140 information.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

November	2	Girls' Basketball – Fernway @ McAuliffe 3:15 PM
	4	Ice Cream Day
	5	Hot Dog Day Girls' Basketball – Fernway @ Keller 3:15 PM Happy Wanderers' Travel Club – 2:45-3:45 PM Drama – Peter Pan – 6:00 PM
	6	First Quarter Report Cards Issued
	10	Girls' Basketball Keller @ Fernway - 3:15 PM
	11	Ice Cream PTO Meeting – 1:00 PM Girls' Basketball – Millennium @ Fernway – 3:15 PM
	12	Special Lunch – Arby's 2 nd Grade Skating Party – 2:45-3:45 PM Happy Wanderers' Travel Club – 2:45-3:45 PM School Board Meeting – 7 PM @ Administration Building
	16	Book Fair Walk thru – All Students Girls' Basketball – McAuliffe @ Fernway – 3:15 PM
	17	Book Fair Begins thru November 24 th
	18	Ice Cream Market Day – 2:45-3:45 PM Reading/Technology Night – 6:00-7:00 PM
	19	Happy Wanderers' Travel Club – 2:45-3:45 PM Girls' Basketball – Fernway @ Millennium – 3:15 PM
	20	Pizza
	23	Parent Conferences – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
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November	25-27	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
	30	School Resumes Santa Secret Shoppe Begins