

# FERNWAY FLYER

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Dear Parents,

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

I am asking all students to learn their math facts and become math masters, so that their picture can be displayed on the Math Master Poster outside the office. Knowing math is a life time activity. Please spend a few minutes each day reviewing the math facts with your children.

Thank you to all who contributed to "Coins for Haiti". The money will be given to the American Red Cross. Math Night was a success! Students love participating in different activities with their parents. It was great to see all those smiling faces! Thank you to the PTO for providing the "Martin Luther King Assembly" for all of our students.

Important dates to remember for February are: Fourth Grade Skating Party is February 11<sup>th</sup> and third grade will skate on February 25<sup>th</sup>. The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Team will begin practicing with their coaches Mrs. McCall and Miss Gaspari. Students are having fun participating in Game Club and Irish Dancing. Live News will debut this month. Can't wait to see our students on Fernway Television! Grades three, four and five are busy preparing for the ISATS which they will be taking in March. Check out the ISBE website for all the different information on the ISATS. Take the practice tests with your children.

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 bus and the day care busses. Also, too many students are arriving late. Please make sure your children arrive on time; the second bell rings at 7:55.

Keep reading to 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 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR** - Kirby School District 140 will conduct kindergarten registration for the 2010-2011 school year on March 31, 2010, 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. If you are unsure of which school, or need additional information, please call the Administrative Center at (708)532-6462.

To attend school this fall, children must be five years old on or before September 1, 2010.

At the time of registration, parents must provide 3 proofs of residency. A current utility bill and two of the following documents must be presented: (a) Cook County Voter's Registration; (b) current gas, electric, telephone, or water bill; (c) lease or complete copy of purchase agreement. Parents must also present a birth certificate with county seal affixed as well as your child's social security number at the time of registration.

For children born in Cook County, birth certificates may be obtained from the Cook County Clerk's Office, 16501 South Kedzie Avenue, Markham, Illinois 60426 (708) 210-4150; or Bureau of Vital Statistics, Birth Record Division, 118 North Clark, Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 603-7799.

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** for the month of February will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2010, 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.

**SKATING PARTIES** - Our Skating Parties for February will be Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:45 to 3:45 P.M. for our Fourth Grade Students. Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> is the Roller Skating Party for our Third Grade Students from 2:45 to 3:45 P.M. These parties will be held in our school gym and students must be picked up by 3:45 PM. Heelies may not be worn. Permission forms will be issued a day or so before the Skating Parties and the children must have them signed in order to be admitted to the Skating Party.

**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 2:30 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** - If we ever need to close school because of weather or other emergencies, we always contact the Computerized Emergency Closing Center. Stations servicing our area include WGN, WMAQ, WBBM, WLS,

(A.M. radio stations); WLS, B96, US99, (F.M. radio stations); and Channel 32 (TV). Please be sure to turn on one of these stations on bad weather days. You may also call (708)342-3952 for information regarding school emergency closing information. The District also has the Xpedite program for those families who have signed up for it. This will allow you to know whether school is in session or not.

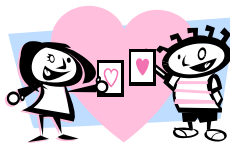
**ILLNESS AND RETURN TO SCHOOL** - At this time of the year, both at home and at school; we are faced with many illnesses associated with winter. We encourage students to be in attendance at school, but not at the risk of their health. Our Nurse, Ms. Kase, is here to assist children. We will make every 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!!!

**INSTITUTE DAY** - NO SCHOOL for students will be Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Teachers will be busy "going back to school". Remember, February 2<sup>nd</sup> is also Primary voting day. Remember to vote.

**PROJECT START EARLY RELEASE DAYS** will be Friday, February 26th. Grades K through 5 will release at 12:35 P.M. with lunch as usual.

**AS A REMINDER** - We will be closed in observance of President's Day on February 15<sup>th</sup> and then in honor of Casimir Pulaski's Birthday on Monday, March 1, 2010.

Visit Fernway on-line at <http://ksd140.org/fernway/fernway.htm>. The Accelerated Reader list of books is on the Web. Check it out! Also be sure to visit [www.ksd140.org](http://www.ksd140.org). All District 140 information, including the District Newsletter is now online.



**FEBRUARY 2010**  
**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| <b>February</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>INSTITUE Day – No School for Students<br/>Remember to Vote</b>   |
|                 | <b>3</b>  | <b>Ice Cream Day</b>  |
|                 | <b>4</b>  | <b>Hot Dog Day</b>  |
|                 | <b>5</b>  | <b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade “Talk”</b>  |
|                 | <b>10</b> | <b>Ice Cream Day<br/>PTO Meeting – 2:45 PM</b>  |
|                 | <b>11</b> | <b>Special Lunch – White Castle<br/>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Skating Party – 2:45-3:45 PM<br/>School Board Meeting – 7 PM – Administration Center</b> |
|                 | <b>15</b> | <b>NO SCHOOL – President’s Day</b>  |
|                 | <b>17</b> | <b>Ice Cream Day</b>  |
|                 | <b>19</b> | <b>Pizza</b>  |
|                 | <b>24</b> | <b>Ice Cream Day<br/>Market Day – 2:45-3:45</b>   |
|                 | <b>25</b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Skating Party – 2:45-3:45 PM</b>  |
|                 | <b>26</b> | <b>START Day – Students dismiss at 12:35 PM – LUNCH AS<br/>USUAL</b>  |
| <b>March</b>    | <b>1</b>  | <b>NO SCHOOL – C. Pulaski Birthday Observation</b>  |
|                 | <b>2</b>  | <b><u>ISAT Testing</u> through March 12 – Grades 3, 4, and 5</b>  |
|                 | <b>3</b>  | <b>Ice Cream Day</b>  |
|                 | <b>4</b>  | <b>Hot Dog Day</b>  |
|                 | <b>5</b>  | <b>Pre School Screening at Fernway (call 708- 532-8537)</b>   |