

FERNWAY FLYER

MARCH, 2010



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Are you ready for Spring? The first day of Spring is just a few weeks away. Many activities are planned for March. Please keep checking your children's backpacks for the latest information. Our first boys' basketball game will be March 4th, against McAuliffe, at McAuliffe, at 3:15 PM. Please come and cheer for our Falcons. I hear that they are mighty talented!

MATH NIGHT FOR PARENTS was a success. The students loved playing math games with their parents and sharing different activities that are experienced with the Everyday Math Series. Thanks mom and dad for coming! Thanks to Miss Czarnecki for planning!

Grades three, four, and five will be taking the ISAT's (Illinois Achievement Tests) beginning March 2nd. Encourage them to eat a nutritious breakfast and go to bed early! They should have two sharpened number two pencils. Remind them that it is important that they try their best! Go on line and take a few practice tests with your child.

KINGERGARTEN REGISTRATION is March 31st here at Fernway School from 9:00-2:00 and 5:00-7:00.

Did you know that Kirby School District 140 has been awarded the Meritorious Budget Award for excellence in the preparation and issuance of a 2009-2010 school system annual budget.

Spending time with your children is so important. Read a Dr. Seuss book in honor of his birthday, or read a biography on a famous woman. March is Women's History Month. There are many interesting exhibits at the museums. Take a family field trip over spring break. The kids will love it. Have you quizzed your children on the math facts? I'd love to see all their pictures on the Math Master Poster.

Please remember to pull all the way up on O'Brien Drive in the morning and afternoon. Please use our new parking lot if you want to meet your students on the playground. Please do not park on homeowner's driveways.

Don't forget that Daylight Savings Time begins March 14th. Looking forward to kindergarten's "Men's Night Out" on March 11th. Spring Break begins March 22nd.

Remember to call or come in for a chat if you have any concerns or questions.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Think Green!

*Carol Novak
Principal*

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING FOR MARCH will be held on Thursday, March 18th at the Administration Center, 16931 S. Grissom Drive, Tinley Park, at 7:00 P.M. The School Board Meetings are open to all residents of School District 140.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION – 2010-2011 SY – Kirby School District 140 will conduct Kindergarten Registration for the 2010-2011 school year on Wednesday, 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 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you are unsure of which school, or need additional information, please call the Administration Building at (708)532-6462.

To attend school in the Fall of 2010, children must be five (5) 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 present a birth certificate with the county seal affixed. It is also necessary to bring the following important information; a parent's work phone number and an emergency contact phone number.

For children born in Cook County, birth certificates may be obtained from the Cook County Clerk's Office, 16501 South Kedzie Avenue, Markham, Illinois 60425 (708) 210-4150; or Bureau of Vital Statistics, Birth Record Division, 118 North Clark, Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 603-7799.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 140 REGISTRATION – 2010-2011 SY – The procedure regarding registration for students returning for the 2010-2011 school year will be as follows: Registration packets will **NOT** be mailed. Instead, the packet **will be sent home with the student**, in a large manila envelope, during the last week in April. Packets are to be returned to the homeroom teacher.

SKATING PARTIES - Our Roller Skating Party for March is Thursday, March 11th for our 2nd graders from 2:45 - 3:45 PM. The Roller Skating Party will be held in our school gym. No Heelies are allowed. Students must be picked up promptly at 3:45 PM. Admission is by permission slip only.

<p><u>Parents and visitors</u> to Fernway School must use the main entrance and sign in at the front window <u>whenever</u> they enter the school. This is the policy of School District 140.</p>

ILLNESS AND RETURN TO SCHOOL - This school year we have been faced with many different types of illness from colds to different types of viruses, to strep, and to everything in between. We encourage students to be in attendance at school, but not at the risk of their health or the health of their classmates. Children should not return to school until they have been temperature

free for at least 24 hours. Our nurse 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 card 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. Also, parents, if your child has recently been diagnosed with a medical condition, i.e. asthma, etc. please send a doctor's note indicating medical condition and physical restrictions. We also need to remind parents that if their child is going to be absent from school; they need to call the school office between 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. to notify us of this absence, 708-349-3810. If your child is absent from school for more than three days a doctor's note should be provided on the child's return to school.

Note from Mrs. Novak.....As principals, we know the importance of attendance and do everything we can to insure those students are in school. On the other hand, we don't want a child who is really ill to be in school. It is not in the child's best interest and places staff and other students at risk. I would like to share these guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Parents should definitely keep their child home from school if they notice any of the following symptoms:

- Illness that keeps the child from participating comfortably in daily activities
- Fever above 101 °
- Lethargy, irritability, persistent crying and difficulty in breathing
- Vomiting twice or more in 24 hours
- Diarrhea
- Mouth sores accompanied by drooling
- Pink eye and/or a white or yellow discharge from the eye
- Impetigo, a skin infection marked by a weepy, scaly or crusty rash, until 24 hours after treatment
- Strep throat, until 24 hours after treatment
- Head lice, until the child's hair is free of nits
- Chicken pox, until five to six days after the rash appears, or until all lesions have dried and crusted

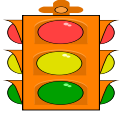
JUST A REMINDER - IT IS STILL COLD OUTSIDE - PLEASE DON'T SEND STUDENTS EARLY TO SCHOOL - We will be entering the school building early on extremely cold days (wind chill below 20 degrees) or inclement weather days. Please dress your children accordingly and please do not have them arrive at school before 7:50 P.M. School starts at 8:00 A.M. and ends at 2:35 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.

PLEASE FOLLOW OUR DISMISSAL PLAN....and do not park on O'Brien Drive. Parking in our lot in front of the school is also not allowed before school and again after school. This is not safe. If you need to park in order to meet your student, you may do so in our new parking lot off of O'Brien Drive.

TARDIES..Many of our students are coming late to school. Students are counted tardy after 8:10.

NO SCHOOL - March 1st is Pulaski's Birthday and school will be closed. School resumes on Tuesday,

March 2nd. **SPRING BREAK FOR FERNWAY SCHOOL WILL BE FROM MARCH 22 THROUGH MARCH 26. CLASSES RESUME ON MONDAY, MARCH 29th PROMPTLY AT 8:00 A.M.**



ISAT TESTING FOR GRADES 3, 4, AND 5 begins on Tuesday, March 2nd and ends on March 12th. It is imperative that your student(s) be in attendance each and every day. Students should get a good night's sleep, eat a good breakfast each day, and be sure to have 2 No. 2 sharpened pencils with them.



REMINDER: ALL District 140 information, including the District Newsletter and the Fernway Flyer is on line at www.ksd140.org.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 1 C. Pulaski Birthday - NO SCHOOL
- 2 ISAT Testing (Grades 3, 4, 5) begins - - through March 12th
- 3 Ice Cream
- 4 Hot Dog Day
Boys' Basketball Game – Fernway @ McAuliffe – 3:15 PM
- 5 Pre School Screening - 8:30 A.M.
- 8 Boys' Basketball Game – Fernway @ Millennium – 3:15 PM
- 9 Boys' Basketball Game – Fernway @ Bannes – 3:15 PM
- 10 Ice Cream Day
PTO Meeting – 1:00 PM
Boys' Basketball Game – Bannes @ Fernway – 3:15 PM
- 11 Special Lunch – Let's Do Lunch
2nd Grade Skating Party – 2:45-3:45 PM
Boys' Basketball Game – Fernway @ Keller – 3:15 PM
Kindergarten Men's Night Out – 6:00-7:00 PM
- 12 ISAT Ends
- 15 Boys' Basketball Game – McAuliffe @ Fernway – 3:15 PM
- 16 Boy's Basketball Game – Millennium @ Fernway – 3:15 PM
- 17 Ice Cream Day
Irish Dance Show for 3rd, 4th, 5th Grades – 10:40 AM
Market Day - 2:45-3:45 PM
- 18 District 140 School Board Meeting - 7:00 PM @ Administration Center
- 19 Pizza
- 22-26 SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL
- 29 School Resumes – 8:00 AM
- 31 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 9 AM – 2 PM AND 5 PM – 7 PM
Ice Cream