

FERNWAY FLYER

JANUARY 2010 ISSUE

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope that 2010 will be a healthy year for all. The students look great in their new brightly colored jackets, hats and scarves. Please make sure they come to school dressed warmly. They will go out for recess if the temperature is above 20. The students are back into their "school routine". Please check their homework assignment book nightly and encourage them to complete their assignments on time. The children need to learn their math facts and should be reading every night. The students are excited to see their pictures on the math masters poster near the office. Less TV is also encouraged. A recent study found that children who watch a lot of TV eat fewer fruits and vegetables and consume more junk food.

As you know, our theme for this school year is "WE CAN DO IT!" We can be polite, respectful, responsible and nice to others. We can follow directions and do our homework! Ask your children about the song we sing every morning! Remember Character Counts!!

Check your child's backpack for the latest information describing before/after school activities. 5th Grade will perform at their Beginning Band Concert on January 20th. More information will follow. The fifth grade skating party is scheduled for January 14th.

Just a reminder that Kindergarten Registration is March 31st at all elementary schools in District 140. It is important that you register early.

A continuing THANK YOU to the PTO and all the moms and dads who volunteer their time in their children's classroom. It is most appreciated by the staff, and the children enjoy seeing their parents in the building.

Remember to drop off/pick up your car riders on O'Brien Drive. Be patient, the line does move when parents follow directions. Safety of our students is so important.

As always, if you have any concerns/questions, please feel free to call or visit.

Enjoy winter!!!!!!!!

Carol Novak

ROLLER-SKATING PARTIES - Our Skating Parties for January will be January 14th for Fifth graders only. The skating party will be held in the Fernway Gym from 2:45 to 3:45 P.M. and students will need a signed permission slip in order to attend. Students must be picked up promptly at 3:45 P.M. February's Skating Parties will be held on February 11th for Fourth Grade and on February 25th for 3rd graders in the Fernway Gym.

JUST A REMINDER - 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 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. If the temperature is between 20-25 degrees the students will go out for a shortened period. Students need the activity. 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). Channel 9 is also very good. Starting at 6:00 A.M. they run the school closings across the bottom of the screen. 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. This will allow you to know whether school is in session or not. We also are on the Xpedite program of computerized calling. You will receive a computerized call should school be closed.

A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS to Mrs. D'Andrea and Mrs. Gardner and their P.T.O. elves who helped with our "Santa's Secret Workshop." Thank you for all your help!!

↙ **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR** - Fernway School will be conducting our Kindergarten registration for the 2010-2011 school year on the following date: Wednesday, March 31st from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. here at the school. 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 present a birth certificate with the county seal affixed. It is also necessary to bring the following important information; the child's social security number, 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.



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. Since we are in the midst of the flu and strep throat season, please be sure to stress to your children the importance of frequent handwashing, particularly before and after eating, and after bathroom use. This will limit the spread of germs. Please help us by reinforcing this at home. Also, if your child has been sent home with a fever, please keep them home for at least 24 hours after their temperature returns to normal. These measures should help to reduce the number of absences and the spread of infections here at school hopefully allowing us all to have a happy healthy start to the new year. 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 between 7:30-8:30 A.M. to notify us of this absence, 349-3810.

HOT LUNCH FORMS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR (pizza, hot dogs, special lunch, and ice cream) have been sent home. Remember, you must order at this time in order for your child (ren) to receive the lunch (es). No late orders will be taken - only exceptions are for students enrolling at Fernway after the due date. Please ask your child (ren) for these forms if you are interested in this activity for your child (ren). These forms are due back to your child's teacher NO LATER than MONDAY, JANUARY 11th. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!



THE DISTRICT 140 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING for the month of January will be on Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 7:00 PM, at the Administration Center.

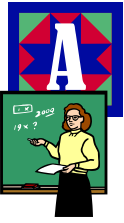
Monday, January 18th is Martin Luther King's Birthday and the school will be closed.

→ **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.

THE KIRBY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER IS NOW POSTED ONLY ON OUR DISTRICT WEB SITE, www.ksd140.org. All information pertinent to our District is also on this site. Please visit it often. The Fernway Flyer is also on this site.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY

- 6** School Resumes after Winter Break
Hot Lunch Forms for Second Semester go home
PTO Meeting – 2:45 PM
- 7** Hot Dog Say
- 8** Pre-school Screening (532-8537 for appointment)
- 11** Hot Lunch Forms due – no exceptions
- 12** Ben Franklin Assembly – Orland Park Library – 5th Grade
- 13** Ice Cream Day
- 14** 5th Grade Skating Party – 2:45-3:45 PM
School Board Meeting – 7:00 PM Administration Center
- 18** NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King’s Birthday
- 20** Ice Cream Day
Market Day Pickup – 2:45-3:45 PM
5th Grade Beginning Band Concert – 7:30 PM @ Prairie View
- 21** Special Lunch – Mindy’s
Martin Luther King Assembly
- 22** End of Second Quarter
- 27** Ice Cream Day
START Day – Student’s dismiss at 12:35 PM
Math Night 6-7 PM
- 29** Pizza
Report Cards Issued
- February**
- 2** Institute – No School for Students
- 3** Ice Cream Day
- 4** Hot Dog Day