



The Falcon
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CHRIST – FOCUSED LEARNING
FOR A LIFE OF SERVICE

FOX'S FINDINGS



Believe it or not, we are halfway through the school year. 7th and 8th grade exams went well, and report cards are being sent home this week. In a sense, students have a clean slate as we move into a new semester.

As we begin the new semester, I hope that everyone is gleaning some good information that is being sent home monthly in the **Home & School Connection**. The February issue will be sent home soon. Please let me know if you have appreciated getting this monthly paper (jfox@fremontchristian.org).

I recently read a brief article that stressed "Time, limits, and caring help build character in children." The article highlighted that frequently eating meals together as a whole family has been shown to reduce risky behavior (drug use and other problems) among teens. Limits, i.e., being firm and consistent, even in one regular chore like keeping one's room clean can teach responsibility.

Really listening to and setting an example of caring for others for your child, e.g., volunteering or giving in some tangible way or through community service, can make children less self-centered. Some of the biggest smiles that I have seen on some FCS students in recent days were at a food truck for needy people at a local church. They were helping distribute the food items alongside one of their parents and really experiencing the difference that they could make in someone else's life!

As we move into a new semester, I want to say thank you to all of you for so much that you have done for your children and for all of us here at FCS. I trust that you will continue to share of your time, talent, and treasure in this new semester. We have some wonderful opportunities to share and serve coming our way soon. Watch for information about the Carnival on February 27, the Growing Connections Banquet on March 27, and the Auction on April 24.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SLEDDING DAY

The weather looks like it will be cooperating for a Middle School sledding day on Friday afternoon, February 5. We will be eating lunch at school, leaving for Branstrom Park at 12:35, and returning to school at 2:45. We will have a fire going in the lodge, the ice rink will be available, and sledding on the big hill. **NEEDED**—chaperones and drivers, snacks, drinks, and fixings for hot chocolate. Please contact the homeroom teachers (Mr. Barkel—8th, Ms. Wygmans—7th, Mrs. Pell, or Mr. Fox—6th) if you can chaperone or drive. Please send in snacks, drinks, etc. into school by Wednesday so that we have an idea of what we will have available.



GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS

Alexis DeKuiper and Kyle Knuver, Congratulations Students!!



2009/2010 FCS Boys Basketball Teams

FCS SPORTS CALENDAR

- Feb. 4 ~ FCS Boys Basketball vs. Quad City Mustangs
HOME at 4:30 PM
- Feb. 4 ~ FCS Girls Volleyball vs. Ravenna Public
AWAY at 4:00 PM
- Feb. 9 ~ FCS Girls Volleyball vs. Grand Haven Chr.
HOME at 4:00 PM

FCS CONCERT AND FINE ARTS WEEK

Fine Arts Week at Fremont Christian Middle School will begin on Monday, Feb. 1, with a Kick-off Concert featuring the Bands and Choirs, grades 5-8. Join us in the school gym, at 7:00 PM for a musical celebration of the gifts God has given to us!

CELEBRATING THE ARTS - FINE ARTS WEEK 2010

During the week of February 1-5 the 5th through 8th grade students will be immersed in the arts. On Monday afternoon the students will participate in a drumming chapel with Brenda Huckins Bonter followed by rehearsal for the evening band/choir concert. Tuesday through Thursday afternoons will be spent in sectionals led by artists, luthiers, poets, authors, musicians, a potter, a juggler/mime and more. Other opportunities include visiting the workshop of a local violin maker, making instruments of their own and constructing an ice sculpture (*see note on plastic buckets). Parents are invited to peak in and join in the celebration.

NEEDED FOR FINE ARTS WEEK

The 5th through 8th grade students will be constructing an ice sculpture next week. We need plastic buckets and large plastic food containers (larger than cool whip). Please send to school Monday or Tuesday. Each 5th—8th student should plan on bringing at least two containers.

