



The Falcon
Friday, March 12, 2010
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WELCOME TO A NEW FAMILY AT FCS!

We want to welcome Justin Johnson to first grade at FCS! His parents are Heather and Ron Radomski who are both employed by Nestle'. Please be sure to greet and welcome them to the FCS family. Be sure to add the Radomskis to your school directory: 3540 S. Stone Rd., Fremont, 924-6684. Thanks.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Please be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour this Sunday. Be extra careful as you travel to school in the dark for the next few weeks.



GARY SCHMIDT FIELD TRIPS

Our 4th – 8th grade students will be taking short field trips on Monday, March 15, to hear Gary Schmidt at Fremont Public Middle School and at Daisy Brook Elementary. Schmidt is a Calvin College professor and author. Please connect with Carolyn DeKryger, librarian, or homeroom teachers if you would like further information or if you would be able to drive and chaperone.

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Parents, friends, neighbors, and potential new families are all being invited to the Middle School Open House at FCS. This will take place on Tuesday, March 16 from 6:30 – 8:00. You will see art work, class projects, a wax museum, animal displays, musical presentations, student power points, and more. You will even have an opportunity to participate in an algebra competition or Brand Ball with FCS students. Please be sure to put this date on your calendar and to bring someone along who might like to know more about FCS. **5th graders and their parents are especially encouraged to come and see!**

IOWA AND OLSAT ASSESSMENTS

3rd and 5th grade students will be participating in OLSAT assessments over the next few days. 4th and 6th grade students will be doing the Iowa assessments. Please be sure that your students get lots of good rest.

END OF 3RD QUARTER AND MIDDLE SCHOOL READ-IN

Friday, March 26, is the last day of third quarter, and the middle school is going to celebrate with a Read-In for the latter part of the school day. What is a Read-In? It is a time when students bring in a special folding chair, bean bag, or sleeping bag and take the time to read. Teachers will be participating in this special day with some goofy gatherings. Students are encouraged in Language Arts, by the Accelerated Reading program, and by our newly remodeled library to read a variety of books on this day and throughout the school year.

FCS CARNIVAL

Laughter and smiles filled the air at the FCS carnival! What a great day we all had! Many, many thanks to all of you that helped make it a success....working stations, making food, donating prizes, staff and kids helping set up! It takes all of us working together to pull this off and we are very grateful to everyone for your help. We made about a thousand dollars for the school but the real joy was the feeling of community and fun had by all.



NCCA YOUTH ARTS CELEBRATION

Artwork from across the county has been judged by the panel of experts of the Newaygo County Council for the Arts and **27 FCS Kindergarten – 6th grade students will be receiving awards!** The awards evening takes place at the Dogwood Center on Friday, March 19 at 6:30. Following is a list of FCS Art award winners:

Kindergarten: Carley Zimmerman, Kayleigh Hood

First Grade: Bella Cummings

Second Grade: Nathan VanDerWeide, Ali Hood, Emma Krick

Third Grade: Savana Richards, Ben DeWeerd, Caleb Minasian, Calvin Miller, Logan Karnemaat

Fourth Grade: Casidy Fisk, Peyton Deur, Rachel Kuiper, Anna Patenge, Erica Grasley, Gabi Frens, Seth VanderKooi, Taylor Cummings

Fifth Grade: Elyse Grabill, Ellie Zimmerman, Grace Johnson, Parker Groenevelt, Ben DeKryger, Logan Brookhouse

Sixth Grade: Chloe Nelson, Jamie Kuiper

PI DAY

On Monday, March 15, the 6-8 grades will be celebrating PI DAY in math class (Pi Day falls on a Sunday this year so we are celebrating it a day late). The hour will consist of some games and songs honoring that mysterious symbol. On Pi Day, we would also like to enjoy the wonderful smells and tastes of homemade PIES. We are looking for a total of 6 homemade pies of any safe flavor (safe as in what kids would enjoy). If you would be willing to bake a pie for Pi Day, please contact Mr. Barkel. Thank you!



GROWING CONNECTIONS BANQUET

Our Growing Connections Banquet is coming up ~ Saturday, March 27! Please encourage friends and relatives to come and check us out. If you would like to receive an invitation or know of someone who you think should receive an invitation to the banquet, please contact the office (924-2740). This banquet will introduce the family to our school. It will also give them a chance to meet our teachers. (not to mention a delicious meal ☺). Childcare will also be available. Thank you for your help in introducing new families to Christian Education!

SPRING SKI CARNIVAL

Yes, no, maybe. That's where we are right now with the ski trip on the 20th. Right now we are planning on having sign-ups and we will make the final decision on Wednesday the 17th. There is an information sheet in the office that should answer any questions.



