

# Frisbie Newsletter

December 6, 2011

## Important Dates:

12/15 – Frisbie Band  
Concert, 2:15 & 6pm

12/23 – Early Dismissal,  
1:20pm

12/26-1/2 School closed  
for Winter Break

1/3 – Back to School

## Delayed Opening Times

Normal Start of School: 8:55am  
90 Minute Delay Start Time: 10:25

Children may not be dropped off before  
9:55am unless registered in Latchkey.



## Frisbie School Hours

Office: 8:00-4:00 Mon-Fri  
School Hours: 8:55-3:20  
Delayed Opening : 10:25-3:20  
Early Dismissal: 1:20pm

## From the Principal's Desk

For many of our students, the Holiday season is the most anticipated time of year. As holiday season approaches, we are afforded an opportunity to teach our students/children how rewarding giving to others can be. By helping others, children build positive character traits, develop good citizenship, and learn responsibility. There are a variety of school projects focused on helping people in our community including our participation in the Salvation Army food drive, Wolcott Junior Women's Toys for Tots, or the Frisbie PTO donation of Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to needy families right here at Frisbie School. It is also helpful for character development if children are involved in charitable or community building activities outside of school as well.

There are many ways in which you can encourage children to practice the "art of giving" this Holiday season which can include:

**\*Start young.** Encourage even your youngest child to look for ways to help others. There is almost always someone —smaller who needs a big girl or big boy to help or someone older who will, with a wink and a nod, be eager for a youngster to help them with a job.

**\*Show that YOU care.** Whether you can give an hour a day or an hour a month, let your children see you volunteer your time to help those in need.

**\*Tap into their talents.** Is your little one a budding chef? Encourage him to bake a cake to take to the local nursing home. Do you have an artist in residence? See if she would like to deliver her paintings to a nursing home or senior center to brighten the walls for someone who doesn't get out much anymore.

**\*Cast-offs can be a first step.** As your children outgrow toys, games and clothes, make a big deal of how you are going to pass them on to others who need them.

**\*Trade off.** Invite your friends', relatives' and neighbors' children to join you when you are working on a community service project for others and then maybe they will include your children in their future giving projects. Kid's enthusiasm is contagious!

-excerpts from Karen Allen / Lewis & Clark

I would like to wish all Frisbie families a happy, healthy, and joyous holiday season. I am hopeful that you will have the opportunity to spend additional time with loved ones over the upcoming winter break. Thank you very much for the many ways in which you support Frisbie School. I feel blessed to be a part of the Frisbie School community.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

*Joseph Norcross*

### Ongoing Activities – Reminders

**Box Tops Contest** – We are in the midst of the second box tops contest. Please keep sending your box tops in! The first contest winner was Miss Taylor’s 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class.

**Cartridges for Kids** – send in your used ink cartridges and Frisbie School can earn cash for them. We can also take used and working cell phones, iPods, video game consoles, working dvds, working scientific and graphing calculators, working gps, cameras, tablets, e-Readers, iPads and laptops.

### Students of the Month for November

Madison Daddona, Connor Holderbach, Parth Patel, Tori Bell, Ethan Brissette, Jacob Conner, Jalynn Maia, Samantha D’Agostino, Erica Schmidt, Isabelle Cibelli

### REMINDER

It is school policy that a **note** be sent in with your child if he/she is going to be a **pick up**. Calling in to request a pick up should only be done in **EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**. This will alleviate unnecessary interruptions to the classrooms during instructional periods.

### Winners of the 2011 Fire Prevention Poster Contest

Sebby Nanfito, Leah Coelho and Alexis Boyce were this years winners of the fire preventions poster contest. A ceremony was held on Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Wolcott Activity and Learning Center. Congratulations to our winners!!

### Principal’s Board of Excellence

Malakai Bergeron, Ethan Brissette, Tori Bell, Jack Byrnes, Ivy Browne, Katie Croce, Jordan Chamberlain, Anika Childs, Tyler Chance, Joesph DeLeo, Melissa DeRosa, Michael Faulds, Alex Fishbein, Hannah Francisco, Katherine Getman, David Giuggio, Joesph Kearney, Isabella Luma, Jesse McDonald, Justin Mazzaferro, Madison Meaney, Nicholas Nobrega, Megan Perreault, Avarie Powers, Ben Podzunas, Samantha Riviezzo, Erica Schmidt, David Shaholli, Kaitlynn Styles, Elisa Shaholli, Andreona Sanders, Emiah Soto, Jenna Tracey, Cole Tucker, Hannah Wright, Lauren Zicca

### Handbook—Please Read Carefully

Promotions/retention guidelines, attendance, bus, café, dress, discipline, emergency closings, grading system, harassment/bullying, health, homework, media exposure, visitors and e-mail addresses. All this info can be found in your child’s handbook.

### Seasonal Clothing for Recess

As the weather begins to turn colder, we will be having outdoor recess during the winter as much as possible. Please make sure your child has a coat, hat and gloves. Students are required to wear their jackets to recess. Those who do not bring their outerwear with them to lunch will lose outside recess if they are not dressed appropriately. It is not possible to send large numbers of students back to class to pick up coats.

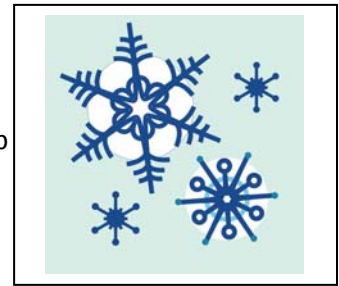
## **Tardiness and Absenteeism**

Your child may be dropped off no earlier than 8:25am and must be in his/her classroom by 8:55am. During and after morning announcements children must report to the office for a tardy pass. Students who are late to class interfere with lessons in progress and disrupt other student's concentration. Educators agree that prompt and regular attendance is an important key to a student's success. Students should be taught to demonstrate respect for staff and for peers and one way to do this is to practice prompt and regular school attendance. There may be on occasion, an illness or emergency that causes your child to be late or absent from school. Please notify the school office if your child will be absent. Students must make up any missed assignments. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

### **Attendance—A Key to your child's success**

Schools are responsible for teaching your child. But schools can't do their job if your child is absent. Learning builds day by day. A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning. Research shows that children who are in school most of the time do better on state tests. Studies also show that kids who are absent more often score lower on state tests. Being late for school hurts a child's learning, too. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year. Frisbie's teaching day starts at 8:55. It is best if your child arrives to school by 8:40 so he/she can settle in, unpack the backpack and get morning work done. Students can arrive to school as early as 8:25am. If you are dropping off, please give plenty of time to get acclimated before the day starts. Some suggestions to help improve your child's school attendance:

- Talk with your child about the importance of attending school regularly.
  - Avoid scheduling family trips or doctor appointments during school hours.
  - Make sure your child stays healthy by eating nutritious food and getting enough sleep
  - Don't accept excuses for why your child "must" miss or be late for school.
  - Discuss with your child what happened at school each day.
  - Support school rules and consequences for skipping class and being tardy.
  - Lead by example.
- Wolcott's policy for absences—15 days or more may affect your child's promotion.



## **Do You Think Your Child Is Safe At Home On The Computer?**

Each day there are more and more reports on internet predators. The National Exchange Club has developed this brochure in an effort to help parents protect their children from child exploitation online.

### **Your child's internet use**

- How many hours does your child spend on the internet?
- Does your ISP (Internet Service Provider) have different levels of access for children/parents?
- Computer location – is it in a private space or a central location?
- Do you know your child's password?
- Does your child change tasks when you walk in the room?
- Does your child have a "Buddy List?"
- Do you know the users on the "Buddy List?"
- Do you ask your child who they are talking to?
- Do they participate in instant messages from someone they don't know?

### **Know the facts**

- One out of five internet users between the ages of 10 and 17 have received unsolicited sexual content online.
- One in three girls and one in seven boys will be sexually molested before the age of 18. (National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse & Neglect, 2001)

### **Online pornography in the news**

- USA Today reported approximately 30 percent of all web sites contain some form of adult content.
- US New and World Report states pornography in all forms is an estimated \$8 billion annual business and online pornography alone is an estimated \$300 million annual business.

### **Is your child at risk?**

- Does he or she have low esteem?
- Is he or she shy and lonely?
- Does he or she live in a home in transition (separation or divorce)?
- Is he or she overly concerned with his or her weight?

### **Recognize the signs**

- Spends too much time online.
- Finding your child on the internet after bedtime.
- Your child turns off the computer when you walk in the room.
- Your child receives phone calls from people you don't know.
- You find long distance calls from numbers you do not recognize.
- Your child receives mail from someone you do not know.
- Your child becomes withdrawn with no explanation.

### **Innocence can be lost**

- Cookies can be placed in browsers by porn sites allowing them to track children to send them pornographic e-mails.
- Curious children seeking porn sites potentially open themselves up to developing an addiction to online pornography.
- Porn-seeking children using their parents' credit cards can accumulate hundreds of dollars of charges for viewing online pornography.

### **Recognize secret chat codes**

- POS – Parents over shoulder
- P911 – Parents are coming, watch your language
- TA/SA – Teacher/Sibling Alert
- :OX – Shhh! It's a secret
- CTN – Can't talk now

### **Protect your child**

- Don't let children under 14 have an online password, so that you can monitor their online accounts.
- Keep your computer in common areas in your home.
- Make sure their screen name is gender neutral.
- Tell them they don't have to answer every e-mail or instant message.
- Get to know your child's online friends.

### **Teach your child**

- If they give their phone number online, someone can find their address and get a map to their house.
- Not to reveal details about themselves like their grade, birthday, school, name or sport jersey number.
- Never meet online acquaintances face-to-face.
- Don't click on any links in e-mails from people they don't know.

### **Safeguard your child's computer**

- Consider filtering software such as CyberPatrol or NetNanny.
- Power Tools for AOL – [www.bpssoft.com](http://www.bpssoft.com)
- Cyber Sentinel – [www.software4parents.com/cybersentinel.html](http://www.software4parents.com/cybersentinel.html)
- ChildSafe – [www.childsafe.com](http://www.childsafe.com)
- McAfee New Trace Pro – [www.neoworx.com](http://www.neoworx.com)
- [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com), a service of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.
- Report pornography, sexual solicitations, or other suspicious activity on the internet to the police, your internet service provider, or the Cyber Tipline at [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com), or 1-800-THE-LOST (800/843-5678).

### **Tools you can use**

The National Exchange Club, in collaboration with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, United State Postal Service, and the United State Postal Inspection Service, has Cyber Tipline posters, and a PowerPoint presentation (developed by the Exchange Club of Southern Chester County, PA) available to help reduce the incidents of online child exploitation. Please contact the National Exchange Club at [info@nationalexchangeclub.org](mailto:info@nationalexchangeclub.org) or 800-924-2643 for more information.