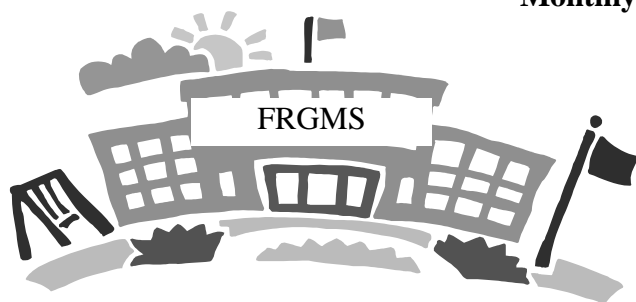

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Letter from the Principal

Happy New Year!

As I walk the hallways and observe classrooms, I have the opportunity to observe firsthand what great students and staff we have at Fox River Grove Middle School. In the classrooms, I witness teachers using technology in the classroom to engage students in learning. I observe our students truly excited about what they are learning and seeing the potential of achieving whatever they want to achieve. I see a dedicated, professional and a committed staff that is devoted to social/emotional and academic student learning. I have witnessed parents that are supportive and involved with their student's educational process.

When you combine everything together, we truly have a special school community that has tremendous potential to accomplish great things.

- Mr. Runck

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

January Activities

- 2 School Resumes
- 3 PTO Meeting @ ARS
 - Athletic Parent Meeting (6 – 7:00 p.m.)
- 4 - 6 BBB Conference
 - 7th Grade @ B.P.
 - 8th Grade @ B.S.
- 9 BBB Conference Finals
- 10 Early Release @ 1:50
- 11 8th Grade Parent Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 16 No School (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
- 17 BVB vs. LZS
- 19 BVB @HN; GVB vs. HS
 - End of 2nd Quarter
- 23 School Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- 24 BVB @ GL
- 25 Fall Sports Awards Night
 - GVB @ BMP
- 26 BVB vs. LZN; GVB @ Wauc.
 - 2nd Qtr. Report Cards Available On-line
- 31 BVB vs. BMP



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Grade Level News

5th Grade: Happy New Year from 5th grade! Look for our new novel, Maniac Magee to begin 3rd quarter. Currently we are reading non-fiction literature during class. Most students already have their minimum 4 A.R. points this quarter. You have the opportunity to monitor your child's progress through: <https://hosted165.relearn.com/709630/default.aspx>. If you no longer have the letter with your child's password, your child is able to log in to view their points. Their points are due January 19th, and it is a part of their grade.

Strong organizational skills are one of the keys to any student's academic success. At the beginning of this school year all fifth graders were required to organize their binders for each class. Together we have been continuing to emphasize the importance of good organization. We are now ready for the accountability stage of this process. Beginning 3rd quarter, each student will be given a daily rubric and will be responsible for meeting the fifth grade organizational expectation. A weekly grade will be earned for each class and this grade will comprise a percentage of their overall grade. With this in mind, we ask that you resupply your child with pencils, eraser tops, and a highlighter.

6th Grade: Happy New Year! The 6th grade team is hoping that all had a safe and relaxing break.

The Cinderella Projects have been completed and we think your children enjoyed themselves by writing their own version to the story. There will be another project coming up in January. This is our family tree project and not only involves the immediate family, but may also include extended families. Some students in the past have presented some interesting photographs.

In science, we will be studying chemistry. As much as the students would like, we are NOT going to blow up anything in the lab. We will, however, witness the reaction between sodium and water. (It is an interesting reaction.)

As the second semester approaches, we would like to emphasize the importance of your child having the materials and supplies needed for their classes. They cannot succeed, if they are not prepared.

We also want to thank all of you for checking Power School on a weekly basis. If you have lost your password, please contact Brian Sawyer: sawyerb@dist3.org

7th Grade: We hope everyone had a relaxing winter break. Just to make you aware, the seventh graders will begin studying the Constitution in the upcoming weeks and Accelerated Reader is due Thursday, January 19th at 3:00 p.m.

8th Grade: Just a reminder that the **8th grade parent meeting is Wednesday, January 11, 2012 in the Middle School multi-purpose room at 7:00 p.m.** Due to space limitations, we ask that only parents attend. We will be discussing our fundraiser, graduation pictures, the dinner dance, the Great America trip, and graduation. This is a chance to get all the information first hand. Any parent that is unable to attend the meeting should watch their mail for a packet of information covered at this meeting.

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General Information

2nd Quarter Report Cards

Second quarter report card grades can be viewed online on or after Thursday, January 26th. To view your child's second quarter grades, go to <https://dist3.powerschol.com/public/> and enter your login. Your child's second quarter grades can be found under the "Grade History" tab.



GRADING PERIOD	1	2	3	4
ENGLISH	A	A	A	A
SCIENCE	A	A	A	A
MATH	A	A	A	A
SOCIAL STUDIES	A	A	A	A
ART	A	A	A	A
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	A	A	A	A
Overall Average	B	B	B	B

Athletic Director Requests & News:

Volunteer Opportunities are still available this spring for Girls' Soccer and Girls' Softball. Volunteering is a great way to get involved and support our school activities; applications are available on the school web site. If you have questions, please contact Janet Mollet, Athletic Director at 847-462-2326 or molletj@dist3.org

Medical Corner:

District 3 Parents:

Please watch for information concerning the new law for the Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Vaccine. This information has been released by McHenry County Health Department, as a result of the recent outbreak of Pertussis. I am in the process of reviewing all health files to determine who will need to receive the vaccine by the deadline of Fall of 2012. I am starting to send notices home to all Eighth grade parents this week. You do not need to check the status of your child's Pertussis Vaccine at this time. I will notify you if your child needs to receive it, or if your child's Pediatrician needs to provide documentation. I will have all notices out by January 31, 2012.

Once you receive notice, I recommend scheduling your child's appointment as soon as possible to avoid overloading Physicians offices as we get closer to the Fall 2012 deadline. They will be very busy, as this new law applies to all kids, grades 6-12. Feel free to contact me with any questions. It is important for **all Eighth Grade parents** to be aware, your child will not be registered at the High School without proof of receiving this vaccine. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Laura Chamerlik RN

Fox River Grove, School District 3

Winter Temperatures

Please don't forget that all students wait outdoors before school unless the temperature drops below 10 degrees (with the wind chill). By wearing coats, hats, and gloves their wait will be a little more comfortable!



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On the morning of January 3rd, our school received notice from the FRG Police Department that there had been an armed robbery that took place a few blocks from the school and Route 14. Immediately after receiving this information, we closed the campus for the remainder of the day and instituted our “Alert Now” system. If you did not receive a call (land line or cell) or an e-mail, then we do not have accurate information on file. If you weren’t contacted and would like to be, please contact the middle school office at 847-516-5105.

At the end of the day, we were given the all clear by the police department and students were dismissed as usual.

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