



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Happy February Fontana Families! Many wonderful things continue to happen at Fontana School! I would like to highlight a few of them in my opening for this month.

BENEFIT On Thursday, February 9th, the Student Council, with PTO support, will be sponsoring a Spaghetti dinner and benefit for the Willhite-Hickey family (see article included in this newsletter). In addition to the dinner, the students are planning a 50/50 raffle, silent auction and a 3 on 3 Basketball tournament. Our goal is to find multiple ways to involve families and students in this worthwhile cause. We hope that you can find time to join us from **5:30-7:30 p.m.** on February 9th.

AFTER SCHOOL STUDY PROGRAM This year, our school has been offering an **after school study program for students in grades 5-8 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.** The program is required for students who qualify due to repeated late or missing homework and optional for students who would like to have additional support or an environment for concentrated study. Because transportation has been an issue for some families, **beginning Tuesday, January 31st, we will be offering bus transportation for students/families in need.** The students will be dropped off at their regular bus stop before 5:00 p.m. each day. We hope that many of our students/families take advantage of the added transportation option.

IPAD'S HAVE ARRIVED By now you have heard or read about the **new iPad's that the school recently received via the generous support of the Falcon Foundation.** On Friday, January 20th, several staff members received initial training on iPad use. These staff members will be responsible to research study applications and begin implementation of the iPad's in their classrooms. They will also serve as trainers for other staff members. In the meantime, several applications are already in use with students throughout the school. **Our goal is to use the iPad's to support and enhance the learning that is already taking place in the classrooms.**

WINTER MAP TESTING We are in the **final stages of winter MAP testing with students in grades 1-8 in the areas of Reading, Language usage and Math.** This data will be used by staff and shared with students to demonstrate areas of growth this year as well as identify specific areas of weakness. The staff continues to add this information to their grade level data boards to monitor progress. Continuous learning and improvement for every student is our goal.

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2012-2013 Open enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year will take place from **February 6-April 30, 2012.** During this time period, parents across the State of Wisconsin have the opportunity to apply for their children to attend a school outside the District they currently reside in. **Small class sizes and a safe and nurturing environment** have traditionally been reasons parents choose to send their children to Fontana School. If you know of families that are currently looking for a school that offers this environment for their children, **please direct them to our school website where we**

have information regarding open enrollment and a link to the DPI website.

Thank you for your continued support of Fontana School and its programs. As always, please call with any concerns or questions you may have.

Until next month,

Mark A. Wenzel

District Administrator/Principal



4K AND 5K SCREENING

All children who will be **either four or five years old by September 1, 2012,** and are not currently enrolled in kindergarten classes at Fontana School, are invited to participate in the upcoming **kindergarten screening on Thursday, March 1, 2012.** Parents should call the Fontana School office (275-6881, ext. 203) between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to set up an appointment.



'MYSTERY COIN'

Trot around the school and look for the magic gold coin! Bring it to Mrs. Lamsam's room and win a candy bar!

ROCKIN AND ROLLIN

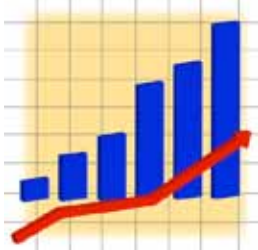
Once again this year 5K - 8th grade will be **roller skating for PE**. Students will be exposed to and learn how to **skate forward, backward, stop, start, corner and turn safely**. The dates for skating are **February 6-17**. The students enjoy this unit and look forward to it every year. They get to bring in their music and roll to their tunes.



DATA, DATA, DATA

By Mrs. McGoey, Mrs. Douglas, and Mrs. Graham

Did you know that 41 out of 41 first and second graders surveyed have recently **conducted a survey** in math class? They have! We have been busy conducting classroom surveys to gather data. We then **categorize our data and make representations to share our data** with others. There are numerous ways to represent data, one of which is a **bar graph**. In social studies, we are overlapping with math by discussing and using bar graphs. We just can't get away from representing data lately!



GO GREEN!

In an effort to conserve resources, we are encouraging families to sign up for an **emailed version** of this newsletter. If you'd be interested in receiving the *Falcon-News* via email rather than in print, please send a message to Susan Ziganto at sziganto@fontana.k12.wi.us.



SPECIAL FIELD TRIP PLANNED

by Mr. Wenzel

Due to the generosity of Mr. Jay Brost, all students in grades 1-8, have been given the opportunity to visit the Burpee Museum in Rockford to see the Ice Age Mammals exhibit. On February 20th (grades 1-4) and February 21st (grades 5-8) students will travel from school to the museum for a three hour tour and presentation. Below is a brief description of what they will experience.

Find out all about the last ice age; the mammals that survived and those that didn't. Touch a real mammoth tusk; see skulls and bones of ice age beasts, including a mastodon and a 5 foot tall beaver! Detailed artwork shows what they and their world looked like. Listen to scientists' stories as they recount their Arctic adventures and discoveries. This exhibit is appropriate for all ages of students.

Cost for the trip has been completely underwritten (admission and bus transportation) by Mr. Brost. Students will be responsible to **bring their own lunch**. In the next week, parents will receive a permission slip outlining the day. Teachers will serve as chaperones, however, there will be a limited number of spaces for parent chaperones as well.



We thank Mr. Brost for this wonderful opportunity!

CAN YOU SPELL...?

The Spelling Bee was held on Friday January 20th. Mrs. Gildemeister, former Science teacher, read the words to participants in grades 4-8.



The winner was Jake Sherwin from 8th grade. His winning word was **conjure**. **The runner-up was Hannah Gage from 5th grade.** Congratulations to all who participated in this fun event.



TEAM COMPASSION

The Student Council is sponsoring a **spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the Willhite-Hickey family**. Jeanie Willhite has been battling a rare form of cancer for the last five years. The family could use our help. The dinner will be held at the school on February 9th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Come join us for a nice dinner and have some time to chat with other families.



You could also help by making a **monetary donation** (checks made out to Fontana PTO, "Team Compassion"). **After school care, running errands, dropping Raya and Quin off after school** are also some other possibilities.

If you have any questions, please contact Agnes Dillenbeck at 275-6881 ext 203.

SCIENCE FAIR

There were **more than 120 exhibits this year** at our annual science fair. They ranged from chewing gum flavors to renewable energy to adults passing a middle school science test. They were very interesting to read. Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade projects were mandatory. Students from grades K-5 were voluntary.

We had **four judges** read over the projects and assess them with points which were then turned into a scale for blue, red and white ribbons. The judges wrote comments to the exhibitors about their project.

An **open house was held on January 18th from 6-8 p.m.** Many families visited and enjoyed the projects. Lemonade and munchies were served. It was nice to see the large turnout of families.



THURSDAY IS PIZZA NIGHT!

Come enjoy the great taste of **Gino's East** in Lake Geneva and **help Fontana PTO raise money for playground equipment.** Gino's East will **donate 20%** of all food and beverage purchases any **Thursday night in February from 4-9 p.m.** Make it a pizza party night. Bring your friends. You will need to pick up a **flyer** from the school lobby to present that night.

PTO MINUTES-JAN 2011

by Noreen Lamsam—PTO Secretary

Ann Brost and Noreen Lamsam attended the meeting. It was an informal meeting discussing **fundraising ideas for playground equipment.**

FONTANA PTO BUDGET –JANUARY 2011

As of 12/30/11—Current check book balance: \$23,961.14



INCOME	Budget	Actual
Market Day*	\$1,500.00	\$586.05
Event Fundraisers		
Carnival (Oct 2011)	\$5,500.00	\$4,492.26
Golf Outing (Oct 2011)	\$4,000.00	\$4,569.95
Spring Fling 2012	\$800.00	\$0.00
Other/Misc Fundraisers		
Bank Interest*	\$20.00	\$8.16
Directory (fall)	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Lakeside Saver Fundraiser	\$125.00	\$0.00
School Pak (spring)	\$300.00	\$0.00
Sentry Funds For Friends*	\$1,000.00	\$376.94
Target*	\$450.00	\$431.99
Fundraisers Not Previously Budgeted		
School Pak refund		\$141.00
Burpee Field Trip Donation	\$2,914.00	\$2,914.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$19,609.00	\$13,520.35
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TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$21,954.50	\$9,384.91
BUDGET 2011/12 School Year:	(\$2,345.50)	\$4,135.44

*indicates ongoing fundraiser

Items in **BOLD** are final,
items in *ITALICS* are still in process

prepared by Kim Hirn, Treasurer
updated January 22, 2011

EXPENSES	Budget	Actual
Cultural Arts	\$8,281.00	\$1,125.94
fieldtrips-tickets/bus costs = \$3450; in school assemblies = \$1500; framing of student artwork = \$300; Burpee Field Trip = \$2914		
8th Grade Recognition Ceremony in June	\$550.00	\$0.00
Mathletes morning math club—Mrs. Lamsam	\$100.00	\$0.00
Staff appreciation luncheon or gifts	\$600.00	\$0.00
Crafty Critters—gift making afternoon in December	\$525.00	\$528.20
4K/5K Welcome to School party	\$175.00	\$92.60
Babysitting—PTO Board and General Meetings	\$200.00	\$0.00
Pay for guest presenter, Kendra Johncock, for Starlab	\$75.00	\$0.00
Book Distribution Program once a year (Sep Only)	\$1,987.50	\$1,987.50
Reading Contribution—for books, quizzes, prizes, etc.	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Walworth/Fontana Rotary—buy 6 holiday food baskets	\$300.00	\$300.00
Dr. Seuss B-Day Cakes in March	\$150.00	\$0.00
Earth Day Clean-Up/Landscaping	\$700.00	\$0.00
Veteran's Day	\$400.00	\$142.55
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$200.00	<i>\$103.79</i>
Rocket Math	\$1,000.00	\$695.00
Enrichment Clubs (i.e., DI, Book Club, Drama, Forensics)	\$750.00	\$0.00
YEARLY EXPENSES:	\$17,318.50	\$5,165.83
Guidance—Kaider	\$128.99	\$128.99
Treetop Publishing—Epping	\$63.15	\$63.15
STAFF REQUESTS 2011/12 Budget	\$4,636.00	\$4,219.08
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$21,954.50	\$9,384.91