



Fairview K-8 Charter School Family Bulletin

February 22, 2010



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Upcoming...

Feb 24–Mar 3	Benchmarks 3- Grades K-5 – 8
Feb 27 (Sat)	MPS Informed Parents Session
March 2	Read Across America Day
March 4	Parent Teacher Conferences
March 9	Parent Teacher Conferences
March 11	PTA Meeting (5 pm)
March 11	Hamilton Cluster Attendance Meeting For Parents & Staff (Pulaski, 6-6:45 pm)
March 11	Dance (Gr 6-8)
March 12	No School-Official Conference Day
March 24	Governance Council Meeting (6 pm)
March 26	Banking Time Day – No School
April 1 - 9	Fairview Spring Break
April 12	Classes resume
April 15	PTA Meeting (5 pm)
April 22	Science Fair / Health & Wellness Fair / Showcase Night
April 28	Governance Council Meeting (6 pm)
April 30	Environmental Awareness Day

Notes from the Literacy Coach

On Wednesday, February 24th, students at Fairview in grades 2-8 will begin the third Benchmark Assessment this year. This online assessment provides teachers with valuable information which will allow them to differentiate instruction for your child. Using this data, teachers will be able to identify areas of strengths and weaknesses in the academic areas of reading and math. Your child's teacher will even be able to access your child's data at conferences the following week.

In order to help your child perform their best, I've provided some suggestions for you:

- Discuss the purpose of the test with your child- that the teachers will use the information to know how much they are learning.
- Talk about how to approach difficult questions. Remind them to make educated guesses by ruling out answers they know are absolutely incorrect.
- Remind your child to read entire reading passages so that they can determine the author's purpose for writing and the main idea.
- Let them know they will be allowed to use scrap paper to do math computations.
- Make sure your child gets enough sleep the night before they test and that they have get a healthy breakfast the morning of the tests.
- **BE ENCOURAGING!** Encourage your child to do their best.

If you have any questions regarding the Benchmark Assessment, please contact me at 546-7724 or delain@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

Mrs. Wensink

Friendly Reminder:

There is no smoking in the school building, outside the doors or anywhere on school grounds. Your cooperation is appreciated.

MPS Administrative Policy 6.11 TOBACCO PRODUCTS USE ON BOARD PROPERTY

Citizens who are observed smoking or using tobacco products on school district property shall be asked to refrain from doing so. If the individuals fail to comply with the request, they shall be asked to leave the building and school district property.

Wisconsin State Statute 120.12 (20) PROHIBITION OF TOBACCO.

Prohibit the use of all tobacco products on premises owned or rented by, or under the control of, a school board, except that the school board may allow the use of tobacco products on premises owned by the school district and rented to another person for noneducational purposes.

Please Take the Time...Take this Survey

Fairview School and the Wisconsin Bicycle Federation are working together to teach our students about bicycle and pedestrian safety.

We want to learn your thoughts about children walking and biking to school. This survey will take about 5-10 minutes to complete. We ask that you complete only one survey per school your children attend. If you have more than one child at one school, please fill out the survey for the child with the next birthday from today's date. Go to the following website:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/fairview>

Your responses will be kept confidential and neither your name nor your child's name will be associated with any results. Thank you for participating in this survey!

I AM AN INFORMED PARENT!

Parent Information Session

Saturday, February 27, 2010

10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

How to Teach Your Teen About:

- ❖ Sexual Responsibility
- ❖ How to Be Safe on the Internet
- ❖ Dating Violence

Latino Community Center
807 South 14th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53204

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- Open to any parent/guardian or adult-
- Open to the first 100 registrants-

More information: Patricia Kirby - (414) 773-9827
or Kathy Witkowiak - (414) 475-8607

Please complete form below and fax it to (414) 773-9828

(If you bring it to the Fairview Office, we can fax it for you.)

Yes, I am planning to attend.

Name (please print) _____

Address/Zip code _____

Number of Adults _____

Child care provided for children ages 2 – 12 only!

Number of Children _____

Age/s of children _____

School/s children attend _____

Telephone number _____

School Safety Procedures & Cell Phones

There are a number of procedures schools follow to ensure that students have a safe and secure environment in which to learn. These include fire drills, lockdown drills, and tornado drills. These also include locker searches and metal detector scans for students in upper grades (6 – 8).

We are fortunate that our students usually make good choices and that our building is a safe place. The random schedule of locker searches and scans helps us to maintain the level of safety that we all expect on behalf of our children.

Our school district has a policy that prohibits students from having or using cell phones at school. It is stated in our yellow Family Handbook and Discipline Policy booklet and our students have recently been reminded of this. In the scans and locker searches, cell phones frequently are discovered. Mr. Cohn or Ms. Dimberg can make exceptions to the district policy prohibiting cell phones in schools. If you believe that your child needs a cell phone for use after school (or before arriving at school), you must contact one of the administrators to arrange for a cell phone contract to be completed and signed by the parent, student, and administrator. We decided to warn students with cell phones yesterday as long as the phones were turned off and put away. There will be locker searches and metal detector scans in the future. If students are found to be in possession of cell phones without having the required contract on file, the cell phones will be confiscated.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we work to maintain the safety and high standards of our school.

Thank You!!!

Your support and involvement are critical to the success of our great school. If you have questions, ideas or concerns, I can be reached by telephone at (414) 546-7700 or email at cohnra@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

Richard Cohn, Principal