



Fairview K-8 Charter School Family Bulletin



February 9, 2010

We are a school where staff and students excel; parents and community care

Upcoming...

Feb 11	Jump Rope for Heart
Feb 11	Hamilton Parent Cluster Mtg. – Call School if interested (Central Off. 6-6:45)
Feb 12	Banking Time Day – No School
Feb 15	Mid-Semester Break – No School
Feb 17	Governance Council Meeting
Feb 19	Interim Report Cards – Sent Home
Feb 20	WSMA Music Festival (8-4 at Arts HS)
Feb 24–Mar 3	Benchmarks 3- Grades K-5 – 8
March 4	Parent Teacher Conferences
March 9	Parent Teacher Conferences
March 12	No School-Official Conference Day
March 26	Banking Time Day – No School
April 1 - 9	Fairview Spring Break
April 12	Classes resume
April 22	Science Fair / Health and Wellness Fair / Showcase Night

Where is the time going?? I can't believe that **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART** is this week.

We need parent volunteers to help on Feb. 11. **ALL** Permission Slips need to be turned in to me before the event.

Final day for pledges (\$\$\$\$) is Feb. 19.

Ms. Dimberg

Fairview's Budget Challenge

Many of our families have been inquiring about the impact of next year's budget limitations on programming at Fairview. Our budget proposal must be submitted by February 11th. I am pleased to say that, at this point, we are able to keep SAGE. We have gym, art, and music at four days a week for next year, but I hope to restore those to full-time in the next day or so. We had to reduce assistant time and some teacher time. We will not have a half-time Spanish teacher.

After much brainstorming among staff members and the Governance Council, the Governance Council reached consensus on a very lean budget proposal that will maintain the programming that makes our school special. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about this.

Mr. Cohn

Our Gift of Art

During the month of December, Fairview students in grades K – 6th had the unique opportunity to give back to the community. Outpost Natural Foods asked our students to create designs on grocery bags. These bags were filled with groceries provided by an outreach event in which Outpost matched the dollar amount donated by their customers. These bags were given to the Hunger Task Force and distributed to families in Milwaukee.

While our students met their Art state standards of developing perception, visual discrimination, and media literacy skills to become visually educated people. They also made connections among the arts and other cultures. The lesson focused on Amate Bark Paintings, one of the many Folk Arts of the Latin American Culture. Students explored the history of bark paintings in South America as well as the purpose, processes, and symbolism found in typical bark paintings.

The Hunger Task Force will recognize Fairview by displaying the school's name on the large billboard that is on Hawley Road and I94. Thank you to Ms. George for being instrumental in this project and incorporating the arts in all aspects of our students' lives.

Art News February 2010

Our solar projects are shining brightly all over the building! Thank you all for the fabulous reusable junk in January. Although I still can use flattened cereal boxes and aluminum pie pans, please hold off on any further donations because the hallway near the art room is filling to the brim!

Over the past few weeks all of the K-6th grade Art classes have been working on a very special service project "Houses For Haiti." Students have discussed the current situation in Haiti and are busy creating little house pins and magnets in art class. Artworks will be on display in the office where students can exchange their change for a house beginning February 5th. Following district policy, the coins collected will be donated to the Red Cross International Disaster Response Haitian Earthquake relief fund. Mrs. Marsha Connor will over see the monetary donations and the coin drive will end on February 19th, 2010.

Thanks, again for all your creative support!

Ms Kari George

MPS Administrative Policy 8.13 STUDENT

ATTENDANCE/ABSENCES/TARDIES

(Item 1 A from the Overview)

Regular school attendance is expected of all MPS students. Education studies indicate that regular school attendance is a key factor in the successful academic achievement, positive social interactions, high self-esteem of school-age children, and future employment and earning capacity. Children who attend school regularly are less likely to become involved in drugs, alcohol, and youth violence. In this sense, good school attendance has a clear link to the economic vitality of the community.

From Fairview's Literacy Coach...

In two weeks we will be taking the next Benchmark Assessment. This test assesses students' skills in the areas of reading and math. While reviewing previous data, we discovered that students are having difficulty in the area of *Evaluating and Extending Text*. This is the reading strand that measures the highest level of thinking skills used in the reading process. Below are a few ways you can help your child develop these skills:

- Have your child predict what will happen next.
- Predict how the character might act in other situations.
- Have your child make connections between text and their own life (Has this ever happened to you?) or other texts.
- Have your child infer how a character feels or about what they might do.
- Have your child give examples from the text to support their responses.
- Discuss the author's message in the text (what is the author trying to tell us?).
- Have your talk about how elements of a story are similar and different.
- Help them to understand what is fact and what is opinion.
- Talk about the language and author uses and their word choice. Point out great examples of each.

The more children are able to think beyond the text the better their critical thinking skills will be!

Mrs. Wensink
2/08/10

Family Engineering is a new program being developed to actively engage parents and their children in fun, hands-on engineering activities and events. This program will be a valuable resource for anyone wanting to provide informal engineering learning experiences to elementary children and their families. www.familyengineering.org/index.html

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