



# Fairview K-8 Charter School Family Bulletin



March 9, 2010

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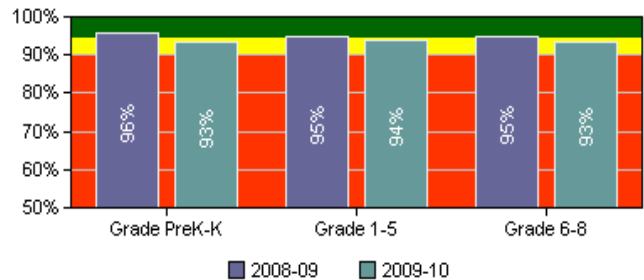
## Upcoming...

March 11	<b>Hoops for Heart pledges are due</b>
March 11	Chair Painting in Art Room
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 15	Garden Meeting (2:30, LMC)
March 15	PTA
March 16	PTA Skate Night at Incredi-Roll 6-8 pm. Sign up by March 11 <sup>th</sup>
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	Governance Council Nominations due
April 15	PTA Meeting (5 pm)
April 22	<b>Science Fair / Health &amp; Wellness Fair / Showcase Night</b>
April 24 Saturday	School-wide Bike Ride (1- 3 pm)
April 28	Governance Council Meeting (6 pm)
April 30	<b>Environmental Awareness Day</b>
May 6	Data Day – No School
May 7	Banking Day – No School

## FV Attendance Rates Fall Below District Goal of 95%

Attendance data from the Dashboard indicate that our attendance rates are below the goals of our district's strategic plan (WTAM). The district goal is 95%. Pre K and K went from 96% in 08-09 to a present level of 93%. Grades one through five went from 95% to 94% and six through eight went from 95% to 93%.

### Last Year vs. Current Year Attendance by Grade Group



We need to ensure that our students attend school regularly and on time. Students who are ill certainly should not be in school. Fairview parents and staff promote healthy habits to keep our students healthy:

- Wash hands
- Eat right
- Exercise
- Get proper sleep/Don't stay up late.

School attendance is required by law. Regular attendance is critical for student achievement. School habits such as regular attendance begin in the earliest years of a child's school experience.

If your child is having problems with regular attendance, help is a phone call (or email) away. Please contact the principal, assistant principal or school social worker if you need help.

Many of our students come to school regularly and on time. We need to do even better as we work to support and promote success for all of our students. As we work together on behalf of our children, we can and will help our children achieve more.

## Notes from the Literacy Coach

I am happy to report that Fairview's first Curl Up and Read Day was a success! At least a half a dozen classrooms signed up to be part of this event to honor Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students brought in anything they wanted to read which included novels, magazines, and journals along with something comfortable to read with like blankets, pillows, and stuffed animals. Take a look at the pictures posted around the building when you visit for Conferences!

### A Few Great Websites for Parents

- ReadWriteThink.org offers free reading and language arts activities collected by the International Reading Association and the National Council of Teachers of English: [www.readwritethink.org/beyondthe\\_classroom/](http://www.readwritethink.org/beyondthe_classroom/)
- NoodleTools offers step-by-step tips for researching information online: [www.noodletools.com](http://www.noodletools.com)
- Kidsites.com lists kid-safe sites by topic: [www.kidsites.com](http://www.kidsites.com)



Please Take the Survey



Walking and Biking to School

Fairview school wants to learn your thoughts about **children walking and biking** to school. This survey will take about 10-15 minutes to complete. We ask that each family complete only one survey. If you have more than one child at the same 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>

Thank you for participating in this survey!

**Can you volunteer to help with the concessions for the Grades 6-8 dance?**

It's on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:45-8:30pm. If you can help please email Mr. Floyd at [floydjp@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:floydjp@milwaukee.k12.wi.us) .

**Painting / Restoring Wooden Classroom Chairs Continues**

Last year, chairs were sanded and painted by staff and parents and auctioned in Spring. A letter that went home in November noted that this activity is happening again this year. The painting sessions are for parents and staff members. The next chair painting session will be in the Art Room from 2:45-4:45 on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions contact Mrs. Picciolo at 546-7700.

**We are in need of...**

...gently used pants and underwear for children about K thru 2nd grade size? Please send them to room 133. Thank you!

**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](mailto:cohnra@milwaukee.k12.wi.us) .

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