

# Classroom Connection

Foster Elementary School

November 3, 2011

A big **THANK YOU** to our Safety Patrollers this month: Genevieve Frank, Lee Chia Thao, Kayla and Sophia Sanford, Noah Shannon, Austin Schwartz, Hannah Cecon, Isaac Jones, Lucian Grignon, Brandon Lee, and Ethan Xiong.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

- November 4** 9:45 – 11:00 a.m. Rm. 113 Field Trip to Heritage
- November 11** 9:45 – 11:00 a.m. Rm. 109 Field Trip to Heritage
- November 16** 12:25 – 3:05 p.m. Grades 4/5/6 to Appleton East
- November 18** 9:45 – 11:00 a.m. Rm. 127 Field Trip to Heritage
- November 23** NO SCHOOL PM – Dismissal at 11:27 a.m.
- November 24** NO SCHOOL ALL DAY
- November 25** NO SCHOOL ALL DAY
- December 1** 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Winter Concert



## Safety In and Around Our

### Parking Lot

Your help in observing the signage around our school parking lot will help us accomplish our goal in keeping our students safe as they enter and leave the school and playground areas. We need your help to set a positive example. Please do not park your car in the areas marked **No Parking**. Please do not park in the bus area. Please **slow down** and have your child cross only at the corner with the Crossing Guard.

A safe place to drop off your child is by the playground on Foster Court. Have your child walk through the basketball courts and playground trail to the entrance of school, or drop off on Foster Street and have them walk up the sidewalk to school. This avoids congestion in our small parking lot and is a safer situation for all.

## Principal's Message

Greetings!

I can't believe it is already November. The leaves are off the trees, the weather is getting a little cooler and we have already completed two full months of school. The growth I have witnessed in all of your children has been amazing. Children are improving their reading and writing skills, they are getting better at math and they have learned more about the world around them in science and social studies. I have seen many of your children really excel in the areas of art, music and physical education. Indeed, I believe that we are off to the beginning of a great school year.

A portion of how others view our success as a school is how our students do on standardized tests. Our students will be completing their standardized tests this week and next week and I am confident they will give their best effort and our scores will reflect that effort.

As part of PBIS we will be celebrating the end of the quarter with a reward party on Wednesday, November 9, 2011. Those students who have not had any office referrals will watch a movie and eat trail mix. By in large, students have behaved very well this year and we look forward to rewarding a vast majority of our students.

On another note, I have been speaking with the Appleton Police Department about the traffic outside of school during busy times. They ask that I remind parents to use the cross walks when transporting their children across the street and to refrain from blocking our neighborhood drive-ways. I really appreciate your efforts to assure the safety of our students.

That's about all for now, have a great November!

Matt Zimmerman

## **FOSTER FAMILY NETWORK - PTO**

There are many opportunities for parents to participate actively in their children's education. The *Foster Family Network* (formerly Foster PTA) meets monthly and seeks to support student achievement through parental volunteering and additional program opportunities.

Research has shown that children whose parents are involved with the school are more likely to achieve academic success and to feel good about their school experiences. Foster encourages parents to become involved in their children's educational programs in whatever way is most comfortable and interesting for them. Some examples include volunteering to read to students, working with students at centers, serving on the school's Charter Governing Board, or assisting with planning and committee work for *Foster Family Network* projects such as Safe Night, School Yearbook, Staff Appreciation, and fundraising. If you have a unique talent or interest that you would like to share, please contact the office. All parents and staff are encouraged to become involved in the *Foster Family Network*. **Please plan on attending our next FFN meeting on Tuesday, November 15th at 3:30 p.m.**

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**Please Report All Changes  
to Keep  
Our Records Accurate**

**Please inform the School  
Office: (920) 832-6288  
of**

**Address/Phone @ home and work  
Names/Phone of emergency contacts  
Immunization records updated  
Changes in child's health status**

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*Thank You... to the*

*FFN and families who provided  
delicious meals for the staff during  
Parent/Teacher Conferences.*

## **Incoming Kindergarten Parent Information Sessions**

Are you the parent of a child born between September 2, 2006 and September 1, 2007? Do you live in the Appleton Area School District? Join us to learn the ins and outs of transitioning your child to kindergarten.

**Date:** November 9th @ 12:00-1:00 PM

**OR**

November 10th @ 6:00-7:00 PM

**Location:** Appleton Public Library

225 N. Oneida St. (Children's Area)

**To register please contact: Amy Wilson,  
Birth - Five Coordinator(920)886-1211  
[wilsonamy@asds.k12.wi.us](mailto:wilsonamy@asds.k12.wi.us)**

## **If Times are Tough...**

If your family is struggling to make ends meet and you could use some help to provide winter clothing for your family – consider the Community Clothes Closet!

We are a non-profit agency that provides **FREE** clothing to people in need. If you and/or your family are in need – we are here to help. To qualify for our services, you will need a referral from a human service agency, school, nurse, or church. Once you qualify for our services, you will be able to shop at the CCC twice a month for one year! Call 920.731.7834 for more information.



## 2 Hour Delay Policy

Delayed Start: Students should report to the school no earlier than 10:10AM when we are delayed two hours (and 9:10 AM if we are delayed only 1 hour).

\*\*If there is a delayed start to the school day, the Foster/Boys and Girls Club morning program will be cancelled due to lack of staff at the later start time.

\*\*If school is dismissed early due to weather conditions, the Foster/Boys and Girls Club will be open. However, for safety reasons, we ask that parents pick up their children as soon as they are able, so the Boys and Girls Club staff are able to drive home safely. If weather conditions are extremely bad, the afterschool program will be cancelled and parents will be notified by phone.

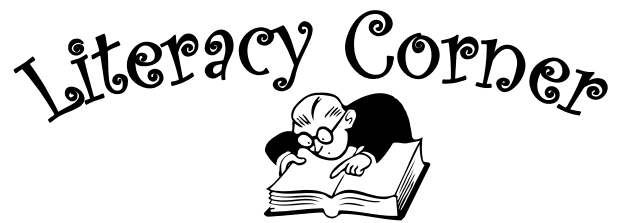
## **SNOW DAY POLICY - BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE FOX VALLEY**

When the Appleton Area School District closes *all day* due to inclement weather, the Downtown Boys and Girls Club will usually open for programming from 8:00 am – 5:30 pm. Only students ages 6-18 are welcomed to attend the Downtown Boys & Girls Club. In the event of extreme weather conditions the Downtown Boys & Girls Club may choose not to open and will announce this through WHBY 1150 AM and on its website [www.bgclubfoxvalley.org](http://www.bgclubfoxvalley.org). Please contact us at 731-0555 with any questions about this policy.



## **ATTENDANCE**

School attendance and promptness to school are very important for school success. The day begins at Foster Elementary Charter School when the bell to enter the building rings at 8:22 AM. Students are then expected to proceed to their classrooms and be prepared to begin the instructional day when the bell rings at 8:27 AM. Each day that your child is absent or tardy, he/she is missing valuable information that is critical to their school success.



## **Books A Timeless Gift**

Are you looking for a gift for your child that will last long after the holiday season? A book might be what you are searching for!

The Cooperative Children's Book Center at [www.education.wisec.edu/ccbc/is](http://www.education.wisec.edu/ccbc/is) a good place to start. Some selections from CCBC's choices for 2011 are:

### **Books for Beginning Readers**

*Cort & Fuss: The Babysitters* by Dori Chaconas  
*Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!* by Grace Lin  
*Wolf Pie* by Brenda Seabrooke  
*We Are in a Book!* by Mo Williams.

### **Books for Newly Independent Readers**

*Anna Hibiscus* by Atinuke  
*Only One Year* by Andrea Cheng  
*Princess Posey and the First Grade Parade* by Stephanie Greene

### **Books for Children**

*Keeper* by Kathi Appelt  
*Jake* by Audrey Couloumbis  
*Boom!* by Mark Haddon

### **Books for Young Adults**

*Forge* by Laurie Anderson  
*The Red Umbrella* by Christina Diaz Gonzalez  
*Lockdown* by Walter Dean Myers

Another good website that will connect your to publishers and suggestions for books is [www.booksaregreatgifts.com](http://www.booksaregreatgifts.com). Have a wonderful holiday season and a winter filled with warm memories and lots of reading!

## *Appleton Reading Specialists*



## **NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT**

The Appleton Area School District does not discriminate against pupils on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap in its education programs or activities. Federal law prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or handicap.

El Distrito Escolar de Appleton no discrimina a los alumnos con motivo de sexo, raza, color, religión, lugar de origen, ascendencia, credo, gravedad, estado civil o de paternidad, orientación sexual, o incapacidad física, mental, emocional, o de aprendizaje o minusvalía en los programas educacionales o actividades. La ley federal prohíbe la discriminación en el empleo por motivo de edad, raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, religión, o minusvalía.

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Dear parents,  
This year there will be a change in Foster/Boys and Girls Club Summer Programming. We will not offer 4 weeks of programming after the Foster summer school program. However, a Boys and Girls Club staff member will walk members to the bus daily for the 4 week period and ride the bus with the members to the Boys and Girls Club downtown facility. Parents need to pick up their children at the Boys and Girls Club downtown facility before 5:30 pm. \* A minimal daily fee of \$.50 per child is required to ride the bus to the downtown club. Fees may be paid daily (\$.50), weekly (\$2.50), or monthly (\$10.) No financial assistance available for bus fees. Fees must be paid prior to riding the bus. More information will be available at a later time. Please direct questions to Mary Beth Bialecki. 832-5724 or [bialeckimarybe@asds.k12.wi.us](mailto:bialeckimarybe@asds.k12.wi.us)  
Thank you,

Mary Beth Bialecki  
Unit Director  
Foster/Boys and Girls Club

