

Wolf Times

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From the desk of Mrs. Norcel, Principal:

Welcome Back!

Welcome to a brand new school year. All of us at Frenchtown want to make this a very successful year for your child. Your active support and cooperation, combined with our best professional efforts, will ensure academic success for your child.

The goal of our school is to provide each student with a challenging and rigorous curriculum appropriate to his/her academic level. We believe every child can achieve academic, emotional and social success.

Our mission this year is: ***“Good Character-Good Choices.”***

With parents and teachers working together as a team, toward the same goal, every child will succeed. In order to give each child the best opportunity for success, we ask that we keep *children first* in all that we do. If we accept and make real the pledge to keep children first, then it follows that education is our #1 priority. A school-community with those two concepts as their core values and common cause will stand ready, willing and able to do what is needed for educating our children. I know our Frenchtown School community is such a place.

When your child is absent from school, the absence requires both a phone call (203- 452-4228) on the day of the absence and a note the day the child returns to school.

As your principal, you can expect that I will reach out to you and ask for your support, ideas, suggestions, and involvement. I will encourage you to join our team, and our school family, where preparing children for the future is our number one priority. I pledge to do my best to ensure that each child is challenged, nurtured, and provided with a safe and stimulating learning experience.

Shortly, we will be sharing last years CMT scores with our fourth and fifth graders and their families.

This year we encourage you to think about the answers to these questions for your child:

- What do you want him/her to learn?
- How will you know if he/she learned?
- What will you do if he/she hasn't learned?

Following my letter is an informational sheet entitled What Families Need to Know and Do About Bullying. Please read it and then also check out on our website the Food Allergies Guide.

Remember students are not to have cell phones or electronic games at school.

Back To School Nights are:

K & 5- Monday, September 12th at 7pm

1 & 2- Tuesday, September 13th at 7pm

3 & 4- Wednesday, September 14th at 7pm

Our annual Family Picnic will be held on Wednesday, September 28th during lunch times. (11:30-1:30)

On September 9th, we have a Box-Top profit sponsored musical assembly for K-2 “Let’s Help U” and for Grades 3-5 “Let’s Help Drew” to kick off a monthly study of the Pillars of Character. I have included a flyer on the Six Pillars of character with definitions that will make sense to all our students.

As we work together during this year, I invite you to stay in contact and let me know how you and your youngster(s) are experiencing school. There

will be many opportunities for contact with me. Please do not hesitate or ever think your comment or concern is unimportant. Through teamwork, open communication, and a dedication to continuous improvement, we can make this school year a place where children delight in and enjoy learning.

This year our two portable buildings will be home for Ms. Hull and Mrs. Buswell second grades.

The 2010-11 school year marks the ninth anniversary of the completion of our building. We welcome to Frenchtown; Judy Elkies (Speech), Jackie Goldfarb (Speech), Jessica Rosenblatt (TAG), Luann Donovan (Social Worker), Kris Boyle (Psychologist), Liz Raucci (Special Ed) and from their maternity leaves, Jennifer Cerrato (Special Ed) and Michele Sansone (Math).

Each month we will highlight a way to “Bee” someone with Good Character. September we will “Bee” friendly.

This year Frenchtown will join our middle schools as part of PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support) program. PBIS is a decision making Framework that guides best practice. It emphasizes the prevention of problem behavior and focuses on adult modeling and teaching of social skills the same way you would teach academic skills.

www.stopandshop.com/aplus. Your input is critical to the future of this program!

Again, thank you for your support of our school. Please look for information regarding next year’s fundraising opportunities in mid-August! I encourage you to help us again raise money for our children. You must re-register your card again for the 2011-12 school year.



Dear Parents,

Once again, thank you for your support of our school through the 2010-2011 A+ Bonus Bucks Program. Because of your efforts and support of this program, we were able to raise \$1,673.82 in cash for our school. Less than last year because fewer people re-registered their Stop and Shop card. We used these funds to purchase two wooden picnic tables for the playground, library books and CD players.

Stop and Shop would like your feedback regarding A+ Bonus Bucks! A special supporter survey has been posted to the A+ website



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