

Wolf Times

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It is important for both home and school to work together to build strong character in our children. Clearly, when it comes to character building, the family is the key. There is simply no substitute for a mother and/or father, or guardian, who forms a loving and supportive circle around the child, providing loving guidance and defining for their child, both by what they say and how they live, standards of good conduct.

Schools have a strong supportive role to play in character building. Schools must not only help children become literate and well informed, they must also help them develop the capacity to be responsible and demonstrate good problem solving skills in situations of ethical conflict. Schools can reinforce those universal values we all cherish and which we hope our children will demonstrate when we are not around. When they are on their own, we want them to demonstrate universal character traits in their daily lives, such as:

Responsibility, Caring, Perseverance, Honesty, Kindness, Tolerance, Respect, Cooperation, and Initiative. These character traits will enable them to be successful in life.

At Frenchtown, we have selected an attribute to highlight and reinforce in our students for the school year and one attitude to be studied each month.

We have selected the attribute of “citizenship” as

the character builder on which we will focus all year. One of the most important challenges parents face is to help our children develop “citizenship.” Here are a few simple ideas to start with:

1. Use the word citizenship with your child. This way your child will become familiar with the concept and will absorb the word into his or her vocabulary. Talk often about being a good citizen, using examples.
2. Tell your child that you want him or her to be a good citizen. You expect it. If you notice your child, yourself, or others being good citizens or bad citizens, point this out to your child. Talk about the consequences of the behavior, both good and bad.
3. Be careful and conscious about setting a good example by being a good citizen in everything you do and say. What you do and don't do sends a message to your child.
4. Provide opportunities for your child to participate in helping the community. You might join a one-day community work project or clean-up project. Perhaps your child can make a contribution to some kind of community cause, or, you can attend a community fundraiser together. Just make sure your child knows that the proceeds from the event will be used for a community project.



Here are some concepts about citizenship that the Frenchtown Staff will help your child understand. Good citizens:

- Do their share
- Help their communities
- Follow rules and laws
- Respect authority
- Take care of the environment

Staff look for these qualities in choosing Students of the Month and for Dream Read Succeed.

Students recite the Pledge of Allegiance every day and they recite the Frenchtown School Pledge on Mondays and Fridays.



During the week of September 12th every child will experience civic lessons on the Constitution.

September 17 is officially Constitution Day. During the

month of October we will continue our study culminating in Democracy Day and election of Student Council Officers.

During October, the curriculum areas of Social Studies and Science will afford the children an opportunity to investigate the lives, values, and principles of men and women who dared to chart new paths. Christopher Columbus, Henry Ford, Jonas Salk, Neil Armstrong, Pablo Picasso, Molly Pitcher, and Eleanor Roosevelt are among those who will be discussed.

Teachers also will be highlighting the curriculum areas of health and safety. Children will be discussing fire prevention, Halloween safety, nutritious foods and snacks, proper dress for fall weather, and the needs of a healthy body. Grades K – 2 will have a visit from the Fire Department in October.

Learning is a life-long process. Our school mission statement says that we want our students to be life-long learners. The business of education is learning and the school's job is to help students connect or apply that learning or knowledge to real life situations. For teachers to be effective educators, they need to be life-long learners. They need to continue extending and expanding their knowledge about the teaching process.



Teacher staff development is an important factor that contributes to the excellent reputation of our district's teaching staff. The

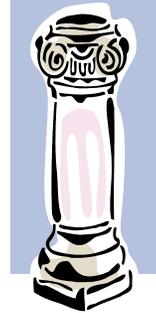
Trumbull School District hires outstanding teachers and continues to provide training to assist them in continually upgrading their instructional strategies and teaching skills, as well as in implementing new curriculum mandated by state frameworks. The content of the staff development days comes from our school plan and our district's long-range curriculum plan.

The purpose of our professional staff days is to provide teachers large, uninterrupted blocks of time for concentrated training to enhance their skills and effectiveness in the classroom. The days spent for staff development are rigorous in content and provide teachers with new skills and training to use in the classroom with students. They also have an opportunity to plan with their colleagues to implement new teaching strategies in their classrooms.

By challenging teachers to think critically about curriculum, to explore new teaching strategies, and to evaluate what works or doesn't work with children, we provide them the stimulation and encouragement to continue to excel as teachers.

Remember to check our website www.frenchtownelementary.com. We would welcome any suggestions or ideas you might have on how to make our site even more user friendly.

If you have any questions, please contact us at school. Call the office, 452-4227 and we'll get back to you.



Character
Corner—
Mr. Weitzman,
Social Worker

Trust

Trust means to have confidence or faith in a person or thing. Good people are people you can trust. They are honest; they tell the truth. They keep promises; if they say they'll do something, they do it. They say and do good things for their families and friends; they are loyal.



Winners



The results are in!

The top 3 classes that collected the most Box Tops for the 2015-2016 school year are:

1st place is Mrs. Martins' class collecting \$ 276.30 in Box Tops.

2nd place goes to Mrs. Grunow's class collecting \$ 153.40 in Box Tops.

In 3rd place collecting \$ 137.00 in Box Tops is Mrs. Alfano's class.

Mrs. Kelly will be in touch with the 3 teachers to schedule your pizza party!

Don't forget to collect Box Tops over the summer! Maybe your class will win a pizza party next year.

Congratulations to all of our students and classes with 100% homework completion for the month of May! Our winners are:

Big stuffed animals – Michael Cross

Kaitlin Weaver

Small stuffed animals – Phoebe Lewis

Ryan Osvay

Art sets -

Maya Gibson

Victoria Fernandes

The following classes will receive pencils for 100% homework:

Mrs. Gambardella

Mrs. Mordecai

Mrs. Rodrigues

Ms. Sansone

Mrs. Tuohy

Mrs. Demshak

Thank you!



Thank you to Kelly Gipson for arranging our first kindergarten play dates on August 1st and August 18th. The children enjoyed the popsicles.



Gifts to School



The PTA gave us the funds to purchase Teacher websites for staff, Raz Kids for grades K, 1, 5 and Moby Max for the school.

Also, the following magazines and posters are gifts to the school:

Jack & Jill Magazine

Humpty Dumpty

Cricket

National Geographic

Mailbox Grades 2-3

Mailbox Kindergarten

Mailbox Intermediate

Little Kids

Big Ideas in Geography

Book of Science

Book of States

Nutmeg Books for 2017 – Father’s Club

30 Chromebooks

Father’s Club and PTA funds

4 different sets of leveled, guiding reading books

Flags of Our States Poster (folded)

Flags of Our States Poster (tube)

Guide to the Constitution

War of 1812

Updated Presidents of the U.S. Poster

With Scholastic Bucks from our Book Fairs, we purchased:

3 U.S. Map carpets for Grade 4 6 bean bags

5 Book carpets for Grade 3 6 throw pillows

1 Peace Park Carpet Lobby 4 rockers for the library