



Fort Meigs Elementary School

Weekly Family Newsletter

February 16, 2024

Good morning, families!

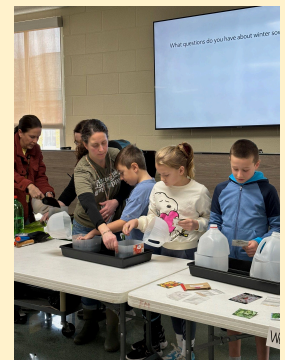
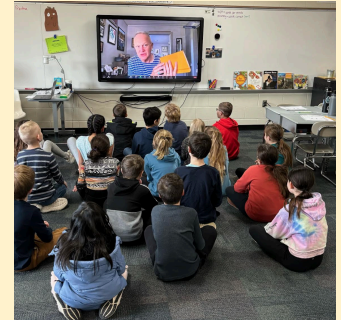
I hope this weekly newsletter finds you well! We've had a great week here at the Fort and I hope you and your family can enjoy the extended weekend. A reminder that there is no school today or Monday, February 19. Our staff will be participating in a teacher in-service day today and Monday is Presidents' Day. Thank you to all the volunteers that were able to assist with our Valentine's Day parties yesterday. Your assistance is greatly needed and appreciated.

A very special thank you to our Boosters for sponsoring our movie night last Friday. I understand the students had a great time and we thank the Boosters for continuing to provide opportunities to our students and families to enjoy these types of nights.

I wish you all a wonderful four-day weekend!

Thank you for letting me be your principal.

Peace,
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Important Dates:

- February:
 - 16 - Teacher in-service - **No school**
 - 19 - Presidents' Day - **No school**
 - 23 - Spring Picture Day
- March:
 - 1 - Two-hour delay
 - 8 - End-of-the-quarter
 - 19 - Teacher in-service - **No school**
 - 25-29 - Spring Break



Third Grade Science Project:

- The third grade classes came together this week for a project on winter sowing. As part of this project, Mrs. Ziemke led the group in a discussion about what plants need to germinate. Students learned plants need water, oxygen, light and proper temperature to germinate. Following the presentation, students were able to plant various seeds in milk jugs (to replicate a greenhouse). They then moved these jugs outside to the school garden area where they will continue to watch



the seeds over the next few weeks/months. In the spring, they will transfer the seeds from the milk jugs to the garden beds and complete some additional planting projects to extend their learning.

Summer Community Offerings:

- We are pleased to partner with many of our community establishments to offer the following summer programs.
- [23-24 - Y-Care Summer Program](#)
- [BGSU Academic Enrichment Camps.pdf](#)



Office Safety Measures:

- In our consistent effort to keep our school as safe as possible, please be advised that when you pick your child(ren) up early for any reason you may be asked to provide a photo ID to ensure that you are permitted to sign the student out. While we understand this may serve as an inconvenience we are determined to keep our young people as safe as possible. Thanks for your understanding.
- Further, this may be a good time to check your FinalForms documentation to make any and all necessary updates to these types of measures.



From the Dean's Desk:

- Good Morning Families,
 - In the past few years, smart watches for students have become more prevalent within our building. Watches that can send or receive information, messages, or make phone calls, fall under the district electronic device policy. This policy, 5136, can be found on the district website. I wanted to take a few moments to bring to your attention the district expectations and policy in regards to student technology as we have had a few issues recently. While our staff understands the benefits these devices can provide, it is important that students abide by the policy for watches just as they would for phones, tablets, or other electronic devices.
 - *An "electronic device" includes any wireless communication devices that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor. Use of EDs, except approved educational devices, at any other time is prohibited and they must be powered completely off (i.e. not just placed into vibrate or silent mode) and stored out of sight.*
- Lastly, Starting next week I will be heading into the classrooms to teach 3rd quarter Jacket Way lessons. Our K-1 students will be learning about how to show they are ready. With our 2nd-4th grade students we will be discussing the importance of using kind words and actions. I am looking forward to getting into classrooms to spend time with our students.



Professionally,
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Spring Arts Festival:

- Spring Arts Festival sign-ups are underway. Please use the following attachment if your child plans to sign-up:
 - [23-24 - Arts Festival Sign-up Sheet](#)
- Should you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. George directly at sgeorge@perrysburgschools.net.

District Available Supports:

Items in this section are NOT updated on a weekly basis but serve as a home to find things quickly, as needed.

- Perrysburg Schools have several resources available to families who may need assistance in the areas of technology, internet, and meals. Below are the links that families should use in a case where assistance may be needed. Please feel free to click on the links to access the material. Should you have any questions please feel free to reach out.
- The Salvation Army is offering help for the Holidays to those families that may be in need. Please see the application/flier here: [Salvation Army Application](#).
- Technology Economic Hardship Request.
 - [Technology Economic Hardship Request](#)
 - [Free Internet Request](#)
 - [Food Distribution](#)
- Safer Ohio School Tip Line - 844-723-3764
 - This is a free service that accepts calls and texts 24/7 and allows anyone to anonymously share information with school officials and law enforcement about threats to safety.
- Crisis Text Line - text "4hope" to 741 741
 - People of all ages may reach out by text 24/7 to communicate with someone trained to listen and respond in a method that is free, private, secure and confidential. Data usage while texting Crisis Text Line is free and the number will not appear on a phone bill with the mobile service carrier.

Social Media Connections:

- You can follow me on Twitter here: [@FortMeigsCooper](#).
 - I often post student pictures, upcoming events, school happenings, school delays or cancellations, etc. on this page.
- Our Fort Meigs Boosters have a Facebook page you can access here:
 - [Fort Meigs Parent Boosters Facebook](#).
 - You can also follow our Boosters on Twitter at [@FtMeigsBoosters](#) along with their Instagram at [Fort Meigs Parent Boosters \(@ftmeigsparentboosters\)](#) • [Instagram photos and videos](#)
- Mrs. Joanne Cook, Fort Meigs Art Teacher, posts student work and accomplishments on this Facebook page:
 - [Mrs. Cook's Classroom Facebook](#)
- Please check the [Community Events, Clubs, etc.](#) or click "Flyers" under the Parent tab on the district website (www.perrysburgschools.net) for information about community events, clubs and more! Information is updated weekly.