

# Ellis School Newsletter

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## COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP MEETING REGARDING THE DISTRICT'S STRATEGIC PLAN AND SEARCH FOR NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12,  
5:30 PM in the Ellis School Library

The Fremont School District School Board is hosting a focus group meeting related to the development of a Strategic Plan for the District, as well as the search for a new Middle School Principal starting in September, 2009.

All Fremont parents, citizens and town officials are encouraged to attend the meeting.

It will be an opportunity to suggest what should be included in a school district strategic plan and what qualities and experiences should be sought in a new middle school principal. The meeting will lead to a written report to the School Board from the moderator summarizing the points made at the meeting.

Any questions about the meeting can be addressed to the Superintendent's Office at [895-6903](tel:895-6903).

## Journalists of the Future

A number of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts students are working on our school newsletter. They will write articles about our school and community happenings. Each student that writes in the newsletter will get extra credit for class. Over the weeks, more students will be included in this.

The students will learn how to use email and publisher on the computer. Look for future student articles in the newsletter.

Article by Austin Clough



## PTA Fall Festival Thank You!



A big thank you to all of the Fremont PTA members who volunteered at the elementary Fall Harvest on Friday October 31! This includes: Cammie Fraize, Marcia Soares, Joy Wood, Laura LaChapelle, Tracie Kellher, Bridget Paine, Tammy Bond, Jenn Brown, Stephanie Allen, Beth Lucas, Cheryl Rowell, Pam McElroy, Cathy Herrmann, Lisa Fiorvante, Martha Abney, Kendice Masse-Higginbottom, Jen Howard, Patti Williams, Linda Marciniszyn, and Nancy Bernhardt. Each class made their own scarecrow, students had their faces painted, they ate apples off of strings, and did some fantastic pumpkin bowling. Everyone had a super time outside for this event. We couldn't have done it without the support of our PTA. Thank you so much for helping to make this a great event!!

November 7, 2008

### *Upcoming Events:*

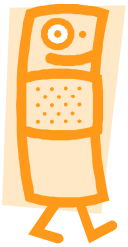
- **November 7- Middle School Dance**  
Fall Festival Theme 7-9PM
- **November 9- Soccer Championships**  
9AM Londonderry
- **November 11- No School**  
Veteran's Day
- **November 12- Budget Committee Meeting**  
7PM Town Hall  
Support Staff Contract Review
- **November 12- Strategic Planning Meeting**
- **November 17- Basketball Begins**  
Forms Due Nov 7
- **November 19- Everyday Math**  
Preschool Parent Night
- **November 20- Everyday Math**  
Kindergarten Parent Night

# The Little Red Hen

The classical story of the Little Red Hen was performed at Ellis on November 6<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 6:30pm. There were cows, cats, chicks, pigs, foxes, a narrator and of course a little red hen. At the dress rehearsal preschoolers-4<sup>th</sup> graders came to watch. It was by far the cutest thing that we have ever seen. Every time the little red hen asked for help all the animals would sing a song.

By: *Jamie Francis and Kayla Troy*

Cast of The Little Red Hen during their 1:30 PM performance.



## Meet the Ellis School Nurse

Mrs. Milner! She has three kids named Meghan, Kyle and Chris. She has been working at Ellis for 6 years. Mrs. Milner spends 7 to 8.5 hours at work per day. She loves her job as a school nurse and has been a nurse for 30 years. She has a dog named Lucy. Lucy is a hyper dog, but she keeps Mrs. Milner company. Mrs. Milner loves Ellis School, but the only thing she would like to change is, having a bigger office.

Mrs. Milner has some very good information on her web page such as the following information on head lice. "It is always a good idea to check your child for head lice prior to the start of school in the fall. Summer Camp is often a source of head lice. To work with the nurse to minimize the pesky problem parents should check their child on a regular schedule. If a parent discovers lice they should call the nurse and any friends the child has been with regularly for events such as sleep over. If a student has been treated they should go to the nurse with parent to be checked prior to returning to class. The lice have a three week cycle and it is important to check twice a day for three weeks after treatment. Please reach me at 895-2511 ext. 420 or ext. 8"

Written by Reno Philibert 6Mt

### *News from the Nurse*

**There have been some cases of head lice in grades 2,5,6**

**Please continue to check your children**

**Remind them no sharing hats or hairbrushes**

**Always check after sleep over**

**If you find lice or nits please:**

- **Call the school nurse for any advice**
- **Let the school nurse know and she will check your child daily until nit free**
- **Please notify any of your children's friends and their parents especially after a sleepover**
- **Check the nurse web page for links on treatment of lice**



### Soccer Championships!

The Sanborn High School Varsity Boys and Girls soccer teams will play for the State Championship on Saturday November 8 at 1 and 3 PM at Merrimack Valley High School in Concord.

Fremont U12 Boys will play in Londonderry at 9 AM on Sunday November 9.

Come Cheer on Our Teams!

## Grade 5/6 Science News

The fifth and sixth grades are currently studying Atmosphere, Weather and Climate, and Ecosystems and Habitats. We shall begin a new program of inquiry based learning to support these themes through the use of Gizmos soon. Gizmo is a technology driven program that allows students to investigate various science and math concepts via the computer. It allows students to manipulate variables to discover the different scenarios and possible outcomes within a concept. There is a student learning guide that goes with each science concept which provides a framework for direction to students. This guide will help to ensure that students are getting the most out of each Gizmo session. Remember to ask them about the use of Gizmos in the classroom in the next few weeks, as I am sure your child will be very excited with this new approach to learning science.

## You are invited to be part of a Fremont Safe Routes to School Task Force!

The initial meeting of the Task Force will be to determine the plausibility of applying for a start-up Federal Grant of up to \$5,000 with a follow-up grant of up to \$15,000 to improve the safety of students walking or rolling to school. The NH State- Coordinator for the Safe Routes to School initiative, John Corrigan, will present our options on

Thursday, November 13, 2008, at the Ellis School Library at 7 p.m.



For more information, contact:

Mrs. Carol Foley, [cfoley@sau83.org](mailto:cfoley@sau83.org)

Gifted and Talented Coordinator, Ellis School, Fremont

## Mrs. Thomas Web Page Update

Mrs. Thomas's (Mrs. O) web page has been updated with lots of information regarding literacy at Ellis. If you have any questions regarding literacy at Ellis please contact Mrs. Thomas (Mrs. O) at [jthomas@sau83.org](mailto:jthomas@sau83.org)

### Middle School Homework Helpline

Parents or students call the school number of [895-2511](tel:895-2511) after school hours and dial one of the following extensions:

175 - 5th grade	176 - 6th grade
177 - 7th grade	178 - 8th grade.

### **Telephone Extensions**

**Nurse—dial—8**

**Absent & Tardy Line—dial 7**

**Middle School Hours—7:50—2:20**

**Elementary Hours—8:35—3:05**

## What is Mrs. Whitehouse's Class Doing this Year?

This year Mrs. Whitehouse's class is learning very much, and having a good time while they do it. In math they are learning about writing number sentences, partial difference method and practicing basic multiplication. In science they are learning about invertebrates, forests, soil, trees and their leaves, and ecosystems. They are having a readers' workshop and learning about literary elements of a story.

The weather is getting cooler, please dress appropriately! Thanks!

Written By: Devon MacLeod and Kaitlin Perkins

## Physical Education

Students will start physical fitness testing in physical education class taught by Mrs. Jackson. Students will be tested using the fitness gram test developed by the Cooper Institute. This test will be split up into five tests called the Pacer test, Curl Ups, Push Ups, Sit and Reach, and Trunk Extension. These tests will check the students cardiovascular health, abdominal strength, upper body strength, flexibility of lower back and strength of lower back.

By Kelvis DeCastro and Matt Dupras



## Family Night @ The Book Fair

The PTA's Scholastic Book Fair Family Night will be on Monday, November 10th from 3:30 - 8:00. The PTA has purchased colored gel candles, made in Maine, so that you can begin your holiday shopping. For \$10.00 (per candle) we have ten scents to choose from - Warm Gingerbread, Nana's Carrot Cake, Spiced Pumpkin, Fresh Baked Apple Pie, Cookies for Santa, Christmas in Maine, Maine Blueberry, Macintosh, Bayberry, and Simmering Cinnamon. They are made in an 8oz. Mason Jar, with lead free wicks, and will burn for over fifty hours. For every candle purchased on Family Night, your name will go into a drawing for a 10.58 oz. Lindt Swiss bittersweet chocolate "gold" bar!! If you are unable to come to the Book Fair, but are interested in making a purchase, please contact Faith Levesque at [pfjklev@comcast.net](mailto:pfjklev@comcast.net) or [679-9537](tel:679-9537).



## REMINDER!!!!!!!

The PTA Fundraiser items will be ready of pick-up on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:20pm. This is also Family Night for the Scholastic Book Fair which will run from 3:30 - 8:00 pm.



## Winter Clothing Drive

Ellis School will be collecting new and/or gently used Children's Winter Coats and new and/or gently used Children's Winter Boots on behalf of the Fremont Food Pantry. Specially marked boxes will be in the foyer and the collection period is November 10 - 21.

The coats and boots will be delivered to the Food Pantry on November 21 at the close of school. The Fremont Food Pantry is the recipient of these donations; so the items will go directly to families in Fremont. We appreciate your consideration of this worthy project. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Kazan @ Ellis School, 895-2511, ext. 140.



## 7/8 Grade Math With Ms. Maceachern

This new math teacher came from California, where she taught math there too. Right now, she is teaching her students the properties of algebra. If you don't know what this is, it's a little bit of everything. For example, there's distributive property of addition, association property of multiplication, commutative property of subtraction. They have made posters that are in the 7/8 hall that explain all the properties of algebra.

By: Jamie Francis and Kayla Troy