

**JANUARY, 2018**

CCSD 146



Our students are burning for learning!

## Fulton Newsletter to Parents

### From the Principal, Ron Gonser

Dear Fulton Families:

As we look forward to a New Year I hope you will have a safe and relaxing Winter break with your family and friends. I wish all the Fulton learning community good health, happiness and success in the coming new year and always. As teachers and parents we work hard to help children succeed and thrive. Parent involvement is vital to student success and in creating a healthy, effective school environment.

In an attempt to work more as partners we are again offering times for you to engage in your child's learning by inviting you to sign up to be guest readers, recess helpers, help at learning center activities, help students in STEAM, and other activities. We will kickoff the sign up with a family breakfast event on Friday January 26th, 2018. If you are not able to attend the breakfast the information will be sent home and made available on our website and Fulton's Facebook page. Upon our return from Winter break further information about the breakfast and the signing up process will be sent home.

Research shows that when parents are involved in their children's education, the children are more likely to:

- earn better grades.
- score higher on tests.
- pass their classes.
- attend school regularly.
- have better social skills.
- show improved behavior.
- be more positive in their attitude toward school.
- completes homework assignments.
- graduate and continue their education.

We look forward to continuing to be partners in your child's learning.

***We wish all our Fulton Families a Prosperous***

### **JANUARY 2018 HAPPENINGS**

**1/8/18—Classes Re-sume**

**1/11/18—CMS District Spelling Bee  
6—8p.m.**

**1/15/18—School Closed for Martin Luther King's Birthday**

**1/16/18— Breakfast with Dr. Jeff Stawick at CMS  
9:30am**

**1/18/18 –Robert Crown—Parent Pre-View Meeting for Life Begins at Memorial School 6pm**

**1/19/18—PTO Winter Ball 5:30p.m.—7:30p.m.**

**1/31/18—2nd Grade Concert 6:30p.m.**





***Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a fun filled relaxing Break!***

In December, I was able to complete Early Learning for vision and hearing screening. Referrals were sent home to the parents of students that failed the two screenings. It is extremely important that a child has the best possible vision and hearing, since a large portion of a problem can avoid needless social, emotional and educational problems. Make an appointment with an eye doctor or your physician as soon as possible to avoid these problems and return the completed form to the school nurse.

***How to protect your child and family from the Flu this School Year***

The Center from Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends 4 main ways you and your family may keep from getting sick with the flu at school and at home.

***Practice good hand hygiene***—by washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleansers are also effective.

***Cover your mouth or nose***—with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder, not into your hands.

***Stay home if you or your child is sick***— for at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever or signs of a fever (without the use of fever-reducing medicine). Keeping sick students at home means that they keep their viruses to themselves rather than sharing them with others.

***Get your family vaccinated***— for the seasonal flu when the vaccines are available.

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*The Fifteenth Annual District 146 Math Challenge* will be held February 13th at Central Middle School. Fulton School is proud to announce this year's participants representing Fulton:

1<sup>st</sup> grade: Annabelle Shaw, CeCe Oceguela, Gwen Sands, Leah Morrissy, Alternate: Brooke Adams

2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Zain Aird, Maryam Natour, Sophia Rohan, Aayden Wessel, Alternate: Kaleb Snyder

3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Daniel McCarthy, Marni Hemminger, Renee Saludar, Kyle Lutchen, Alternate: Mohammed Natour

4<sup>th</sup> grade: Gavin Hemminger, Dylan Scanlan, Sophia Pinho, Ben Eisses, Alternate: Rayane Harir

5<sup>th</sup> grade: Celia Lindokken, Brandon Czerwiec, Benjamin James, Kelcie Lukac, Alternate: Joslyn Anichini

Best wishes to all! And thank you to the Fulton PTO for sponsoring District 146 Math Challenge t-shirt to our participants.



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## ***GRADE LEVEL NEWS***

### **Happy New Year!**

***First graders***—continue to work on Visualizing and Evoking Images while reading. While reading at home please ask your child what they can picture, hear, smell, taste, touch or feel in their heads about the story they read or listened to.

In Math, we will continue to work on addition and place value understanding tens and ones.

Our new science unit will be on plants and animals with Penguins as our first unit.

***Second Graders*** - After the New Year the students will learn about measurement. They are estimating lengths in inches, feet, centimeters and meters. They will also compare lengths of 2 different objects.

In the area of Literacy/Writing we are continuing with Opinion Writing and describing how words and phrases supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or song.

We are taking a field trip on January 17<sup>th</sup> to see the play, *Rapunzel and the Frog Prince*. This is a culminating activity for the Fairy Tale unit.

***Third Grade***—As our students begin their winter break, we know they are looking forward to being with family and friends. Upon our return in January, we are beginning our study of immigration in social studies. Students will investigate why immigrants come to the United States and identify challenges immigrants experience. They will also learn about citizenship.

Science will include the study of weather and how weather changes over time. Third graders will learn about the water cycle and study the concepts of evaporation, condensation, precipitation, and storage. They will investigate tools used to measure weather conditions and study strategies to stay safe in severe weather.

***Fourth Grade***—Welcome to 2018! In literacy, we will be focusing on various skills and strategies using our Storyworks magazine passages. The trimester ends on March 1<sup>st</sup>, so please ensure your children are reading daily at home to meet and exceed their AR goals. We will be working on writing our narratives after learning about dialogue, characters, and narrative elements. Students are in the process of learning about multiplication strategies. Please continue to have your children study their multiplication facts on a daily basis. All fourth grade students had a fun time creating a mathematical snowman. These will be displayed in our halls to bring some winter joy to all. In Social Studies, the 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be “traveling” to the Southeast Region. Hope you enjoyed your time off with your families!

### **Fifth grade news**

Happy New Year! We are hitting the ground running without wasting a single moment. Hitting the ground running? If you ask your child what that statement is an example of, chances are he or she will be able to tell you that it's an example of an idiom! Fifth graders are studying different types of figurative language such as idioms, metaphors, similes, hyperbole, personification, alliteration, and onomatopoeia. In fact, most fifth graders will create an iMovie about the different types of figurative language we're learning about. The kids cannot wait to be creative, use technology, and share their projects.

In reading, we are working on identifying the main idea of a text as well as supporting details. Students are also focusing on reading and comprehending informational text. We encourage all students to read aloud with their parents on a consistent basis. This will assist students to improve their reading fluency. This means to read at a steady pace, pausing at punctuation, and reading with expression. The only way to improve fluency is to practice, practice, practice!

All fifth grade students are practicing their composition skills by creating clear, coherent, organized writing. We are currently focusing on opinion and persuasive writing. Students are also learning the importance of editing their work!

In math, we are continuing to work with fractions. Time will also be dedicated to interpreting and solving word problems. Do you have computer/internet access at home? If so, please encourage your child to go on to the [ixl.com](http://ixl.com) website for math practice! Working on this site from home 10-15 minutes per day will be extremely beneficial.

European explorers and early English settlements are the upcoming units we will learn about in social studies.

Parents, please be on the lookout for information regarding the visit from health educators from the Robert Crown Health Center!

Please don't forget to encourage your child to read nightly and practice his or her math facts!!

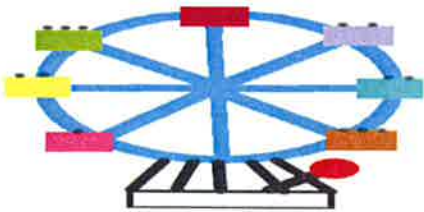


### **ATTENTION PARENTS OF FIFTH (5TH) GRADERS:**

**Fifth Grade**—students are attending the Robert Crown Center for Health Education in February. The program entitled “Life Begins” focuses on human reproduction and the growth and development of a baby from conception to birth. Packets with additional information and permission slips will be sent home after winter break. An opportunity for parents to preview and discuss the program's content has been arranged. The meeting will be held on ***Thursday, January 18th at 6:00p.m. at Memorial School, 6701 179th Street.*** An educator from Robert Crown will conduct the presentation. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this important meeting.



Make sure to congratulate 1<sup>st</sup> place winner **Gavin Hemminger** and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner **Celia Lindokken**! They will be moving on to the Central Middle School Spelling Bee January 11th. All of our students did a great job at spelling, but even better at sportsmanship!



**Six Flags** “Read to Succeed” Reading Incentive Program offered by Six Flags Great America (Gurnee, IL). Start reading so your child (grades K-5) can earn a FREE ticket to Great America by reading 6 hours (360-minutes) of recreational reading as an incentive program. Parent letters and student log forms have been sent home before winter break with details. If you need another log sheet at any time, please contact your child’s teacher. All log forms must have minutes documented and require parent signature/initials. The final due date for Six Flags log sheets is Thursday, February 15, 2018. All log sheets are due to your teacher at this time. Your child will receive their earned ticket, within their final report card envelope at the end of the year. Great America also offers family discounts online also for the rest of the family to help create a Summer Event for the whole family to enjoy!!  
**READ!! READ!! READ!!**

Lorie Kaiser, Six Flags Fulton School Coordinator





In December, Fulton Student Council sponsored a very successful food drive for the Tinley Park Food Pantry. During the month of January Student Council will be collecting new or gently used winter items (hats, scarves, mittens, and socks) to help keep members of our community warm. Items collected will be donated to ***Together We Cope***.

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**Bert H. Fulton Elementary School PTO in the Amazon Smile.**

This will help the PTO receive a small percentage of Sales.

Help support your School's PTO.





<p>8 Asian Orange Chicken w/ Brown Rice OR All Beef Hot Dog OR Yogurt Parfait Lunch</p> <p>Baby Carrots &amp; Ranch Burger Bar</p>	<p>9 Walking Taco's *GS (Nacho Cheese Doritos) OR Mini Maple Pancakes w/ Cheese stick OR Turkey Chopped Salad *GS (Croutons and Soft Pretzel Rod on the side) Refried Beans Deli Bar</p>	<p>10 Breakfast Booster Lunch French Toast Sticks w/ Turkey Sausage Links OR Cheeseburger OR Turkey and Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Potato Wedge Deli Bar</p>	<p>11 Chicken Noodle Soup w/ Mini Turkey and Cheese Sub or All Beef Hot Dog or Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap</p> <p>Broccoli Florets &amp; Ranch</p>	<p>12 Stuffed Crust Pizza or Chicken Patty Sandwich</p> <p>Tossed Salad</p>
<p>15 NO SCHOOL</p> 	<p>16 Fiesta Chicken Nachos w/ Cheese Sauce *GS OR Mini Maple Pancakes w/ Cheese stick OR Turkey Chopped Salad *GS (Croutons and Soft Pretzel Rod on the side) Baby Carrots w/ Ranch Deli Bar</p>	<p>17 Cereal Fun Lunch Trix w/ Cheese Stick, Strawberry Yogurt, and Graham Cracker Bug Bites or Cheeseburger or Turkey and Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Celery Sticks w/ Ranch Deli Bar</p>	<p>18 Popcorn Chicken Bowl w/ Dinner Roll or All Beef Hot Dog or Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap</p> <p>Corn</p>	<p>19 Bosco Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce or Chicken Patty Sandwich</p> <p>Broccoli Florets</p>
<p>22 Chicken Nuggets w/ BBQ Sauce &amp; Pretzel Twist or All Beef Hot Dog or Yogurt Parfait Lunch</p> <p>White Bean Salad Quesadilla Bar</p>	<p>23 Penne Pasta w/ Turkey Meatballs OR Mini Maple Pancakes w/ Cheese stick OR Turkey Chopped Salad *GS (Croutons and Soft Pretzel Rod on the side) Romaine Salad Deli Bar</p>	<p>24 Chicken Taco's *GS or Cheeseburger or Turkey and Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Seasoned Corn Deli Bar</p>	<p>25 Open Faced Roast Turkey Sandwich on Whole Grain Bread or All Beef Hot Dog or Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap</p> <p><b>**Carnival Cookie** w/ Lunches</b> Green Beans</p>	<p>26 French Bread Pizza or Chicken Patty Sandwich</p> <p>Grape Tomatoes</p>
<p>29 Chicken Parmesan Bowl or All Beef Hot Dog OR Yogurt Parfait Lunch Green Beans Yogurt Bar</p>	<p>30 Corn Dog OR Mini Maple Pancakes w/ Cheese stick OR Turkey Chopped Salad *GS (Croutons and Soft Pretzel Rod on the side) Romaine Salad Deli Bar</p>	<p>31 Breakfast Booster Lunch Chicken and Waffles Cheeseburger OR Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Potato Wedge Deli Bar</p>	<p>— WELCOME —</p> <p>BACK TO SCHOOL</p>	