

Chelsea Intermediate School August/September 2017

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Together is a Great Place to Be!!

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The Chelsea Staff takes great pride in being your partner in education. We encourage you to contact us and work with us to ensure that your child has a rewarding and successful educational experience. Throughout the year, Chelsea staff will be consistently striving to provide our families with the communications necessary to support the academic and the social/emotional growth of our students. Please feel free to contact your children's teachers with any information or questions that you may have about your child's education. The more we know, the better we can serve our learners.

Thank you for the outstanding attendance at the Chelsea Meet-n-Greet! The level of parent involvement not only at Chelsea, but in all of our Frankfort 157C schools, is cause for celebration. Family involvement makes our schools strong and results in positive student outcomes. You are encouraged to continue your involvement by joining the many parent groups that support our schools. Information about the parent groups and how to contact them is on the FSD website.

It is a privilege to be a part of your child's educational experience and we take this role very seriously. The intermediate grades are a time of new found creativity and budding independence. Students are no longer learning to read, but discovering the importance of reading to learn. Mathematics is no longer about mastering foundational skills, but about using those skills to solve problems and demonstrate perseverance when challenges are faced.

We are excited and proud to once again expand the educational opportunities we offer to our Chelsea learners. Beginning this fall all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will be learning Spanish through the Encore offerings. The students have expressed their enthusiasm about this learning opportunity. After piloting and reviewing a variety of math programs, our staff selected Eureka Math to be the math program for K-5th grade students. Eureka math focuses on having learners develop a deep, solid understanding of mathematical concepts, number, and problem solving. We will be hosting opportunities for parents/guardians to learn more about Eureka Math during Curriculum Night and during a parent math night in November.

Thank you to the generous donations of the Education Foundation and the FSP the Chelsea Library has undergone a 21st renovation, our STEM lab has new furniture to support collaborative problem solving, and many classrooms now have standing desks and stationary ball chairs. It certainly is amazing to be able to offer our children such wonderful opportunities and enhancements to their learning experience.

Our staff is trained and prepared to support your child during this important educational stage of his/her life. We know that the shift of responsibility that naturally takes place in grades three through five can generate some anxiety and expose some academic challenges that may not have been present in earlier grades. We realize that every child is on a unique journey of learning, that each individual brings their strengths to the learning process and that we are charged with the delicate task of challenging and enriching our learners while maintaining their sense of well being and success. It is our promise to you that we will always place the learner first in every decision that we make.

Transportation

Buses: In order to provide safe transportation for all of our students, **students must ride the same bus to and from school each day.** Students are required to use their designated bus stop for boarding and drop off each day. Please have your children to their assigned bus stop 5 minutes before their scheduled pickup time.

If you are going out of town and your child will be staying with a friend or relative, we ask that you make alternate transportation arrangements as we are unable to change a bus route for this reason.

Walkers and Car Riders: arrival time is at 8:50 each morning. Our primary concern is the safety of your child and that supervisors are available beginning at this time.

A.M. and P.M. drop off and pick up is located in the South Parking Lot which serves as the main office entrance. Parent cars are not allowed to use the circle drive off of 80th Avenue (bus loading area) nor the North Parking lot off of Sauk Trail (no student or visitor entrance).

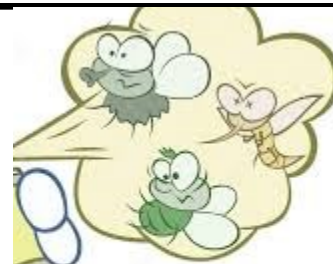
All students must be in their classroom when the bell rings at 9:05. Please allow sufficient time in the morning for your child to get to class. When arriving at or after 9:05, a tardy will be recorded.

Please do not attempt to pass a school bus from either direction when it has its lights flashing and its stop arm extended.



INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT NOTICE

Frankfort School District #157-C complies with the Illinois Structural Pest Control Act, the Illinois Pesticide Act, the Illinois Lawn Care Products Application and Notification Act, and the Pesticide Application at Schools Act through the active involvement in an Integrated Pest Management Program and an Outdoor Spraying and Fertilizer Application Program. As part of this program, the District relies to the greatest extent possible on non-toxic, biological, cultural and mechanical pest management practices as well as the use of natural pest control agents. Chemical and airborne pesticides will be used only when necessary, and as a last resort, with a preference given for products that are the least harmful to human health and the environment. This practice applies to indoor and outdoor pesticide, fertilizer, turf management or other similar applications or sprayings. Such chemical and airborne applications will, if at all possible, be made only after normal business hours or on weekends to minimize the exposure to any individuals who normally access our buildings. As part of these programs, any individual(s) wishing to be placed on a notification list for indoor sprayings, outdoor sprayings, or both, can contact the Frankfort School District Business Office at 815-469-5922, ask for Sandy Pechtold, and let her know you would like to be put on the IPM and/or Outdoor Spraying Notification list for airborne spraying. By providing your name, address, phone number, and the school district buildings and/or sites you would like to be notified about, the Maintenance Department will attempt to contact you 96 hours in advance whenever possible, and no less than 48 hours in advance when necessary, of any scheduled airborne or chemical applications being undertaken inside or outside our buildings, or as soon as possible in the event any emergency spraying applications are needed. If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Curt Saindon in the District Office at 815-469-5922.



Student Insurance:

We are again offering student insurance through Markel Insurance Company. This insurance is offered as an additional/supplemental benefit for our families, but is not required by the School District or associated with the District's Insurance Program. (It is separate, optional coverage for students). If you are interested in additional insurance coverage for your child, please go to our home page website at www.fsd157c.org and click on the Student Accident Insurance Brochure link for more details. You will be able to purchase the insurance using a credit/debit card.



TURN CELL PHONES OFF

Reminder Regarding Prohibited Cell Phone Use in School Zones:

Per Public Act 096-0131, the use of hand held cell phones or other similar electronic devices (except if used in "hands free" mode) when operating a motor vehicle in a school zone are prohibited (except for certain emergencies and situations specifically delineated in the law). In general, you are not allowed to talk, text or surf the web with a cell phone or hand held electronic device while operating a motor vehicle in a school zone (unless the device is in hands free mode). If your car is in park then you are allowed to use such devices, but if the vehicle is engaged (even if it is stopped at the time) then you should not be using your cell phone or hand held electronic device. In order to minimize distracted driving and ensure the safety of our students, staff, parents and community members who may be in our school zones (either on the roadways or on school property), we are asking everyone to please follow these guidelines and adhere to the law. We had a few close calls last year and are asking everyone for their cooperation and support to ensure that a tragedy doesn't occur. We are asking the Frankfort Police to assist us in enforcing this regulation, and after an initial education/warning period at the beginning of the school year, the Police Department and/or the School District reserve the right to issue citations to offenders. Again, we are asking for your cooperation and don't anticipate issuing any citations, but we will do so if necessary. We are posting reminders of this law on the school zone signs throughout the school district and will also be handing out reminder pamphlets the first few weeks of school to those in the car rider pickup lines. If you have any questions about the law or its enforcement please feel free to contact Curt Saindon, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, at 815-469-5922.



School Lunch

All Hot lunches and smoothies are currently available for purchase. Payment for all of these items will only be accepted via RevTrak - <https://fsd157c.revtrak.net/tek9.asp> RevTrak accepts payments via Visa/Mastercard credit/debit cards as well as E-Check.

Items will be available for purchase throughout the year, with deadline dates as follows:

- Lunches served during September 2017-deadline date is August 28, 2017
- all other months-the deadline date is the 15th of the month previous
- **Please note, no late orders, payments by cash or check or in person payments will be accepted.** Public computers which may be used to access online payments are available at the Frankfort Public Library, **in addition to the District Office.**

A calendar which includes the organization, the date of the lunch, the vendor, the entree and price as well as the organization's chairperson's information, is available on the District's website, under the virtual backpack. <http://www.fsd157c.org/static.asp?path=2966>

All 4th grade students will use a recorder and a recorder book during music class. You may purchase these items via RevTrak. <https://fsd157c.revtrak.net/tek9.asp?pg=default>

Your order history may be reviewed at any time by logging into your RevTrak account. If you are unsure if payment was previously made, you may access your payment history by logging into your account on RevTrak . Please take a moment to review your orders and also verify that you have purchased the correct lunches for the school which your student attends.

New Students A student ID number is necessary for all RevTrak purchases. Please select "contact us" on the RevTrak link if you do not have your student's ID number.

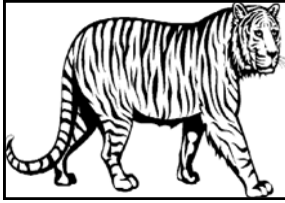
Sending Notes to the School



If you are changing your child's mode of transportation for the day, **please send a note** with your child in the morning. The teacher will be aware of the change and forward the communication to the office. Changes can only occur with written notification from the parent/guardian. Please contact the office with any questions or in emergency situations.

Email communication to teachers is convenient, however be aware that occasionally emails are not received by the intended recipient. A staff member may be absent, or the office does not receive a copy of your message. When communicating with the school regarding planned absences, early leaves, transportation changes, or after school activity issues, **written notes are the most reliable.**

When sending notes, please use a full sheet of paper. Include the teacher's name, the child's full name, the date and include a full, legible parent signature. This information is important to us when notes are forwarded to the office.



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Respectfully
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Personal
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You Have Earned a Stripe!

Students and staff are participating in an incentive program called Earn Your Stripes. The school expectation is that everyone will demonstrate respectful, responsible, and caring behavior throughout the day. Ms. Newcomb, Dr. Nepote and the classroom teachers are engaging students in a variety of discussions and activities that support and promote these important character traits. We encourage you to talk to your child about what each of these traits looks like, feels like, and sounds like. At school everyone is held accountable for displaying the traits. Earn Your Stripes certificates are earned by students throughout the day. Those students that earn a certificate have their picture displayed in the case in the lunchroom and receive a special incentive from the office. Positive behavior characteristics lead to healthy and productive life-long relationships.

Check out www.fsd157c.org for additional information. Please also check the “virtual backpack” often for future newsletters, school and district information, calendars and forms, FSP and community information.

Birthday Celebrations/Occasional Special Lunch Visits

Your child’s birthday is an exciting time. We welcome the opportunity to acknowledge their special day at school. If your child would like to acknowledge their birthday at school, they may bring in a **non-food item** to share with their classmates.

We recognize that many parents like to have an occasional special lunch visit with their child. Parents are allowed to come to lunch, but must only bring food for their child. The sharing of any food items is not allowed within the school setting. Thank you for your cooperation.

September Chelsea Dates to Remember

- 8/28 Hot Lunch deadline to buy ALL on RevTrak
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- 9/01 NO SCHOOL—Teacher Institute day
- 9/04 NO SCHOOL—Labor Day
- 9/05 5th Grade Orchestra Starts
- 9/05 Picture Day
- 9/05 FSP Meeting @ GP 9:30 AM
- 9/06 5th Grade Band Starts
- 9/06 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Curriculum Night 6:00-8:00 PM
- 9/08 Popsicle day
- 9/12 Foundation Meeting @ GP 9:30 AM
- 9/12 FSP Hot Lunch
- 9/15 Hot Lunch deadline to buy October lunches
- 9/15 Band/Orchestra Booster Mtg @ H.C 1:00
- 9/19 Foundation Hot Lunch
- 9/20 Board of Education 7 PM
- 9/27 Chorus Booster hot lunch
- 10/03 Band/Orchestra Hot Lunch



Frankfort School Partnership News

Next FSP Meeting:

When: Tuesday, Sep. 5th, 9:30am

Where: 10480 Nebraska Street



More information: Everyone is welcome to come to the FSP meeting. This is where we discuss upcoming events and hot topics. The FSP Board is always present as well as the 157c Superintendent, Grand Prairie Principal, Chelsea Principal, and Hickory Creek Principal. Your input is encouraged. Our first meeting will include a meet and greet where you can mingle a little and meet new people as well as a few business issues we have to get done.

Visit our website at : <http://www.fsp157c.org/>

Check out our newsletter: <https://www.smore.com/90bqd>

Contact us: fsp157c@gmail.com

For the most up to date information, visit us on facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/FamilySchoolPartnership157c>

Note from the Nurse with Mrs. Busch



When is my child sick enough to stay home from school?

We realize that this is not always an easy question. We hope these tips help!

Our school practice states that you should not send your child to school if they have:

1. Fever in the past 24 hours
2. Vomiting in the past 24 hours.
3. Diarrhea in the past 24 hours.
4. Sore throat-especially with a fever or swollen glands
5. Strep Throat-They must have been taking an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school.
6. Bad cold- with a very runny nose or bad cough, especially if it has kept the child awake at night.
7. Head Lice-until your child has been treated according to the nurse or doctor's instructions.
8. Rash-will be assumed to be contagious and needs to be diagnosed by a doctor with a note accompanying them on their return.
9. Pink Eye-will need to be seen by a physician and on antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school.
10. Appearance, Behavior-unusually tired, pale, lack of appetite, difficult to wake, confused or irritable. This is sufficient reason to stay home.

IF YOUR CHILD SHOWS ANY OF THE ABOVE SYMPTOMS AT SCHOOL, THEY WILL BE SENT HOME.

Bringing a sick child to school puts many other children and staff at risk of getting sick. Please reinforce the healthy practice of good hand washing, covering your mouth with your elbow when you cough or sneeze, and keeping hands away from their face.