

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Xenia School

Dear Parents,

Happy 2011! I hope everyone had a lovely holiday season. Spending time with family and friends makes the season almost magical.

As many of you will remember, the focus for the month of December was "Operation Generosity". I would like to thank all the parents and students for the generous contributions for the food drive. The donation boxes were full of goodies for the food pantry. Many of our students also made Christmas cards for soldiers serving overseas.

Grade cards will be distributed on Friday, January . Please be sure to sign and send all report cards back as soon as possible.

Our and graders will conduct their winter benchmark on January 10-11. The results of the testing will sent home at a later date. Benchmark results help us to determine curriculum needs and areas of additional instruction. It is very important that your child give their best effort

We will have early dismissal on Friday, January for School Improvement Day. Our first bus will leave at 12:15 p.m. Due to the early dismissal, there will be a shortened schedule. If you are planning on picking your child up from school that day, please send a note to the classroom teacher. Any student being picked-up at their lunch period will be excused for the remainder of the day. Lunch periods are as follows:

lunch: 11:00-11:45 K1, 1A, 2A, 2B

lunch: 11:30-12:15 3A, 4A, 4B

Just a reminder that the Flora School District has a school messaging system called Alert Now. If there is a need to cancel school due to inclement weather, a phone call will be sent to the numbers that are listed on your contact form. It is imperative that all phone numbers stay updated with the office. You may still listen to WNOI or log on to .wnoi for all cancellation updates.

Xenia School will be participating in our fourth annual ISAT Olympics. The students will have the opportunity to earn flames for their Olympic torch. To earn flames, students will be given academic challenges that will better prepare them for our state testing. ISAT will be conducted February 28-March 4. The students will be learning valuable skills and having some fun along the way!

The cold and flu season is upon us. There may be times when your child will complain of illness, but it is hard to determine if they should be kept home from school. We encourage the students to try to come to school and see how they feel after a period of time. However, if your child will not be in school, please call the school by 10:00 a.m. or sooner. For your convenience, we do have an answering machine so that you may leave a message before regular school hours. Our phone number is 678-2205. **Remember, a doctor's note will be required after ten total absences.** Our school nurse has provided some general considerations in determining if your child should stay home from school:

- No child with a fever over 100° should be sent to school.
- If vomiting occurs, keep child home until food can be kept down.
- A child with a heavy/hacking cough should be kept in bed, even if there is not fever present.

Happy 2011! Have a great year!

Mrs. Leslie Carder
Principal

Xenia School January Events

Friday, January 7	Grade Cards
January 10-11	and Grade Winter Benchmark
Wednesday, January 12	grade Enrichment at Lincoln
Friday, January 14	School Improvement Day 12:30 Dismissal
Monday, January 17	No School- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 28-March 4	ISAT Testing- Please do not schedule appointments or vacation during this time