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The Findley Focus

Findley Elementary School's Monthly Newsletter

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Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later. — Og Mandino

Mark your calendars...

- October 4th: Books and Breakfast
- October 5th: PICTURE DAY, Findley Family Night at North High Football Game
- October 10th and 17th: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- October 16th-18th: Book Fair
- November 1: Fall Festival



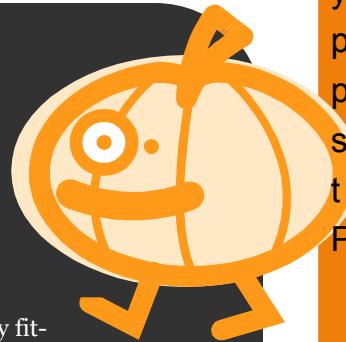
Findley Attendance Incentives

Our Findley students have been hard at work this year trying to improve the overall attendance in the building. We were able to see an improvement in the Average Daily Attendance of our students for the 2011/2012 school year and we would like for this average to continue to grow for the current school year. Our Dream Big goal is that we will have 97% (or better) of our students in attendance every day. In effort to encourage our students to arrive at school on time (by 8:35) and attend every single day, we have offered each class an incentive. The students receive a piece of a magnetic paw each time 100% of their class is in attendance when the 8:35 bell rings. Each and every student must be present and must be on time in order to earn a piece of their paw. The first class to receive all 8 pieces of the paw receives a classroom prize. The contest began on August 26th – 9 school days later Mrs. Herrin's 4th grade class earned all eight of their magnetic paws. The students were ecstatic when their pizza party reward was revealed and the celebration took place the following Monday. The paws for each classroom have now reset and the students are ready to once again strive for perfect attendance. Thank you parents for getting your students getting your students to school every day on time! -Mrs. Owen

Halloween Safety Tips from Nurse Cynthia

If you and your family plan to go out on Beggar's Night this year, here are a few tips to help keep everyone safe:

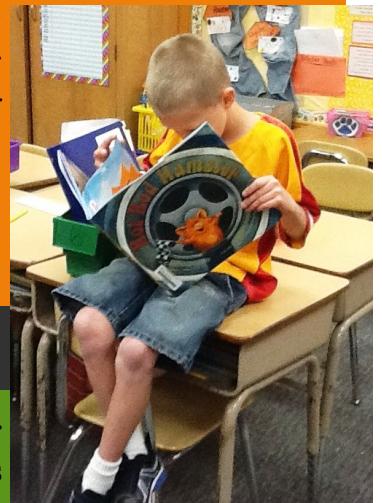
- 🕸 Wear properly fitting costumes so that baggy clothing doesn't brush against lit jack-o-lanterns or trip you when you walk. Make sure all props are soft plastic.
- 🕸 Try painting your face instead of wearing a mask. Poorly fitting masks can make it hard to see when crossing streets or walking down the sidewalk.



- 🕸 Use glow-in-the-dark stickers or reflective tape to jazz up your costume and make it easier to see you in the dark!
- 🕸 Always use crosswalks, look before crossing streets, and stay with your adult.
- 🕸 Don't go trick-or-treating without an adult, and remember: they like candy too!

Findley Fall Festival

Get ready to celebrate all of the good things that go along with the fall season at the Findley Fall Festival on Thursday, November 1st from 5-6pm on the Findley playground. Students and their families will be able to participate in a number of fun autumn activities including decorating a treat bag, fishing for apples, Findley tattoos, family photos, leaf rubbings, and more. Findley PTO will be meeting at 6:00 in the library. Be sure to plan to attend and find out how you can be a part of supporting our school through PTO!



Second Grader Jadon Riley builds his academic stamina and concentration skills by reading independently during the Daily 5.

On Friday, October 5 Findley will have their Family Football Night at the North High School football game. Flyers will be sent home with students before the game. Please bring the flyer and every Findley student along with their parent will get free admission into the game. Parents and students should arrive by 6:15. Go North Polar Bears!

FINDLEY T-SHIRTS

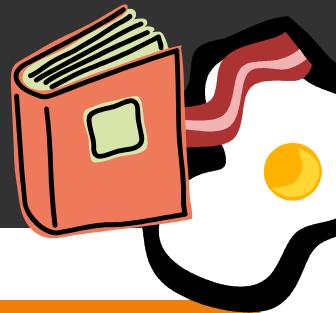
All students will have a Findley t-shirt form sent home with them on October 1. Please feel free to show your Findley spirit and order a shirt for your child and family. Order forms should be turned into the office or your child's teacher by Friday, October 19.



COMING SOON - FREE lunch and learn for Findley parents.
We hope you will join us for lunch and parenting support/tips starting October 17th. The group will meet for one hour at Parkfair Mall over the course of this semester. Look for more details coming home with your students soon. Call Katie Lacey at 242-8407 with any questions.

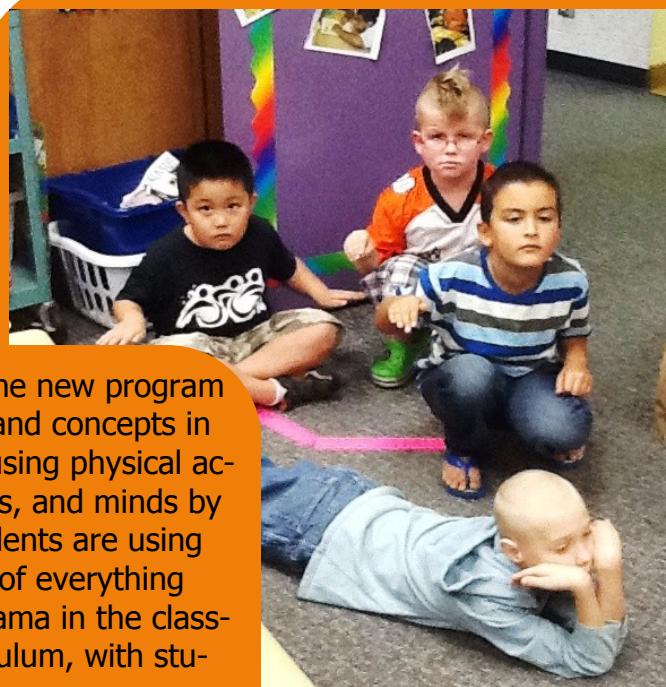
Books and Breakfast

Plan to enjoy the most important meal of the day with your family right here at Findley School on Friday, October 5th. Breakfast will be served in the Findley gym from 7:45-8:30 AM. Each student will get a free book and families will get a free breakfast. Read, eat, and get your Friday started in a fun and positive way for your whole family!



Fall Conferences

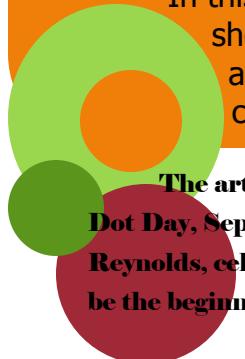
Fall conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 10 and Wednesday, 17 from 3:00 - 8:00. Your child's teacher will be sending a reminder slip home with the date and time your child is scheduled. This is an important time to visit with the teachers, ask questions, find out about all of your child's successes, and discuss the areas we can continue to work on in and out of the school setting. The parent and school partnership is a powerful tool toward your child's school success. Thank you to all Findley parents for your continued support. We'll look forward to seeing you at conferences!



Findley students are "Acting Right" this year The new program uses theatre techniques to help students learn skills and concepts in many academic areas. The day starts with students using physical actions to 'sign' a contract to control their bodies, voices, and minds by concentrating and cooperating in the classroom. Students are using tableau (living pictures) to show their understanding of everything from vocabulary words to science formulas. Using drama in the classroom is one way to integrate the arts and core curriculum, with students learning important skills in both areas.

In this photo, the second graders are creating a tableau showing the word wonderful. This group showed it by creating a garden of flowers. The word wonderful is a vocabulary word from this week's lesson.

The art room was active this month preparing works for International Dot Day, September 14th. This day, based on the book "The Dot" by Peter H. Reynolds, celebrates the artist in everyone. Even one little dot on your paper can be the beginning of an outstanding art career.



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