

Week of November 13, 2023

# Frank Fowler Dow School #52

## Our Mission

Frank Fowler Dow School No. 52, in partnership with parents and the community, is committed to preparing our students to value themselves and others, attain their highest level of achievement, become lifelong learners, and serve as productive citizens.



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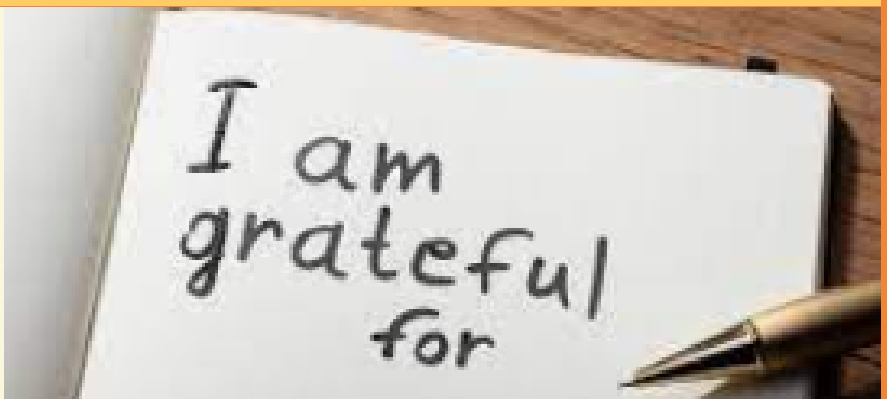
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Start Time: 9:00am

End Time: 3:30pm



## School #52 families,

Our Book of the Month for November is Fly, Girl, Fly! written by By: Nancy Roe Pimm, Illustrated by Alexandra Bye. It focuses on the character trait, Bravery. Click on the link below for a quick read on Building Courage in Kids – **How to Teach Kids to Be Brave-**

<https://www.heysigmund.com/building-courage-in-kids/>



## Important Dates:

11/15-11/17- National Chemistry Week Outreach Event  
for grades K-6

11/17- PBIS Snack & Movies/Coloring Sheets (Gr. K-6)

11/22-11/24-Thanksgiving (All Facilities Closed)

*Be S.M.A.R.T., Be Brave, Be Kind, Be You!*

# School Attendance, Truancy & Chronic Absenteeism:

## What Parents Need to Know

Missing a day here or there may not seem like a problem. But absences add up quickly. And these missed school days can have a big impact on your child's learning and overall health. Missing two days a month—excused or unexcused—can add up to a child being considered chronically absent.

According to research highlighted in the 2019 American Academy of Pediatrics policy statement, The Link Between School Attendance and Good Health, at least 10% of kindergarten and first-grade students missed a month or more of the school year.

### **Tips to help keep attendance on track:**

- 1) Help your child get a good night's sleep. Keep bedtime consistent.
- 2) Prep the night before to streamline your morning. Take out uniform and backpack ready.
- 3) Don't have your child stay home unless they are truly sick. Reasons to keep your child home from school include a temperature greater than 101 degrees, vomiting, diarrhea, a hacking cough, toothache or a positive tests for COVID-19 or other infectious illnesses. Keep in mind, complaints of frequent stomachaches or headaches can be a sign of anxiety and may not be a reason to stay home.
- 4) Try to schedule dental or medical appointments before or after school hours. If children have to miss school for medical appointments, have them return immediately afterward so they do not miss the entire day.
- 5) Talk with your child about the reasons why they do not want to go to school. School-related anxiety can lead to school avoidance. Talk to your child about their physical and emotional symptoms.



### **Congratulations to our Classroom Attendance Winners for the 1st Quarter:**

- Kindergarten had a tie between Ms. Bonnewell & Ms. Williams
- Ms. Adams 1st grade class
- Ms. Milian-Holmes 4th grade class
- Mr. Serventi's 6th grade class

Enjoy your pizza party!



*Attendance and punctuality pave the way for success!*

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