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Dates to Remember

6/1	Field Day
6/2	Gr. 3 Zoo Trip
6/4	4th Gr. Graduation 10:30 Students Last Day Report Cards go home
6/15	Camp Invention
6-24	Market Day 5:30-6:30
6/8-26	Math & Reading Summer Program

CONGRATULATIONS

Ohio Achievement Award Winners

Mrs. Malick & Mr. Norman

*Thank you for all you do for the
students of Fort Island.*

April Student of the Month Congratulations

Courtnie Stetz

Principal's Corner . . . Mr. Whitaker

Dear Fort Island Family,

The end of the school year is finally upon us and an outstanding year it has been! Fort Island initiated new programs to help all students learn such as, our K+ and Title I services. We also continued to develop our programs that build a greater sense of responsibility for our community and earth with the Kiwanis sponsored "K-Kids" and our PTA sponsored "Go Green Club". Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers that have made these opportunities possible for our children. We really do educate the whole child.

The last newsletter of the year is also the time for us to say goodbye to our outgoing PTA president Mrs. Forster. She has served the children of Fort Island for the past two years and her leadership has been awesome. Most of you have seen her at every PTA event as well as every school function. What you have not seen is all of the pre-event work Mrs. Forster puts in. She is always making phone calls, picking up orders, passing out flyers, encouraging new projects....and the list goes on. If the definition of a successful person is someone who is able to leave a place better than they found it, Mrs. Forster is truly a success. Thank you for all of your work. We will miss you!

Finally, I would like to wish good luck to our outgoing 4th grade class. I have enjoyed working with you and watching you grow. You are a very special and talented group and I know that the middle school is excited to see you as 5th graders. Continue to lead in the classroom, the community and on the playing fields. You are the best!

Enjoy a safe, happy summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

Teacher Retirement Party

On Wednesday, May 20th , Hospitality had a gathering in the gym to say "Thank you & Best Wishes" to Mrs. Worthington & Mrs. Shepherd . They had a nice turnout. We will miss them dearly....

Camille Bendick & Sharon Dente

The Spring Concert went Great.... Great job to all the kids..

A Big Thank you to all the parents who sent in cookies... Yummy.. They were a big Hit...

Camille Bendick & Sharon Dente

Message from the PTA President, Debbie Forster

Fort Island parents are unbelievable. The support given during **Staff Appreciation Week** is beyond words. The donations of food, gift cards, talent, time and effort was above and beyond anything done before. **Thank you!** The support didn't surprise me. Fort Island PTA is the biggest and strongest in the district. It has been a pleasure to serve as president the last two years. We have been able to add new programs, **Go Green, K-Kids, Community Tree, Reflection, F.I.R.S.T. Breakfast, Flower Sale, Recycling**, because of your involvement and commitment to your children. I have no doubt about the support you will give **Kristine Fonte**, new president and the **Executive Board** next school year. I will treasure the years of friendship made over the years and I know I will see many of you at the Middle School or a sporting event. Remember PTA is about **CHILDREN**. If you are for children, you are for PTA. Enjoy the summer and the extra time with your family. Once again, **THANK YOU for your support.**

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

- * To the **Go Green Club** and **Beth Britton** for bringing a greener world to Fort Island students.
- * **Sarah Restivo** for organizing the **Flower Sale**. You came up with a special alternative to a plant sale.
- * **Nancy Jones, Becca Borrell and Mr. Whitaker** for collaborating on the **F.I.R.S.T. Breakfast** to honor all of the **moms, dads, grandparents** that volunteer during the school year.
- * **Miss Timbrell** for the **Spring Music Program**.
- * **Hospitality** committee chairs **Camille Bendick, Sharon Dente** and the **bakers** for the treats after the **Spring Music Program and the Retirement Reception**.
- * **K-Kids** chairs **Kristine Fonte, Blair Lampner, Mindy Beck and Lisa Consilio** for the many service projects club members did during the year.
- * **Kristine Fonte** and the **Staff Appreciation** committee for the outstanding activities during the week.
- * **TV Turn Off/Technology Free Week** committee chairs **Kathryn Milligan, Charlotte Woofter, Camille Bendick** for the tasty treats for the participants.
- * **Box Tops** chair **Donna Collins** and anyone who sent in box tops. We have collected more this year than any other year. **Continue to save them over the summer.**
- * **SCRIP** chairs **Claudia Weil, Jennifer Matheos** and anyone who has purchased gift cards this year.
- * **Market Day** chairs **Kathleen Mozik, Rene Wells** and anyone who has made a purchase. Remember to check out the **Market Day website** for the latest specials.
- * **School Picnic** chairs **Caroline Evans, Chris Brucken** and the many volunteers that made the night a fun and exciting event.
- * **Field Day** chair **Sherrie Jones** and the volunteers who will run the stations and cheer on the students.
- * **Tepee Talk Editor Jessica Vargo** for putting together the newsletter for the last two years so we can all stay informed.
- * A special **THANK YOU** to **Mrs. Malick** for her patients, knowledge, caring and being there for our children, parents, and PTA committee chairs. You are one of a kind.
- * A special **THANK YOU** to **Mr. Whitaker** for his support of PTA and his commitment to every student at Fort Island.

Farewell, Good Luck, Thank you!

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 Mrs. Worthington
 Mrs. Shepherd

We will miss you!

Committee Chairs Needed

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 Contact Kristine Fonte kmfonte@yahoo.com

Fort Island Students Learn About Self-Respect and Integrity

As another school year draws to a close, our Fort Island students are being recognized for their good character. All classrooms concentrated on the values of self-respect and integrity. Children learned that they should consider the person within themselves, realize their worth and dignity as human beings, and account for their strengths as well as their weaknesses. They also learned that integrity is the trait that shines through when they consistently live up to the values they've been taught.

The following students have been recognized in April and May for exemplifying core character traits:

Sophia Atienze – Courtesy

Lydia Boyce – Courtesy

David Britton – Courtesy

Gage Cox – Courtesy

Logan Fickes – Self-Discipline

Lindsay Freyhof – Responsibility

Will Gallien – Courtesy

Gina Gigliotti – Compassion

Zach Haas – Courtesy

Cody Hupp – Self-Discipline

Jackson Madden – Diligence & Honesty

Mrs. Mellon's/Mrs. Stevenson's Third Grade Class -- Courtesy

Paige McKindley – Diligence

Sophie Prough – Compassion

Grace Restivo – Courtesy

Micah Semmelroth – Courtesy

Orion Wang – Courtesy

Thank you for making our Mother's Day Flower Sale a huge success!

We had orders for over 700 carnations! I would like to thank Debbie Forster, Kristine Fonte, Amy Geiser, Kathy Deagan, Kelly VanScyoc, and Javan Rench for helping.



I hope you had a wonderful Mother's Day.

Sarah Restivo

K-Kids

On May 8th, the K-Kids planted bushes, shrubs and flowers around the flag pole garden. This is just the beginning of a collaborative effort to "beautify" the front circle. (**K-Kids, Garden Club, Mr. Whitaker, Miss Sheppard and Mr. Kline**) Additional flowers, grasses and Peace Poles will be added throughout the next year. We wanted to thank **Becca Borrell** and **Blair Lampner** for the planning of the plants, **Mr. Whitaker** and **Mr. Kline** for their words of wisdom and **Dayton Nursery** for the terrific service and the 10% discount.

May 22 was the final meeting of the year. The first ½ of the meeting the children organized the schools read books and finished the blankets/pillows for the children of Haven of Rest. The second ½ of the meeting was a reception celebrating our receiving the K-Kids Charter. Members of the local Kiwanis Club, members of the Copley-Fairlawn Administration, Family members and the children were in attendance.

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The Garden Club would like to thank all the kids and parents involved in the K-Kids Club, Girl Scouts & Daisy Scouts for planting the beautiful spring bulbs around the school. They look beautiful!

Thank you also to the K-Kids for planting the new "Peace/Butterfly Garden" around the flagpole! Great job kids and a special thanks to Blair Lampner for hard work on this project!

Thanks to Dayton Nursery for discounting shrubs and plants for us!

Also notice the new planters by the front doors and enjoy them everyone!

I look forward to more exciting Garden Club additions next year! And more opportunities for children to get involved.

Becca Borrell



Go Green Update

by Beth Britton

Crown Point Field Trip

The Go Green Club wrapped up the school year with a field trip to Crown Point Ecology Center on Saturday, May 2. Crown Point, located on Ira Road in Bath, Ohio, is an organic farm that provides education, fresh produce to those in need in our community, and a community supported agriculture (CSA) program. Our students and their parents had the opportunity to tour the farm, to make simple bird feeders, and to work together to prepare the farm's worm composting bin for the growing season.

Crown Point will again be hosting it's Summer Farm and Science School day camps for elementary aged children. The camps provide a fun and educational summer experience for eco-minded students. For more information, go to Crown Point's website: www.crownpt.org.

Go Green Leader Needed

I have completed two years as chair of the Go Green Club, and the group is in need of a new leader. Leading the Go Green Club has been a wonderful experience for me, and I have learned a great deal right along with the kids. If you have interest in "green" causes, please consider chairing this committee, either individually or with a partner.

Recycling, etc.

Please continue to support Fort Island's recycling efforts. Recycling opportunities include:

- Elmer's glue bottles and sticks
- Ink and toner cartridges
- Rigid plastic bottle caps
- Paper, corrugated cardboard, and paperboard (in the big green dumpster in the parking lot).
- Although this is not a recycling opportunity, please remember to turn off your engine in the carpool line.
- As you plan your summer picnics, please consider reusable tableware rather than disposable plastic.

Thank You

Many thanks are due to the dedicated parents who have supported the Go Green Club this year: **Debbie Forster, Heather Madden, Liz Winson, Deidre Green, Kristine Fonte, Kathy Lipkin, Christi Bowser**. Thanks are also due to Fort Island staff members for their ongoing support: **Ms. Morgan, Miss Cutillo, Mr. Norman, and Mr. Whitaker**.

"What is the use of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?"

--Henry David Thoreau

Which Beach Did We Reach?

Walking Club has been very successful. The kids have walked **940 miles** as of the printing date. They are **10 miles short of Mobile, Alabama**. The **1st grade is in the lead with 335 miles**, followed by **2nd with 270 miles**, **4th with 215 miles** and then **3rd with 120 miles**. **Thank you to all the moms and dads who have been there to cheer the kids on and punch their cards. Thank you to Mrs. Malick, Mr. Whitaker and Debbie Forster** for all their help and support. As usual, we couldn't do it without them. If your student has enjoyed the walking, it doesn't have to end. Remember the Summit Metro Parks have their Spree for All this spring going until the end of June. And of course, the parks are always there for your enjoyment. Have a great summer and thank you to everyone for your participation and support.

Elyssa Hilton

School Climate Committee Chair



GRAZIE! THAT'S THANK YOU IN ITALIAN!

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK! THE WEEK WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN AS SPECIAL WITHOUT YOUR HELP!

Whether you made a wonderful dish, you stopped to make a purchase for the luncheon, set up, served, cleaned up, made breakfast, organized breakfast, provided a spa service, organized spa day, made snacks for Tuscany day, helped with the serving cart on Friday afternoon, donated items for the raffle, donated money, helped contact businesses and organize the raffle, or offered to help in any way I say GRAZIE, GRAZIE, GRAZIE!!!!!!!!!!!!

Each and every person who gave their time, energy, donation and kindness to help make this week run smoothly and successfully. Every day the staff had a different treat awaiting them – starting with Breakfast on Monday, an appetizer and dessert spread from Tuscany on Tuesday, a fantastic lunch on Wednesday, spa services on Thursday and on Friday we were able to serve cappuccino's and treats and give a gift to each and every staff member due to the generous donations we received from you.

At a time when everyone is so very busy and resources are tight I can't thank each of you enough for your help! Please know how very special you made this week for our staff.

Special thanks goes out to Julie Rovelli for organizing the staff raffle and for countless hours of working on donations from the community as well as wrapping all the chocolate coins for the Trevvi fountain. Special thanks to Liz Timm for organizing the breakfast and to Susan Strandberg for organizing spa day. Thanks to Kim Fox, Sue McKindley, Beth Cook, Melinda Shehaj and Katherine Lipkin for donating their time for spa day. A special thank you to Amy Geiser for making the Grow your own pizza kits, making Panini desserts and Italian flag cookies as well as Sarah Restivo for providing decorations, music, and homemade Italian specialty items almost every day of the week. Thank you to Stacie Hauswith for making the gondola and signs for the front lobby, Thank you to Jennifer Matheos for making the invitation and distributing them. Thank you to Blair Lampner for providing the manikin and Debbie Forster for the staff photographs and putting it all together. Thank you to Denise Ben-Porath for picking up and slicing the bagels for the bus garage. Thank you to the Wells family for the donation of Mr. G's pizza for the staff and to Lynn Oneacre of Vaccaro's Restaurant for the delicious trays of Eggplant.

Thank you to the families that provided cash donations to help fund this week. This included the following families: Bousfield, Kaltenthaler, Hamwi, Gigliotti, Basinski, Kyong-Han Kim, Bowman, Comstock, Patrick, Wilson, Madden, Klotz, Henderson, Kohmann family and an anonymous donor.

Thank you for the wonderful food that the following people provided. Sarah Restivo, Amy Geiser, Nelda DiRocco, Renee Wells, Karin Chen, Sheila Yrigeri, Speight, Lynn Oneacre, Patrice McDermott, Lamar Ostich, Cathlin Pusateri, Nisrin Armanyos, Wendy Young, Melissa Ost, Amy Siebert, Lori Ziss, Julie Rovelli, Jamie Signorino, Javan Wrench, Jill Royka-Kline, Susan Strandberg, Lori Cramer, Linda Klotz, Jodi Mirman, Valerie Wright, Diane Vrobel, Liz Timm, Cecilia O'Donnell, Jennifer Wegryn, Jennifer Matheos, Sue Gigliotti, Barb Varley, Caroline Evans and Kely Vitrano. Thank you for all of your time and energy that you put into the food.

Thanks to those who set up, served and cleaned up at the luncheon or helped with the beverage cart on Friday including Julie Rovelli, Liz Timm, Sharon Dente, Dorothy Martos, Stacie Hauswith, LouAnne Haas, Meghan Gehring, Valerie Taylor, Kristine Basnett, Sarah Restivo, Amy Geiser, Tony Signorino, Nicole Gerst, and Sharon Dente. Please, please forgive me if I forgot your name. Your help did not go unappreciated.

If you have any receipts for reimbursement, please fill out a reimbursement form (found in Liz Timm's mailbox) and return it to Liz Timm – Treasurer. This includes ingredients used in recipes or any supplies that were needed for any part of the week. The only thing we can't reimburse is tax. Also, all bowls, crockpots, etc are on the table in front of the office. If you are unable to find an item, please let me know.

Again, thank you so very much for your kindness! You truly made a good week go really great!

Kristine Fonte

Prizes donated for Staff Appreciation Drawing

1. Avon Candle and Lotion Set – Lampner family
2. 4 children’s personalized CD’s – The Martos Family
3. 7 free ice cream certificates plus one certificate for a free ice cream cake – Cold Stone Creamery
4. 5 free large bucket of balls gift certificates – The Nave family and Westland Golf Range
5. Golf Balls – Rovelli family
6. Rian Hair Studio Basket including free haircut and blow dry, coupons for future visits, plus card for free products and samples – Rian Hair
7. Smucker’s Basket – Rovelli family
8. Chocolate Basket and cold stone gift card – Boughton-Louy family
9. Lotion and bath set- Rovelli Family
10. Copley blanket, towel and backpack with other goodies – Copley Circle Café
11. Tool box of Bar tools- Wegryn family
12. Teacher supplies – Denholm family
13. Placemats, Barbeque tools and towel set – Wegryn family
14. Fort Island Staff shirt- Designer league
15. Scrapbook supplies, portable tote, scissors and tape and stickers- Nancy and Scott Jones and Cynthia Hetrick (Creative Memories Representative)
16. Tinch digital photo frame – Rovelli family
17. Three \$10 Shisler’s cheese house certificates- Shisler’s
18. \$20 Macaroni Grill gift card- Macaroni grill
19. \$25 Outback Steakhouse certificate – Sekas family
20. \$20 Starbuck’s gift card- Gaylord family
21. \$60 A wok gift certificate – A wok
22. Two movie tickets- Martos Family
23. \$30 Longhorn Steakhouse gift card- Anonymous donor
24. \$15 Target gift card – Conwi family
25. 4 tickets to May 22 Aeros game - /and 4 tickets to May 23 Aeros game – Cramer family
26. \$25 Walmart gift card – Brookhart family
27. 2-\$10 Friendly’s certificates- Friendly’s
28. \$25 Giant Eagle gift card- Giant Eagle
29. \$10 Barnes and Noble Gift card – Savage family
30. \$25 Sam’s club gift card – Sam’s Club
31. One free pizza – Donato’s pizza
32. Acme \$10 and Acme \$20 gift card – Local Acme stores
33. \$25 Olive Garden gift card – Deagan family
34. \$20 Chilis – Chili’s restaurant
35. \$10 Panera gift card – Taylor family
36. \$25 Starbuck’s gift card – Consolacion family
37. \$10 Bath and body works gift card – Beth and Kerwyn Jones family
38. \$10 Borders gift card – Yang family
39. \$25 Walmart gift card – Walmart
40. \$10 Five Guys gift card – Five guys burgers and fries
41. \$10 Starbucks gift card – Rovelli family
42. \$10 Barnes and Nobles Gift card – Chinn – Levy family
43. \$10 Target gift card – Lipkin family
44. Akron Zips travel sets – Brookhart family
45. Two \$10 Subway gift cards – Jim and Sherrie Jones family
46. Four \$10 Target gift cards – Moms in Touch Bible Study
47. Five free loaves of bread certificates plus 5 loaves of bread – Great Harvest Bread Company
48. Two - \$10 Starbuck’s Gift cards – Signorino family
49. \$20 Starbuck’s gift card – Pejnovic family
50. Earrings and class coupons – Bead Boutique

In addition cash donations were made by the following families – This money was used to pay for various activities for staff appreciation throughout the week .

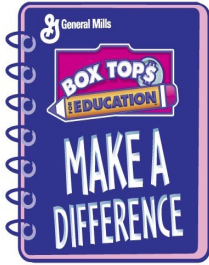
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Congratulations to **Michael Gerst**, who has won the final drawing of the school year. He and his family have won a 6 pack of certificates to Rinky Dink Family Fun Center!

Thank you to everyone for an awesome year of collecting box tops. Please continue to save your General Mills Box Tops for Education throughout the summer. We earn 10¢ for each box top collected.

To date we have collected over \$2080 this school year!

Remember to Sign up for the free BTFE email newsletter and you may get additional coupons and shopping information on how to earn even more Box tops for Fort Island. Goto: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/EmailNewsletters/> for additional information. You can continue to use this through the summer to get a jump ahead for submission in the next school year.

Thank you to **Theresa Rowe** for her continued support and help throughout this school year!

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer.

Donna Collins

BTFE Coordinator Djcollins34@yahoo.com

Apples for the Students Program:



Thank you to all those who had registered for the Apples for Students that was sponsored by Giant Eagle. This program ran from October through to March. We earned over 520 points for those everyday shopping trips that you have made to the grocery store.

For those points, we were able to earn 1 set of 6 Voit playground balls and 8 I Love Math! Software programs for the school.

This program will start again next fall, so please watch for additional information once the school year starts.

Donna Collins

Field Day

On Monday, June 1 Field Day was held by Mr. T at our school. Kids enjoyed playing fun outdoor games and eating popsicles. A big "Thank You" to **all** the volunteers that made everything run smoothly. I appreciate your help.

Sherrie A. Jones

