

Happy New Year!

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We hope everyone had a nice break. The children are settling back into their school routines and we are looking forward to a fun filled month here at First School. Thank you again for your donations of canned items and scarves and mittens in December. You and your children brightened the lives of many people with your generosity.



Mrs. Zembower and Mrs. Shaw add a unique "item" to the Holiday Aid barrel!



The children really enjoyed decorating our tree!

INTERNATIONAL WEEK

We continue with our theme this year of Discover the World with First School from January 23-27. This year we will celebrate the diversity at our school with a week of learning about world cultures. Your child's class will be investigating a country, region, or aspect of culture throughout the week. At the end of the week we invite parents or family members who are from other areas of the world (or who have traveled there) to display items from that place on a table in the fun room. The children then explore their world that day. If you are interested in volunteering for this day, please contact Mrs. Florkey at 433-3455 ext.. 2 or mflorkey@att.net.

HELP WANTED

Do you love working with kids? Are you looking for a few hours to get back into the work force? First School is looking for substitutes. Hours will vary and can be scheduled while your child is in class. This could lead into permanent employment in the future. If you are interested in getting to know the school even better and being part of a great team of educators, please contact Meredith Florkey at 433-3455 ext. 2 or mflorkey@att.net.



Dates to Remember:

- Jan. 9: First day of Quest Afternoon Enrichment Class
- Jan. 16: MLK Jr. Day—NO SCHOOL
- Jan 19 & 20—Spirit Days
- Jan. 23-27 International Week
- Feb 10: Family Fun DISCO Night
- Feb. 13—14 Valentine's Parties
- Feb. 15: Kindergarten Information night

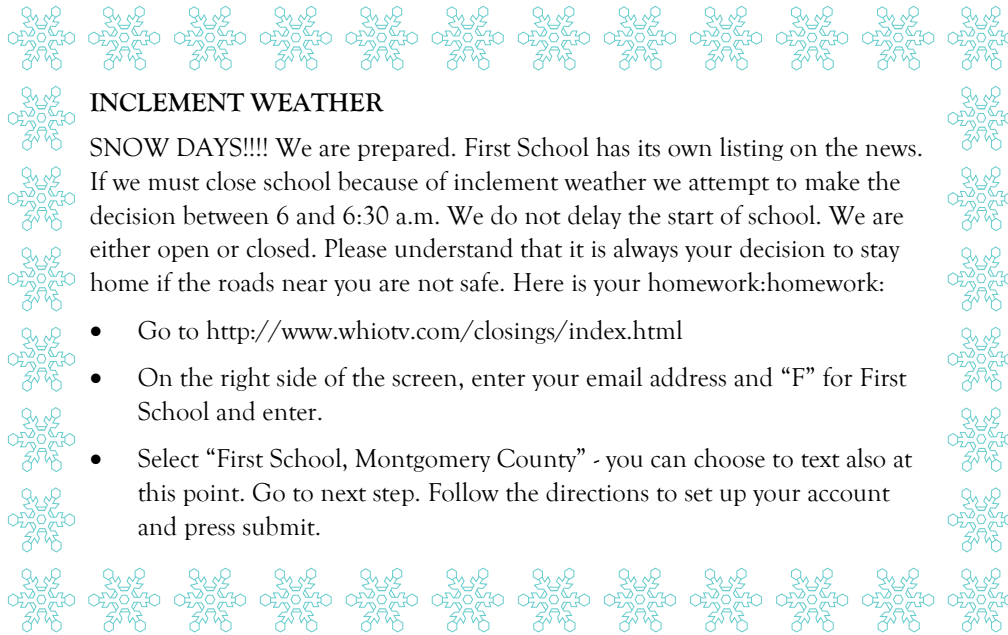
SPIRIT DAYS

January 19 & 20 wear your First School apparel or green and white to show your spirit all day. Tell everyone you see that First School is awesome!

Do You Have a TWO Year Old?

Please consider joining our fun Tuesday "Learn With Me" class from 9:00 until 10:30. Mrs. Hick will read stories, sing songs and offer art projects all in a warm and relaxed atmosphere. You may join any time! Please contact Stacey at info@firstschooldayton.com for more information. The children do not need to be potty trained for this caregiver and child class.





INCLEMENT WEATHER

SNOW DAYS!!!! We are prepared. First School has its own listing on the news. If we must close school because of inclement weather we attempt to make the decision between 6 and 6:30 a.m. We do not delay the start of school. We are either open or closed. Please understand that it is always your decision to stay home if the roads near you are not safe. Here is your homework:homework:

- Go to <http://www.whiotv.com/closings/index.html>
- On the right side of the screen, enter your email address and "F" for First School and enter.
- Select "First School, Montgomery County" - you can choose to text also at this point. Go to next step. Follow the directions to set up your account and press submit.

2012-2013 ENROLLMENT

Please look for your enrollment forms in the mail in January. First School has the policy of opening enrollment to our current families first and then open enrollment beginning in February. We want to make sure you have the spot of your choice!

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The teachers had so much fun performing "The Gingerbread Man" for the children before the holiday vacation.

TUESDAY SPANISH CLASS HAS OPENINGS

Senora Ana has a few spots open in her Tuesday Spanish Language class. Her "Spanish only" teaching style is very successful and the children don't even realize how much of the language they are learning because it is so fun! Please see Stacey if you are interested.

