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### Dates to remember:

January 23rd, Family Activity night

January 28th, Deadline for soldier care package

January 30th, Box Top deadline

February 16th-17th Parent teacher conferences

## Care Packages For Soldiers

This year our military support group would like to work on sending letters and care packages to our troops serving overseas. If you have a family member or friend you would like us to send letters and care packages to, please let Mrs. Ward know their name, rank and address.

We would like to start collecting items to send to soldiers for Valentines. If

you are interested in making a contribution to the soldier care packages, would you please send your items to your child's teacher by Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Some ideas



include:  
Purell,  
beef jerky,  
Chap-

stick, air fresheners, books, Alaska pins or other Alaskan items,

DVD's, mixed nuts, Alaska pictures, stationary, magazines, crossword books, International phone cards, I-tune cards, trail mix, gum, hard candy, Swiffer refills, wipes, breath mints, crystal light singles, lotion, and post cards.

Any other items that may be needed and would fit into a 8 1/2 X 11 flat rate box would be appreciated!

### Geography Bee

Congratulations! Geography Bee winners, Ashton Lund-1st place (Sra. Cook's class), John Boyd-2nd place (Sra. Torres' class), and Christopher Kopy-3rd place (Sra. Torres' class).

## Spelling Mania

The local Scripps National Spelling Bee is just around the corner. Finalists from schools throughout Alaska will be traveling to Anchorage on March 4, 2009 to participate in the event. Students in grades three through six at Fronteras will be demonstrating their skills in classroom bees on February 9

or 10, 2009. Ten finalists (three from each of the upper grade classes and two from each of the primary grade classes) will compete in the first Fronteras Spelling Bee on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 1:00 pm to determine which one of our students will represent us in Anchorage. Please encourage

your student to log onto <http://www.spellingbee.com> and click on the "Study Zone" link numerous study tools. If they click on the link contained within #1, they will be able to download the Spell It, the official Scripps study resource.

Happy spelling!



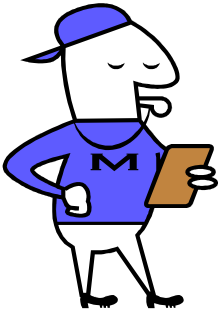
## Great American Spell Check Fundraiser

Our children are excited to be playing a pivotal role in raising funds for our school, and they are doing it by becoming better spellers. All students in grades two through six are studying a list of 50 words while asking friends and family to pledge a certain amount of money for each of the words the

child spells correctly on a written test. Each child should have brought home a letter explaining the event along with the word list and pledge sheets. Students will return their pledge sheets by February 4, and will be tested on February 6. For a more detailed explanation of the event, please go to

<http://www.spellingbee.com> and click on the "Great American Spell Check" link. All funds raised from the event will go toward purchasing supplies for our classrooms or helping to fund field trips. As always, thank you so much for your support.

## Exercise Ambassadors



ambassador. To be an Exercise Ambassador students have a variety of options.

Help promote family physical activity by encouraging your son/daughter to become an Exercise Ambassador! All students at Fronteras Charter School have the opportunity to become an Exercise

1. Teach something we've learned in P.E. (ex. Teach mom how to throw overhand). Activities that we have done or will be coming up include throwing over and underhand, basketball skills, Jr. Native Youth Olympic events, fitness games, tumbling, jump rope, juggling, soccer skills, dance, etc.
2. Encourage someone who is inactive to get active by inviting them to be active with you (ex. Ask grandma to go for a walk

with you).

3. Explain the importance/benefits of exercise.

After your son/daughter has performed one of the options above they have the person they taught write a note to me (Ms. Hayes) explaining what the student did to be an Exercise Ambassador. Just a short and neat note with a simple explanation. It does not have to be lengthy but that is up to you.

I will take his/her picture and print

## P.E. News

Don't forget to check out Mrs. Hayes's P.E. FOOTNOTES on the Fronteras web-site under the P.E. Corner. You may also find the news letter under each teacher's web-site. Please check for "new" news each week. Within the P.E. news letter you will find what's happening in P.E., home work activities, activity logs, special P.E. events that will be coming up (Jr. Native Youth Olym-



pics, Jump Rope For Heart, Juggling Family Fun Night, Family Dance Night, etc.) and special news about our Fronteras students!

**Thank you to ALL** who have helped fundraise and have made personal donations towards purchasing P.E. equipment for

Fronteras! Right now we are in the process of receiving P.E. equipment that includes footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, volleyballs, scooters, hula-hoops, juggling and circus art supplies, orienteering kits, tennis kits, dyna bands, pedometers, Omnikin ball, storage racks and containers. Our next goal will be to work towards purchasing a climbing wall for the gym.

## Recycling

Monday, January 26 we will have a recycling committee meeting at 3:15 in Building A (meet in the kitchen). Everyone is welcome! If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity this is a chance to meet some new people and help out the school and the environ-

ment!! **DID YOU KNOW?** Every American throws away an average of 4 lbs. of trash per day, twice as much as people living in most other industrialized countries. Much of this trash, like aluminum, steel, paper, glass and plastic can be recycled into new prod-

ucts, saving valuable natural resources and decreasing the need for new landfills. (Eco-Cycle, Inc. 1998).



## Don't Forget!!!



Please remember that we have the following things happening:

1. Family Craft Night is this Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> at Fronteras 6pm to 8pm.
2. Next week our box top contest

ends. Please turn in your box tops and labels to your teacher by January 30.

## Fundraising

January 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm there will be a fundraising committee meeting at

Fronteras. Please join Sandra McMillian in her efforts to raise money for our wonderful school.

She would really appreciate your help. Please call her @ 354-1049



## Happy And Healthy Kids

Please to check to see if recess gear is still adequate and if it may need to be laundered. Also. . . it wouldn't be a bad



idea to check P.E. shoes for proper fit. Kids feet can grow

pretty fast and it's pretty miserable to be stuck into shoes that are to small.

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### Fronteras Mission Statement

Fronteras Charter School is a Spanish Immersion K-8 academic center that promotes high academic success in a nurturing, creative, multiage environment; and fosters increased cultural understanding, communication and citizenship in our community, nation and world.

#### *Purpose*

Expanding the spectrum of thought and the ability to communicate in today's evolving world makes the goal of acquiring a second language profoundly important. Being immersed part of each day in Spanish; each child will be nurtured, gaining well-rounded personal development through meaningful and creative academic and social explorations. Fronteras Charter School utilizes the partnership of parents, community resources, technology, skilled instructors, service, and stimulating curriculum to realize high academic success, language acquisition, critical thinking, good citizenship, and the development of healthy, global minded individuals.

## Committees And Contacts

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