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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Walking across the stage 20 years ago to receive my diploma from Firelands, little could I have imagined that one day I would have the opportunity to serve the district as superintendent. I am grateful for the education that I received and I am proud that my children are fourth generation Falcons!

Firelands Local School District is committed to providing our students a premier educational experience. Our focus each day is to ensure that all students achieve and grow. Understanding that educating students requires the involvement of all community members, we welcome and appreciate the countless volunteers who support the numerous programs that serve to enrich the educational experience of our students. On behalf of our district, I wish to extend a sincere thank you for the support you provide.

WELCOME TO START OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR:

With the start of the 2015-2016 school year quickly upon us, each of our buildings will be hosting activities for students and parents. Please see the schedule below for our back to school events:

ORIENTATION FOR STUDENTS NEW TO THE FIRELANDS LOCAL SCHOOLS

- ◆ High School August 31st 5:00-5:45
- ◆ Middle School August 26th 10:00-11:00
- ◆ Elementary School August 26th 12:00-1:00

OPEN HOUSE: AUGUST 31ST FOR ALL STUDENTS

- High School 5:00-5:45 9th Grade
6:00-6:45 Grades 10-12
- Middle School 7:30-8:15 Grades 6-8
- Elementary 5:30-6:15 Grades K-2
6:30-7:15 Grades 3-5

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS SEPTEMBER 1 (Grades 1-12)

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN IS SEPTEMBER 2 OR SEPTEMBER 3

(STAGGERED START: PLEASE REFER TO YOUR CHILD'S LETTER FOR START DATE)

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE:

On July 30th the Firelands Board of Education took final action to place a 36 year, 5.7 mill levy on the ballot this November. This vote was a culmination of the efforts of many community members, parents and staff who served on the building advisory committee (BAC) this past winter and spring. If you would like to learn more about the work the BAC engaged in, please visit the "About the District" tab at our website, www.firelandsschools.org.

The building project calls for a joined 6-8 and 9-12 building with a field-house designed for student and community use to be built north of the current high school. The current timeline includes one year for design, followed by two years of construction. With an overall project cost of \$35,699,664, \$6,238,379 has been awarded to our district by the State of Ohio. The estimated cost for a homeowner of a \$100,000 home is \$17.00 per month.

In an effort to keep all stakeholders informed, a community meeting will be held on August 19th at 6:30 pm at Firelands High School. Please bring your questions and concerns to the meeting.

Additional information is available in the following ways:

On the web at: www.yesforfirelandsschools.com

Email: yesforFirelandsschools1@gmail.com

Twitter: @YesforFirelands

Phone: Contact Mike Von Gunten, Superintendent or Brad McCracken, Treasurer at 965.5821.

GO FALCONS!

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The Communities we serve: Amherst, Amherst Twp, Birmingham, Brownhelm Twp, Camden Twp, Florence Twp, Henrietta Twp, Kipton Village, New Russia Twp, South Amherst Village, Vermilion and Vermilion Twp.

2015 - 2016 VARIANCE FORM POLICY

As the school year approaches, many of you will be making day care arrangements for your children. **PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE IN MIND TO HELP INSURE THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN.** Remember, pick up and drop off locations at the child's home address is always best, but we realize, it is not always possible. When a change for pick up or drop off is necessary, we are asking you to adhere to the following procedure: **PLEASE HAVE ALL FORMS TURNED IN BY AUGUST 20, 2014 TO BE EFFECTIVE BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

IMPORTANT!! Variance forms are available at the elementary and middle school offices, and can also be printed from our school website under the forms and links tab, K-12 Bus Variance Forms. [http://www.firelandsschools.org/Downloads/Variance%20Form%20K-12%20\(2009\)2-2.pdf](http://www.firelandsschools.org/Downloads/Variance%20Form%20K-12%20(2009)2-2.pdf)

These forms are designed for permanent or steady route changes.

**WITH THE SAFETY OF YOUR
CHILD IN MIND, VARIABLE
AND ALTERNATING DAYS
WILL NOT BE ALLOWED**



PLEASE HAVE VARIANCE FORMS COMPLETED AND TURNED INTO THE SCHOOL OR BUS GARAGE **5 DAYS** PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATES, SO EVERYONE INVOLVED MAY HAVE PROPER NOTICE OF THE CHANGE.

WE ASK THAT THE CHANGE BE IN EFFECT FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.

THE CHANGE MUST BE WITHIN AN EXISTING ROUTE!

YOU MUST FILL OUT A NEW FORM EACH SCHOOL YEAR.

WITH THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD IN MIND, SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION MUST REMAIN CONSISTENT. VARIABLE AND ALTERNATING DAYS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. HOWEVER, WE REALIZE THAT EMERGENCIES DO OCCUR. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, PARENTS WILL NEED TO CALL MR. SAYLER @ 965-4105 **TO SEE IF A POSSIBLE ALTERNATE BUS ROUTE IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE.** IF THIS ONE TIME CHANGE IS APPROVED, PARENTS ALSO NEED TO SEND A NOTE WITH THE CHILD TO BE GIVEN TO THE BUS DRIVER UPON BOARDING. IF MR. SAYLER DOES NOT HAVE SPACE AVAILABLE ON A PARTICULAR BUS ROUTE OR **IF A CHILD DOES NOT BRING A NOTE,** TEMPORARY ROUTE CHANGE WILL BE REFUSED OUT OF SAFETY CONCERNS.

CONSISTENCY IS THE KEY!

2015 – 2016 FIRELANDS BUS ROUTES



Welcome to the start of the 2015-2016 school year. ODOT has just announced that State Route 20 will be closed between Gore Orphanage and Baird Road beginning Monday August 17th thru Monday September 7th, **in addition, Quarry Rd. will be closed south of 113 after Labor Day,** so it will effect one route in the morning and one in the afternoon. Some general information along with the routes is provided for you here. Students that do not ride the bus to school on the first day will need to check with their teacher or the office to find the correct bus number to ride home in the afternoon. **Please do not assume that they ride the same bus**

home as last year as several of the bus numbers have changed. You will find the A.M. routes listed by township, bus driver, drivers name and tentative bus number. If the Bus that arrives at your house is different than what is published, the driver will instruct the students of the proper number. **Please remember these times are approximate and may vary especially the first week or two of school. We ask that you have your child ready ahead of time, and wait for the bus in a safe location, approximately 10 feet from the road. There will continue to be an emphasis on designated place of safety both before and after school. Even students on the right hand side need to stay back away from the edge of the road and wait until the bus driver signals them before students approach the bus. For those who need to cross the road, please wait for the drivers hand signal before crossing and check traffic on your own.**

All Firelands students in grades 6 - 12 will be transported on the High School/Middle School Routes and grades K - 5 will be transported on the elementary routes; St. Joe's students will be transported on our High School/Middle School routes A.M. and P.M., Open Door will be transported on the A.M. High School routes and P.M. Elementary Routes. Summit Academy, Spectrum and Horizon students will be transported on A.M. High School routes and P.M. will be on their own route.

All of the information listed here, as well as the P.M. routes will be available on the Firelands Website: <http://www.firelandsschools.org>, under the Central Office tab / Transportation along with the variance form procedure and a printable variance form for your convenience. Post cards will be sent out approximately one week before school with bus numbers and times to alleviate phone calls.

High School - A.M. Bus #7 Driver – Mrs. Saylor (Brownhelm Township)

Depart Storage, (Stops begin 6:30 A.M., on Baumhart Rd.), North on Baumhart Rd. to Russia Road, east on Russia Road to T.A. () west on Russia Rd. to Baumhart, north on Baumhart to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Claus, north on Claus to Brownhelm Station, west on Brownhelm Station to T.A. (2480), east on Brownhelm Station to Claus, south on Claus to Jerusalem, west on Jerusalem to Sunnyside, south on Sunnyside to Cooper Foster Park, east on Cooper Foster to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Claus, south on Claus to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Vermilion Rd, south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #7 Driver - Mrs. Saylor (South Amherst)

Upon return from Elyria, west on 113, pick up at Trailer Park, **Approximately 7:57 A.M.** First stop at Edgewood and Wrightway, and in the front at Redwood and Wrightway, west on Route 113 to North Lake St., north on North Lake St. to Maroy, east on Maroy to Thompson, south on Thompson to Oakdale, east on Oakdale to T.A. (Cul-de-sac), west on Oakdale to Thompson, north on Thompson to Maroy, west on Maroy to North Lake, south on North Lake to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #19 Driver - Mrs. Horning (Brownhelm Township)

Depart Storage 6:25 A.M. High School starts at Highbridge Rd. and Vermilion Rd., (Stops begin at 6:38 A.M.), north on Highbridge to Brownhelm Station, east on Brownhelm Station to Vermilion, north on Vermilion to Tomahawk, east on Tomahawk to Arrowhead, south on Arrowhead to Brownhelm Station, east on Brownhelm Station to Sunnyside, south on Sunnyside to Jerusalem, west on Jerusalem to Vermilion, south on Vermilion Rd. to Gifford Rd., South on Gifford to State Route 113, west on State Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #19 Driver – Mrs. Horning

From Route 113, North on Baumhart to Cooper Foster, (Stops begin at 7:40 A.M.), west on Cooper Foster Park to Claus, north on Claus to T.A. (Arndt Rd.), south on Claus to Jerusalem, west on Jerusalem to Vermilion, south on Vermilion to Cooper Foster, east on Cooper Foster to Claus, south on Claus to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Claus, south on Claus to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Portman Rd., west on Portman to White Tail Run, north on White Tail Run to Grand Oak Drive, south on Grand Oak Dr. to Portman, south on Gore Orphanage to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #18 Driver – Mrs. DeWitt (Brownhelm Township)

Depart Storage 6:36 A.M., North on Baumhart to North Ridge, east on North Ridge to T.A. (Township Line), west on North Ridge to Rice Rd., southeast on Rice to Heritage Way, north

on Heritage Way to turnaround (second T.A. on right), south on Heritage Way to Rice Rd., east on Rice to Quarry Rd., south on Quarry to Middle Ridge Rd., west on Middle Ridge to Greystone, north on Greystone to T.A. (culdesac), south on Greystone to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #18 Driver - Mrs. DeWitt
(Stops begin 7:45 A.M. on Rice Road), West on Route 113 to Quarry, north on Quarry to Rice, west on Rice Rd. to Heritage Way, north on Heritage Way to Turnaround (second T.A. on Heritage Way), south on Heritage Way to Rice Rd., west on Rice Rd. to North Ridge, east on North Ridge to T.A. (48540), west on North Ridge to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Greystone Drive, follow Greystone Drive around to Middle Ridge Rd., west on Middle Ridge to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #14 Driver - Mrs. Holowenko (Brownhelm Township)
Depart Storage 6:20 A.M., (Stops begin on North Ridge west of Mill Hollow - 6:30 A.M.), east on North Ridge Rd. to T.A. (Trinter Road), east on North Ridge to Gore Orphanage Rd., north on Gore Orphanage to turnaround (8066), south on Gore Orphanage to Morse Rd., north-east on Morse to Banks Rd., south on Banks to turnaround (Leimbach's Potato Barn), north on Banks to North Ridge, east on North Ridge to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion to Cooper Foster Park Rd., east on Cooper Foster to Claus Rd., south on Claus to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #14 Driver - Mrs. Holowenko
(Stops begin 7:40 A.M. on Gore Orphanage Rd.), north on Vermilion Rd. to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Gore Orphanage Rd., north on Gore Orphanage to T.A. (8066 Gore Orphanage Rd.), south on Gore Orphanage to T.A. (8701), north on Gore Orphanage to Morse Rd., east on Morse to Banks, south on Banks to T.A. (Leimbach's Potato Barn), north on Banks to North Ridge, east on North Ridge to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to Tomahawk Lane, east on Tomahawk to Arrowhead, south on Arrowhead to Brownhelm Station, east on Brownhelm Station to Sunnyside, south on Sunnyside to North Ridge, east on North Ridge to T.A.(2965), west on North Ridge to Vermilion, south on Vermilion to Gifford Rd., south on Gifford to State Route 113, west on State Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #10 Driver - Mrs. Studstill (Camden Township)
Depart storage 6:30 A.M., (Stops begin at 6:35 A.M. on Route 511), east on Betts to State Route 511, south on Route 511 to Austin Rd, east on Austin to T.A. (48780), west on Austin to Rowell, north on Rowell to Route 303, east on Route 303 to T.A. (48612), west on Route 303 to Gifford, north on Gifford to Route 20, continue on Gifford Rd. to Garfield Rd., west on Garfield Rd. to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #10 Driver - Mrs. Studstill
South on Vermilion Rd. to Route 511, south on Route 511 to Route 20, continue south on Route 511 to Route 303, (1st stop - 7:35 A.M. on Route 511), east on Route 303 to Gifford Rd., south on Gifford to Austin, west on Austin Rd. to T.A. (50682), east on Austin to turnaround (48780), west on Austin to Rowell Rd., north on Rowell to State Route 303, east on Route 303 to turnaround (48612), west on Route 303 to Gifford Rd, north on Gifford to Garfield, west on Garfield to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #5 Driver - Mrs. Claubaugh (Camden Township)
Depart storage 6:20 A.M., South on Vermilion to Becker Rd., west on Becker to Baird, (Stops begin 6:30 A.M.), south on Baird to Bates, west on Bates to Gore Orphanage, south on Gore Orphanage to State Route 20, west on State Route 20 to State Route 511, south on Route 511 to State Route 303, east on Route 303 to Gifford, south on Gifford to Bronson, west on Bronson to Route 511, south on Route 511 to Betts, west on Betts to Baird Rd., north on Baird to Becker, west on Becker to T.A. (51615), east on Becker to Baird, north on Baird to Garfield, east on Garfield to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #5 Driver - Mrs. Claubaugh
(Stops begin 7:40 A.M. at Russia Rd.) West on Route 113 to Quarry Rd., south on Quarry to Russia, west on Russia to Baumhart Rd., south on Baumhart to Garfield, east on Garfield to T.A. (48604), west on Garfield to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to Route 20, west on Route 20 to Baird Rd., north on Baird to Bates, east on Bates to Green Rd., south on Green to State Route 20, east on Route 20 to Gore Orphanage, south on Gore Orphanage to T.A. (15780), north on Gore Orphanage to Route 20, east on Route 20 to Gore Orphanage, north on Gore Orphanage to Bates, east on Bates to Baird, north on Baird to Becker Rd., east on Becker to Route 511, north on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #29 Driver - Mrs. Thomas (Camden/Henrietta Township)

Depart storage 6:30 A.M. (Stops begin 6:32 A.M.) east on State Route 511 to T.A. (Gifford Rd.), west on State Route 511 to Rosa St., west on Rosa to West St., south on West to Church, east on Church to Route 511, south on Route 511 to Route 20, east on Route 20 to Plate Rd., east on Plate to Baumhart Rd., north on Baumhart to Garfield Rd., east on Garfield to T.A. (48604), west on Garfield to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to Garfield, west on Garfield to Gifford, north on Gifford to State Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

High School - A.M. Bus #4 Driver - Mrs. Huffman (Camden / Henrietta Township)
Depart storage at 6:30 A.M. (Stops begin 6:35 A.M.) east on Route 303 to north Gore Orphanage Rd., T.A. at Gore Orphanage Rd., west on Route 303 to Gore Orphanage, south on Gore Orphanage to T.A. (19477), north on Gore Orphanage to Betts Rd., east on Betts to Baird Road, south on Baird to T.A. (18966), north on Baird to Betts, east on Betts to Route 511, north on Route 511 to Route 303, west on Route 303 to Gore Orphanage, north on Gore Orphanage to State Route 20, west on State Route 20 to Green Rd., north on Green to T.A. (13761), south on Green to Bates Rd., east on Bates to Baird, north on Baird to Becker Rd., east on Becker to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #4 Driver - Mrs. Huffman
South on Vermilion Rd. to Route 511, south on Route 511 to Betts, (Stops begin on Betts Rd. - 7:40 A.M.), west on Betts to Baird, south on Baird to T.A. (18966 - Linn's), north on Baird to Betts, west on Betts to Gore Orphanage, south on Gore Orphanage to T.A. (19477-Bacsi's), north on Gore Orphanage to Route 303, east on Route 303 to T.A. (Township Hall), west on Route 303 to Baird Rd., north on Baird to Haigh, east on Haigh to Route 511, south on Route 511 to Church, west on Church to Hawkins, north on Hawkins to Rosa, west on Rosa to West, south on West to Church, east on Church to Route 511, north on Route 511 to Vermilion, north on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #20 Driver - Mrs. Hickman (Florence Township)
Depart storage 6:30 A.M. (Stops begin in Florence at 6:31 A.M.) north on Florence Wakeman to State Route 113, west on Route 113 to T.A. (10809 Ward's), east on Route 113 to Joppa, north on Joppa to Angling, northeast on Angling to Harrison, south on Harrison to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Route 60, north on Route 60 to T.A. (5204), south on Route 60 to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #20 Driver - Mrs. Hickman
West on Route 113 to State Route 60, north on Route 60 to T.A. (5204), (Stops begin 7:35 A.M.), south on Route 60 to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Harrison Rd., north on Harrison to Angling, south on Angling to Joppa, south on Joppa to State Route 113, west on Route 113 to Cable, south on Cable to Harmon Rd., east on Harmon to Florence Wakeman Rd., south on Florence Wakeman to Burr Rd., southwest on Burr to Burns, east on Burns to Florence Wakeman, north on Florence Wakeman to Garfield Rd., east on Garfield to State Route 60, north on Route 60 to South St., east on South St. to Chapel St., north on Chapel to State Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #8 Driver - Mrs. Votruba (Florence Township)
From West Rd., west on Harmon to Florence Wakeman, north on Florence Wakeman to State Route 113, west on Route 113 to Main, (Stops begin on Main Rd. at 6:30 A.M.), west on Main to Frailey Rd., north on Frailey to Thorpe Rd., east on Thorpe to Stephens Rd., north on Stephens to Mason, west on Mason to Burrows, northeast on Burrows to T.A. (10710), west on Burrows to Mason, east on Mason to T.A. (11817), west on Mason to Joppa, north on Joppa to Furnace, northeast on Furnace to T.A. (High tension lines), south on Furnace to Joppa, north on Joppa to T.A. (Nuhn's Farm), south on Joppa to Church, west on Church to T.A. (10217), east on Church to Joppa, south on Joppa to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #8 Driver - Mrs. Votruba
West on Route 113 to Main, (First Stop on Main Rd. at 7:40 A.M.), west on Main to Frailey, north on Frailey to Thorpe, east on Thorpe to Stephens, north on Stephens to Mason, west on Mason to Burrows Rd., northeast on Burrows to T.A. (10710), west on Burrows to Mason, west on Mason to Frailey, north on Frailey to Church, east on Church to Joppa, south on Joppa to Route 113, cross Route 113, south on Florence Wakeman to T.A. (Division St.), north on Florence Wakeman to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Dean Rd., North on Dean to T.A. (Schmidt's Farm), south on Dean to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #24 Driver - Mr. Saylor (Florence Township)
Depart storage 6:30 A.M. East on West Rd. to T.A. (11207), southwest on West to Burns Rd., west on Burns to Florence Wakeman, north on Florence Wakeman to Harmon, west on Harmon to T.A. (14907), east on Harmon to Florence Wakeman, north on Florence Wakeman to

Garfield, east on Garfield to Route 60, north on Route 60 to South St., east on South St. to Chapel, north on Chapel to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Dean Rd., north on Dean Rd. to T.A. (Whispering Winds), south on Dean Rd. to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

High School - A.M. Bus #17 Driver – Mrs. Sayler (Florence Township)

From Garfield and Green, south on Green Rd. to Denman Rd., (Stops begin on Green Rd. at 6:35 A.M.), west on Denman to Butler, south on Butler to T.A. (14202), north on Butler to Denman, west on Denman to Route 60, south on Route 60 to T.A. (10715) north on Route 60 to Denman, east on Denman to Butler, north on Butler to Route 60, north on Route 60 to Garfield, east on Garfield to Green, north on Green to Clary, southwest on Clary to T.A. (11413 Clary Rd.), north on Clary to Green, north on Green to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #17 Driver – Mrs. Sayler

North on Vermilion Rd. to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Green Rd., south on Green Rd. to Clary, southwest on Clary to Garfield, west on Garfield to Route 60, (Stops will begin approximately 7:30 A.M. on Garfield Rd.), south on Route 60 to West, west on West Rd. to T.A. (13116), north on West Rd. to State Route 60, south on Route 60 to T.A. (10715- Ornter's), north on Route 60 to Denman, east on Denman to Green, north on Green to Clary, southwest on Clary to Garfield, east on Garfield to Gore Orphanage, north on Gore Orphanage to T.A. (11465), south on Gore Orphanage to Becker Rd., east on Becker to Baird, north on Baird to State Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #6 Driver – Mrs. Bates (Henrietta Township)

Depart storage at 6:30 A.M. (Stops begin at 6:35 A.M. on Baird Rd.) north on Green Rd. to Garfield, east on Garfield to Baird, north on Baird to State Route 113, east on State Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to Portman Rd., west on Portman Rd. to Gore Orphanage, south on Gore Orphanage to State Route 113, cross Route 113, south on Gore Orphanage T.A., (Boy Scout camp), north on Gore Orphanage to Ward, northwest on Ward to Green Rd., north on Green to Garfield, east on Garfield to Baird Rd., south on Baird to Garfield, east on Garfield to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

High School - A.M. Bus #2 Driver – Mrs. Saltis (South Amherst)

Depart storage 6:35 A.M., From State Route 113, South on South Lake St. to Russia Rd., (Stops begin 6:40 A.M), east on Russia Rd. to Annis Rd., north on Annis to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Trailer Park, Turnaround (2nd street on right inside the park), west on Route 113 to Main St., (with stops at Kenwood and Vivian), west on Route 113 to S.A.M.S. Pull into S.A.M.S., drop off 6 - 8 Grades, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School. (This Bus will go to the JVS and drop off before starting the Elementary route).

Elementary - A.M. Bus #2 Driver – Mrs. Saltis

From Route 58, west on Butternut Ridge to end of road (Pyle South Amherst Rd.), north on Pyle Road/Garfield Rd. around curve to stop sign, north on Pyle Rd. to Russia Rd., (Stops begin – 7:50 A.M. on Pyle Rd.), East on Russia Rd. to Annis Rd. north on Annis to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., (with stops at Kenwood, Vivian, W. Main St. and E. Main St.), south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #11 Driver - Mrs. Coultrip (South Amherst)

Depart storage 6:35 A.M. East on Route 113 to Leonard Street, (First stop 6:38 A.M. on Leonard St.), south on Leonard St. (Quarry) to Russia Rd., east on Russia to South Lake St., north on South Lake to Route 113, cross Route 113 to North Lake St., north on North Lake to Maroy, east on Maroy to Thompson, south on Thompson to Oakdale, Turnaround at Oakdale, north on Thompson to Maroy, west on Maroy to Pyle, south on Pyle/North Lake St. to Route 113, west on Route 113 to S.A.M.S., pull into S.A.M.S. Unload Grades 6-8 back door, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #11 Driver – Mrs. Coultrip

(Stops will begin -7:35 A.M.). South on South Lake to Russia, west on Russia to Quarry, north on Quarry to Elm, east on Elm to Maple, north on Maple to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Baumhart Rd., south on Baumhart to Garfield Rd., west on Garfield to Gifford, north on Gifford to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

High School - A.M. Bus #1 Driver – Mr. Palmer (South Amherst)

From S.A.M.S., (Stops begin on Pyle Road 6:35 A.M.), north on North Lake/Pyle Rd. to Middle Ridge Rd., west on Middle Ridge to Pinecrest Apts., west on Middle Ridge to Cooper's Run, north on Cooper's run to Redtailed Lane, right on Redtailed Lane to Cooper's Run, east on

Cooper's Run to South Lake St., south on South Lake to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Quarry Rd., north on Quarry Rd. to T.A. (7625), south on Quarry to Route 113, east on Route 113 to S.A.M.S., Drop off Grades 6 - 8, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

Elementary - A.M. Bus #1 Driver – Mr. Palmer

Leave S.A.M.S. at 7:50 A.M., north on North Lake to Middle Ridge, (Stops will begin after Maroy at 7:55 A.M.), west on Middle Ridge to Pinecrest, west on Middle Ridge to Cooper's Run, north on Cooper's Run to Redtailed Ln., East on Redtailed to Cooper's Run, east on Cooper's Run to South Lake St., south on South Lake to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Quarry, north on Quarry to T.A. (Rice Ct.), south on Quarry to T.A. (Hornyak St.), north on Quarry to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. Firelands Elementary School.

STARTING DATES

8-18-15 - St. Joe's

8-24-15 – Pep Willow Creek

8-26-15 – Open Door

8-31-15 - LCJVS (Seniors & Juniors)

9-1-15 – Firelands

9-1-15 – Summit Academy

9-3-15 – Kindergarten (Refer to letter)

9-3-15 - Kindergarten (Refer to letter)

OUT OF DISTRICT TRANSFER BUSES FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE:

Open Door, - Bus #7 AM - Bus #1 PM

JVS - Bus #2 AM & PM

St. Joe's - Bus #6 AM - Bus #TBA PM

Summit Academy and Spectrum - Bus #6 AM - Bus #6 PM

If your child's School begins before September 1, 2015, and will need transportation, you will need to call Mr. Sayler at 965-4105 to make arrangements.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO CALL ME.

Our Drivers do an awesome job keeping our Students safe! We are all looking forward to another safe school year.

As schools across the area will be starting back up soon, please remember to observe all laws pertaining to School Buses and their Red Lights. It takes everyone practicing safe driving habits to ensure a safe school year.

KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST

- 1 – box (12) of #2 pencils sharpened
- 2 – **sturdy** pocket folders w/horizontal pockets
- 6 – glue sticks (Elmers)
- 1 – Book bag WITHOUT wheels and large enough to hold supplies, library books, and folders
- 2 – boxes of tissues
- 2 – rolls of paper towels
- 1 – beach towel for rest time
- 1 – container of Clorox wipes
- 1 – box of quart size Ziploc bags (boys)
- 1 – box of snack size Ziploc bags (girls)
- 1 – 1” hard cover/back 3 ring binder
- 1 – container of Wet Ones

Computer Class: flashdrive (any size)

FIRST GRADE SUPPLY LIST

- 3 – containers of Clorox wipes
- 2 – boxes of tissues
- 1 – roll of paper towels
- 1 – pair of scissors
- 1 – box of 16 or 24 crayons (**every quarter**)
- 3 – **plain** color pocket folders
- 1 – small supply box
- 6 – glue sticks (**every quarter**)
- 1 – box of gallon size Ziploc bags (boys)
- 1 – box of quart size Ziploc bags (girls)

- 1 – art shirt
- 72 – pencils

Computer Class: flashdrive, folder, set of headphones in a quart size bag w/name clearly marked on it

SECOND GRADE SUPPLY LIST

***Supply pouch will be provided – part of your school fees**

- (**please do not purchase a supply box**)
- 48 – **sharpened** pencils
- 3 – **wide ruled composition** notebooks (one of each black, green and red)
- 2 – large pink erasers
- 1 – package of cap erasers
- 2 – pair of scissors
- 20 – glue **sticks**
- 2 – boxes of **24** crayons
- 1 – box of **wide** washable Crayola markers
- 2 – highlighters
- 4 – low odor dry erase markers
- 1 – **1” heavy duty** 3-ring **Avery** binder w/pockets on the inside front and back cover (***Please No Trapper Keepers**)
- 1 – set of addition and 1 set of subtraction flash cards to keep at home (if you have internet access, you do not need to purchase these)
- 2 – boxes of Kleenex
- 1 – roll of paper towels (girls)
- 1 – container of Clorox wipes (boys)
- 1 – box of sandwich bags (girls)
- 1 – box of gallon bags (boys)

THIRD GRADE SUPPLY LIST

- 2 – 1 subject composition books (black and red)
- 1 – spiral notebook
- 2 – boxes of pencils sharpened
- 3 – erasers
- 1 – pair of scissors
- 5 – glue sticks
- 1 – 12” ruler with INCHES/CENTIMETERS
- 2 – boxes of crayons (no more than 16)
- 3 – wide highlighters
- 1 – orange folder
- 1 – folder for Homework
- 2 – two pocket folders with 3 holes
- 1 – package of wide ruled notebook paper (boys)
- 1 – package of reinforced notebook paper (girls)
- 3 – large boxes of Kleenex
- 2 – containers of Clorox or Lysol wipes
- 1 – supply pouch w/3 holes for binder
- 1 – sturdy binder (1.5” or 2”) to transport home daily
- 1 – roll of paper towels
- 1 – 4 pack of dry erase markers
- 1 – box of gallon Ziploc bags (boys)
- 1 – box of quart Ziploc bags (girls)

Computer Class: flashdrive, folder, set of headphones in a quart size bag w/name clearly marked on it

FOURTH GRADE SUPPLY LIST

- 2 – 1” 3-ring binders w/pockets
 - 1 – individual pencil sharpener
 - 1 – 1 ½” to 2” zippered binder
 - 3 – 2 pocket folders in different colors (1 each for Friday folder, Math & 1 for Science/SS)
 - 2 – black or blue erasable pens
 - 12 – plain yellow #2 pencils w/eraser
 - 1 – box of colored pencils
 - 1 – box of crayons
 - 1 – box of markers
 - 1 – zippered pouch to hold supplies & flash drive
 - 1 – 12” ruler with inches/centimeters
 - 1 – pair of scissors
 - 1 – bottle of Elmer’s glue
 - 1 – rubber cement glue bottle
 - 1 – pack of highlighters
 - 2 – packages of wide loose leaf paper
 - 1 – container of Clorox wipes
 - 2 – boxes of Kleenex
 - 1 – roll of paper towels
 - erasers
 - 4 – composition books (3-LA; 1-Math)
 - 1 – box of Ziploc bags (quart/boys, gallon/girls)
- Computer Class:** flashdrive, folder, set of headphones in a quart size bag w/name clearly marked on it

FIFTH GRADE SUPPLY LIST IS ON PAGE 9

LUNCH MENUS

FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY

Regular Lunch \$2.50—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals

SEPTEMBER 1 - SEPTEMBER 4

Tuesday - Vendor pizza, Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned peas, Celery sticks, Chilled fruit

Wednesday - General Tso's Chicken, Stir Fry Veggies, Seasoned Rice, Chilled pineapple tidbits, Fortune cookie, oranges

Thursday - Soft taco, Shredded lettuce & cheese, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit

Friday - Cheese stuffed breadstick, Pizza sauce, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled mandarin oranges

SEPTEMBER 7 - SEPTEMBER 11**Monday – NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY**

Tuesday - Vendor pizza, Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned Corn, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit

Wednesday - Baked chicken fries, Baked french fries, Bbq baked beans, Chilled pears, Dipping sauce

Thursday - Pepperoni Calzone, Italian green beans, Sliced cucumbers, Fresh fruit

Friday - Toasted cheese, Tomato soup, Saltines, Seasoned peas, Chilled peaches

SEPTEMBER 14 - SEPTEMBER 18

Monday - Baked chicken nuggets, Bbq baked beans, Red peppers strips, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce

Tuesday - Vendor pizza, Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned Corn, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit

Wednesday - Hamburger w/Whole grain bun, Pickle slices, Smiley fries, Chilled pears

Thursday - 2 Bosco breadsticks, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Fresh fruit

Friday - Roasted hot dog w/bun, Steamed cauliflower, Chilled mandarin oranges

SEPTEMBER 21 - SEPTEMBER 25

Monday - Popcorn chicken, Hashbrown patty, Baby carrots w/dip, Chilled peaches

Tuesday - Vendor pizza, Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned corn, Celery sticks, Chilled fruit

Wednesday - Chicken strips, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pineapple, Whole grain chez-it

Thursday - Taco Salad, Shredded lettuce & cheese, salsa, Seasoned refried beans, Fresh fruit, Tortilla chips

Friday - NO SCHOOL-WAIVER DAY- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**SEPTEMBER 28 - SEPTEMBER 30**

Monday - Hamburger w/wg bun, Pickle slices, Bbq baked beans, Coleslaw, Chilled mandarin oranges

Tuesday - Domino's smart slice, Or school peppro pizza, Italian green beans, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit

Wednesday - Baked chicken nuggets, Sweet tots, Chilled applesauce, Soft pretzel rod, Dipping sauce

SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE

Regular Lunch \$2.85—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals

SEPTEMBER 1 - SEPTEMBER 4

Tuesday - Vendor pizza, or stuffed crust pizza, Seasoned Broccoli, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit

Wednesday - Taco salad, or soft taco wrap, cheese, Shredded iceberg lettuce, Seasoned refried beans, Chilled applesauce, Tortilla chips

Thursday - Spicy chicken patty /bun, or chicken patty w/bun, Parsley potatoes, Fresh fruit, Smoothie /sidekick

Friday - Macaroni & cheese /breadstick, or Rib a cue w/bun, Baby carrots, Italian green beans, Chilled pears

SEPTEMBER 7 - SEPTEMBER 11**Monday – NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY**

Tuesday - Vendor pizza, or stuffed crust peppro, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit

Wednesday - Falcon burger w/wg bun, w/ iceberg lettuce, cheese, sauce, Bbq baked beans, Sweet potato fries, Chilled pears

Thursday - Popcorn chicken bowl, gravy & cheese, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll

Friday - Wg cheese breadstick w/ pizza sauce cup, Or beef ravioli /breadstick, Seasoned broccoli, Chilled pineapple

SEPTEMBER 14 - SEPTEMBER 18

Monday - Chicken parm w/wg roll, or chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Italian green beans, Chilled applesauce

Tuesday - Vendor pizza, or stuffed crust peppro, Romaine salad, Baby carrots, Chilled Fruit

Wednesday - Taco salad, or soft taco wrap, cheese, Shredded iceberg lettuce, Seasoned refried beans, Grape tomatoes, Chilled peaches

Thursday - Spicy chicken wrap w/cheese, Or Chicken strips w/roll, Shredded lettuce, Steamed broccoli, Fresh fruit

Friday - Toasted cheese, Or Cheezy bread /garlic, Seasoned peas, Tomato soup, Chilled mandarin oranges

SEPTEMBER 21 - SEPTEMBER 25

Monday - Bbq pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches

Tuesday - Vendor pizza, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled Fruit

Wednesday - Cheeseburger / bun, Or Hamburger / bun, Oven baked fries, Romaine salad, Chilled mandarin oranges

Thursday - General Tso's chicken, Stir fry vegetable, Seasoned rice, Fresh fruit, Fortune Cookie

Friday - NO SCHOOL - WAIVER DAY - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**SEPTEMBER 28 - SEPTEMBER 30**

Monday - Salisbury steak, or breaded pork chop, Whipped potatoes, Seasoned corn, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll

Tuesday - Vendor pizza, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Celery sticks, Chilled Fruit

Wednesday - Chipotle day, Fajita chicken or steak beef, Shredded iceberg, Seasoned pinto beans, Seasoned rice, Chilled mandarin orange

FIRELANDS HIGH

Regular Lunch \$2.85—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals

SEPTEMBER 1 - SEPTEMBER 4

Tuesday - Vendor pizza, or stuffed crust peppro, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pears, Sidekick 100% fruit

Wednesday - Taco salad meat /cheese, chips, or soft taco wrap w/cheese, iceberg lettuce, Salsa cup, Seasoned corn, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll, sour cream

Thursday - Chicken strips w/roll, Chicken patty w/bun, Baked fries, California blend veggie, Fresh fruit, Jello w/topping

Friday - Macaroni & cheese & roll, or Rib a cue w/bun, Seasoned broccoli, Cucumber slices, Mandarin oranges

SEPTEMBER 7 - SEPTEMBER 11**Monday - LABOR DAY**

Tuesday - Vendor pizza, or stuffed crust peppro, Italian green beans, Romaine salad, Chilled mandarin oranges

Wednesday - Falcon burger w/whole grain bun, Shredded Iceberg lettuce,, Cheese, , Sweet potato fries, Chilled pears

Thursday - Chicken bowl w/ gravy, cheese, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll

Friday - 2 Gilardi Cheese Breadsticks, Or Beef Ravioli w/ breadsticks, Seasoned broccoli, Chilled pineapple

SEPTEMBER 14 - SEPTEMBER 18

Monday - Chicken parm w/wg roll, or Chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Italian green beans, Chilled peaches

Tuesday - Vendor pizza, or stuffed crust peppro, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pears, Sidekick 100% fruit

Wednesday - Beef & cheese nachos, Or Taco Fries w/cheese, Refried beans w/cheese, Romaine salad, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll

Thursday - Spicy chicken wrap w/cheese, Chicken strips w/roll, Shredded lettuce, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit

Friday - Toasted cheese, Or cheezy bread /garlic, Steamed broccoli, Tomato soup, Chilled mandarin oranges

SEPTEMBER 21 - SEPTEMBER 25

Monday - Bbq pulled pork wg bun, Or Philly steak & cheese w/ roasted peppers & onions, Bbq baked beans, Seasoned cauliflower, Chilled peaches

Tuesday - Vendor pizza, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled pears

Wednesday - Pasta Bar/marinara, alfredo or cheese sauce, Or meatball sub, Romaine salad, Cucumber slices, Chilled applesauce

Thursday - General Tso's chicken, Stir fry vegetable, Seasoned rice, Fresh fruit, Fortune Cookie

Friday - NO SCHOOL - WAIVER DAY - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**SEPTEMBER 28 - SEPTEMBER 30**

Monday - Salisbury steak, or breaded pork chop, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll

Tuesday - Vendor pizza, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Celery sticks, Fruit, Sidekick 100% fruit

Wednesday - Chipotle day- seasoned beef steak or fajita chicken, Ultra grain wrap, Shredded iceberg, Seasoned pinto beans, Cilantro lime rice, mandarin oranges

SCHOOL FEES

FHS FEES

SAMS FEES

GENERAL FEES

Duplicating/Technology - \$10.00
Student Handbook - \$5.00

ARTS DEPARTMENT

Advanced Art - \$30.00
Advanced Art Workbook - \$10.00
Art I A \$15.00
Art I B \$15.00
Art II \$30.00
Art II Workbook \$10.00
Art III \$30.00
Art III Workbook \$10.00
Art IV \$30.00
Art IV Workbook \$10.00
Band \$30.00

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

English 9 \$16.00
English 10 \$16.00
English 11 \$16.00
Honor English I \$16.00
Honor English II \$16.00
English I \$16.00
English II \$16.00
English III \$16.00
English IV \$16.00

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Biology \$25.00
Biology II \$33.00
Chemistry \$18.00
Chemistry Workbook \$18.00
Physics \$18.00
Physics Workbook \$18.00
Geology & Astronomy \$25.00

SOCIAL STUDIES

Honors US History \$14.00
U S History \$14.00

FAMILY CONSUMER

Sports Nutrition I \$15.00
Sports Nutrition II \$15.00
Experience W/Foods I \$10.00
Experience W/Foods II \$10.00
Independent Living II - \$7.00

AG SCIENCE

Ag-Sci I \$20.00
Ag-Sci I Dues \$17.00
Ag-Sci II \$20.00
Ag-Sci II Dues \$17.00
Ag-Sci III \$20.00
Ag-Sci III Dues \$17.00
Ag-Sci IV \$20.00
Ag-Sci IV Dues \$17.00

MATH DEPARTMENT

AP Honors Calculus \$91.00
Algebra I - Workbook \$23.00
Geometry - Workbook \$23.00
Algebra II - Workbook \$23.00

6TH GRADE

Workbooks (3) \$40
Art \$11
Work & Family \$13
Science Supplies \$8
Student Handbook \$5
Duplicating/Tech \$10
TOTAL \$87

7TH GRADE

Workbooks (3) \$40
Art \$11
Work & Family \$13
Science Supplies \$8
Student Handbook \$5
Duplicating/Tech \$10
TOTAL \$87

8TH GRADE

Workbooks (3) \$40
Art \$11
Work & Family \$13
Science Supplies \$8
Student Handbook \$5
Duplicating/Tech \$10
TOTAL \$87

Grade 8 (Algebra Students Only)

Workbooks (2) \$21
Art \$11
Work & Family \$13
Science Supplies \$8
Student Handbook \$5
Duplicating/Tech \$10
TOTAL \$68

Workbooks

Wordly Wise 6, 7, & 8
Vocabulary Power Plus ADV. ELA grades 6, 7, & 8
Ready 6, 7, & 8
Math workbook 6, 7, & 8 (8th grade algebra students not included)

FES FEES

Kindergarten \$60.25

First Grade \$55.10

Second Grade \$53.00

Third Grade \$52.95

Fourth Grade \$53.50

Fifth Grade \$56.50

6th Grade School Supplies

The following supplies will be required for every 6th grade student & will remain in the classroom:

2 Three subject notebooks (Social Studies & Science)
5 folders w/3prongs & 2 pockets (Red, Yellow, Green, Blue, Purple)
2 Box of Kleenex
1 composition notebooks (Language Arts)

The following supplies will be required for every 6th grade student & will remain with the student:

Headphones or ear-buds
24 colored pencils
#2 Pencils
Pack of colored highlighters
4 packs Loose-Leaf paper
2- (2 inch) 3-ring binder (Math) (Science)
Flash Drive (at least 1 GB)
3-Glue stick
Blue or black ink pens
Small pouch that closes

7th Grade School Supplies

The following supplies will be required for every 7th grade student & will remain with the student:

Headphones or ear-buds
4 binders (1½ inch). 1 per subject
Loose leaf paper
1 composition notebook
#2 Pencils
Pens (blue and black)
Highlighters (five different colors)
TI 30 Calculator
24 colored pencils
1 ruler (standard and metric)
2 subject notebook (math class)

The following items are requested donation for shared class use:

2 boxes Kleenex

8th Grade School Supplies

The following supplies will be required by every 8th grade student & will remain with the student:

Headphones or ear-buds
#2 pencils
Loose leaf paper
Graph paper
2 single subject spiral notebooks (algebra students)
4 1 ½ -inch 3 prong binders w/ dividers
4 Composition notebook
Black and Blue pens
TI – 30X IIS calculator for 8th grade Math students
TI – 84 graphing calculator for HS Algebra students (optional but recommended)
yellow highlighter(s)
colored pencils

The following items are requested donations:

Kleenex
1 Packs of Paper towels
1 container Clorox wipes
#2 pencils
liquid glue bottle
Hand Sanitizer
scissors - crayons

A Message From Our Food Service Director

2015 - 2016 meal assistance information

The 2015-2016 meal assistance form is available on the school website under the food service tab located on the left side of page. Students will also get an updated form in their welcome packet at the start of school. For those students already getting assistance with meals, their meal status will roll over for the first month of school. Their meal status will change to denied as of September 30th if an updated application has not been received. Only 1 application per family is required. If you should receive a letter in August stating that your child has been approved for meal assistance through **DIRECT CERTIFICATION**, you **WILL NOT** need to fill out a new application. For a fee waiver, please sign the bottom portion of the direct certification letter and return to the school office. *Kindergarten students are not automatically approved* if you have children already receiving benefits. An updated form must be turned in. If at the start of school you have filled out a new application but have not received an acceptance or denied letter, please notify Judy Baumann-Food Service Director at 440-965-5821 ext. 1011. It may take at least a week for your application to be processed. Applications are processed in the order they are received.

Pay for it program

This program will allow you to put money on your child's account, pay school fees as well as provide you with your child's lunch account balance and also a short report of what has been purchased on their account. This can be done by logging onto

www.payforit.net, then follow the instructions listed. **There is "no fee" if you only use the reporting system. I encourage everyone to use this free reporting system to see your child's account balance as well as what has been purchased.** If you do use the convenient online payment system to add money, there is a small fee attached. Your child's six digit student ID number is needed to set up a "pay for it" account. You can call Judy Baumann 440-965-5821 ext. 1011 or your child's school office to get this number if you don't have it.

Low balance automated call

We have an automated calling system that we use for students at Firelands Elementary and South Amherst Middle School. When your child's balance falls to a -\$1.00, an automated call will be placed to your home announcing this. We appreciate all negative accounts being paid when you have received this phone call.

Food Service Tab on Website

All food service information can be found on the food service tab located on the school website www.firelandsschools.org. If you have children in multiple schools this tab will be helpful as all menus, meal applications and information for each school will be listed here. The contact information for Judy Baumann, Food Service Director can be found here as well.

Firelands Elementary

Judy Baumann will be at the open house to speak and answer any questions you may have about the food service department. We will be accepting payment on accounts the evening of conferences if you choose to do so.

BREAKFAST SERVED AT ALL SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served at all of our schools every morning. All students can go to the cafeteria when they arrive at school to get their breakfast.

- ◆ **High and Middle** school students can eat in the cafeteria prior to school starting.
- ◆ **Elementary** students will pick breakfast up in the cafeteria and take it back to their classroom. **THE COST IS:**
 - ◆ \$1.50 for breakfast
 - ◆ .30 cents for a reduced breakfast
 - ◆ and those that qualify for free meals can get a breakfast for free as well.

The breakfast menu items are printed on the right side of the lunch menu and can be found on our website. Click on the Food Service Tab, then click on the Menu tab for each building.

Reminder: The previous year's meal status will roll over for the first month of school only. AN UPDATED MEAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION MUST BE TURNED IN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR TO CONTINUE BENEFITS. Applications can be filled out anytime throughout the year.

FES DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, August 18	Kindergarten Screening
Monday, August 31	Parent Night/Open House 5:30-6:15 p.m.: K-2 6:30-7:15 p.m.: 3-5
Tuesday, September 1	First day of school for Grades 1-12 Kindergarten Parent Conferences (Parents Only)
Wednesday, September 2	First Day for ½ of Kindergarten
Thursday, September 3	First Day for ½ of Kindergarten
Friday, September 4	All Kindergarten come for their 2 nd day of school
Monday, September 7	NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY
Wednesday, September 23	Picture Day



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FES FIFTH GRADE SUPPLY LIST

- 1 – container of disinfectant wipes
- 2 – boxes of Kleenex
- 1 – roll of paper
- 5 – folders w/3 prongs and 2 pockets
 - *1 red for Math
 - *1 blue for Science
 - *1 green for Social Studies
 - *1 purple for Language Arts
- 1 – package white wide-ruled notebook paper
 - 24 - #2 pencils
 - 1 – box of colored pencils
 - 1– box of crayons
- 1 – box of washable colored markers
 - 2 – red pens
 - 1 – zippered pencil pouch
 - 1 – pair of large scissors
 - 2 – glue sticks
- 1 – ruler with inches/centimeters
- 1 – package of highlighters
- 1 – box Ziploc bags (boys/gallon, girls/quart)

These items are Math Only:

- *1 – marble composition book (Mrs. Kelley/Snyder's class)
- *1 - 1" binder with wide ruled paper (Mrs. Watson)
- *1 - package of 4 large Expo low odor dry erase markers
- *1 - sock (Mrs. Watson's class)

These items are Science Only:

- *1 - 2 subject spiral notebook (Mrs. Mick)
- *1 – marble composition book (Mrs. Kelley)

These items are Language Arts Only:

- *1 – marble composition book

Computer Class: Flashdrive, folder, headphones in a quart size bag w/name clearly marked on it

Ninth Annual Parade of Bands

October 10, 2015
7 pm Firelands Stadium

Come see the visiting bands and The Mighty Falcon Marching Band!

Advance tickets \$5 includes concessions ticket! \$7 at gate

Shout outs..Concessions..Raffles..

And more! Please come and help support our band. Proceeds from this event go towards our uniform fund.



Musical Moments

Calendar of Events

August: Thursday Night Rehearsals:

13th, 20th, & 27th

Parade of Bands Meeting:
13th-6 pm

Booster Meeting: 17th @ 7 pm

First Game!: @ Edison 28th

September: Rehearsals:
3rd & 10th

Boosters Email:

Firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com

Officers:

Pres. Michele Jeffers

V.P. Laura Solnick

Treas. Erin Hayes

Sec. Cinda Willis

Attention Parents!

Our booster group is growing by leaps and bounds right along with our band. Please take the time to volunteer! We need all the help we can get.



2015 MFMB Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, November 7th, 2015

General Admission \$2.00

10:00am-4:00pm

At South Amherst Middle School

112 North Lake Street

South Amherst, Ohio 44001

Vendors Wanted!

Crafters, Direct Sales Reps,
Artisans of any kind!

For More Details Please Contact:

Michele Reynolds: 440-610-0344

Laura Solnick: 440-935-0758

email firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com

Brownhelm Historical Association

The Brownhelm Historical Association will meet at 7:00 p.m. on September 2 at the Carriage Barn at Vermilion River Reservation, Mill Hollow. After the business meeting our speakers Chris Smith and Paul Justy are going to tell us how the village of Grafton was started. There was a sandstone quarry in the area and they used the stone to make railroad beds to Cleveland and other areas. The stone was used to make buildings, bridges, etc. One of the buildings in the area was the Lorain County Courthouse. It will be very interesting to see how the quarry in Grafton compares to the Brownhelm sandstone quarry which was the first sandstone quarry in Lorain County. It is a very interesting free program and open to the public. Refreshments will be served after the program. Any questions call Bonnie Cutcher 440-963-7540 or Marilyn Brill 440-988-4550



Save The Date!



The Firelands Band Boosters will be hosting
their third annual Band on The Run 5K

When? October 18th

Where? Starting point will be South Amherst Middle School

Registration information email: firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com

Building our Future, Together

Building Project

⇒ Joined 6-8 and 9-12 building with a field house

Location

⇒ North of the current high school

Timeline

⇒ The project will be in design for one year, followed by two years of construction. Students will be in the new building for the start of 2019-2020 school year.

Community Asset

⇒ Field house will be open to our community as time permits

Cost

⇒ \$17 per month for a \$100,000 home

Learn more at:

www.yesforfirelandsschools.com

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Email Questions:

yesforFirelandsschools1@gmail.com



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Tammy Sigsworth,
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Firelands Yes Levy Committee

Facts

- ⇒ Under Ohio Law, our district cannot use public funds to promote any levy
- ⇒ Levy campaigns are 100% funded through donations from community members and area businesses. Your time, talent and financial support are needed.

How You Can Help

⇒ Register to Vote

Voter registration forms are available at each building or online at www.sos.state.oh.us. The deadline to register is October 5, 2015.

⇒ **Interested in Volunteering? Email us at-**
www.yesforfirelandsschools1@gmail.com

⇒ **Financial contributions can be mailed to:**
Save Our Schools Firelands Levy Committee
c/o Tammy Sigsworth, Campaign Treasurer
112 North Lake Street
South Amherst, OH 44001-2824



Provide us your input

Complete a survey online
www.yesforfirelandsschools.com
or by paper at each of our
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**Any questions or comments, please contact Janie Largent Betka at
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