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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

As I write this message, I reflect on the changes that occur during the springtime. It is a time of renewal, growth, and warmer temperatures. That is unless one considers the 5 inches of snow that fell on March 25! However, that is one of the unique qualities of Northwest Ohio.

When I ponder the possibility of change and renewal, I am reminded of remarks from Peter V. Gregerson, Sr., founder and president, Gregerson's Food, Inc. delivered to the Annual Integrity Awards Banquet, Des Moines, Iowa, on November 15, 2002.

BUILDING POSITIVE ATTITUDES

The father of American psychology, William James, once said that people change their lives when they change their attitudes of mind.

Some psychologists have an interesting illustration of how life-changing attitudes occur. They liken attitude to a light shining up through us out into the world but first shining through transparent playing cards inside. If we have many deuces, our attitude tends to be down, negative. If aces, then up and positive.

For example, you had a deuce put inside your heart that day when you were five years old as your father grabbed the screwdriver out of your hand and said, "You are dumb, that's the third time you picked it up by the wrong end. You'll never be any good with tools. Give it to daddy, I'll fix it."

He wouldn't have said that for a thousand dollars if he had known he was putting a deuce in your deck and that it would stay there forever. You can't take it out.

But it was in the second grade the teacher said to you, "Do you know how many other students have tried to solve this problem? And you did it! You are good, you are really, very good!" She put an ace in your heart that ratcheted up how you felt about yourself, your world and your ability to cope with the world.

You are putting aces in hearts today that will change lives. You all are "really very good."

These remarks serve as a reminder of the power of a positive attitude on our daily interactions and our reaction to change. We should remember the influence of each "ace" that we put in the hearts of those who surround us. I want to thank the Firelands community for every "ace" that you give to our schools and most importantly to your sons and daughters!

Go Falcons!

Yours in Education,
Dr. Robert F. Hill
Superintendent

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**FIRELANDS ACCEPTING
OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR
2013-2014**

The Firelands Local School District will be accepting open enrollment applications for the 2013-2014 school year starting on **Tuesday, April 9th** at the Board of Education Office, 112 North Lake St., South Amherst. Students from **any district** in Ohio are welcome to apply. Space is limited and will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.

Deadline to apply is August 1, 2013.

**PLEASE BRING WITH YOU - THE STUDENT'S LAST REPORT CARD OR TRANSCRIPT
AND IF APPLICABLE CURRENT IEP.**

PLEASE CALL 440-965-5821 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 450



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST
& FLOWER SALE**



Sunday, May 5th

8:00am - 1:00pm



**Florence Township Fire Department
11011 Chapel Street, Birmingham**

**Attention: Parents/Guardians of Children
Entering Kindergarten in Fall 2013:**

If your child is 4 years or older, he/she can complete the immunizations required for school entry. You may go to your usual health care provider, or attend one of the health department walk-in clinics. In either case, be sure to have your child's immunization record with you when you go.

You can go to your regular healthcare provider, or to one of the health department walk-in child immunization clinics; check <http://www.loraincountyhealth.com/immunizations#children> for dates, times, locations, or call 440-322-6367.

NO ONE IS TURNED AWAY FROM A HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLINIC BECAUSE OF INABILITY TO PAY.

Please send a copy of the updated immunization record to the school nurse, Mrs. Osborne, being sure your child's name is on it. Don't forget to keep a copy for yourself!

**IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE HAVE THEM COMPLETED
BEFORE JUNE 4, 2013.**

The Brownhelm Historical Association will meet at 7:00 p.m. on May 1 at the Carriage Barn at the Vermilion River Reservation, Mill Hollow. After the business meeting David Simmer will present a program about The stained glass windows of the churches of Lorain County. This is a must see program if you like stained glass windows. Refreshments will be served and the public is welcome to attend this free program.

IMPORTANT LUNCH ANNOUNCEMENT

**THE LAST DAY TO
CHARGE SCHOOL
LUNCHES WILL BE
FRIDAY,
MAY 17, 2013**



4th and 5th Grade Choir

On Saturday March 2nd, Fifteen 4th and 5th grade FES students performed with the Oberlin Choristers Children's Honors Choir. Over the past 2 months, the fifteen students rehearsed the music with Mrs. Woods. On Saturday March 2nd, the students came together with 200 other students from the area. They spent the day rehearsing and perfecting the music. At the end of the day, they performed a concert in front of hundreds of family and friends.

Two of Firelands Elementary Students, Chayce Baldwin and Samantha Walcott, were chosen to perform solos.

Congratulations to the following students for being chosen for this amazing opportunity: Samantha Walcott, Brooklyn Ollis, William Krejci, Kaityn Walcheck, Lillian Laughrey, Emmaleah McDevitt, Christine Whitacre, Dylan Koban-Nelson, Shawny Hess, Kevin Guillemot, Hattie Born, Chayce Baldwin, Madison New, Andria Mains, Abby Landreth.

Julene Woods - FES General Music

Firelands FFA Horse Judging Team Wins District

Ashland, OH - Congratulations to the FFA livestock judging teams for their performances at the district judging events on March 23rd. Thirty Firelands FFA member competed at the contest hosted by the Ashland FFA Alumni. The top three placers on each of the four teams competing from Firelands contributed to the team score. Up to 21 teams from District 2 competed in each contest area. The Equine Management Team won the district contest! Individually, Callie Stevens placed first in the district, Chrissy Balint placed 3rd and Katie Cline placed 4th. The poultry team placed second in district with Courtney Klesta, Jess Zurcher and Haleigh Bari making up the team score. General Livestock earned 5th in the district, Emma Ranney was 4th place individual, Jody Hanko and Cole Jones made up the team score. The Wildlife Management Team earned 4th in district with Jessie Beran earning 4th individually, Cole Lewis and Josh Krueger rounded out the top three scorers for Firelands. All teams and individuals placing in the top four in district will earn district awards. Congratulations to all for your achievements and good luck at state on April 6th!

GUIDANCE CORNER**Incoming Freshmen Information**

On Monday, April 29th, the Firelands High School Teen Leadership Corps class will be hosting an informational fair and tour of the high school.

Freshmen Class

The Lorain County JVS is running an Excel (Exploring Careers through Education and Leadership) Career Camp from June 11 -14. This is a four-day career exploration program for students who are entering the 9th and 10th grades in the fall. Interested students can stop in the guidance office for an application or download the application at www.lcjvs.com under Student Forms.

Sophomore Class

Students who applied to the JVS will be receiving their acceptance letters early this month. There are still openings for qualified students for two-year career technical programs for next year. Stop in the guidance office for more information.

Junior Class

College bound Juniors are recommended to take the ACT or SAT by the end of their junior year. The next deadline is May 3, 2013 for the June 8 test date. Register on-line at www.actstudent.org. Juniors enrolled in English at the high school received a free online ACT prep program. Any Juniors off campus, please stop in the guidance office for you log-in information.

Senior Class

Jostens will deliver Caps, Gowns, and Announcements to FHS during lunchtime on April 17th and 24th and to the JVS during lunchtime on May 2nd.

The Honors Banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 7th at German's Villa

The Senior Awards Breakfast will be on Thursday, May 30th at 8:00 a.m. It will be held in the FHS gym, and it will be free to the Senior students. We will honor the local scholarship winners, certificate winners, and any other awards earned by seniors in the class of 2013.

Commencement Practice will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 30th right after the Senior Awards Breakfast.

Graduation will be held on Saturday, June 1st at FHS at 12:00 p.m.

PSEO

The scheduling process for next year's PSEO students started April 1st. Students can schedule until June 15th at Lorain County Community College. Stop in or call Mr. Northeim (440-965-5335) if you have any questions.

THANK YOU!**THANK YOU!****THANK YOU!**

Thank you to the Firelands community for supporting the Class of 2015 and Class of 2016 Calendar Raffle Fundraiser!

We sold over 360 calendars!

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Also, thank you to the Firelands community members and businesses that helped make our 3rd Annual Calendar Raffle Fundraiser possible:

Bettcher Industries, Wendy's Corporation, Oberlin McDonalds, Amherst Subway, Oberlin Subway, Oberlin Pizza Hut, Watson Hardware, Hot Dog Heaven, Old Town Pizza, Avon (Ruthie Elliot), Presti's of Oberlin, Oberlin Ben Franklin, Velvet Turtle Salon, Midas of Oberlin, Oberlin College, The Bead Bar Boutique, Deichler Tires and Service, Amherst TNT Tanning, Gypsy Trading, Firelands Athletic Department, Piggy's, Tastefully Simple (Beth Dendorfer), Vicki Hayes, How Sweet It Is Cupcakes (Lilly Tapia), Smokin' Joes/Country Breeze, Petitti Garden, Pampered Chef (Shari Wasem), Stampin' Up (Kathy Gulish), and Miller Ferry.

GO FALCONS!

Firelands Art Students Place in Statewide Essay Competition

Firelands High School Art Fundamentals students placed in the statewide Jerry Tollifson Art Criticism Open essay contest this winter. Freshman Jeremy Simonovich earned a second place in the junior high school division with his critical analysis of N.C. Wyeth's illustration for the Last of the Mohicans. Junior Kyle Collins earned second place in the senior high division for his critical analysis of Leutze' Washington Crossing the Delaware. These strong writers will receive a medal, certificate and bag of prizes.

The Ohio Art Education Association invites students in grades one through twelve to articulate and write their critical analyses of artwork. The goal of the project is for students to feel a greater sense of control and confidence in approaching art and empowering them to reach a stronger understanding of the artwork's meaning, value and significance through dialogue. The students may critique any one original work of art in 500 words or less and are judged on their description of the work, analysis of the composition, interpretation based on evidence and overall writing skills. These winning students will be honored in an awards ceremony on March 16 at 2pm in the STRS Building in Columbus.



Junior, Kyle Collins and Freshman, Jeremy Simonovich, 2nd place winners in their divisions of the Jerry Tollifson Art Criticism Open Essay Competition.

Brownhelm Perfection and B.B 4-H Club

We are well into our year and have had several meetings. We have added many new members this year. We had 2 advisors and one of our members attend the Ohio 4-H Teen & Volunteer Conference in Columbus. Mrs. Thrasher and Mrs. Burgos and Brad Thrasher. They brought back a lot of useful information.

At one of our meetings we met with many of the parents to answer questions about 4-H and about some of the projects.

We have planned a lot of events to take place before the meetings some of the interesting things we have been learning about are Zumba, a nutritional talk by Mrs. Ott (one of our Advisors) and many more are planned this year.

Our bake sale at TSC on March 30th was a big success. A BIG thanks to all who baked and made things and those who came and bought. There is another one planned for May 18th at TSC.

We are going to have a trash pick up on April 20th. Look forward to having a lot of our members participate.

Submitted by Kaitlyn Frazier/
newsreporter

FHS BAND AND CHOIR NEWS

I wanted to take a moment to update everyone on some fantastic news for the music department. This past weekend the Firelands High School band and choir both participated in the Ohio Music Education Large Group Event (also known as contest), where the choir received a rating of Excellent and the band received a rating of Superior for the 5th year in a row and also for the second year in a row receiving the highest possible rating of Straight 1's.

Also, it is my distinct pleasure to announce that as of this morning the organization called NAMM (National Association of Music Merchandisers) and The Institute for Educational Research has announced that the Firelands Local School district is one of 307 school districts across the country to receive the distinction as one of the Best Communities for Music Education. This is the 14th year that NAMM has recognized school districts for their commitment to music education and this is the first time Firelands has been recognized for its efforts to support the arts and more specifically music education.

Thank you to everyone who has attended our concerts, encouraged our students, helped with our fundraisers, or just supported our programs over the years. This is truly a distinction for the community and school district as a whole thank you for your continued support of music in our school!

Happy Music in Our Schools Month!

Sincerely,

Dustin Wiley
Band Director
Firelands High School



South Amherst Middle School Annual Class Trips



South Amherst Middle School is getting ready for their annual class trips. The 6th grade will be going to Beulah Beach May 29-30, The 7th grade will be going to Put-In-Bay on May 22nd, and the 8th grade will be going to Philadelphia and Gettysburg May 15-17th. Parents should be looking for information coming home soon. All final payments are due by April 15th for ALL TRIPS and all checks should be made out to South Amherst Middle School and DON'T FORGET to put your child's name on the memo of the check. Also a final reminder that board policy states that all school fees from prior school years are to be paid before your child can participate in these trips.

5th and 6th Grade Spelling Bee



On Wednesday March 20th the top spellers from the fifth and sixth grade came together to compete in the 5-6 grade Annual Spelling Bee. The twenty contestants were judged by Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Scalli, Mrs. Snyder, and bee coordinator Mrs. Palmer.

Miss Jackson pronounced the words for each speller.

After a long battle and difficult competition, the five finalist were chosen. They are as follows:

First Place - Danny Hager (5th grade)

Second Place - Logan Willis (6th grade)

Third Place - Maribeth Petry (5th grade)

Fourth Place - Alex Steindl (6th grade)

Fifth Place - Beau Grude (6th grade)

The five finalists will go on to compete at the Lorain County Spelling Bee on May 5th @ 4:00 in Amherst.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT AND GOOD LUCK!!

Attention: Parent/Guardian of Current 6th Grade Students:



Because of outbreaks of pertussis (whooping cough), the State of Ohio is now requiring students to have a diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis booster (DTP or Tdap) by the end of 6th grade. If one was done in October 2008 or later, your child does not need to get an additional shot but you need to send the record in. If there has NOT been one since October 2008, your child will need to get it. You can go to your regular healthcare provider, or to one of the health department walk-in child immunization clinics;

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The Amherst Public Library and The Chronicle Telegram host the 2013 Design an Ad!

Students in Megan Roth's fourth grade classroom at Firelands Elementary School participated in the "Design An Ad" program sponsored by the Amherst Public Library and the Elyria Chronicle Telegram. All of the ads submitted are on display at the Amherst Public Library in the Youth Services Department on the second floor.



Each year the students submit an ad they've designed to best represent the library in an upcoming special issue of the Chronicle Telegram. Then the library staff votes and a winner is chosen.

Gage Myer's design was chosen as the 2013 winner. On Thursday, March 14, he was presented with a framed copy of his ad by The Amherst Public Library Administrator, Don Dovala, and Public Relations Specialist, Kaye Koler. He graciously accepted his award, with great big smiles, hugs, and many, many "thank you's"!! "It's an honor and a privilege to have these young artists design an ad especially for us! We all had a difficult time choosing just one." Koler said. All ads submitted are on display (second floor) at the library. Stop in to enjoy them!

FES ART STUDENTS

FES art students were able to have a "virtual visit" to the Cleveland Museum of Art at the end of March. Distance learning programming was provided to one of the Fifth grade classes as well as the entire Third and Fourth grade classes, thanks to funding from the PTG. Fifth grade students were able to participate in the Angles and Answers: Origami and Math program. They discovered that math can show up anywhere - even in Albrecht Durer's Northern Renaissance artwork. Two origami pieces were created during this program. Fourth graders watched Arms, Armor and Simple Machines which dealt with the functional art of the Middle Ages and Renaissance periods. Finally, Third grade students participated in the African Masks! program. Students took imaginary trips to a variety of African countries, examining masks and headdresses used for different occasions. They kept track of their "travels" with a passport and stickers. Thanks, PTG, for some exciting distance learning opportunities with CMA!



The Firelands 5th/6th grade boys Basketball Champions - Justin Wossilek, Logan Howington, Jacob Newman, Coach Dylan Newman, Austin Schuler, Steven Iwanek, William Folley, and Grant Edelman. Not pictured - Coach Brandon Danicki. **Thanks for a great season!**

LUNCH MENUS

<p>FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY Regular Lunch \$2.30—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>	<p>SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE Regular Lunch \$2.70—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>	<p>FIRELANDS HIGH Regular Lunch \$2.70—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>
<p>APRIL 15 - APRIL 19 MONDAY - Sausage links, French toast sticks, Hashbrown potatoes, Celery sticks, Orange juice cup, Syrup cup TUESDAY - Dominoes smart slice, Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned broccoli & carrots, Chilled fruit, WG graham gripz WEDNESDAY - Baked chicken fries, Baked french fries, Green beans, Chilled pears, Dipping sauce THURSDAY - Whole grain corn dog, Bbq baked beans, Sliced cucumbers, Fresh fruit FRIDAY - Toasted cheese, Tomato soup, Saltines, Seasoned peas, Chilled peaches</p> <p>APRIL 22 - APRIL 26 MONDAY - Baked chicken nuggets, Black beans & rice, Celery sticks, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned peas, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit, Tray treat WEDNESDAY - Baked chicken strips, Smiley fries, Chilled pears, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce THURSDAY - Spaghetti w/meat, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Whole grain roll, Fresh fruit FRIDAY - Fish trout treasures, Steamed cauliflower w/ cheese, Chilled mandarin oranges, Soft pretzel rod</p>	<p>APRIL 15 - APRIL 19 MONDAY - Bbq pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches TUESDAY - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled Fruit WEDNESDAY - Grilled chicken / bun, or Chicken patty w/ bun, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled mandarin orgs THURSDAY - General Tso's chicken, Stir fry vegetable, Seasoned rice w/black beans, Fresh fruit, Fortune Cookie FRIDAY - Egg & cheese on wg roll, or pan cake & sausage stick, Hashbrown potato, Sweet potatoes, Orange juice cup</p> <p>APRIL 22 - APRIL 26 MONDAY - Salisbury steak or breaded pork chop, Whipped potatoes, Seasoned corn, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll TUESDAY - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli w/chez, Celery sticks, Chilled Fruit WEDNESDAY - Chipotle day-Beef or Fajita chicken, Ultra grain wrap, Shredded iceberg, Black bean & corn salsa, Cilantro lime rice, Chilled mandarin orange THURSDAY - Cheese quesadilla Or Chicken nuggets w/roll, Baby carrots, Sliced red peppers, Fresh fruit FRIDAY - Bosco cheese sticks or spaghetti w/ meat & roll, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pineapple</p>	<p>APRIL 15 - APRIL 19 MONDAY - Bbq pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches TUESDAY - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled pears WEDNESDAY - Pasta Bar/marinara, alfredo or cheese sauce w/ wg roll, Or meatball sub, Romaine salad, Cuke slices, Chilled applesauce THURSDAY - General Tso's chicken, Stir fry vegetable, Seasoned rice w/black beans, Fresh fruit, Fortune Cookie FRIDAY - Egg & cheese on bun or french toast sticks w/sausage links, syrup cup, Hashbrown potato, Sweet things, Orange juice cup</p> <p>APRIL 22 - APRIL 26 MONDAY - Salisbury steak or breaded pork chop, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll TUESDAY - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli w/chez, Celery sticks, Fruit WEDNESDAY - Chipotle day-Beef or Fajita chicken, Ultra grain wrap, Shredded iceberg, Black bean & corn salsa, Cilantro lime rice, Chilled mandarin orange THURSDAY - Wg Cheese quesadilla Or Chicken nuggets w/roll, Baby Carrots, Grape tomatoes, Fresh fruit FRIDAY - Deli sub bar w/ combo or turkey, cheese, lettuce, tomato, peppers, banana pepper, black olives, Chilled pineapple</p>
<p>APRIL 29 - MAY 3 MONDAY - Mini corn dogs, Bbq baked beans, Baby carrots w/dip, Chilled peaches TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned corn, Celery sticks, Chilled fruit WEDNESDAY - Chicken patty sandwich, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pineapple THURSDAY - Taco Salad, Shredded lettuce & cheese, Seasoned refried beans & cheese, Fresh fruit, Tortilla chips FRIDAY - Macaroni & cheese, Seasoned peas, Cucumber slices, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll</p> <p>MAY 6 - MAY 10 MONDAY - Hamburger w/bun, Pickle slices, Bbq baked beans, Coleslaw, Chilled mandarin oranges TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice, Or school peppro pizza, Mixed vegetables, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit WEDNESDAY - Baked chicken nuggets, Sweet tots, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce THURSDAY - Salisbury steak, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll FRIDAY - Cheesy bread, Seasoned broccoli, Chilled pineapple, Jello</p>	<p>APRIL 29 - MAY 3 MONDAY - Hot dog w/ bun Or steak um w/cheese, Bbq baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches, Graham crackers TUESDAY - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit WEDNESDAY - Taco salad or soft taco wrap, shredded iceberg cheese, Seasoned refried beans/chez, Chilled applesauce, Tortilla chips THURSDAY - Chicken strips w/roll, chicken patty w/bun, Parsley potatoes, Fresh fruit FRIDAY - Macaroni & cheese or rib a cue w/bun, Seasoned broccoli, Cucumber slices, Chilled pears</p> <p>MAY 6 - MAY 10 MONDAY - Pepperoni calzone Or southwest pizza, Green bean & carrots, Applesauce TUESDAY - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit WEDNESDAY - Falcon single burger w/whole grain bun, w/ iceberg lettuce, cheese, 2T sauce, bbq baked beans, Sweet thing fries, Chilled pears THURSDAY - Falcon chicken bowl, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, gravy, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll FRIDAY - Wg cheese breadstick, Or beef ravioli w/ breadstick, Seasoned broccoli, Chilled pineapple</p>	<p>APRIL 29 - MAY 3 MONDAY - Hot dog w/ bun Or steak um w/cheese/bun, Bbq baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches TUESDAY - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pears WEDNESDAY - Taco salad w/roll or soft taco wrap, shredded iceberg, cheese, black bean & corn salsa, Chilled applesauce, Tortilla chips, 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, Chilled pears</p> <p>MAY 6 - MAY 10 MONDAY - Pepperoni calzone Or southwest pizza, Bbq baked beans, Tomato juice, Applesauce TUESDAY - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned green beans, Romaine salad, Chilled mandarin oranges WEDNESDAY - Falcon burger w/whole grain bun, w/ iceberg lettuce, cheese, sauce, Sweet things fries, Chilled pears THURSDAY - Falcon chicken bowl w/gravy, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll FRIDAY - Wg cheese breadstick Or Beef Ravioli w/breadstick, Seasoned broccoli, Chilled pineapple</p>
<p>MAY 13 - MAY 17 MONDAY - Green eggs & ham, Hashbrown starz, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Green beans, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit WEDNESDAY - General Tso's Chicken, Stir Fry Veggies, Seasoned Rice, Chilled pineapple tidbits, Fortune cookie THURSDAY - Soft taco, Shredded lettuce & cheese, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit FRIDAY - Cheese stuffed breadstick, Pizza sauce, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled mandarin oranges</p>	<p>MAY 13 - MAY 17 MONDAY - Chicken parm w/wg roll, or chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Green beans, Chilled peaches TUESDAY - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit WEDNESDAY - Beef & cheese nachos or Taco fries w/cheese, Refried beans w/cheese Romaine salad, Chilled applesauce THURSDAY - 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,</p>	<p>MAY 13 - MAY 17 MONDAY - Chicken parm w/wg roll or chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Green beans, Chilled peaches TUESDAY - "SCHOOL PICNIC" Hamburgers, Baked beans, Macaroni salad, Fruit, Chips WEDNESDAY - Beef & cheese nachos, Or Taco Fries w/cheese, Refried beans w/cheese, Romaine/spinach salad, Chilled applesauce THURSDAY - 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</p>

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL

Apr-15 Varsity Boys Baseball (home) vs Keystone 4:30pm
 Apr-15 Varsity Girls Softball (home-SAMS) vs Keystone 4:30pm
 Apr-17 SAMS - PTG Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
 Apr-17 Varsity Boys Baseball @ Buckeye 4:30pm
 Apr-17 Varsity Girls Softball @ Buckeye 4:30pm
 Apr-17 Varsity COED Track (home) vs PAC Tri Meet
 Apr-18 Varsity Boys Baseball @ Wellington 4:30pm
 Apr-18 Varsity Girls Softball @ Wellington 4:30pm
 Apr-19 - 21 FHS - Choir Trip to Chicago
 Apr-19 Varsity COED Track @ Fairview 4:00pm
 Apr-20 SAMS - OMEA Solo & Ensemble Contest
 Apr-20 Varsity Girls Softball @Akron Racers Tournament 9:00am
 Apr-20 Varsity Boys Baseball(home) Bellevue 11:00am & 1:00pm
 Apr-21 Varsity Girls Softball @ Akron Tournament 11am & 3pm
 Apr-22 Varsity Boys Baseball (home) vs Black River 4:30pm
 Apr-22 Varsity Girls Softball (home) vs Black River 4:30pm
 Apr-23 Varsity Boys (home) vs Bay 4:30pm
 Apr-23 SAMS - OAA - Reading - 8:00 a.m.
 Apr-24 SAMS - OAA - Math - 8:00 a.m.
 Apr-24 Varsity Boys Baseball (home) vs Brookside 4:30pm
 Apr-24 Varsity Girls Softball (home) vs Brookside 4:30pm
 Apr-24 Varsity COED Track @ Keystone 4:30pm
 Apr-25 Varsity Boys Baseball @ Brooklyn 4:30pm
 Apr-25 Varsity Girls Softball @ Brooklyn 4:30pm
 Apr-25 SAMS - OAA - Science - 8:00 a.m.
 Apr-27 Varsity Boys Baseball @ Vermilion 10:00am
 Apr-27 Varsity Girls Softball (home) vs Open Door 11:00am
 Apr-29 Varsity Boys Baseball (home) vs Clearview 4:30pm
 Apr-29 Varsity Girls Softball (home) vs Clearview 4:30pm

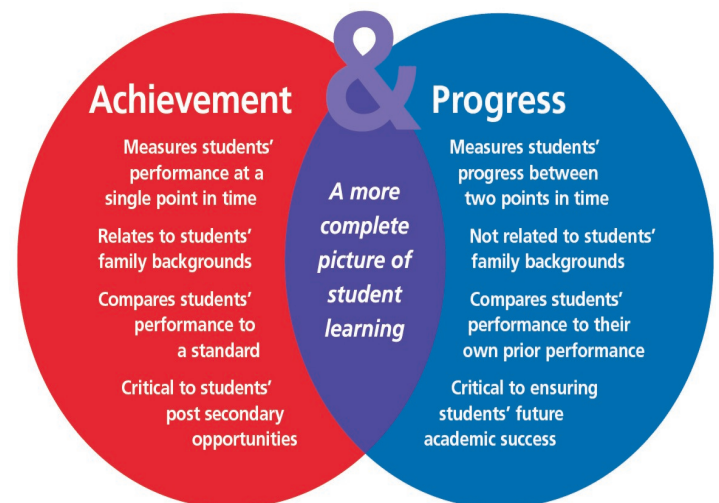
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May-1 Varsity Boys Baseball @ Columbia 4:30pm
 May-1 Varsity Girls Softball @ Columbia 4:30pm
 May-1 Varsity COED Track (home) PAC Tri Meet 4:30pm
 May-2 Varsity Boys Baseball @ Keystone 4:30pm
 May-2 Varsity Girls Softball @ Keystone 4:30pm
 May-2 Interim Reports
 May-3 - 4 FHS - State Band and Choir Contest
 May-3 Varsity COED Track @ Margaretta 4:30pm
 May-4 FHS - Prom at DeLuca's - 7:00p.m.
 May- 6 FES - Market Day Pickup - 5:30 - 6:30p.m.
 May-6 Varsity Boys Baseball (home) vs Buckeye 4:30pm
 May-6 Varsity Girls Softball (home) vs Buckeye 4:30pm
 May-7 FHS - Honors Banquet @ German's Villa 6:30 - 9:00p.m.
 May-7 FES - PTG Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in Library
 May-8 Varsity Boys Baseball (home) vs Wellington 4:30pm
 May-8 Varsity Girls Softball (home) vs Wellington 4:30pm
 May-9 Varsity Boys Baseball @ Black River 4:30pm
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 May-9 FHS - Band Concert/5th Grade Band - 7:00p.m.
 May-10 & 11 SAMS - OMEA Large Group Contest
 May-10 Varsity Girls Softball @ Bay 4:30pm
 May-10 Varsity COED Track @ Olmsted Falls 4:30pm
 May-11 Varsity Girls Softball (home) vs Falcon Quad TBA
 May-11 Varsity Boys Baseball @ Lakewood 11:00am
 May-13 Varsity Boys Baseball @ Brookside 4:30pm
 May-13 Varsity Girls Softball @ Brookside 4:30pm
 May-13 FHS - Choir Concert @ FHS - 7:00p.m.
 May-13 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
 May-14 Varsity COED Track @ Fairview 4:30pm
 May-15 SAMS - PTG Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
 May-15 - 17 SAMS - 8th Grade Field Trip to Philadelphia
 May-16 Varsity COED Track @ Fairview 4:30pm
 May-17 Fine Arts Festival - 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
 May-18 Fine Arts Festival - 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

SPRING MESSAGE FROM MR. SPAGNOLA

It is imperative that our students are doing all that they can to gain, implement, and apply new knowledge being taught in the classroom. With the spring OAA testing season quickly approaching our staff is taking the necessary steps to maintain our building designation of "Excellent with Distinction". We are very proud of being "Excellent with Distinction" and know that our students and community have been a pivotal influence in the educational process to gain this honor. Thank you for your continued support of South Amherst Middle School.

The focus for the building is to achieve and make progress for every student in the building. At a minimum, we should expect each student to progress one academic year in one year's time. Students, who are academically behind, must grow more than one academic year in one year's time to close the gap. Progress is often referred to as value added. Value added provides a picture of student growth regardless of students' achievement levels. Value-added can help us understand whether high-achieving students are making enough progress to sustain or even improve their achievement levels. Value-added can also help us understand whether low-achieving students are making enough progress to close the proficiency gap. Achievement and Value added is defined as the Power of Two, as depicted by the Venn Diagram below:



We have recently completed our Mock OAA testing and the data from those tests have given the teaching staff a clear picture of our student's needs. It is vital that we focus on each student and deliver intervention or enrichment to add value to their learning this school year. Please make sure you are aware of the upcoming testing dates.

SPRING TESTING DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- April 23rd - Reading OAA for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students**
- April 24th - Math OAA for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students**
- April 25th - Science OAA for 8th grade students**

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