

The Firelands Express

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



As the first quarter of the school year is quickly coming to an end, our students and staff have had a busy start to the new year. Some highlights from this year include:

FFA Attends the National Convention in Indianapolis

After earning the title of National Champions-Models of Innovation in 2015, the Firelands FFA Chapter was asked to host the Ohio Booth at National Convention in the Hall of States. Students planned a booth focused on Urban Agriculture to share the story of city farming in Ohio. The 23 students that attended, manned the booth, spoke to convention attendees, and passed out pens.

Macey Butchko, performed on various stages in and around the convention center for the talent competition. The sophomore submitted an application along with a recorded audition and was chosen as one of the top acts from around the country to compete in three difficult competition rounds. Butchko previously placed second in the State of Ohio for voice talent and placed in the top 40 for the nation at the National Convention.

Brandon Palmer, was a Top Four-in-the-Nation finalist for Agricultural Processing. After an extensive application and interview process, Brandon won an all expense educational tour to Ireland in June, one of only 50 FFA members from across the country to do so. Brandon is part owner of Red Barn Maple Syrup and owner of Palmer Confections (where he makes maple cream, maple candy and maple sugar). A 2016 graduate of Firelands High School, Palmer is currently studying at The Ohio State University with a major in Agricultural Systems Management

Congratulations to fellow alumni **Katie Fath & Cole Lewis** who received their American Degrees. The American Degree is awarded to members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to FFA, of which only 0.5 % of FFA members will earn! Congratulations to **Mrs. Finnegan**, our FFA instructor at Firelands High School, for her continued success in leading one of the **finest FFA Programs in the Nation!**

Formation of Firelands Alumni Association (FAA)

In order to maintain our history and improve communication for all of our graduates, The Firelands Alumni Association (FAA) has been formed. The goals of The FAA include:

- Creating a Scholarship for graduating seniors
- General support to our school district
- Communications to all alumni (reunions, district information)
- Recognition of a true Falcon Fan
- Creation of a Hall of Fame
- Directory of the Alumni Association

We are asking Firelands Alumni to sign up! There is no cost, and no requirement of volunteer hours. However, we will always welcome the help of anyone who would like to become involved with us! In order to be a registered member, please visit our district website to download the registration form or call the Board of Education and a registration form will be sent to you.

Playground Equipment Installed at Firelands Elementary School



Approximately eight years ago, the FES PTG began an initiative to improve the playground at our elementary school. The equipment that was standing was extremely outdated and lacked enough play area for our children to enjoy themselves. The first phase began in 2012 that included the delivery of new playground equipment and the installation of a walking path. Phase two of the project was completed in the fall of 2014 that included the construction of a pavilion for

outdoor classroom education space. The final phase of the playground project was completed this past September. Congratulations the Firelands Elementary PTG, and especially Mrs. Lee Steindl for their dedication to this project. Through the efforts of many fundraisers, individual and corporate donations, over \$130,000 was raised to complete this project.

Honoring those who Served our Nation and our Local Communities



A special thank you to the active and retired military and first responders that were in attendance at the Firelands vs. Wellington football game on October 7th. Our school district was honored to host a Military and First Responder Appreciation Night at the stadium for all those that protect us near and far.

Your Input Matters!

Earlier this school year, I held four "Coffee with the Superintendent." The conversations that took place were very informative for me and I hope they were for those that participated as well. If you are interested in hosting a coffee at either your home or at one of our schools, please contact me. In addition, if you would like to share your thoughts, concerns or ideas individually, I would be happy to meet with you. I look forward to hearing from you!

GO FALCONS!

Mike Von Gunten
Superintendent
FHS Class of 1995
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FHS NEWS

Science Program Additions – As FHS looks forward already to 2017-18, the Science Department will be adding AP Physics to our course catalog for next year. Not only is this an excellent way to earn an honors diploma and possible college credit, it is a great class for students who are interested in STEM programs. Mr. Tom Moyer, FHS Science Teacher, will bring the AP Physics Program to FHS in 2017-18, which will increase our college hour offerings to over 55 hours at FHS next school year.

PSAT Testing—All students in the Honors program at FHS in the 10th grade, along with 11th graders who took the PSAT in 10th grade and scored in the 70th percentile or better will again have the opportunity to take the PSAT at FHS on Wednesday, October 19th. A grant from High Schools that Work allows FHS to offer the test, free of charge, to students who could qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program, sponsored by the College Board and SAT. Please contact the School Counseling Department for further information.

Falcons are Fourth – The Cleveland Plain Dealer reported on September 19th that Firelands High School ranked fourth in Lorain County for graduates who earn a college degree within 6 years. 38.3% of the FHS Class of 2009 had earned a college degree within 6 years, placing FHS just below Avon Lake, Avon, and Marion L. Steele High Schools. FHS continues to strive to place students in the best possible environment to be college and career ready, as 68% of the Class of 2016 has entered a 4-year, 2-year, or Technical School to continue their education.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – FHS hosted Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, October 6th from 3 - 7 pm, and then again on October 13th. We always encourage parents to engage with our teachers to discuss their children, so that our teachers, parents, and students can be on the same page on how they can best succeed in school.

Tailgate Great Success—Homecoming 2016 kicked off the evening of September 22nd with the annual Tailgate. Beginning at 5 pm, the

students ate and enjoyed each other's company as parents and supporters fed the students. At 6 pm, the Mighty Falcon Marching Band kicked off the Homecoming Parade and they were followed floats. The evening culminated in the annual jersey auction, which is always a great fundraiser for The Falcon Football Program.

Game Night and Dance—The Falcons hosted Oberlin for the annual Homecoming Game, with the Falcons defeating the Phoenix. The Homecoming Queen was Sarah Slack and the King was Sam Dempsey. Over 300 students enjoyed the dance on Saturday evening.

Pizza with the Principal—FHS held its first Pizza with the Principal last Friday, celebrating the accomplishments of many of our students. Students are nominated by teachers for showing leadership and accomplishment both in the classroom and in the FHS community. Over 50 students and teachers were recognized at the Pizza luncheon in late September. Congratulations!

Parade of Bands – The Mighty Falcon Marching Band put on an impressive performance to close out the 2016 Parade of Bands in Falcon Stadium, as they hosted five other marching bands last Saturday night. Congratulations to Mr. Wiley – our Band Director, and the Marching Band Boosters on a great event on a cool but nice evening.

Boys Soccer – PAC Champs
Congratulations to the Boys Soccer team as they have clinched a PAC Soccer Championship, and will seek to advance in Sectional Play when the tournament begins on Monday, October 17th.

Boys Golf – PAC Tournament Champs
Congratulations also to the Boys Golf Team, who clinched a PAC Tournament Championship in September at the PAC Championship Tournament held at Medina County Club.

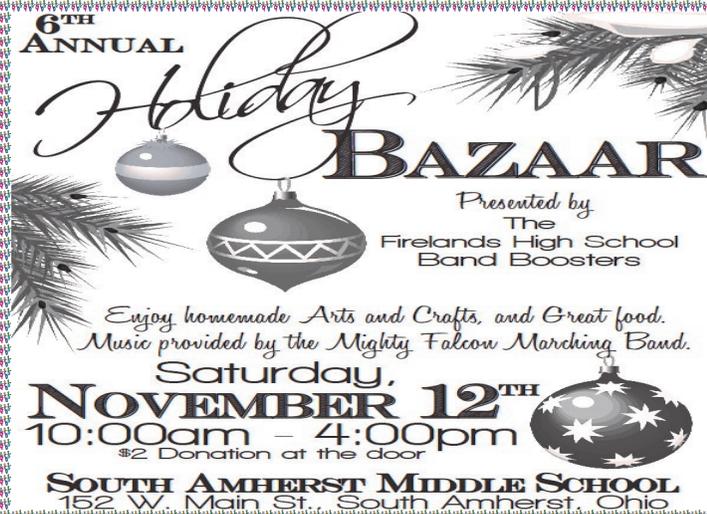
Respectfully Submitted By,
Bob Maver, FHS Principal

6TH ANNUAL
Holiday
BAZAAR
Presented by
The
Firelands High School
Band Boosters

Enjoy homemade Arts and Crafts, and Great food.
Music provided by the Mighty Falcon Marching Band.

Saturday,
NOVEMBER 12TH
10:00am - 4:00pm
\$2 Donation at the door

SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE SCHOOL
152 W. Main St., South Amherst, Ohio



Breakfast with Santa

Sponsored by Firelands High School Band Boosters

Saturday,
November 12th
8:00am - 12:00pm

South Amherst Middle School
152 W. Main St., South Amherst, Ohio

Raffles • Baked Goods
• Holiday Bazaar
• Live Music

Tickets \$8.00
Includes breakfast and
admission to the craft show

Children can share their holiday wish list and
get a professional photo taken with Santa.

Pre-order your tickets

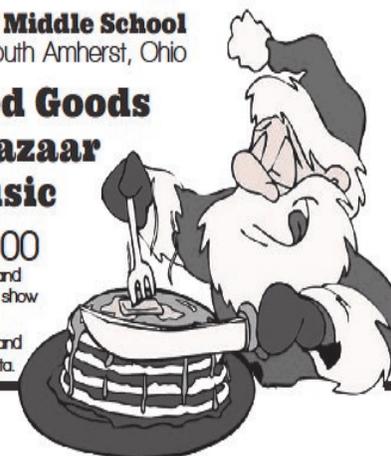
Number of tickets _____ x \$8.00
Amount enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to Firelands Band Boosters.

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Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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Email _____

Mail payment to: Firelands Band Boosters c/o Dustin Wiley
Firelands High School
10643 Vermilion Rd
Oberlin, OH 44074

For more information contact firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com or Tanya at 440-506-4109.



Ten FHS Artists Exhibit in Lorain County HS Show

Ten Art 1 students are honored with selection for the 2017 Lorain County High School Exhibition. This annual exhibition, organized by the Educational Service Center and now hosted at the Elyria West River Branch Library, invites participants from all high schools in Lorain County. With a near-capacity class of talented artists, the Art 1 students quickly filled the quota of contenders. Exhibiting dazzling colored pencil mandala zentangle designs are Lexy Coggins, Logan Elkin, Grant Price, Brianna Toledo, Bert Tenorio and Julie Weber. Exhibiting stunning acrylic color-study self-portraits are Marley Buckner, Emily Pluta, Jenna Selent and Hannah Spiegelburg. Students are competing for Best in Show and People's Choice awards. Go vote for Firelands! The exhibition opens Tues. Nov. 1 and comes down Fri. Nov. 11. The Elyria West River Branch Library is located at 1194 West River Road in Elyria, (near Target and Home Depot) Library hours are Sun. 12:30-4pm. M-Th 10am-8pm, F-Sat 10am-5pm.



B. Tenorio, J. Weber, H. Speigelburg, M. Buckner, J. Selent L. Coggins, B. Toledo, G. Price and L. Elkin.
(E. Pluta not pictured)

FHS Counseling Corner

Seniors: We kicked off the college application process on September 13th during English classes at FHS. For Seniors who do not have an English course on the FHS campus, you need to schedule a meeting with Mrs. Zimmer (email: dzimmer@firelandsschools.org). We will be utilizing Naviance to send your transcript, school profile, and teacher letters of recommendation to the college in which you are applying. The site provides a wealth of information regarding the college application process including a list of college representatives that will be coming on campus, scholarship search information, and the Financial Aid Process. Parents, have your student show you their portal by going to the www.firelandsschools.org >FHS> Counseling Office>open the Naviance/Family connection tab.

College Visit Forms: Seniors are allowed 3 college visits to view colleges of their choice and ask questions of the college admission staff. A form is available in the guidance office. This form must be given to the main office **before the student can visit the college.** It counts as a day of attendance, but missed school work must be made up. Juniors are allowed 2 college visits.

College Now Representative, Dave Newman, will be at Firelands High School every other Tuesday starting on September 27th for the 2016-2017 school year. He will working with college bound students and families on the financial aid process. Contact shoz-alski@firelandsschools.org to set up an appointment for an individual meeting to walk you through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
Contact information: dnewman@collegenowgc.org.

Juniors: On the FHS campus, are currently working on developing their career plan and starting their college search during their English class. Students were given their transcripts and their graduation pathway status. Students who do not have an English class on campus need to schedule a meeting with Mrs. Zimmer. Students who are planning on signing up for the December ACT need to register on www.actstudent.org by November 4. Students can sign up for a test item release in December, February, and April. This tool can help students figure out what areas or types questions that they need to review and prepare before taking the test again. It is highly encouraged for students to take it at least twice. We will be giving the ACT to all the juniors in March 2017.

Sophomores: We will be having a **Career Week Nov. 14th-18th** during their English class. The schedule will be as follows:

Monday: Presentation with Ross Whitson (LCCC and CCP classes)
Tuesday: Drug/Alcohol presentation with Ms. Goss and Graciela Torres (LCADA)
Wednesday/ Thursday: Self Esteem/ Naviance Strength Explorers activity
Friday: Presentation with Dave Keller (JVS)

Freshmen: Look out for a letter home about a classroom presentation on our SOS program. This program addresses **Signs of Suicide and Depression.** This presentation will take place in their English classes during the last week of November. More information will be outlined in the detailed letter home.

FOOD BASKETS

The Salvation Army, Amherst Unit, will be providing Thanksgiving food baskets, including a turkey and all the trimmings, to families in need, living in the **44001** zip code area. Please call our office at (440)370-9403 and leave a message by **November 14th** to reserve your basket. Your call will be returned ASAP.



ALL YOU CAN EAT



FRENCH TOAST, PANCAKE, & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

WAKEMAN MASONIC LODGE
34 PLEASANT ST.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016

LIFE SHARE BLOOD DRIVE

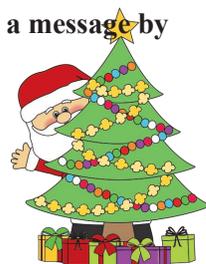
BAKE SALE

TIME 9:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Children's Christmas Party

The Salvation Army, Amherst Unit, will be holding their annual **Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 4th @ 1:30 PM** at Old Stone Church, 553 S. Main Street, Amherst. All families in need, living in the **44001** zip code area are welcome! There will be fun activities and gifts for the children. Light refreshments will also be served. Please call our office at (440) 370-9403 and leaves a message by **November 14th** if interested in attending. Your call will be returned ASAP.





Vote for the Best Pumpkin in the Library Pumpkin Patch

Once again the Art Society students have artistically transformed a variety of pumpkins for the annual design challenge hosted in the FHS Library. You are invited to vote for “Best in Show” through the whole week of Oct. 24-28. Mrs. Wilbur has a prize prepared for the artist of the top vote-earning pumpkin. All participating voters are entered into a raffle to win a prize, too. Ballots are available from Mrs. Wilbur in the library.

NEWS FROM FES

SCHOOL-WIDE BEHAVIOR PLAN

FES has implemented a clip chart system in every classroom that helps to communicate ready to learn behavior expectations for all of our boys and girls. In addition to the clip chart system, students have an opportunity to earn and spend Falcon Bucks. Many of the classroom teachers are using the classroom store in addition to our newly named **Falcon Pride Store**. Children purchased items to take home as well as coupons to bring a stuffed animal to school, sit in teacher’s chair, and read to a class. We will be adding additional prizes throughout the year through financial support from our PTG.

FIRE TIME

FIRE stands for Falcon Intervention Reinforcement Enrichment. It is time set aside each day to provide reading skills instruction to grow all students to the next level. In response to children’s skills deficits and strengths, we have grouped the students for targeted reading instruction to close the learning gap and to grow students to the next level. Students who need to “catch up” are in small groups to provide the necessary time and instruction to close the learning gap while students that can be “stretched” in their learning are grouped together for purposeful instruction to extend their learning at higher level thinking skills.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

We held our first Parent Teacher conferences on Thursday, October 6 and October 13. We saw many families engaged

in conversations with the teachers – we are a team working together to be sure we meet our children’s needs.

PRINCIPALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Principals Advisory Committee Meetings have started with our very first meeting on Friday, October 21. The committee will be made up with our returning 5th grade members along with new 4th grade members. This student body will meet with Mrs. Groboske, Mrs. Schuster, Mrs. Baumann, and Mrs. Choe monthly during the lunch hour. They will be the voice of our students. Our PAC members for 2016-2017 school year are Nathan Draga, Olivia Bonomolo, Ava Fontaine, Lauren Hahn, Jocelyn Bednar, Aidan Ketchum, Garrett Schlecter, Raleigh Roule, Katie Steindl, Aubrynn Richle, McKenzie Janosik, Kendall Fleming-Crittelli, and Ethan Meszaros.

BOOK FAIR

Our PTG continues to support our students and staff. Mrs. Nakita Doane organized a week long book fair for all of our boys and girls. They even had Clifford visit with our kindergarten children during recess. THANK YOU!

FALCONS ON THE FLY

Wednesday, September 16th was the kick-off event for the ninth year of Falcons on the Fly, a walking/running program for all FES students. A huge thanks to the Firelands Elementary PTG and Bettcher Industries for making this program possible! The FHS marching band excites the students as they complete their first laps of the year!

The main objective of this program is to increase the amount of structured, physical activity time spent by the children. Students learn the lifelong benefits and enjoyment of walking/running while having a lot of fun!



Dear Firelands Family –

This is my “love letter” to all of you who have kindly and generously reached out to me and my family, in one way or another, this past year. I was diagnosed with breast cancer at the end of April and had surgery in May. I would like to share with you some of the amazing things that transpired during that time and over the summer....

On the day before my surgery, I came to school and was greeted by a sea of students, dressed in both pink and blue, showing their support for both me and one of our 5th grade students (at the time), Joel Polen, who received a cancer diagnosis of his own, ironically the very same day that I did. Co-workers all sported special T-shirts. What I didn't realize that morning, was that students and staff *all over the district* were wearing these shirts. My inbox was a steady stream of photos sent from SAMS, FHS and the bus garage, showing my beautiful former students and colleagues, sporting these supportive shirts. Coworkers swooped in and “took care of business,” handling whatever needed handling. I received emails from moms who were cancer survivors themselves. I cannot tell you what all of this meant to me. I went into that surgery on May 11th absolutely confident that everything would turn out well.

During the time I was absent, FES stu-

dents created an astounding array of cards for me. One said, “Mrs. P! Get good!” Another one said, “Get well! You can go to the combine derby!” Others encouraged me to pray and promised that I would be the subject of their own prayers. I alternately laughed and cried when I read their beautiful words. These cards are so meaningful to me, so full of feeling. I kept *all* of them. And that box? It lives in my closet, where it radiates love.

Over the summer, families and colleagues from the district held a benefit for Joel and me. It was lovely. I was touched and I was humbled. The amount of care and hard work that went into that night.... I thank all of the many people who were involved in organizing and running that benefit. And for those that bought tickets: I don't know who all of you are, but my thanks are endless.

Cancer's no kind of “gift” but it does teach you some things. One of the main lessons? **Love is all around you – and you don't even know it.** All of your many emails, hugs, cards and personal “check-ins” have been part of my healing process. I am doing extremely well and guess what? You all had a hand in it. I always say, “I've got the best job in the world.” Now add to that, “...in the best district ever.” Thank you, Firelands Family.

With appreciation,
Cara Proehl - FES Visual Arts Instructor

Did you know you had a two time All-American among you last year? Did you know that the All-American will be on an elite college shooting team starting this Fall with the possibility of making the Olympic team in 2020?

That's right, Hunter Brandt, a 2016 graduate is a two-time Amateur Trapshooting Assoc. All-American. And he is a three-time member of the All-Ohio State Trapshooting Assoc. including the 2016 junior team captain. At this year's World Championships, Hunter broke 200 of 200 targets to tie for the Clay Target Championship.

Hunter got his start with the ClayBusters' Youth Trapshooting Team which participates in the Scholastic Clay Target Program. The ClayBusters helped Hunter learn the fundamentals of trapshooting, providing safety training, coaching, a place to practice and competition to hone his skills. Hunter learned discipline and mental toughness which has led to his many successes.

If you would like to give trapshooting a try, the 2017 season will begin on February 26 with a parent's only meeting and then an orientation meeting on March 6 for both youth and parents. Safety training begins at this meeting. All team meetings and practices are held at Kipton Sportsmen's Club, 14980 Gifford Road, Oberlin at 2:00.

Can't wait until next year to give trapshooting a try? The team will have various events during the Fall and Winter to provide you an opportunity to learn about trapshooting and give it a try under a coach's guidance. Follow us on Facebook at [ClayBusters](https://www.facebook.com/ClayBusters) or contact the head coach Laura Christopher at 216-990-4485 or lchristopher1255@frontier.com for more information and to be added to our e-mail list to receive notices about our shooting schedule.



Hunter Brandt

South Amherst Firemen's Association Annual Sportsmen Raffle

South Amherst Firemen's Association Annual Sportsmen raffle tickets are on sale



Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50

Drawing will be held at Barnyard night at the fire station Nov 12 at 7:00pm

Will also be raffling off Beef and Pork Roast, Hams, Bacon, Prime Rib Turkeys, 50/50, Bingo Tabs, Refreshments

So bring your neighbor and spend the evening with us

See any South Amherst Firefighter or call station and leave message for John at 4409865901

Introducing Alumni News & Notes!

Share your news with the Firelands Community! We'd love to know about academic standings, military updates, marriages, births, etc!

Please email your news to jbutchko@firelandsschools.org and we will include it in our new Alumni section on our website and our school blog!

VILLAGE OF SOUTH AMHERST HALLOWEEN PARADE



Parade will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 30th. Line up will begin at 2:30 p.m. at South Amherst Middle School.

Trick-Or-Treat will be from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in South Amherst



Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on December 1st at the Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

WARNING LIGHTS

- ◆ Alternating flashing amber (yellow) lights are to be used to warn motorists that the bus is stopping to take on or to discharge passengers.
- ◆ Alternating flashing red lights are to be used to inform motorists that the bus is stopped on the roadway to take on or discharge passengers.
- ◆ Stop arm shall be operated simultaneously with flashing red signal lights.
A white flashing strobe light, individually switched, may be used, when unfavorable atmospheric conditions or time of day limit visibility (i.e., fog, rain, snow, darkness).
- ◆ Four-way hazard lights shall be activated at railroad crossings and turn-arounds unless prohibited by local ordinance.
- ◆ Headlights should be actuated during operation of the school bus.

WARNING LIGHTS



CAUTION

Sometimes a school bus driver must do a turn-around.

- ◆ The bus will have its four-way hazard lights and backup lights on as it prepares to back into a side street to turn around.
- ◆ Motorists must use caution when they approach a bus in the process of completing a turn-around.

USE CAUTION!

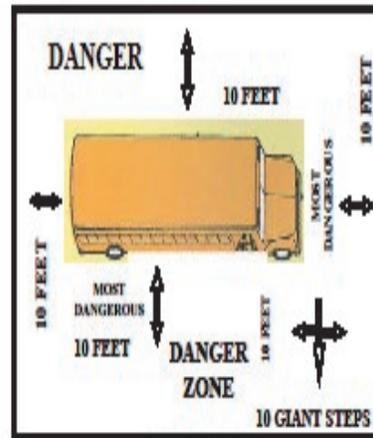


WHERE IS THE DANGER ZONE?

The danger zone for a school bus is the area 10 feet around the bus.

The two most dangerous places are:

- ◆ Front of the bus
- ◆ Right rear tire area



WARNING:

Please take the time to check your children's clothing and book bags to make sure they are safe.

Drawstrings and key chains may catch on objects on the bus and increase danger!

Please talk to your child about the following safety rules:

- ◆ Avoid the danger zone around the bus.
- ◆ Don't try to pick up something dropped near the bus - the bus driver might not see you.
- ◆ Remember that some motorists don't always stop for a stopped school bus.
- ◆ Be careful whenever getting on or off the bus.

WHY IT TAKES SO LONG AT BUS STOPS



**SAFETY PROCEDURES
ARE REQUIRED BY STATE LAW**

THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN, AS THEY ARE TRANSPORTED TO AND FROM SCHOOL AND SCHOOL-RELATED EVENTS, IS OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY.

At bus stops state law requires drivers to follow these procedures:

- ◆ Check mirrors for traffic conditions and apply brakes well in advance to warn traffic from the rear.
- ◆ Actuate warning lights 300 feet prior to stop.
- ◆ Stop bus at designated stop.
- ◆ Set parking brake.
- ◆ Place the gear shift lever into neutral gear for both manual and automatic transmissions to prevent the bus from lunging forward.
- ◆ Open service door to actuate the warning lights and place hand over horn to warn students of potential hazards.
- ◆ Give students directions to go to their *Designated Place of Safety* and stay there until the bus leaves or signal students to board the bus from their *Designated Place of Safety*.
- ◆ Shift the gear lever into the starting gear, only after counting and confirming the students are in their *Designated Place of Safety* or safely in their seat.
- ◆ Look to identify students and potential hazards in the danger zone, counting and checking the mirrors, before closing the door and canceling the warning lights.
- ◆ Close the door when all areas are clear. Door must be closed before the bus moves.
- ◆ Release the parking brake after closing the door.
- ◆ Recheck traffic in the right and left side mirrors prior to pulling away.

Modification of these procedures may be necessary for preschool, kindergarten, and special needs students.





Motorists around school buses need to know the signals and the laws that concern school buses to help keep children safe:

- ◆ Do not pass a school bus that has red alternating flashing lights on. This is the signal that the bus is stopped to load or unload children. Traffic should not move until the bus resumes motion or the driver signals traffic to proceed.
- ◆ When a bus has alternating flashing amber (yellow) lights on, it is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Be ready to stop and watch for children in the roadway.

Parents ... are very important in helping keep children safe on the school bus. Here are some ways in which parents can help:

- ◆ Review the safety rules with children. Help them to understand why each rule is important.
- ◆ Dress children in light colored clothing or jackets on dark mornings.
- ◆ Help children to be ready at the stop before their bus arrives.
- ◆ Take turns supervising bus stops for smaller children.

Bus drivers...help to keep children safe in a number of ways:

- ◆ Drivers watch surrounding traffic closely to keep school children safe.
- ◆ Drivers will signal to children that need to cross the street only when traffic has stopped.
- ◆ In case an emergency vehicle approaches while loading or unloading, the driver will get the children to a place of safety until the emergency vehicle passes.

Ohio Law:
3301-83-13 School bus stops

(B) School bus stop location

- (1) Pupils in grades kindergarten through eight may be required to walk up to one-half mile to a designated bus stop.
- (2) School bus stop locations shall provide for the maximum safety of pupils giving consideration to distance from residence, traffic volume, physical characteristics, visibility and weather conditions.
- (3) School bus stops shall be established on the residence side of all four-lane highways and on the residence side of other roadways posing potential hazards to students as determined by school bus owners.
- (4) School bus stops shall be located at a distance from the crest of a hill or curve to allow motorists traveling at the posted speed to stop within the sight distance. If the line of sight is less than five hundred feet in either direction, an approved "school bus stop ahead" sign shall be installed at least five hundred feet in advance of the school bus stop.
- (5) Each pupil shall be assigned and required to use a specific school bus stop except in unusual circumstances as approved by the school bus owner or designee.
- (6) Each pupil shall be assigned a residence side designated place of safety. Driver must account for each pupil at designated place of safety before leaving. Pupils are not to proceed to their residence until the school bus has departed.

Pupil Transportation Operation and Safety Rules - August 2007



WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WHEN APPROACHING ANY SCHOOL BUS THAT IS STOPPED FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING OR DISCHARGING SCHOOL CHILDREN?

- ◆ If a bus is stopped on a street or road that has fewer than four lanes, all traffic proceeding in either direction must stop.
- ◆ If a bus is stopped on a street or road that has four or more lanes, only traffic proceeding in the same direction as the bus must stop.
- ◆ You must not proceed until the school bus resumes motion, or until signaled by the school bus driver to proceed.

If you fail to stop for a school bus, your error will not go unnoticed. Bus drivers will report the license plate number of any vehicle that fails to comply with the law to a law enforcement agency, and an investigation will be conducted to identify the driver for enforcement purposes.

PENALTIES FOR NOT OBEYING THESE RULES COULD COST YOU UP TO \$500 AND A MAXIMUM 1-YEAR SUSPENSION OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE.

DEDICATED TO PROVIDING INSTRUCTION FOR SAFELY TRANSPORTING OUR MOST PRECIOUS CARGO, OUR CHILDREN

Ohio Pre-Service School Bus Driver Training Instructors:

Joe Dietrich, Northwest Region
Michael Redfern, North Region
Bill Leaming, Northeast Region
Evette Moody, West Region
Michael Hoffner, Central Region
Rob Higgenbotham, East Region
Fred Anness, Southwest Region
Marvin Pennington, South Region

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TRANSPORTING OUR MOST PRECIOUS CARGO, OUR CHILDREN!



School bus safety is a team effort.

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**Nothing is more precious than a child's life.**

# MIGHTY FALCON MARCHING BAND'S 2016 - 2017 SPONSORS

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## Emergency Alert Notifications

Should situations arise that necessitate district personnel to communicate information to you regarding school closings, delays or other non-routine or emergency situations, the district will notify parents/guardians in the following ways:

- ◆ district all-call system
- ◆ online at [www.firelandsschools.org](http://www.firelandsschools.org)
- ◆ via Twitter at @Falcon\_update
- ◆ Facebook at iAmFirelands

Should parental/guardian contact information change over the year, please remember to update your information.

### FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL MIGHTY FALCON MARCHING BAND'S Upcoming Events



|                                             |                   |          |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| One More Time Concert                       | October 27, 2016  | 7:00 p.m |
| Halloween Parade                            | October 29, 2016  |          |
| OMEA High School Honors Band                | November 11, 2016 |          |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Firelands Craft Show | November 12, 2016 |          |
| Christmas Concert                           | December 15, 2016 |          |

### FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL MIGHTY FALCON MARCHING BAND'S General Membership Meeting Dates



- Tuesday, October 18, 2016
- Tuesday, November 15, 2016
- Tuesday, December 20, 2016
- Tuesday, January 17, 2017
- Tuesday, February 21, 2017
- Tuesday, March 21, 2017
- Tuesday, April 18, 2017
- Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. in the FHS Band Room

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2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Celebrate  
Firelands Event

March 4<sup>th</sup> at the New Russia  
Township Hall

All proceeds will benefit the positive promotion of the Firelands Local School District

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# CAFETERIA NEWS

The Food Service Department converted our Domino's reward points into \$720.00 that was donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. September was Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Domino's is a proud supporter of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. During the month of September, any active Smart Rewards member could convert existing reward points into a cash donation to St. Jude. Thank you Domino's for piloting this program. All meal applications have been processed and letters mailed to households. If you are unsure of your child's meal status please contact Judy Baumann, Food Service Director. The previous year's meal status rolls over up to 30 days into the beginning of the school year. If an application was not received within the first 30 days, the meal status changes to denied. A family can apply for meal assistance anytime throughout the school year. The applications can be found under the Food Service tab on the school website. All schools serve breakfast. The cost is \$1.50, \$0.30 for a reduce student and free for students that qualify for free meals.

## Literacy Tips on Becoming Successful Readers

Parents often call asking for ways to work with their child/ren at home. Here are some strategies to try and get your child engaged at home and keep their love of reading on track.

- \* Read with your child every day or have them read independently explaining their favorite part/s of the story.
- \* Encourage your child to describe his/her day at school.
- \* Pick a "word of the day" each day starting with a different letter. Write the word and look for other things beginning with the same letter or rhyming with the word.
- \* Encourage your child to find a picture from a newspaper or magazine, cut it out, paste it on paper and write a story about that picture.
- \* Start a family vocabulary box/jar. Have everyone write down new words they discover, add them to the box/jar and use the words in conversation.

Firelands High School  
Parents for a Safe After Prom Environment  
(PSAPE) Class of 2017  
"Night at the Races"

Saturday, February 4th, 2017  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; Racing Commences at 7:00 p.m.  
New Russia Township Hall  
46300 Butternut Ridge Road, Oberlin



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- ★ PURCHASE A TABLE \$200.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Includes 8 admission tickets, dinner, beverages & dessert, horse, advertisement in program & table advertisement

Name of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

- ★ PURCHASE A TICKET \$20.00: # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Includes dinner, beverages & dessert

- ★ PURCHASE A HORSE \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Includes a chance to win \$50 Name of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

- ★ PURCHASE AN AD IN PROGRAM \*\*\*Include a copy of your ad or business card!  
Full Page \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Half Page \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Business Card \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

- ★ SPONSOR A RACE \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Includes advertisement in program & recognition at the time of the race

Make Checks Payable to: PSAPE  
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Questions? Contact:  
Sonia Bowyer 440-823-5364 or Michele Reynolds 440-610-0344

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

- \* Go to a play or musical with your child. Discuss the way actors bring the words to life.
- \* Listen with your child to a television reporter, politician, or other speaker. Ask your child to tell you the speaker's main points. Was the speaker trying to convince the audience of something? How?
- \* Encourage your child to visit the library.
- \* Make time in everyone's busy schedule for family time. Share stories, have discussions about issues happening in the world, play a game or just have some family reading time.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at:

[lroemer@firelandsschools.org](mailto:lroemer@firelandsschools.org)

Submitted by,  
Lori Roemer, Director of Educational Services

| FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL<br>SCHOOL LUNCH MENU FOR NOVEMBER                                                                 |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                |
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| Breakfast - \$1.50 Reduced breakfast - .30 Lunch - \$2.65 Reduced lunch - .40                                                 |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                |
| MONDAY                                                                                                                        | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                     | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                   | THURSDAY                                                                                                                        | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                         |
| 1<br>Domino's pizza<br>Or school pepper<br>pizza<br>Seasoned broccoli<br>Baby carrots<br>Chilled fruit 100%<br>fruit smoothie | 2<br>Baked chicken<br>fries Seasoned<br>baked fries<br>Bbq baked beans<br>Chilled pears<br>Dipping sauce                                    | 3<br>Pepperoni Calzone<br>Seasoned green<br>beans<br>Sliced cucumbers<br>Fresh fruit                        | 4<br>Toasted cheese<br>sandwich Tomato<br>soup Saltnes<br>Seasoned peas<br>Chilled peaches                                      | 5<br>7<br>8<br>9<br>10<br>11<br>12<br>13<br>14<br>15<br>16<br>17<br>18<br>19<br>20<br>21<br>22<br>23<br>24<br>25<br>26<br>27<br>28<br>29<br>30 |
| 7<br>WAIVER DAY<br>NO SCHOOL                                                                                                  | 8<br>Pizza hut pizza<br>Or school pepper<br>pizza Seasoned<br>Corn Baby carrots<br>Chilled fruit<br>President cookies                       | 9<br>Red ribbon result<br>day Vegetable<br>Fruit Chilled<br>milk                                            | 10<br>Taco salad<br>Lettuce, cheese,<br>salsa Seasoned<br>refried beans<br>100% fruit<br>smoothie Fresh<br>fruit Tortilla chips | 11<br>Bosco sticks<br>Romaine garden<br>salad<br>Grape tomatoes<br>Chilled mandarin<br>oranges Marinara<br>sauce<br>Tray treat                 |
| 14<br>Popcorn<br>chicken<br>Hashbrown<br>patty/ Bun baked<br>beans Chilled<br>peaches                                         | 15<br>Domino's pizza<br>Or school pepper<br>pizza Seasoned<br>carrot blend Sliced<br>red peppers<br>Chilled fruit<br>100% fruit<br>smoothie | 16<br>Chicken strips<br>Seasoned broccoli<br>Baby carrots<br>w/dip Chilled<br>pineapple Chez it<br>crackers | 17<br>Turkey & gravy<br>Mashed potatoes<br>Seasoned corn<br>Fresh Fruit Warm<br>breadstick                                      | 18<br>Pizza Day<br>Seasoned corn<br>Sliced cucumbers<br>Chilled<br>applesauce                                                                  |
| 21<br>Roasted hot dog/<br>bun Bbq baked<br>beans Match<br>stick carrots<br>Chilled pears                                      | 22<br>Pizza hut pizza<br>Or school pepper<br>pizza Seasoned<br>peas Celery sticks<br>Chilled fruit<br>Teddy Grahams                         | 23<br>FALL BREAK<br>NO SCHOOL                                                                               | 24<br>FALL BREAK<br>NO SCHOOL                                                                                                   | 25<br>FALL BREAK<br>NO SCHOOL                                                                                                                  |
| 28<br>Sausage links<br>French toast<br>sticks<br>Hashbrown<br>potatoes Celery<br>sticks Orange<br>juice cup Syrup<br>cup      | 29<br>Domino's pizza<br>Or school pepper<br>pizza Seasoned<br>broccoli Baby<br>carrots<br>Chilled fruit 100%<br>fruit smoothie              | 30<br>Baked chicken<br>fries Seasoned<br>baked fries Bbq<br>baked beans<br>Chilled pears<br>Dipping sauce   |                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                |

| SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE SCHOOL<br>SCHOOL LUNCH MENU FOR NOVEMBER                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                |
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| 1<br>Domino's pizza<br>Or stuffed crust<br>pepperoni<br>Seasoned<br>broccoli Celery<br>sticks w/dip<br>Chilled Fruit<br>M & M cookie                           | 2<br>Chipotle day<br>Fajita<br>chicken or<br>steak beef<br>Shredded<br>iceberg<br>Black bean &<br>corn salsa<br>Seasoned rice<br>Chilled<br>mandarin orange | 3<br>Chicken<br>nuggets<br>Or spicy<br>chicken strips<br>Baby carrots<br>Seasoned green<br>beans Warm<br>breadstick                                                          | 4<br>2 Gitardi cheese<br>breadsticks<br>or Spaghetti w/<br>meat &<br>breadstick<br>Romaine<br>garden salad<br>Grape<br>tomatoes<br>Chilled<br>pineapple | 5<br>7<br>8<br>9<br>10<br>11<br>12<br>13<br>14<br>15<br>16<br>17<br>18<br>19<br>20<br>21<br>22<br>23<br>24<br>25<br>26<br>27<br>28<br>29<br>30 |
| 7<br>WAIVER DAY<br>NO SCHOOL                                                                                                                                   | 8<br>Pizza hut<br>pizza<br>or stuffed<br>crust pizza<br>Seasoned<br>Broccoli<br>Grape<br>tomatoes<br>Chilled Fruit<br>President<br>cookies                  | 9<br>Taco salad<br>or soft taco wrap,<br>cheese Shredded<br>iceberg lettuce<br>Seasoned refried<br>beans Chilled<br>applesauce<br>Tortilla<br>chips Salsa<br>/ sour<br>cream | 10<br>Spicy chicken<br>patty/bun or<br>chicken patty<br>w/bun Parsley<br>potatoes<br>Seasoned corn<br>Fresh fruit<br>Goldfish<br>grahams                | 11<br>Macaroni &<br>cheese<br>/breadstick<br>or Rib a cue<br>w/bun Baby<br>carrots<br>Seasoned green<br>beans Chilled<br>pears                 |
| 14<br>Pepperoni<br>calzone Or<br>French<br>bread pizza<br>Seasoned<br>cauliflower<br>Celery sticks<br>w/ pb Chilled<br>applesauce                              | 15<br>Domino's pizza<br>Or stuffed crust<br>pepperoni<br>Romaine garden<br>salad Grape<br>tomatoes<br>Chilled Fruit<br>Chocolate<br>chip cookie             | 16<br>Falcon burger<br>w/wg bun w/<br>iceberg lettuce<br>cheese, sauce<br>Bbq baked<br>beans Chilled<br>pears                                                                | 17<br>Popcorn<br>chicken bowl<br>gravy & cheese<br>Or Turkey<br>Seasoned corn<br>Whipped<br>potatoes<br>Fresh fruit<br>Whole grain roll                 | 18<br>Wg cheese<br>breadstick w/<br>pizza sauce cup<br>Or beef ravioli<br>/breadstick<br>Seasoned<br>broccoli<br>Chilled mandarin<br>oranges   |
| 21<br>Chicken<br>parmesan,<br>sauce &<br>cheese w/ roll<br>or Chicken<br>patty/bun<br>Spaghetti /<br>sauce<br>Seasoned<br>green beans<br>Chilled<br>applesauce | 22<br>Pizza hut pizza<br>Or stuffed crust<br>pepperoni<br>Romaine<br>garden salad<br>Baby carrots<br>w/dip Chilled<br>fruit or<br>100% fruit<br>smoothie    | 23<br>FALL BREAK<br>NO SCHOOL                                                                                                                                                | 24<br>FALL BREAK<br>NO SCHOOL                                                                                                                           | 25<br>FALL BREAK<br>NO SCHOOL                                                                                                                  |
| 28<br>Bbq pulled pork<br>wg bun Honey<br>crunch wg corn<br>dog Baked beans<br>Celery<br>sticks<br>Coleslaw<br>Chilled<br>mandarin<br>peaches                   | 29<br>Domino's pizza<br>Or stuffed crust<br>pepperoni<br>Seasoned<br>broccoli Baby<br>carrots w/dip<br>Chilled Fruit<br>Mini rice krispie<br>square         | 30<br>Cheeseburger<br>/ bun Or<br>Hamburger /<br>bun Oven<br>baked fries<br>Romaine<br>garden salad<br>Chilled<br>mandarin<br>oranges                                        |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                |

| FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL<br>SCHOOL LUNCH MENU FOR NOVEMBER                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                               |
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| 1<br>Domino's pizza<br>Or stuffed crust<br>pepperoni<br>Seasoned steamed<br>broccoli Steamed<br>cinnamon carrots<br>Chilled Fruit<br>Mini rice krispie<br>treat | 2<br>Chipotle day-<br>Beef or<br>chicken Ultra<br>grain wrap<br>Shredded<br>iceberg,<br>Fiesta Corn &<br>black bean<br>Seasoned pinto<br>beans, Seasoned<br>rice<br>Mandarin oranges | 3<br>Wg Cheese<br>quesadilla Or<br>Chicken nuggets<br>w/roll California<br>blend vegetables<br>Roasted sweet<br>potato cubes<br>Fresh Fruit<br>Chocolate<br>chip cookie                       | 4<br>Turkey deli sub<br>bar or Burger<br>bar w/cheese,<br>lettuce,<br>tomato, peppers,<br>banana pepper,<br>black olives Italian<br>vegetable blend<br>Chilled pineapple | 5<br>7<br>8<br>9<br>10<br>11<br>12<br>13<br>14<br>15<br>16<br>17<br>18<br>19<br>20<br>21<br>22<br>23<br>24<br>25<br>26<br>27<br>28<br>29<br>30                |
| 7<br>WAIVER DAY<br>NO SCHOOL                                                                                                                                    | 8<br>Pizza hut pizza<br>or stuffed crust<br>pepperoni Carrot<br>vegetable blend<br>Grape tomatoes<br>Chilled pears<br>Election day<br>cookies                                        | 9<br>Taco salad<br>w/tortilla chips,<br>or Walking taco<br>(meat, cheese, salsa<br>cup) Shredded<br>iceberg lettuce<br>Seasoned corn<br>Chilled<br>applesauce Whole<br>grain roll, sour cream | 10<br>Chicken<br>strips w/roll<br>Chicken<br>patty w/bun<br>Baked fries<br>California<br>blend veggie<br>Fresh fruit<br>Jello<br>w/topping                               | 11<br>Macaroni &<br>cheese w/<br>breadstick<br>Or Bbq Ribbit w/bun<br>Seasoned broccoli<br>Cucumber slices<br>w/dip Mandarin<br>oranges                       |
| 14<br>Pepperoni stuffed<br>calzone Or<br>French bread<br>pizza Bbq baked<br>beans<br>Steamed<br>cinnamon<br>carrots Chilled<br>Applesauce                       | 15<br>Domino's pizza<br>Or stuffed crust<br>pepperoni<br>Seasoned green<br>beans Romaine<br>garden salad<br>Chilled mandarin<br>oranges 100%<br>fruit smoothie                       | 16<br>Bbq Tex Falcon<br>burger (bun, french<br>fried onions)<br>Shredded Iceberg<br>lettuce, Ranch<br>seasoned potato<br>wedge<br>Seasoned Broccoli<br>Chilled pears                          | 17<br>Falcon Chicken<br>Bowl<br>Topped w/gravy<br>& cheese<br>Or Turkey &<br>Gravy<br>Seasoned corn<br>Whipped potatoes<br>Warm cinnamon<br>apples<br>Whole grain roll   | 18<br>Cheese filled gilardi<br>Breadsticks<br>Or Beef Ravioli<br>/breadsticks Roasted<br>sweet potato cubes<br>Italian veg & pasta<br>blend Chilled pineapple |
| 21<br>Chicken<br>parmesan/wg roll<br>(Sauce & cheese)<br>or Chicken<br>patty/bun<br>Spaghetti /sauce<br>Seasoned green<br>beans Chilled<br>peaches              | 22<br>Pizza hut pizza<br>or stuffed crust<br>pepperoni Riviera<br>vegetable blend<br>Baby carrots<br>Chilled pears<br>Mini rice<br>krispie treat                                     | 23<br>FALL BREAK<br>NO SCHOOL                                                                                                                                                                 | 24<br>FALL BREAK<br>NO SCHOOL                                                                                                                                            | 25<br>FALL BREAK<br>NO SCHOOL                                                                                                                                 |
| 28<br>Bbq pulled pork<br>wg bun Or<br>Philly steak &<br>cheese w/roasted<br>peppers &<br>onions<br>Bbq baked<br>beans Coleslaw<br>Chilled peaches               | 29<br>Domino's pizza<br>Or stuffed crust<br>pepperoni<br>Seasoned steamed<br>broccoli Baby<br>carrots<br>Chilled<br>pears 100%<br>fruit<br>smoothie                                  | 30<br>Pasta Bar/marinara,<br>alfredo cheese sauce<br>or falcon awesome<br>sauce w/roll<br>Or meatball<br>sub Romaine<br>garden salad<br>Cucumber<br>slices Chilled<br>applesauce              |                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                               |

## STEM Activity: Cigar Box Guitar Build

The STEM program at SAMS was excited to receive a \$475 grant from the Nordson Corporation Foundation to continue its 4-string cigar box guitar building project. During this project students learn how to design, build, and play 4-string cigar box guitars. Last year the project was tested with a small group of students with great success. The design and building portion of the project teaches students the placement and function of all guitar parts, the science behind how the sound is produced, and how to play them. The guitars are built from scratch and require students to measure, cut, drill, glue and bolt all pieces together. A professional guitar instructor will be invited into class to provide additional instruction for playing the guitars. Students will be evaluated on the accuracy and precision of the guitar construction and their ability to play the instrument. They will also have the opportunity to use their guitars to teach their science classes about sound waves. Students will be able to take the guitars home at the completion of the project. Thank you Nordson for funding this project!

## Flight Simulators at SAMS

Students at SAMS recently had the special opportunity to learn from leaders of the local Civil Air Patrol (CAP) squadron located at the Lorain County Airport during their STEM class. Capt. Judy Ingersoll and Maj. Chuck Ingersoll taught the students about the science of flight including topics such as the motions of flight and the forces that affect a plane. Cadet Senan was also on hand and helped model the use of flight simulators,

which the students had a week to use for practicing flight maneuvers. The CAP is an auxiliary of the United States Air Force consisting of volunteers that provide help with services such as search and rescue missions and disaster relief. For more information about the Civil Air Patrol and the youth programs they provide, please visit their webpage:

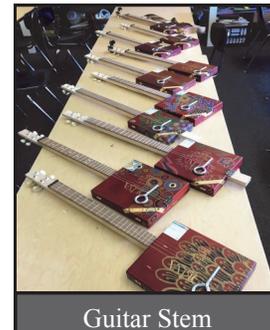
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## Robotics at SAMS

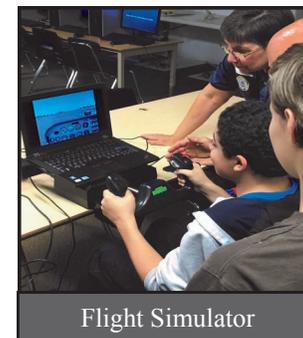
The robotics program at SAMS is officially underway. Twenty-six participants have been selected to participate on two teams. Each team will design, build, program, and test a robot for VEX competitions starting in January. The theme of this year's VEX competition is Star-Struck. The competition involves using your robot to score points by transferring stars and cubes from one side of the playing field to the other within a two minute time period. During this time there is an autonomous period and a driver controlled period with a remote control. At the end of the match, robots can score points by hanging from a pole located in the corner of the field. For more information on SAMS Robotics and the VEX Star-Struck competition, please visit the following websites:

Falcon Robotics Page: <http://www.firelandsschools.org/FalconRoboticsTeam.aspx>

VEX Competition: <http://www.vexrobotics.com/vexedr/competition/competition-resources>



Guitar Stem



Flight Simulator



Finished Field

## CONGRATULATIONS:

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Julianna Deremer-6th  
Thomas Moore-6th  
Ethan Boggs-6th  
Joseph Formholtz-6th  
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Kevan Adkins-6th  
Alexander Kyer-7th  
Rosetta Cody-7th  
Max Anderson-7th  
Harrison Gerge-7th  
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 Attention all parents, grandparent and students: The Firelands Athletic Booster Club is always looking for new members to help our organization. The meetings are every fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library. Visit the website for further membership information or contact any booster officer for more information.

**IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE**

Cell phone use, texting and other hand held Electronic devices: (3301-83-20)

- Except in cases of extreme emergency, cellular telephones, including hands-free and wireless devices, or other portable communication devices shall not be used by the driver while the school bus is in motion or while the driver is supervising the loading or unloading of students.
- Students should also be advised by parents, teachers and bus drivers not to use cell phones or electronic devices when loading or unloading or when they may become a distraction to their own or others' safety.
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 A New "Safer Schools Tip Line"

Operated by the Ohio Department of Public Safety-  
 Office of Homeland Security,  
 844-SaferOH (844-723-3764) is an anonymous tip  
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- AUGUST 8, 2016
- SEPTEMBER 12, 2016
- OCTOBER 10, 2016
- NOVEMBER 9, 2016
- DECEMBER 12, 2016
- JANUARY 9, 2017\*\*
- FEBRUARY 13, 2017\*\*
- MARCH 13, 2017\*\*
- APRIL 10, 2017\*\*
- MAY 8, 2017\*\*
- JUNE 12, 2017\*\*
- JULY 10, 2017\*\*

\*\*Tentative, subject to Board approval

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