



The Firelands Express



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Reminder: Coffee with the Superintendent

If you are interested in hosting a "Coffee with the Superintendent," please contact Linda Seman at 440.965.5821 to initiate an informal discussion with Dr. Hill

In a recent conversation with a colleague, I was reminded of a story told by Jamie Robert Vollmer, a former business executive and attorney who now works as a motivational speaker and consultant to increase community support for public schools. In a time of change in this great country, I find this story fitting.

The Blueberry Story: The teacher gives the businessman a lesson

"If I ran my business the way you people operate your schools, I wouldn't be in business very long!"

I stood before an auditorium filled with outraged teachers who were becoming angrier by the minute. My speech had entirely consumed their precious 90 minutes of in-service. Their initial icy glares had turned to restless agitation. You could cut the hostility with a knife.

I represented a group of business people dedicated to improving public schools. I was an executive at an ice cream company that became famous in the middle 1980s when People Magazine chose our blueberry as the

"Best Ice Cream in America."

I was convinced of two things. First, public schools needed to change; they were archaic selecting and sorting mechanisms designed for the industrial age and out of step with the needs of our emerging "knowledge society." Second, educators were a major part of the problem: they resisted change, hunkered down in their feathered nests, protected by tenure, and shielded by a bureaucratic monopoly. They needed to look to business. We knew how to produce quality. Zero defects! TQM! Continuous improvement!

In retrospect, the speech was perfectly balanced - equal parts ignorance and arrogance.

As soon as I finished, a woman's hand shot up. She appeared polite, pleasant - she was, in fact, a razor-edged, veteran, high school English teacher who had been waiting to unload.

She began quietly, "We are told, sir, that you manage a company that makes good ice cream."

I smugly replied, "Best ice cream in

America, Ma'am."

"How nice," she said. "Is it rich and smooth?"

"Sixteen percent butterfat," I crowed.

"Premium ingredients?" she inquired.

"Super-premium! Nothing but triple A." I was on a roll. I never saw the next line coming.

"Mr. Vollmer," she said, leaning forward with a wicked eyebrow raised to the sky, "when you are standing on your receiving dock and you see an inferior shipment of blueberries arrive, what do you do?"

In the silence of that room, I could hear the trap snap.... I was dead meat, but I wasn't going to lie.

"I send them back."

"That's right!" she barked, "and we can never send back our blueberries. We take them big, small, rich, poor, gifted, exceptional, abused, frightened, confident, homeless, rude, and brilliant. We take them with ADHD, junior rheumatoid arthritis, and English as their second language. We take them all! Every one! And that, Mr. Vollmer, is why it's not a business. It's school!"

In an explosion, all 290 teachers, principals, bus drivers, aides, custodians and secretaries jumped to their feet and yelled, "Yeah! Blueberries! Blueberries!"

And so began my long transformation.

Since then, I have visited hundreds of schools. I have learned that a school is not a business. Schools are unable to control the quality of their raw material, they are dependent upon the vagaries of politics for a reliable revenue stream, and they are constantly mauled by a howling horde of disparate, competing customer groups that would send the best CEO screaming into the night.

None of this negates the need for change. We must change what, when, and how we teach to give all children maximum opportunity to thrive in a post-industrial society. But educators cannot do this alone; these changes can occur only with the understanding, trust, permission and active support of the surrounding community. For the most important thing I have learned is that schools reflect the attitudes, beliefs and health of the communities they serve, and therefore, to improve public education means more than changing our schools, it means changing America.

I look forward to the support of our parents and community members to ensure that the Firelands Local School District offers the best possible education for all students!

Go Falcons!

**Dr. Robert F. Hill
Superintendent**

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www.firelandsschools.org

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Current 8th grade students and parents are invited to the FHS Freshmen orientation on Monday, March 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Firelands High School Gym. This will kick off the online scheduling process for their Freshman year.

There will be a Dual Enrollment parent meeting February 27th, conference night, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. Parents will learn about the different Dual Enrollment Opportunities available at the high school and LCCC.

Freshman Class

The Freshman class will start the online scheduling process the week of February 24th. Students will learn different opportunities for their sophomore year including Project Lead the Way. Project Lead the Way (PLTW) offers a dynamic high school program that provides students with real-world learning and hands-on experience. The PLTW curriculum allows students to see how the lessons they learn in the classroom are valuable tools to be applied in their everyday lives.

Sophomore Class

The Sophomore class will start the online scheduling process the week of February 18th. Students interested in attending the JVS for the 2014-2015 academic school year must apply online at lcjvs.com/high-school/how-to-apply.shtml by March 1st.

The Ohio Graduation Test will be March 10th – 14th. All sophomores are required to take and pass all 5 portions (Reading, Math, Writing, Science, and Social Studies) in order to graduate. This will be their first opportunity to meet this graduation requirement.

Junior Class

The Junior class participated in online scheduling last week. Students were given opportunities available to them for their senior year including Dual Enrollment Pro

grams at FHS, LCCC, and LCJVS. Mr. Moore also presented information regarding the TEE Program for students interested in the Teaching Profession. Students who do not have an English class at FHS need to stop in the guidance office to schedule their senior year.

College bound Juniors need to register to take the ACT this spring. You can register on-line at www.actstudent.org or pick up a registration packet from the guidance office.

Senior Class

The application for the endowment scholarships is now available online. Visit the Firelands website at www.firelandsschools.org, click the high school > guidance > financial aid and college/scholarship resources and view the Scholarship information. Here you can download the local scholarship application.

Mr. Wortmann, a college financial advisor, will be assisting families with the financial aid process. You can call him at 216-241-5587 with any questions you may have.

Attention Seniors who are not at FHS on a daily basis: The Endowment Scholarships and other Firelands Local Scholarships are available online or in the guidance office. These scholarships are due back to the guidance office by March 21st. Please contact the guidance office with any questions or concerns. Our office number is 965-5335.



TLC Update

Written by Nathan Kromer

A good cause is worth the effort! Through organizing a Dance Marathon with BGSU, the Firelands Teen Leadership Corps has done just that. We prepared and planned this dance with diligent effort to make it as successful as possible. As BGSU likes to say, "It's for the kids!". Our efforts and those of the larger Dance Marathon the University holds are run to support the Children's Miracle Network. With the support of our peers and DJ Fester Fest, our school was able to raise \$540 for this organization! Clean your closets and save you spare change because we have big plans coming up! Our TLC group will be hosting a Goodwill toy drive and Pasta for Pennies drive in the near future. Thank you to the Firelands Community that makes these things possible!

Attention: Parents of children entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2014

Kindergarten registration is just around the corner. Make it easy on yourself by having everything you need for registration, including a complete shot record! If your child has turned 4 years old, he/she is now old enough to get all of his/her immunizations required for school entry. You can take your child to your regular healthcare provider, to one of the county health department child immunization clinics, or to a retail clinic, in order to get these shots. Just remember to take a copy with you to the healthcare provider, then bring a copy of your child's shot record with you when you register at school. Don't forget to keep a copy for yourself!

Check www.loraincountyhealth.com for dates, times, locations of health department child immunization clinics, or call 440-322-6367. There is a charge for each immunization, but no one is turned away from a health department clinic because of inability to pay. Be sure to have your child's immunization record with you when you go.

If possible, please have them completed before kindergarten registration in March, and..... **remember your child must be 5 years old BY AUGUST 1ST to register for Kindergarten.**

Winter Sports Updates from our Coaches

MS Wrestling

The South Amherst Middle School wrestling team has enjoyed an impressive season so far. Currently the team is (15-5) in duals, and (10-1) in conference duals, the only PAC loss coming to Buckeye. At every tournament so far this year, the Falcons have placed in the top four as a team. The team started off the year with a first place finish at the Seneca East Invitational, a fourth place finish at the Clyde Invitational, a third place finish at the Vermilion Holiday Dual Tournament, and a runner-up finish at the New London "Randy Harner" Invitational. The only event remaining on the team's schedule is the Patriot Athletic Conference tournament, February 8th. Heading into the conference tournament the Falcons have two undefeated wrestlers Jacob Campbell (32-0) and Sean Lipscomb (31-0), as well as four other wrestlers who have accumulated twenty or more wins this season: Dylan Decker(22), Joey Tipple(22), Ryan Hoffman(22), and Tyler Bennett (20). Go Falcons!

HS Wrestling

The 2013/14 Firelands Varsity Wrestling team is lead by trio of wrestlers this season: Seniors, Noah Pine and Austin Scott, and Junior, Nick Johnson. Noah's win-loss record is currently at 23-15; Austin is 21-16 and Nick is 19-12. The rest of the team is comprised of 13 Freshmen, 1 Sophomore, and 1 Junior. We are a very young, but up and coming team. To the casual Firelands sports fan the Varsity Wrestling Season could be viewed as being very similar to the winter weather we are having, in that the season seems long, cold and unforgiving. But, if you look deep enough there is a lot of promise. This year the wrestling team went 1-4 in the Star Division of the Conference. On the surface, that number may not excite anyone, but there is excitement in what has been accomplished this season. Firelands wrestlers beating Black River in a dual meet, for the first time in a very long time. We also defeated Brooklyn and Columbia, who are both in the Stripes Division of the Conference. Both teams defeated Firelands the previous year. Looking to the future, Max Hertensteiner (16-16), Robby Woods (10-7), and Ben Laughery (16-18), are just a few of the Freshman that have shown great promise and have the coaching staff are excited about the future of the team. The Varsity team has wrestled a very tough but competitive schedule and the future holds some exciting opportunity! We would like to thank Brian Mastellone and Lighthouse Insurance for their continued support. We would also like to thank all of the parents and participants of the Falcon Youth Wrestling Program. The Jim Solomon Memorial Invite was held on Jan. 18th. It was another successful event thanks largely to all of the parent support. Thank you to Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Lipscomb, and the rest of the MS parents for heading up the concession stand. Thank you to Mr. Campbell, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Ives, and the rest of the people who helped work the tables during the day. Go Falcons!

HS Girls Basketball

The Freshmen girls basketball team is 6-7. The girls have shown tough resilience and great teamwork as the season carries on. They came from behind during games to beat Brookside and Midview. Last Saturday (February 1) they beat Buckeye by one point, a team that had previously beaten them by 8 points. Hailey Blankenship leads the team with 52 points, followed closely by Olivia Harris with 48 and Libby Skolnik with 45. The JV team has had another outstanding year going 14-3 thus far and 10-2 in the PAC. Last season the JV team had the best record in the Patriot Athletic Conference. Our Varsity girls have done it again! We are the PAC champions for the second consecutive season, we are currently 12-0 and 15-2 overall. It has been a very exciting season thus far, losing the first game of the year and then winning 14 straight games before losing a heart-breaker 52-51 against North Ridgeville. The Lady falcons will be wrapping up their seasons over the next two weeks, wish us luck.

MS Girls Basketball

Despite the cold winter weather, school closings, and practice cancellations, each player of the 8th grade girls basketball team comes ready to work hard every day. Their record is now 2-3, starting the season off with losing to Columbia and then Fairview. Continued practice in the gym led to 2 wins against Sheffield Middle School and Wellington, followed by a loss to Black River. Good luck with the rest of your season girls. The 7th grade girls basketball team is in first place at 6-0 following a come from behind win vs. Oberlin 21-18 with some clutch shooting by Siera Hess, who has 43 points for the season, and Peyton Phillips, who has 30 points for the season, and is leading the team in steals. Team defense has been the key with help side defense and starting to learn how to rebound. Two of the defensive leaders have been Cody Woods, with 13 points and Rachel Taddeo with 8 points & team leader in rebounds. Other defensive leaders are Alex Velez and Kilyn Eary, who has 8 points. Isabel Solowiej has 6 points and has been very strong defensively as has Liz Dewitt, who has 6 points. Jasmyn Munoz has done a nice job at point guard and has 7 points. Madison Flanagan has been improving her rebounding and has 2 points, and Lilly Dempsey has been making nice passes when inbounding. We've been having fun.

MS Boys Basketball

The South Amherst Middle School 7th grade boys' basketball team recently ended a successful season with an 11-6 won lost record and a 4th place finish in the conference tournament. Try outs began in late October and the following boys were chosen for the team: Alex Bauer, Riley Bayus, Beau Grude, Carter Grude, Nathan Hammond, Matthew Kovach, Adam Lacey, John Mullins, Blake Ruffner, Alex Steindl, and Austin Urban. The boys did an excellent job representing the Firelands community. They were very competitive on the court and played with a lot of heart. Individually and as a team they showed improvement throughout the season. They were also very well behaved and respectful toward the officials, opponents, coaches and fans.

We can all be proud of their efforts. Congratulations guys for a very good season and we look forward to even better things to come for you in the future. The Falcons 8th Grade boys' basketball team ended its season with a record of 7-9. The Falcons had many exciting and close games. During the regular season the Falcons defeated Black River twice, Brookside once, Columbia once, Brooklyn once, Brookside once, and Fairview once. The Falcons lost to Oberlin, Clearview, Wellington twice and Keystone twice. The Falcons were the 8th seed for the PAC tournament. In the first game of the tournament the Falcons handily beat Brooklyn 62-29. The win was a total team effort with everyone contributing. The Falcons then played the #1 seed Oberlin Phoenix. It was a close game all the way, with the Falcons taking a one point lead in the 4th quarter. Turnovers at crucial moments were too much to overcome and the Falcons fell 39-45. The boys played tough all year long and never gave up, scrapping their way back in many games. I am very proud of the way they have handled themselves. I believe they have really improved as the season has progressed. This group has the ability to strengthen the program if they continue to work on all the aspects of basketball. On the team this year was: Nick Denney, Hunter Willbond, Michael Bansek, Aaron Myers, Eric Jones, Cory Jones, Zach Talbott, Spencer Street, Calvin Jones, Alex Szemeis, and Evan Lacey. Good Luck and work hard in the offseason!

HS Boys Basketball

The Firelands Boys Freshmen basketball team is currently at eight wins and four losses overall and is seven wins and two losses in PAC play. The boys are building on basketball fundamentals taught at the varsity level, and are improving in their skills both offensively and defensively. The team is enthusiastic and is working hard to contribute to the JV program next year. They scrap and play hard from the opening tip to the final buzzer. Keep up the good work boys and 'Go Falcons!' The current roster consists of the following players: Ben Akoa, Patrick Brightbill, Dylon Darling, Zach Darling, John Gall, Daniel Hribal, Nathan Kovach, Clayton Lucki, Brad Soltis, Trevor Stefanski. The team is coached by Art Wiegand. The JV Boys Basketball team has done a tremendous job of coming

together and working as a unit. The team plays with a lot of heart and intensity. The team is working hard to learn the strategies and plays of the varsity so they will be able to transition to the next level for the 2015 season. The Firelands Varsity Boys Basketball team currently has a record of 6 wins and 8 losses. After a slow 1-7 start, the Falcons have won 5 of their last 6 games with their only loss coming in double overtime, 66-65, to Brookside. Key contributors as of late have been Juniors Casey Smith, Johnny Sigsworth, and Cole Sklarek. Casey Smith leads the team in scoring, averaging 12.3 points per game while Cole Sklarek leads the team and area in assists at 6.5 assists per game. Freshman Colin Myers has played significant minutes as of late and leads the team in rebounding at 7.4 rebounds per game. The Falcons hope to continue their winning ways as they close out the season and head into tournament play. Go Falcons!

Bowling

The Girls Varsity is currently 4th out 8 teams with 8-5 record in the North Shore Bowling Conference Division 2. Emily Krieg's 170 average is 9th best in the conference (80+ total bowlers). As a team they have bowled the 3rd highest team series in the conference division 2. The Boys Varsity has struggled some this season and currently has a 3-10 record. Justin William's 201 average is the 14th best in the conference (90+ bowlers). Earlier this season, he was named Chronicle Telegram Bowler of the Week when he bowled his high game of 259. All JV bowlers have been working hard on fundamentals and have seen their scores improve thru the season. The Bowling Team Banquet will be held at German's Villa on March 5th. We are looking for any bowling alumni who would like to attend. Please contact Coach Davis at daviskn29@yahoo.com for more info.

OTHER NEWS IN ATHLETICS.....

Our softball program just held a very successful clinic on Feb. 1st. We had 65 girls from grades 1-12 throwing the ball around, having fun while learning proper techniques and winning hundreds of dollars worth of prizes. The instructors were 6 young ladies who had played college ball recently, lead by Jessica O'Connor, who was a record setting pitcher at UNLV. Helping the younger ones while they were learning were 20 players from last year's softball program. This was to get us tuned up for the upcoming season and give us a break from open gyms & weight lifting. Prior to this, we had 2 teams playing at Rival Sports in the winter ball league where we had an overall record of 12-11-1. The league was used for development of players with a lot of defensive rotations. Next up will be tryouts starting February 24th.

Tournament Dates

For all tournament brackets please visit www.firelandsschools.org/falconathletics.aspx

Bowling – The Girls Team has qualified for Districts: 2/22/14 @ Rivera Lanes in Akron – 12pm

Girls Basketball – 2/15/14 HOME vs Bay 7pm. If win: 2/20/14 HOME vs Keystone 7pm.

Boys Basketball – 3/1/14 vs Winner of Buckeye/Brooklyn 4pm.
*****Game is at Buckeye if they win and at home if Brooklyn wins

Wrestling – Sectionals at Medina HS on 2/15/14 430pm and 2/16/14 10am.

Spring Sports Start Dates

Reminder that all athletes must have Physical, Insurance Waiver, Emergency Medical Form, & Concussion form on file to tryout or participate in practices.

HS Softball & Baseball – 2/24/14
HS Track & MS Track – 3/10/14

**Thirty-six 6th grade students
now ready for 7th grade!!
Hooray!**

Thirty-six of the current 126 sixth grade students do not have to worry about being excluded from school next year because their immunizations aren't up-to-date. Thank you parents of these 36! However, there are still ninety (90) sixth grade students who need to catch up, and they received notices with their second quarter report cards. They will need to get a Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis) booster. This is a requirement by Ohio state law because of outbreaks of whooping cough (pertussis) in middle school populations across the state. If your child is currently in 6th grade and received a Tdap or DTP in October 2009 or later, he/she does not need to get an additional shot, but the school needs to receive the updated record. If there has NOT been one since October 2009, your child will need to get it. You can go to your regular healthcare provider, a retail walk-in clinic, or to one of the health department walk-in child immunization clinics (see www.loraincountyhealth.com for dates, times, locations, or call 440-322-6367. No one is turned away from a health department clinic because of inability to pay). If students who are currently in 4th and 5th grades get a Tdap booster, it will count for 7th grade.

If your child has had a recent Tdap or DTP, please send a copy of the updated immunization record to the school nurse, Mrs. Matus, being sure your child's name is on it. Don't forget to keep a copy for yourself!

**Firelands Band Boosters
Annual Pancake Breakfast
Florence Township Fire Hall**



Sunday, April 27th, 2012

8 am-1 pm

Donations appreciated

Pancakes, Sausage, Beverages

Raffles

**Please come and help support our ever
growing music program!**

Brownhelm Perfection & BB 4-H Club

The Brownhelm Perfection & BB 4-H Club held its first meeting on January 20, 2014. Members made valentines for nursing home patients. At our next meeting on February 3, 2014. Pledges were led by Madeline Ott and Jasmyn Zimmerman. The minutes were read from our last meeting by Becca Harris and the treasury report by Halli Kromer. Tonight we also had the election of new officers. Congratulations to our new President Madeline Ott, Vice President Halli Kromer, Secretary Becca Harris, Treasurer Monica Eppinger, Recreation leader Justin Zielske, Health and Safety leaders Abby Shaefer, Lindsey Eppinger, and Halli Kromer, Historian Jasmyn Zimmerman, and News Reporter Brad Thrasher. The new officers took their spots halfway through the meeting and finished the meeting. Our next meeting will be on February 17, 2014. We meet the first and third Monday of each month. If you

are interested in joining contact
Jen Westover/ Head Advisor at (440)-574-1310.

Submitted by: Brad Thrasher

ALL YOU CAN EAT

**FRENCH TOAST,
PANCAKE & SAUSAGE
BREAKFAST**



WAKEMAN MASONIC LODGE

34 PLEASANT ST.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2014

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

PIE SALE & BLOOD DRIVE

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

SAM GLENN - "The Authority on Attitude"; BESTSELLING AUTHOR; ARTIST; AND MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER VISITS FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL



Back: Patrick Stewart, Mike Anadell, Brandon Palmer, Emma Ranney, Ali Butler, Sam Glenn, Cole Lewis, Chrissy Balint
Front: Dan Klesta, Alli Vilagi, Jessie Beran, David Tipple, Katie Fath

On February 4th the Firelands FFA, Firelands Student Council and the principal's fund sponsored nationally renown speaker and best seller Sam Glenn. Emma Ranney, Firelands FFA President welcomed the Firelands students in grades 9 - 12 to the assembly. Students were then wowed by Sam Glenn's stunning chalk art drawing of a lighthouse on the water. After finishing the drawing he spent time talking to the students about being courageous and making good decisions. Students laughed and learned from his stories and lessons.

Sam Glenn has been a resource for hundreds of organizations who are working to develop positive people that make positive decisions. He is energetic and humorous as he empowers his audience with an attitude that improves lives. The FFA chapters from Firelands, South Central, Wellington, Western Reserve, and Monroeville schools all are sponsoring visits from Sam the week of February 3rd.



Students pose as Sam Glenn's "raptor" after the assembly



Sam Glenn speaks to the crowd after finishing the chalk drawing.

FHS Art Society Helps FAVA

FAVA, the Firelands Association for the Visual Arts, in Oberlin was in desperate need of a studio overhaul. Their classroom was overflowing with art materials and furniture that needed to be managed. Yarn needed to be untangled, the sink scoured, the floor cleaned, paint and glue refilled and shelves sorted and stocked. It would take a small army to “reset” the studio to be ready for spring semester classes. That small army was the FHS Art Society! The students performed this kind act of community service afterschool on Jan. 22 and all day Sat. Feb. 1. The studio now has a functional space, thanks to the helpful hands in Art Society.



FAVA is ever grateful to these “art angels” for restoring their studio:

Halle Borer, Andrea DiAsio, Lauren Holcomb, Victoria Krejci, Elizabeth Miller, Olivia Mowry, Loren Myer, Anthony Myer, Anthony Smith, Daniel Truitt, Tara Brown, Andrew Biery, Hollie Lindsey and Caitlin Rovere



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

On February 12, 2014, FHS Student Council representatives visited Birthright to tour the facility and donate various baby items and necessities. The products donated had been purchased by the money received from our change collection in December. Currently, Firelands Student Council is working on our next two events: Winter Senior Appreciation and Spring Fling. Winter Senior Appreciation recognizes all the seniors who participate in a winter sport. On Friday, February 21st, a pep rally will be held at the end of the school day to kick off the event with recognition of each senior to follow before the varsity basketball game that night. A hospitality room will open at 5:30 in the library for all seniors and their parents. Student Council's proceeding event will be Spring Fling on March 15th. Tickets for the dance will go on sale in early March; the cost will be \$10 pre-sale and \$15 at the door. We look forward to our upcoming events and aspire to pull them off with success.



*Katy Tuggle,
Communications Director*



PRINCESS BALL



**Join the Princesses and Princes for an
All-You-Can-Eat
Pancake Breakfast
Saturday March 22, 2014
9:00am - 12:00pm
\$8.00 per person
South Amherst Middle School**
**Please come dressed up-For boys and girls
Dancing and singing by the FHS Select
Choir in costume
Create an autograph book to have all the
Princesses and Princes sign**
**Please send child's name and age, with number of
people attending and payment BY MARCH 20th
to: Natalie Saylor
11484 Baumhart Rd.
Amherst, OH 44001**
Please make checks out to FHS Choir Boosters.
**Call Pam Morrow if you have any questions
(440) 864-2309**

LUNCH MENUS

FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY

Regular Lunch \$2.40—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals

FEBRUARY 17 - FEBRUARY 21**Monday - "NO SCHOOL" - PRESIDENTS DAY****Tuesday** - Domino's smart slice Or school pepper pizza, Seasoned peas, Celery sticks, 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**FEBRUARY 24 - FEBRUARY 28****Monday** - Sausage links, French toast sticks, Hashbrown potatoes, Celery sticks, Orange juice cup, Syrup cup**Tuesday** - Dominoes smart slice, Or school pepper pizza, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit, Whole grain graham crisp**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 - "NO SCHOOL" NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY****MARCH 3 - MARCH 7****Monday** - Baked chicken nuggets, Bbq baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce**Tuesday** - Domino's smart slice Or school pepper pizza, Seasoned Corn, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit, Tray treat**Wednesday** - Toasted cheese, Tomato soup, Saltines, Seasoned peas, Chilled peaches**Thursday** - Pepperoni calzone, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Fresh fruit**Friday** - Fish Sticks, Steamed cauliflower w/cheese, Chilled mandarin oranges, Soft pretzel rod**MARCH 10 - MARCH 14****Monday** - Popcorn chicken, Hashbrown patty, Baby carrots w/dip, Chilled peaches**Tuesday** - Domino's smart slice Or school pepper 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/cheese, Fresh fruit, Tortilla chips**Friday** - Macaroni & cheese, Seasoned peas, Cucumber slices, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll**MARCH 17 - MARCH 21****Monday** - Hamburger w/wg bun, Pickle slices, Bbq baked beans, Tator tots, Chilled mandarin oranges**Tuesday** - Domino's smart slice Or school pepper pizza, Seasoned green beans, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit**Wednesday** - Baked chicken nuggets, Sweet tots, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce**Thursday** - Cheesy bread, Seasoned broccoli, Fresh fruit, Jello cup**Friday** - Salisbury steak, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Diced peaches, Whole grain roll**MARCH 24 - MARCH 31****Monday** - Hot dog w/bun, Baked beans, Match stick carrots, Chilled peaches**Tuesday** - Domino's smart slice Or school pepper pizza, Seasoned peas, Celery sticks, 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**Monday** - Sausage links, French toast sticks, Hashbrown potatoes, Celery sticks, Orange juice cup, Syrup cup**SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE**

Regular Lunch \$2.75—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals

FEBRUARY 17 - FEBRUARY 21**Monday - "NO SCHOOL" PRESIDENTS DAY****Tuesday** - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust pizza, Baby carrot, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit**Wednesday** - Taco salad, or soft taco wrap, shredded iceberg cheese, Seasoned refried beans, Chilled applesauce, Tortilla chips**Thursday** - Chicken strips w/roll, or chicken patty w/bun, Parsley potatoes, Fresh fruit, Goldfish cinna grahams**Friday** - Macaroni & cheese /roll, or rib a cue w/bun, Seasoned broccoli, Cucumber slices, Chilled pears**FEBRUARY 24 - FEBRUARY 28****Monday** - Pepperoni calzone, Or French bread pizza, Seasoned green beans, Applesauce, Graham crackers**Tuesday** - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust pepper, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit**Wednesday** - Falcon single burger w/wg bun, w/ iceberg lettuce, cheese, 2T sauce, bbq baked beans, Sweet thing fries, Chilled pears**Thursday** - Chicken bowl w/gravy & cheese, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll**Friday - "NO SCHOOL" NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY****MARCH 3 - MARCH 7****Monday** - Chicken parm w/wg roll, or chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Green beans, Chilled peaches**Tuesday** - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust pepper, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit**Wednesday** - Wg cheese breadstick/ pizza sauce cup, Or beef ravioli /breadstick, Seasoned broccoli, Chilled pineapple**Thursday** - Chicken wrap w/cheese Or Steak wrap/ cheese, Shredded lettuce, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit**Friday** - Toasted cheese Or Cheesy bread /garlic, Steamed broccoli, Tomato soup, Chilled mandarin oranges**MARCH 10 - MARCH 14****Monday** - Bbq pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches**Tuesday** - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust pepper, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled Fruit**Wednesday** - Cheesburger / 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** - Egg & cheese on wg roll or pancake & sausage stick, Hashbrown potato, Sweet potatoes, Orange juice cup**MARCH 17 - MARCH 21****Monday** - Salisbury steak or breaded pork chop, Whipped potatoes, Seasoned corn, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll**Tuesday** - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust pepper, Seasoned broccoli w/chez, Celery sticks, Chilled Fruit**Wednesday** - Chipotle day-Beef or Chipotle day-Beef or Fajita chicken wrap, Shredded iceberg, Black bean & corn salsa, Seasoned rice, Chilled mandarin orange**Thursday** - Cheese quesadilla Or Chicken nuggets w/roll, Baby carrots, Sliced cucumbers, Fresh fruit**Friday** - Bosco cheese sticks or spaghetti w/ meat & roll, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pineapple**MARCH 24 - MARCH 31****Monday** - Roast hot dog w/ bun Or steak um w/cheese, Bbq baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches**Tuesday** - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust pizza, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit**Wednesday** - Taco salad or soft taco wrap, shredded iceberg cheese, Seasoned refried beans, Chilled applesauce, Tortilla chips**Thursday** - Chicken strips w/roll, or chicken patty w/bun, Parsley potatoes, Fresh fruit, Goldfish cinna grahams**Friday** - Macaroni & cheese /roll, or rib a cue w/bun, Seasoned broccoli, Cucumber slices, Chilled pears**Monday** - Pepperoni calzone, Or French bread pizza, Seasoned green beans, Applesauce, Graham crackers**FIRELANDS HIGH**

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Calendar of Events

- Feb. 19 Concert 19th - 7 pm
- March 7th or 8th: OMEA Large Group
- March 19th: Booster Meeting
- April 25th & 26th Kings Island Trip
- April 27th Pancake Breakfast

If you need to contact the boosters, our email address is firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com

Officers:

- Michele Jeffers
- Laura Solnick
- Erin Hayes
- Kim Horwedel

Musical Moments

Thank you to all of the parents...grandparents..ect. for your support and help this year. The amount of positive encouragement has facilitated the group in every aspect. If you have not attended a meeting, please come, lend your talents and be a part of a booster organization that is growing by leaps and bounds.



**South Amherst Firemen's Association
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South Amherst Firemen's Association annual steak fry dinner dance
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR**FEBRUARY****2/17 PRESIDENT'S DAY – NO SCHOOL**

2/17 Boys Freshman Basketball @ Fairview 9th Grade
Tournament - Semifinals @ Fairview TBA

2/18 Boys Freshman Basketball Home VS N Ridgeville 4:30PM

2/18 Boys Varsity Basketball Home VS N Ridgeville 7:30p.m.

2/18 Boys Varsity Basketball Home VS N Ridgeville 6:00 p.m.

2/18 SAMS – Mock OAA Reading, Math, Science – 8th Grade

2/19 Boys Freshman Basketball @ Fairview 9th Grade Tournament
Championship @ Fairview TBA

2/20 INTERIM REPORTS

2/20 FHS – Band Concert at FHS – 7:00 p.m.

2/21 Boys Freshman Basketball Home VS Black River 4:30PM

2/21 Boys Varsity Basketball Home VS Black River 7:30p.m.

2/21 Boys Varsity Basketball Home VS Black River 6:00 p.m.

2/22 FHS – Lorain County Solo & Ensemble at Midview High School

2/22 SAMS - Lorain County Solo & Ensemble Contest

2/25 FES – Cookie Dough/Magazine Fundraiser

2/25 FHS - Choir Concert at FHS - 7:00 p.m.

2/27 FHS- SAMS-FES- Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences –
Grades K - 12

2/28 NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY – NO SCHOOL

MARCH

3/3 FES - Market Day Pickup at FES - 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

3/3 SAMS – PTG Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

3/3 SAMS – PTG Mama Jo Pie Sale

3/4 FES - PTG Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in Library

3/10 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING - 7:00 P.M.

3/10 SAMS – Faculty Meeting – 2:40 p.m.

3/10 FHS - OGT Test Week @ FHS

3/17 FES - Kindergarten Packets Available at FES

3/24 FES - Kindergarten Registration at FES

3/25 SAMS - 8th Grade Musical at SAMS – 7:00 p.m.

3/27 *** END OF 3RD GRADING PERIOD *******

3/27 SAMS - Spring Pictures

3/29 SAMS – Solo & Ensemble Contest

3/31 FES - Market Day Pickup at FES - 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

3/31 SAMS – Choir Gourmet Sucker Sale

TBA FHS – New Student Orientation (8th graders) at FHS – 6:30 pm.

TBA FHS – FFA Banquet at FHS – 6:30 p.m.

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