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S.H.I.N.E. Program Supports Elementary Readers

Firelands Local Schools is proud to announce a collaboration between local volunteers and Firelands Elementary School that has resulted in the creation of the **S.H.I.N.E. PROGRAM!**

**Supporting
Helping
Inspiring
Nurturing
Empowering**

Pastor Phipps from the Henrietta United Methodist Church and members of his congregation were looking for a way that they could support

children in our district. Pastor Phipps met with Principal Mrs. Sun Choe, Assistant Principal Mrs. Laura Groboske, Director of Educational Services, Mrs. Lori Roemer, and Superintendent, Mr. Mike Von Gunten to discuss how the volunteers could support our children and staff. It was concluded that intervention support in reading was an area that these volunteers could make a positive impact.

After many months of discussion and planning the S.H.I.N.E. program is ready to begin! Volunteers will be working with 1st graders on active reading

skills. They have been paired with students who will benefit from personal reading time. Once a week the volunteers will meet their student to read the child's book of choice *with* the child rather than just reading the book *to* the child. Engaging the child with open ended questions encourages children to think and talk about what they are reading. Research has shown that active reading improves a child's language skills, vocabulary, and the ability to understand what they read on their own. After the teams read their book three times, the student will be able to take the book home with them!

All of the volunteers have had in-depth background checks and parents/guardians have been informed. An initial training session was held on October 8th for volunteers to further understand the expectations of the program and for students to meet their volunteers. The reading teams had breakfast together and the students picked out their first book!

With deep appreciation we thank the following community members for their ongoing commitment to our students:

Mrs. Ann Buchs
Mrs. Judy Baumann
Mrs. Natalie Born
Mrs. Kathy Grote



*Michael Von Gunten
Superintendent*

*Mrs. Kathy and Mr. Fred Hoffman
Pastor Bill McFadden
Ms. Cincy Oleksa
Mrs. Donna Phillips
Pastor Matthew Phipps
and Mrs. Deborah Phipps
Mrs. Sara Schlechter
Ms. Laura Watson*

Partnering with our community is essential for student success. These enthusiastic volunteers may only be working with our students once a week, however, the impact will be forever set in the child's foundation. We look forward to this community collaboration and we extend our thanks to the volunteers who are part of S.H.I.N.E.

**Mike Von Gunten
Superintendent**



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Firelands Elementary School News

First Graders Learning about Constitution Day

The first grade students at Firelands Elementary had some very special colonial visitors from the Sally DeForest Chapter DAR and local SAR (Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution) during Constitution Day on September 17th to help celebrate the Constitution.

Students learned about how important the Constitution is as well as what it was like to live back in the colonial days as a young person. They learned about what settlers ate, how they dressed, and even how they hid secret notes in their hats! Each student was also given a small American flag to take home. Many thanks to the local DAR/SAR for the wonderful presentation!

Fourth Grade Book Tasting

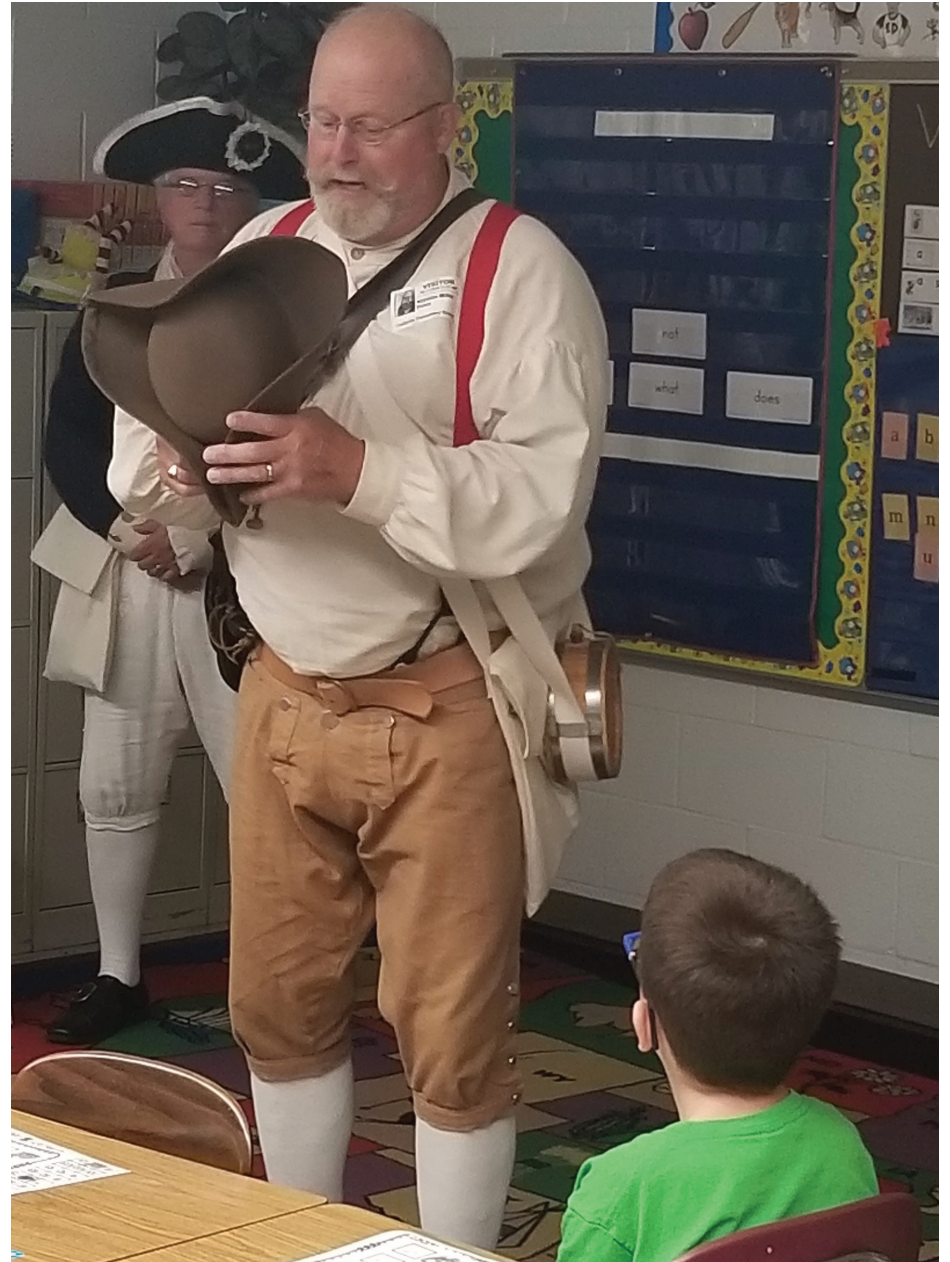
On September 20th, our fourth grade students participated in a "Book Tasting"

during their Reading classes. They were able to spend some time sampling different genres of text and giving some written thoughts of each. Students were also given cookies to enjoy during the experience. Mrs. Thoms, Mrs. Kerestury and Mr. Nerlich were able to give the students a wonderful experience with various forms of literature.

PTG (Parent Teacher Group)

FES is lucky to have a valuable Parent Teacher Group. This group of parents work hard to provide needed items to our staff and building. They also plan and fund many activities for our students. Please consider being a part of this volunteer group. The next meeting is scheduled for November 7 at 6:30 p.m. at FES. Come to find out what events are happening and how you can help. Find out more by finding them on Facebook (Firelands Elementary School PTG) or on Twitter (@FESPTG).

submitted by Laura Groboske



FES Important Dates

- October 28 – November 1
Red Ribbon Week
- November 1
Fall Classroom Parties
- November 4 – No School
- November 7
PTG Meeting at 6:30 pm
- November 8
4th Grade Veterans Day Program
- November 11
BOE Meeting at 7:00 pm
- November 15
Picture Re-Take Day
- November 25-26
COSI on Wheels
- November 26
PTG Fall Fundraiser Pick-up
(3:45-6 pm in FES Cafeteria)
- November 27-29 – Fall Break

Golfers Finish Strong, Talbott Goes to State

The Falcons Golf Team finished the season with a number of tournaments.

On September 19 they took 3rd place in the LC8 Conference Tournament at the Medina Country Club with a team score of 365. Scoring summary was: Jackson Talbott, 78; Aaron Urban, 89; Steven Iwanek, 99; and Sonny Suglia, 99.

Jackson Talbott earned the Conference Player of the Year and 1st team honors. Steven Iwanek and Aaron Urban earned 2nd team all LC8 while Will Folley and Sonny Suglia took home 3rd team awards.

On September 24 they earned 2nd place in the sectional golf tournament at Forest Hills in Elyria with a team score of 342, which put them into the district tournament. The team scoring was: Jackson Talbott, 78; Aaron Urban, 81; Steven Iwanek, 87; and Sonny Suglia, 96.

The team's season ended at the district tournament on October 1 at Windmill Lakes Golf Club in Ravenna. The team finished in 11th place with a team score of 376. Individual scores were: Jackson Talbott, 77; Aaron Urban, 94; Will Folley, 98; and Steven Iwanek, 107.

Jackson's score of 77 qualified him for the state golf tournament. He joins Andrew Norheim (2008) and Bryan Davidson (1998) as the only golfers in school history to qualify for the state tournament.

NorthStar Golf Club in Sunbury Ohio was the setting for the Boys Division II State Championships. This event was held on October 11 and 12. Jackson Talbott represented Firelands High School and finished with scores of 87 & 90 for a 177 total. He placed 49th out of 72 golfers.

submitted by Mark Kirsch

Curriculum Update

An estimated 650 teachers, administrators, and service providers in the Clearview, Columbia, Firelands, Keystone and Wellington school districts will be participating in a Common Professional Development Day on Monday, November 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at LCCC.

The planning team carefully designed sessions to meet individual professional development needs for their teachers. Each participant will select four sessions related to their role in the district. We are excited to have several faculty from Lorain County Community College hosting sessions to enhance the theme ***Each Child Our Future***.

Participants will start their day with a keynote presentation entitled *The Power of One*. Dr. Stephen Sroka's message focuses on building relationships and how one person can make a difference. He believes relationships may be the most important variable in effective education.

Effective professional development enables teachers to develop the knowledge and skills they need to address student growth and achievement. Our goal is to provide on-going and continuous support to our teachers to strengthen their practices throughout their educational careers!

submitted by Lori Roemer

Firelands Endowment Facts

Did you know: The Firelands Schools have an Endowment Fund that was officially established in 1991.

Did you know: The Endowment Fund is a permanent and stable resource of funding to enhance educational programs and provide recognition through supplemental assistance for college education.

Did you know: One hundred percent (100%) of your donation goes directly to supporting Firelands Schools and is **tax deductible**

Did you know: Your donation is a perpetual investment in the future of Firelands Schools and its students. Gifts to the Endowment continues to grow in impact and only the interest income is used for grant making and scholarships.

Did you know: Over \$550,000 has been awarded in grants and scholarships in the last 28 years; all benefiting the students in our community.

Do you want to make a difference? You can make a donation or find additional information at the school's website: www.firelandsschools.org, click on Firelands Endowment.

Look for more information in next month's edition of the Firelands Express.....Go Falcons!!!

submitted by Ann Buchs

Common Professional Development Day
November 4, 2019
Lorain County Community College
"Each Child Our Future"

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS THIS DAY

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY
PREVIEW FOR LOCAL
SENIOR CITIZENS**

Save the Date!

**BREAKFAST AND
HOLIDAY MUSIC WILL BE OFFERED ON
DECEMBER 5, 2019**



**The Firelands Band Boosters
Proudly Presents
the 3rd Annual**



BREAKFAST
with SANTA
and Craft Show!



Saturday, December 7, 2019

Breakfast with Santa from 8 to 1 PM

Craft Fair from 8 to 3 PM

All you can eat:

Pancakes, Sausage and Eggs!!

Kids Activities

Be sure to visit all

of our vendors!!!

**South Amherst Middle School
152 W Main St.
South Amherst, OH**



Photographer Available for

Photos with Santa! Nominal fee applies.



South Amherst Middle School News



Pictured at left and below are SAMS 6th graders in Mr. Ross Lambersky's class.

They were tasked with building an earthquake-resistant house using some basic household supplies.

Examples of some of the material included string, playdough, and popsicle sticks.

First they built a shake table to figure out how seismic activity works in the real world and then they built their homes upon these structures.

At SAMS, the school year is just flying. We held our first pep rally in conjunction with homecoming, and it was a lot of fun celebrating with our Fall athletes.

Fall athletics have concluded and we are very proud of our athletes. September 19 was youth recognition night at FHS

during the high school games. (7th and 8th grade volleyball is featured on page 10.)

Our first set of parent/teacher conferences was in October. It was nice to see so many parents visiting with our teachers.

We held our new student breakfast on October 4. It was a great way for students to

connect and share about their experiences at SAMS.

Our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) teams will be working in the next month on determining how to proceed with Tier 1 interventions. They will also attend a professional development class on Restorative Justice at the

Educational Service Center.

We have much more planned as the months continue. Stay tuned!

submitted by Cara Gomez, Principal



Firelands High School News

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Firelands High School hosted Parent-Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, October 2nd and again on Thursday, October 10th. FHS promoted the conferences on the website, through Twitter, and with all-call emails to High School parents. Thank you to our parents who attended on these dates.

Financial Aid Evening

The Firelands School Counseling Department hosted a Financial Aid Night on October 10th in the Library Media Center. Speakers presented to parents and students about the workings of financial aid and how any student and their family can make a college education both accessible and affordable. Mrs. Zimmer and Ms. Cozza hosted the evening, along with speakers from College Now, the organization who assists the FHS counselors in helping our students make choices about careers and colleges.

Volunteerism at FHS

The TLC Group (Teen Leadership Corps) has been working on several projects to help improve the Firelands Community. They will be volunteering at Firelands Elementary School to help clean and tidy up the FES Playground. The Firelands Chapter of the FFA is planning a huge event to help Senior Citizens upgrade their home address signs so they are visible to first responders. Look for their promotion of this event in the upcoming months.

PSAT

The PSAT, a practice college entrance exam, was given to all 9th, 10th and select 11th grade students on October 16th. This college

prep test, given to the students free of charge, will help prepare them for the Junior SAT test, given to all Juniors in March. Juniors and Seniors not taking the test were given the day to either make a college visit, explore colleges, or do a job shadow; all preparing them for their next step in College and Career Readiness.

Parade of Bands

The Mighty Falcon Marching Band hosted the Parade of Bands on Saturday, October 12th in Falcon Stadium. The band hosted several other bands in a night dedicated to outstanding marching band shows. Congratulations to the MFMB on again hosting an outstanding show.

Senior Night

The FHS Student Council hosted Fall Athletics and Band Senior Night on Friday evening, October 18th, prior to the PAC football game against Keystone. Parents and seniors were escorted to the field with seniors being announced at 6:20 PM. The football team was announced first followed by seniors in the Marching Band, then other sports to follow. Congratulations to FHS Student Council on once again hosting a great evening for our Seniors and their parents.

Homecoming Royalty 2019

Congratulations to all our students who made the Homecoming Court for 2019. Also, congratulations to this year's Queen, Jordan Janosik, and King Chance Coultrip, as they reigned over the game and dance.

submitted by Bob Maver

Firelands Band Boosters

The Firelands Band Boosters would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations to our program. With their support, we are able to ensure that our student musicians have new instruments and uniforms, get necessary instrument repairs, attend special events, receive

scholarships, and positively represent the school district at community events.

We are so excited that this year we are able to replace our existing instrument trailer for one that will fit our program's growing needs.

From the bottom of our hearts, WE THANK YOU!

- Wakeman Red Cap Aerie
- 4354 F.O.E Charity Fund
- Oberlin VFW Post 6273
- Mama Jo Pies
- Born 2 Laser/Born's Machining
- Allies Mums
- South Amherst Fireman's Association
- Cedarside Animal Hospital

- Deichlers Tire and Service Center
- Jim Kraus
- Miller's Orchard Ltd.
- Harbourtown Auto Body
- VFW Post 1662 Amherst
- Ziggys
- First Federal Savings of Lorain
- Lorenzo's pizza
- Brothers Chevrolet
- Callihan Electric Inc.
- American Legion # 118

Our Trailer Sponsors

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- Jamie's Carpet Shop
- Bricklayer's and Allied Craftworkers

- Harbourtown Auto Body
- Born Implement
- Deichler's Tire and Service Center
- Concast
- CSI Insurance

submitted by Shannon Smith



<https://sites.google.com/a/firelandsschools.org/mighty-falcon-marching-band/bandboosters>

Meeting schedule on page 7.

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Firelands FFA Offering Free Address Signs through "Operation G.R.A.S.S."

The Firelands FFA chapter is focusing on community safety this year and has created a project to help improve emergency response time.

After some research, we found that only around 1 in 10 houses have green reflective signs in their yards. The signs can improve emergency response time by 20%, which could be the difference between life and death.

Firelands Agricultural Business class has made it their project to help supply the community with green reflective signs. Through Operation G.R.A.S.S., green reflective address safety signs will be made available for free to members of

the Firelands community. The first phase of our project is for community members aged 60 and over as well families with disabilities.

The chapter is asking for a \$15 donation if the requester is willing and able to make a donation. Donations will help make the project sustainable. Free installation is provided upon request. Order yours by February 1st. Signs available while supplies and funds last. Please email sfinnegan@firelandsschools.org if you have questions.

submitted by Katelyn Konicek and Taylor Kenska, Firelands FFA Officers

Community Clunker Cleanup

Help Firelands FFA Clean Up the Community While Helping Ronald McDonald House Charities

Get rid of those old, unused vehicles and farm equipment while benefitting Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC). Through April 24, 2020, Ohio FFA chapters are ridding their communities of unneeded vehicles and farm equipment. At no cost to you or your local FFA chapter, RMHC will pick up the vehicle or farm equipment and tow it to the nearest auction location. This program is made possible by Telhio Credit Union.

Through April 24, 2020, at no cost to the FFA chapter or

community member contributing the vehicle, RMHC will pick up the donated vehicle or equipment.

Community members interested in donating a vehicle or equipment can do so via phone using the program-specific number: 800-332-8201 (use code #OH0088 for Firelands).

Each donation will be tracked to the chapter using the chapter's unique identification number. Firelands' code is #OH0088! This spring, Telhio Credit Union and the Ohio FFA Foundation will award \$10,000 to the Ohio FFA chapter with the most vehicles donated!

Formula of Champions Proof of Purchase Project

Do you feed Formula of Champions by Kalmach?

Help the Firelands FFA earn money by saving your proof of purchases! As a leader in livestock nutrition, Kalmach Feeds is committed to supporting livestock organizations and activities.

Through the Formula of Champions Club Rewards, Formula of Champions bagged show feeds gives livestock related clubs, groups and associations financial support for their livestock related events.

Please give proof of purchases to any Firelands FFA member, deliver to Firelands High School c/o Firelands FFA, or mail to Firelands FFA, 10643 Vermilion Road, Oberlin, OH 44074.

submitted by Shanna Finnegan



Firelands FFA - Operation G.R.A.S.S. Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Check boxes that apply:

- Family members with physical or mental disabilities
- 60+ years old

Pick up, delivery, installation:

- I will pick up the sign from Firelands High School
- I want Firelands FFA members to install

Firelands FFA members will contact you when supplies are available to set up pick up, delivery, and/or installation

\$ _____ donation included (optional)

Order by February 1, 2020 and mail form to:
Firelands FFA, 10643 Vermilion Road, Oberlin OH 44074



Haunted Roller Rink Halloween Fundraiser!

Tuesday, October 29th, 6:30pm – 9pm

Join the Lorain Skating Club skaters
IN COSTUME for Halloween fun!

* Games * Prizes * Costume Contest * Concessions *
Spooky Snacks *

Admission: \$6 per person OR Bring a Friend! 2 for \$10; skate rental is \$2 (\$3.50 for inlines)

\$3 donation appreciated from non-skating adults

Lorain Skate World

4952 W. Erie Ave., Lorain OH 44053

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The Firelands Athletics Booster Club Wants You!

The Firelands Athletics Booster Club welcomes new members at their monthly meetings. The boosters are a huge support to the athletic program. The Board of Education recently accepted the following donations from the FABC with gratitude: leadership training program for coaches (\$501.99), locker room benches

(\$3,273.85), windscreen for track/football field (\$8,409.75), and practice nets for soccer (\$916.00).

Please mark your calendars for these dates if you are interested in joining. October 28, November 25, January 27, February 24, March 23, April 27, and May 18. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the FHS Library.

Food Service Updates

Meal applications can be filled out anytime throughout the year www.payschoolscentral.com. Meal applications do not carry over from other districts. New school means new application.

If approved for free meals through Direct Certification, you must return the signed form to have school fees waived. Fees will not be waived without the signed form.

If you are questioning if your child qualifies for meal assistance, please contact Judy Baumann.

Online payments: log in to www.payschoolscentral.com. Parent support line for PaySchools is 877-393-6628, available 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you are having issues logging in to PaySchools Central, try clicking "forgot password" and log in again.

Elementary parents & student I.D's: To keep our breakfast and lunch lines moving efficiently, please help your children / child memorize their student I.D#. This is the same number assigned to them in PowerSchool. This helps the Food Service staff tremendously.

My School Menus: For the next couple weeks please use the menu links on the Food Service tab on the school website or the free "My School Menu" phone app. The company is doing Beta testing for a new site and the URL is now directing you to the new site which is still being tested.

Questions? Please contact Judy Baumann, Food Service Director, 440-965-5821 ext 1011.

Band Booster Meetings

Firelands Band Boosters meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school band room. Our mission is to provide support for the Firelands Instrumental Music Program at all three schools in the district. The dates for our general memberships meetings for the 2019-2020 school year are as follows:

- November 19, 2019
- December, 2019
No meeting scheduled.
Happy Holidays!
- January 21, 2020
- February 18, 2020
- March 17, 2020
- April 21, 2020
- May 19, 2020
- June 16, 2020
- July 2020
No meeting scheduled.
Enjoy your summer!



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(800) 332-8201

Thank you for your support!



Get rid of those old, unused vehicles and farm equipment while benefitting Ronald McDonald House Charities.



<http://firelandsffa.theaet.com>



ALL YOU CAN EAT FRENCH TOAST, PANCAKE, & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Wakeman Masonic Lodge
34 Pleasant St.
Sunday Nov. 17, 2019 -- 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Blood Drive and Bake Sale
Free Breakfast with Blood Donation
Donation Accepted



Know! To Practice Good Sportsmanship

This article originally appeared on the Ohio Department of Education's website.

The benefits of participating in sports are vast. Sports help build character, boost self-confidence, strengthen perseverance, promote discipline, enhance physical and emotional health, develop teamwork skills and promote healthy competition. Sports also provide children with additional supervision and mentors to help guide them as they grow, which is monumental.

In fact, a study by Big Brothers Big Sisters shows that youth are 52 percent less likely to skip school and 46 percent less likely to use drugs when they have a caring adult mentor in their lives. Sports also give young people a focus, and another reason to say "no" to substance use and other risky behaviors.

As parents, we should recognize the importance of athletics, and show appreciation for our team coaches and sports officials, who are most likely out there not only because they enjoy the sport, but because they care about our young people.

Yet, according to the

Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA), sports leaders are not feeling the love. When over 2,000 high school athletic directors were asked in a national survey what they liked least about their job, 62 percent said it was "dealing with aggressive parents and adult fans." Sports officials agreed, with nearly 80 percent having quit their job after the first two years - due primarily to unruly parents.

Because of this, there is a growing shortage of high school officials. No officials would mean no more games, which would be tragic for so many youth. For this reason, the OHSAA issued a stern warning to parents and fans in a recent press release. Though it is geared toward high school athletics, it can be a lesson applied to parents of various age groups.

If you are a parent attending a high school athletic event this year, you can help by following these six guidelines:

Act Your Age. You are, after all, an adult. Act in a way that makes your family and school proud.

Don't Live Your Life Vicariously Through Your Children. High school sports are for them, not you. Your family's

reputation is not determined by how well your children perform on the field of play.

Let Your Children Talk to the Coach Instead of You Doing It for Them. High school athletes learn how to become more confident, independent and capable—but only when their parents don't jump in and solve their problems for them.

Stay in Your Own Lane. No coaching or officiating from the sidelines. Your role is to be a responsible, supportive parent—not a coach or official.

Remember, Participating in a High School Sport Is Not About Getting a College Scholarship. According to the NCAA, only about 2 percent of all high school athletes are awarded a sports scholarship, and the total value of the scholarship is only about \$18,000.

Make Sure Your Children Know You Love Watching Them Play. Do not critique your child's performance on the car ride home. Participating in high school sports is about character development, learning and having fun—not winning and losing.

In closing, the OHSAA reminds parents and other fans that purchasing a ticket to an athletic event does not give them

the right to be rude, disrespectful or verbally abusive. Instead, all fans are encouraged to cheer loud and proud, while being responsible and respectful, and to keep in mind that the future of sports - and the well-being of many of our children - depend on it.

Learn how to get the drug prevention conversation started at StartTalking.Ohio. Gov. Sign-up for Know! Parent Tips.

Sources: Karissa Niehoff and Jerry Snodgrass, Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) - *Parents and Adult Fans: The Biggest Challenge Facing High School Sports Today.* Sept 10, 2019. Harri Daniel, BenefitOf.net: *Benefits Of Youth Sports.* Feb 2, 2011. Health Fitness Revolution: *Top 10 Health Benefits of Youth Sports.* Jun 3, 2015. Maegan Olmstead, Women's Sports Foundation: *How Sports Help Decrease the Risk of Teen Substance Abuse.* Jan 8, 2016.



Pictured at right are participants and volunteers in the S.H.I.N.E. program. See page 1 for the complete story!



Firelands Athletic Boosters Comedy Night Planned

Join the FABC at their Comedy Night on January 25th at the Amherst Eagles. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and your \$25 ticket includes soft drinks, beer and food. There will be raffles, a 50/50 drawing and a fun comedy show!

A business special is offered for donors which includes 8 seats and advertisement of your business for \$250.00. Gift baskets and monetary donations are greatly appreciated.

Monies raised will be used to support athletic scholarships, equipment and needed improvements connected to our many sport programs. To be a donor or to purchase tickets please contact Traci Newman at 440.669.3676.

Brownhelm Historical Association Holds Jungle Book Fundraiser for FES and FHS

We are so happy to share that the BHA is sponsoring an event to raise funds for a Firelands High School student scholarship and to buy books for the Firelands Elementary School. We are very appreciative of their ongoing support!

The BHA has bought out the theater for a special presentation of The Jungle Book. The Jungle Book will be presented by the Workshop Players at 44800 Middle Ridge Road in Amherst on November 14th at 7:30 pm.

Tickets for this private event are available through eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/y435syp3>.

This family friendly event will be sold out so purchase your tickets soon! To learn more about the Brownhelm Historical Association please click here: <https://www.brownhelm.org/>

Firelands Board of Education Meeting Schedule

The Firelands Board of Education regular monthly meetings are open to the public. All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. at the board office located at 112 North Lake Street in South Amherst. The schedule for the rest of 2019-2020 is listed below.

Board agendas and minutes are public documents and available online by visiting our website and choosing Board of Education. That link will take you to board policies and other information as well. Special meetings are announced separately.

The current Board of Education members are President Mike O'Keefe, Vice President Tom Myers, Bob Danicki, Dan Pycraft and Ben Gibson. Contact information for each member is available on the website.

The meeting schedule for the remainder of 2019 is as follows: November 11 and December 16.

School Immunization Requirements for 2019-2020

If your child will be entering 12th grade, 7th grade or any grade for the first time -- it is now time to update immunizations. If entering school for the first time, or after attending school elsewhere, please be sure to check that your child is in compliance with State of Ohio immunization requirements.

- **Kindergarten** – once your child has reached age 4, s/he can complete all required immunizations for diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus (DPT), polio (IPV), hepatitis B (HBV), measles mumps, rubella (MMR), and varicella (chickenpox). If going to be entering kindergarten next year, if possible, have them done and bring a copy of the record to Kindergarten screening in May.
- **Grades 1-6** – same requirements as for Kindergarten
- **Grades 7-10** – grades K-6 requirements plus Tdap (DPT booster) and MCV (meningococcal vaccine)
- **Grade 11** – grades K-6 requirements plus Tdap (received in 7th grade or later)
- **Grade 12** – grade 11 requirements plus MCV (must be received at age 16 or older)

Remember to bring your child's immunization records with you when you go to your healthcare provider or clinic. Please send a copy of the immunization record to the school nurse in your child's building, being sure your child's name is on it. Don't forget to keep a copy for yourself!

Lorain County Public Health, 9880 S. Murray Ridge Rd., Elyria, OH 44035 is now offering immunizations (also known as vaccines) Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, with evening hours throughout the month. A full vaccine clinic schedule is available at www.LorainCountyHealth.com. Appointments are encouraged, although walk-ins are accepted. Call **440-284-3206** for information or to make an appointment for both children and adults. Bring all immunization records, insurance cards, and cash or check; although some children may be eligible for discounts under the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. All children under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Note: Ask your provider about additional vaccines that are recommended for children ages 11-19 such as 2nd dose of varicella (chickenpox), hepatitis A and human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines.

submitted by Linda Matus



Firelands Twitter Handles

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Firelands Athletics, @Firelandsfalcon

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FES Serves Up Books

Read more about the 4th grade Book Tasting on page 2.



SAMS Volleyball Wraps Up

The 8th grade volleyball team had a great season this year. They took 3rd in the conference at the tournament, finishing the season 14-5. They were 8-1 going into the second round of playing conference teams. At the tournament they all played very hard to bring home a 3rd place win.

Team members are Grace Tansey, Angelina Caporale, Hailey Urban, Kalley Leimbach, Regan Evans, Morgan Janicek, Hannah Sigsworth, Emma Krebs, Ally Stewart, Olivia Flanagan and Miranda Burnworth.



The 7th grade South Amherst Middle School Volleyball Team ended their season second place in the conference during regular season play and also second place in the conference tournament.

The team only had two girls who had any previous volleyball experience. The coach, Ellen Gundersen, was so impressed with the amount of progress and improvement the girls made over the course of the season.

Team members are Grace Bates, Madelyn Beury, Paige Coggins, Andie Eberhardt, Kendal Fleming, Olivia Halliwell, Kendra Hardwick, McKenzie Janosik, Riley Keene, Aubrynn Reichle, Lilianna Schmittle, and Sophia Stepp.

Both teams showed tremendous effort, skill and sportsmanship. Congratulations on a great season!



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Firelands Class of 1989 30th Year Reunion

Saturday,
November 9, 2019
at 6 PM – 12 AM

Cole's Public House
209 S. Main St.
Amherst, OH 44001



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Wellington, OH 44090

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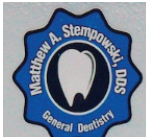
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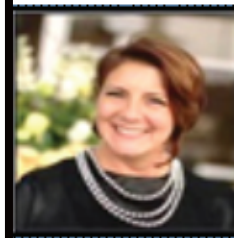
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