



The Firelands Express



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT NEW SUPERINTENDENT SELECTED



On May 30 the Board of Education selected Dr. Robert F. Hill to serve as the district's next superintendent starting August 1. He was given a three year contract, through July 2015.

Dr. Hill is currently the principal of Olmsted Falls High School where he has served for four years. Previously he served as an administrator at Grove City HS and Licking County JVS. He was a social studies teacher in Columbus and Dublin before entering administration. He is a native of Pataskula, Ohio.

Bob is married and has two sons, ages 1 and 3. He resides in Olmsted Falls.

FLS Board President, Dr. Jane Battig commented, "The Board was looking for a strong leader who could continue the excellent progress the district has made over the past four years and Bob is committed to seeing that happens. In the end he was definitely the best fit for the position. I encourage all parents and community members to get to know Bob over the next few months and make him feel welcomed."

The ESC of Lorain County headed the search. The ESC received 25 applicants, interviewed 10, and recommended 5 candidates for the board to interview. The first round was held by the board, and then 3 candidates were invited back for a second round with a large district committee with representation from the teachers, classified, and administrative employees, many of which were parents and/or residents of the district. Congrats Dr. Hill and good luck!

A FOND FAREWELL

It has truly been my pleasure to have served as Firelands Superintendent over the past four years. I am proud of what we have accomplished and want to thank the district leadership team for their support and hard work directing the changes we have made to improve the district. A big thanks to the teachers and support staff for the great job you do every day serving our students. And to our students – You're The Best!

I have been blessed to have worked with 7 fantastic board members who truly care about doing what is best for the community's students. I am confident the district is in good hands and will continue to prosper.

As always, GO FALCONS!!!
Greg Ring

FIRELANDS CLASS OF 2012

VALEDICTORIAN JAYME JONES

Jayne is the daughter of Tammy Jones. She has participated in National Art Honor Society, Junior Statesman of America, Art Society and The National Honor Society. Jayme enjoys art, reading, photography and listening to music. This fall she plans on attending Cleveland State, in their honors and scholars pharmacy program. Eventually she wants to complete her doctorate in pharmacy degree at Ohio Northern.



SALUTATORIAN MATTHEW WITTE

Matthew is the son of Robin and Kenneth Witte. Matt is a member of the National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society where he serves as president, the Art Honor Society, and Junior Statesman of America. He enjoys reading, sketching, and watching classic movies. Matt will attend Bowling Green this fall majoring in Paleobiology, then plans on attending grad school to eventually become a museum Paleontologist.



2012 SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT



Sara is the daughter of Connie and Christopher Laughlin. she has participated in volleyball, Youth-4-Youth, National Honor Society, FFA and is president of the senior class. Sara enjoys showing horses, making ice cream and riding in her convertible. She is attending the Ohio State University majoring in health sciences, leading to a career in health administration.

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Screaming for Art Society

The FHS Art Society participated in the Oberlin Big Parade on May 5 with an entry of Edvard Munch's famous "The Scream" painting. The Big Parade began in 2002 as a free community event open to any group wishing to represent themselves in a creative way. Participants are challenged to march in costume, with human-powered floats, with musical instruments and without advertising or motorized vehicles. The parade culminates in a community cook-



out in Tappan Square. Students prepared an oversized mask of the screaming character and ribbon streamer wands to simulate brushstrokes in motion. Art Society President Matt Witte portrayed the screamer and Biz James, Alex Denes, Daniel Truitt, Mariah Waters, Chris Neal, Erika Hornyak and Ashley Rister stirred up a storm with streamers.

Glass Fusion at FHS

Art students enjoyed a class of merging art and science on May 14. Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio Artist-in-Residence Sheree Ferrato brought her glass fused pendant workshop to four classes of art students. Each student designed a pendant that included dichroic glass, frit and stringers and stacked the glass to be fired. Many had the opportunity to peek on their pendants as they melted in the small portable kilns. Students assembled their pendants into beautiful necklaces. This residency was made possible by a grant from FHS 2007 alum Ian Blewitt, who is enjoying a successful career in digital motion graphics in southern California.



Art Students Meet Cleveland

The upper level art students, Art 3, 4 and Advanced Art, spent the day on May 23 touring the public art and public spaces of Cleveland. The two classes and supporting parents began the morning with a guided walking tour of public art and architecture around the heart of Cleveland. The group enjoyed lunch at the West Side Market while being inspired by the busy market scene. The trip ended with self-guided exploration of the collections of the Cleveland Museum of Art. This trip was funded by an award from the Cleveland Clinic "eXpressions" project and Art Society fundraisers.



Fine Arts Festival 2012 Celebrated Under Sunny Skies



The 2012 edition of the annual Fine Arts Festival was enjoyed under sunny skies at South Amherst Middle School on Saturday May 19. Hundreds of students enjoyed hundreds of works of art with generations of their families. Guests

were entertained by vocal and instrumental performances from the elementary school and high school. Art students from the middle and high school operated sales booths and Mrs. Proehl, the elementary art teacher offered a free fun pom-pom critters workshop. Concessions were provided by the Band Boosters and Girl Scout troop 50543. This year saw an expansion of the Artist Market with more handcrafts than ever being offered by Girl Scout troop 50731 and independent entrepreneurial students Erika Wasem, Anthony Myer, Andrea Di'Asio and Bethany Anderson. Look for more photos of the event at the website link on the district homepage. (<https://sites.google.com/a/firelandsschools.org/fine-arts-festival/home>) Thank you to the all artists, musicians, participants, vendors and especially our volunteer art students and Girl Scouts 50731 for cleaning up. Join us next year on May 17-18, 2013, same time, same place.

SAMS NEWS

How quickly the years fly by! While looking back and reflecting upon the year, I am very proud of our accomplishments and the work by both the students and the staff.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

Service to others is a major component to quality Character Education. SAMS culminated its Character Education program by each grade level completing a service project. Each class participated in a service project that helped local and national causes. The students and staff gave up their own time to help others in need. I am very proud of the Character and initiative SAMS has shown!

AWARDS CELEBRATION



We celebrated the students' accomplishments in grade level Awards Celebrations to finalize the school year. Students were rewarded for their academic performance, overall improvement, character, athletic accomplishments, and attendance. The picture is of Jake Grasso and Brylee Jones with Mr. Brand and Mr. Searight for earning the very prestigious Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award from the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

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BAND/CHOIR

The Band and Choir finished the year with two great performances. They wowed standing room only crowds with their talents. The 7th and 8th grade bands performed at a state sponsored (OMEA) adjudicated event in May. Both groups performed extremely well and did a fine job representing our school. On a 5 point scale both groups averaged a one. A one represents the highest score possible! Congratulations to Mr. Brawley, Mr. Wiley, Mrs. Johnson and their dedicated students!

THANK YOU!

On behalf of myself and the SAMS staff thank you for support and encouragement this year. Your support has been a vital key to the success our students had this year! I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer!

Thank You!

The Graduating Class of 2012 would like to thank the local businesses, for making our senior year and graduation the success we would expect it to be. Thanks and appreciation to our Firelands Family and Community for supporting our fundraisers throughout our years. The community support is very important to our senior year activities and future goals.

- Senior shirts are designed and printed at Lake Screen Printing, Inc., 1924 Broadway Ave. Lorain, OH
- Graduation programs are set up and printed by Elyria Print, LLC, 325 Lake Avenue, Elyria, OH
- Senior Breakfast served by Sterks Catering 4709 Liberty Avenue, Vermilion, Ohio
- Flowers presented to the class purchased from, Off Broadway Floral and Gift, 380 North Ridge Road Lorain, OH

On behalf of the class of 2012, senior class advisor, Mrs. Ruth Dodig, would like to thank them for their excellent product and service.



Graduating Class of 2012 Officers-left to right: Brielle Linden, Treasurer; Jacob Westfall, Vice-president; Sara Laughlin, President; Amanda Morrisette, Secretary

Henrietta Country Dreamers 4 H Club

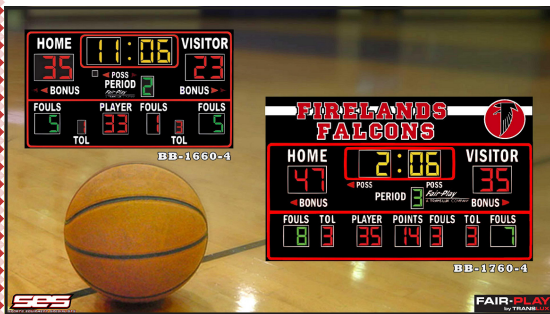
The Henrietta Country Dreamers met May 17th at Tracie Huffman's home. Nine members were present and 7 parents. The flower pot for Fair was planted. With all the creative input from the members the pot turned out beautiful!

The Club attended the Birmingham Memorial Day Parade May 28th. Several Minis were decorated patriotically and marched with the girls. Brianna Bunt rode her horse with Kayla Huffman and dogs and Emily Krieg in carts pulled by their minis.

Members also met June 7th at the Henrietta Township Hall. They discussed upcoming point shows and required Clinic for chickens and rabbits. Brianna Krieg is requesting pictures of the girls animals for the scrapbook. The Group is still looking for sponsors to defray cost of Fair expenses.

Next meeting will be June 21st at our advisor, Tracie Huffman's house for a Club cookout and study session.

Submitted by: Leanna Traster - Club Reporter

NEW SCOREBOARDS NEEDED

The Firelands Athletic Boosters are raising funds to purchase new scoreboards for the high school gym. The Boosters are seeking donations from individuals, groups, and businesses to help defray the cost (\$13,700). The current scoreboards are over 25 years old and in need of replacement. Checks should be made out to Firelands Athletic Booster Club and need to say "SCOREBOARD FUND" on the memo line.

Send donations to: Leo Spagnola, AD, South Amherst Middle School,
152 West Main, South Amherst, OH 44001.
Thank you!

**SOUTH AMHERST HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI BANQUET**

WHEN: Saturday, July 28, 2012

WHERE: New Russia Township Hall
Butternut Ridge Road, Oberlin

TIME: Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Dinner served at 6:00

COST: \$30.00 per person

Reservations are needed by July 20th. Please indicate what year you graduated and your maiden name with your check payable to South Amherst Alumni Association.

Mail to: Marilyn Wilhelm,
127 Maroy Dr.
South Amherst, OH 44001.

Letters will be mailed in June. If you don't receive a letter, you can call for any additional information:

Marilyn – 986-2642

Pam – 775-7887

Harold – 452-5063

Honor classes this year are 1962 and 1987.



A Great Big Congratulations to Maddison Jessel, Olivia Selent, and Kate Thompson for receiving a Silver Medal on their Gimme5 Character Tree Leaf. They each have received 105 Gimme5 cards since September. Thank you Maddison, Olivia, and Kate for being great Fabulous Falcon Friends.

Brownhelm Perfection & B. B. 4-H club

The club has been active with recycling and has been collecting aluminum cans as a fund raising as well as recycling. We did a litter pick up April 28th in Oberlin on the bike trail. There was another bake sale on May 19th. Many of the members brought small animals for people to see and children to pet.

The pledge and creed contest was held at the Lorain County JVS. We had several members who participated. Catherine Ott received a first place in her age category.

The club participated in the Memorial Day parade in Brownhelm on May 28th. Many of our members marched from Claus road to the Brownhelm Cemetery. There was a ceremony honoring those from the community that have helped to keep our country free.

Our club has planned a camping trip to Timer Ridge on June 8th & 9th. Many of the members and their families are going to go and take part in the many activities offered by the park as well as what is planned by the club.

4-H Day at Cedar Point is June 29th. There is a discount for any members and the club will refund \$10.00 for every member who goes to the event.

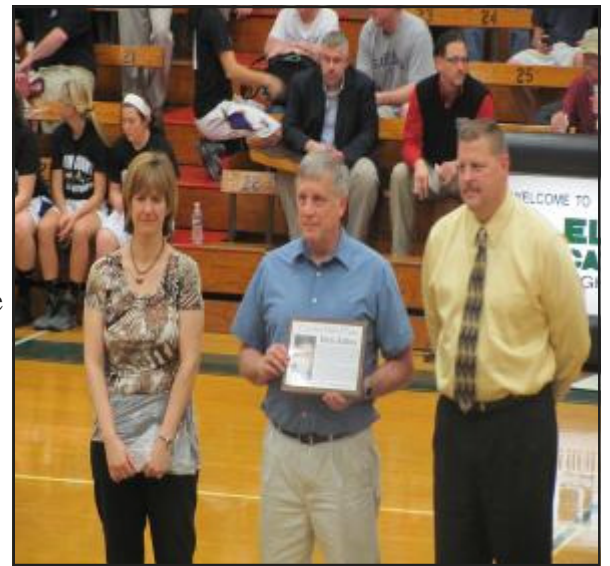
We have had several visitors that have talked about many different topics this year. In addition to the Flag etiquette and fermented food talk there was a talk by the Metro Parks on the different animals and reptiles in the park. Officer Thrasher & Deputy Barnes from the Lorain County Sheriff's department talked on the use of dogs with their work.

At our next June 18th. meeting we are encouraging all parents to attend & ask questions about their children's projects and the up coming judging.

Submitted by Kaitlyn Frazier

Richard Killen, principal at Firelands Elementary School was inducted to The Lorain County Girls Basketball Association

Hall of Fame for the many successful years he coached girls basketball. He received his award at the Lorain County Senior All Star Game on March 20th. Congratulations Mr. Killen!



The Class of 2012 Senior Awards Winners

SCHOLARSHIP

- Amherst Rotary Club
- Medical Mutual
- WHO Club of Amherst
- Wakeman Scholarship
- Bachman Memorial
- Cameron Greene Memorial
- Jim Solomon Memorial
- Bechtel Family
- John W. Hostettler
- Susan Beechler
- Debbie Cook Memorial
- South Amherst Rotary

- Firelands Community
- Milad & Fanny Abraham

- Joseph Knoble
- Michele Brand Memorial
- Danne Davison

- Latteman
- National Honor Society
- Student Council

- Standout Scholar

- FFA Book

- Wool Growers
- Strive

- OAPSE

- Music Booster
- Athletic Booster

- JVS Scholarships
- Meinke Leadership
- GCADA

WINNER

- Samantha Golden
- Matthew Witte
- Alexandria Diedrick
- Jayne Jones
- Taylor Fuge
- Meghan Butler
- Jake Myers
- Heather Borrelli
- Sara Laughlin
- Andrew Thoms
- Benjamin Midkiff
- Jared Kromer & Nathan Donofrio
- Jayne Jones & Nick Donofrio
- Sara Laughlin, Emily Teaman, Jake Myers, Meghan Butler, Emily Woody
- Meghan Butler
- Brittany Saylor
- Danielle Davison & Dan Kingsley
- Kyle Smith & Nick Deichler
- Leona Geary & Jamie Wossilek
- Dan Kinsley & Becky Kozlowski
- Jacob Westfall
- Ed Born, Alex Tuggle, Gabby Sroka, Josh Ward, Sara Laughlin, Hanna McAvoy, Kaylyn Parker, Emily Teaman, Bethany Buckosh
- Alex Tuggle
- Alexandria Diedrick, Emily Stevanus
- Cody Northeim, Paige Northeim, Brittany Saylor, Joe DeWitt, Samantha Golden, Megan Alvarez, Gabby Sroka, Bethany Buckosh
- Meghan Butler
- Megan Kudela, Jamie Wossilek, Meghan Butler, Becky Kozlowski, Nick and Nate Donofrio
- Megan Kudela
- Cody Doud
- Zane Hayes

THE FHS ART DEPT. RECEIVES DONATION FROM FHS ALUM

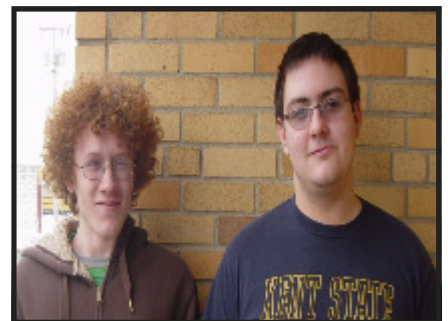
FHS Class of 2007 and Art Institute of Pittsburgh class of 2012 alum Ian Blewitt surprised the FHS art department with a generous gift of \$500 to "follow the dream". Ian wMrs. Tawil receives a generous gift from former student Ian Blewitt, FHS '07 alum as a student of Mrs. Tawil's starting in first grade and continued to take 4 years of art at FHS. He went on to major in Visual Effects and Motion Graphics in Pittsburgh. He is now a gainfully employed digital artist in southern California for a studio that created the 3-D version of James Cameron's "Titanic", among other projects. The FHS Art Department will "follow the dream" of exploring glass fusion by hosting an artist-in-residence on Monday May 14 with this donation. Local artist Sheree Ferrato, from Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio, will bring a glass fusing workshop for all studio major art classes.



Mrs. Tawil receives a generous gift from former student Ian Blewitt, FHS '07 alum.

FHS ARTISTS ADVANCE IN GOVERNOR'S EXHIBITION

Junior John Sapienza and senior Evan Kangas both entered block prints into the prestigious 42nd Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition. Regional jurying took place in March at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School. Over 1600 works in all ranges of two-dimensional and three-dimensional forms were entered at the regional level, with only 200 selected to advance to the state level. Sapienza's and Kangas' work were among the select group representing printmaking. Although their work did not among the 35 regional pieces to make the final state show of 300, it is a great achievement for the artists and honor for the school for their work to qualify for state jurying. Next year John advances to Art 4 at FHS and Evan begins as an art major at the Cleveland Institute of Art.



John Sapienza and Evan Kangas, FHS artists

FES Fundraiser

Congratulations to the FES student body for raising \$1,560 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society! Students were able to bring in \$1 each day for a week to get to wear a hat to school. Mr. Killen offered to kiss a dog if \$500 was raised, kiss a pig if \$1,000 was raised, and kiss a cow if \$1,500 was raised – and the students did it! On May 31, Mr. Killen did in fact kiss all three animals! Thanks to Mr. Killen for being such a great sport and to the FES community for raising money to help children with blood cancers!



Firelands High School Graduating Class of 2012



Hailey Akers



Alyssa Alcorn



Hailey Allridge



Aime Alvarez



Megan Alvarez



Ashley Ambroz



David Applebee



Steven Bajcer



Matthew Baker



Rachel Bansek



Kaley Bartolotta



Edward Born



Jade Brennan



John Brennan



Bethany Buckosh



Derek Burgess



Dylan Burgess



Meghan Butler



Brandon Camp



Gianna Campana



Marisa Carreon



Gabriela Cozma



Kaleigh Crandahl



Kaylynn Cuson



Randy Daniels



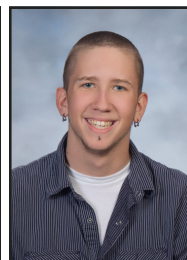
Nathan Danko



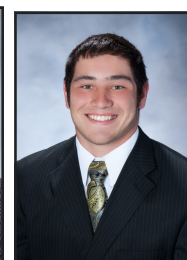
Ian Davies



Danielle Davison



Johnathan Deal



Nicholas Deichler



Alexandria Deidrick



Ariel Denney



Franklin Desrochers



Jacob DeWitt



Joseph DeWitt



Nathan Donofrio



Nicholas Donofrio



Cody Doud



Ian Eastin



Adam Fisher



Carlie Forster



Taylor Fuge



Katherine Galik



Leona Geary



Samantha Goldauskas

Firelands High School Graduating Class of 2012



Samantha Golden



Shelby Griggs



Joshua Hammond



Erica Hanko



Joshua Hanna



Zane Hayes



Christian Hertrick



Alexander Hornyak



Katelyn Howard



Breanna Hyster



Kaitlin Jackson



Brittany James



Gina Januzzi



Seth Jeffers



Jayme Jones



Nicholas Jones



Laine Kaiser



Evan Kangas



Cody Kapalin



Cyndie Kelley



Samantha Kilby



Daniel Kinsley



Bransyn Klingshirn



John Knoble



Sarah Kopp



Rebecca Kozlowski



Jared Kromer



Joseph Kudela



Megan Kudela



Emily Kyser



Mackenzie Lahetta



Carl Larson



Britany Laughlin



Sara Laughlin



Ashley Law



Eric Lawson



Michael Lee



Matthew Lilak



Brielle Linden



Franklin Malham



Hanna McAvoy



Marilee McCoy



Benjamin Midkiff



Joel Miller



Steven Morgan

Firelands High School Graduating Class of 2012



Amanda Morrissette



Cassie Muniga



Jake Meyers



Christopher Neal



Darrel Nibert



Nicole Nimon



Cody Norheim



Paige Norheim



Nicholas Notley



Kaylynn Parker



Alexis Perez



Breanna Peters



Mary Petz



Ethan Poore



Jordan Potts



Megan Pugh



Logan Rathge



Nathan Reicholf



Amanda Reinhart



Joseph Ritz



Paxton Roby



Seth Rovere



Brittany Saylor



Charles Sees



Cory Smith



Kyle Smith



Lauren Smyth



David Socha



Gabrielle Sroka



Emily Stevanus



Katelyn Stone



Brooke Storey



Christopher Summers



Hope Tansey



Emily Teaman



Kara Tettaton



Andrew Thoms



Anthony Tomsco



Katelyn Tomsco



Dakota Tucker



Alexander Tuggle



Jared Underwood



Brandon Vanche



Joshua Ward



Jacob Westfall

Firelands High School Graduating Class of 2012



Isaiah Wicker Gage Widener Jacob Wiegand Amanda Williams Andre' Williams Emily Williams Xavier Williams Matthew Witte Mariah Wood



Emily Woody Jamie Wossilek Morgan Wransky Joshua Wysocki Jason Young Taylor Zehnder Brandon Zimmerman Quinten Zunk

2012 FHS Graduates Who Did Not Provide a Photograph

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| Tori Blackburn | Alexandra Newbraugh |
| Sierra Bolden | Jasmine Osborne |
| Nathaniel Crawford | Rebecca Pavlik |
| Heather DeMeter | Kaitlynn Pratt |
| Scott Denny | Douglas Pugh |
| Devon Deremiah | Klayton Pugh |
| Nicholas Flynn | Brandon Saunders |
| Victoria Flynn | Brandan Schultz |
| Brian Hales | Breanna Schultz |
| Derold Hines | Dustin Sittinger |
| Jake Holowenko | John Slack |
| Samuel Hribar | Shane Smith |
| Gage Hylton | Justin Stefanski |
| Matthew Ingold | Hayley Walther |
| Randy Leatherwood | Maria Wiseman |
| Brandon Mederer | Michael Wiseman |
| Jessica Muncy | |

Nine Inducted into National Art Honor Society

The FHS Chapter of the National Art Honor Society inducted nine new members on May 22. Sophomores Lauren Holcomb and Daniel Truitt, juniors KayLynn Carver, Carlie Elek, Erika Hornyak, Lindsey Kasper and seniors Benjamin Midkiff, Amanda Morrisette and Morgan Wransky earned their place in the society based on their art, academics and character.



Musical Moments

Our band booster group is getting busier and busier with the growing needs of our students. Please take the time to come to our meetings and participate in our activities. It makes a dramatic difference in all of our student's lives!

- Calendar of Events**
 July- 16th-Booster Mtg-7 pm
 20th-Steak Fry
 August-2nd-6 pm Re-hearsal
 4th-State Fair
 6-10th-August Band Camp

Attention incoming freshmen parents! Please email the boosters so we can put you on our updates and reminders list.
 firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com



What: **Firelands Band Boosters Steak Fry**

When: Friday, July 20, 2012, from 5-9 pm

Where: Amherst Eagles
 1161 Milan Avenue, Amherst, Ohio

Cost: \$20 per person & includes 16oz T-bone steak, baked potato, salad, roll, dessert, & beverage

\$ 5 kids meal 12 and under hamburger, chips, fruit, & beverage

Contact any Firelands Marching Band members for PRESALE tickets or call 440-242-1467.

Fifth Grade Field Trip



Fifth grade students had the opportunity of visiting the Cleveland Museum of Art in early June. The CMA docents focused on Impressionism and Post-Impressionism for the guided portion of the visit. Students and chaperones also were able to conduct short self-guided tours through the museum and were able to visit some favorites, such as the Armor Court and Egyptian art gallery. The visit always goes so fast! Thank you, FES PTG, for once again for funding our transportation costs.

2012 Firelands High School Mighty Falcon Marching Band Summer Schedule
 Mr. Dustin K. Wiley, director
 Email: dwiley@firelandsschools.org

BAND CAMPS

Percussion Camp (All percussionist should plan on attending)
 June 13th – 15th
 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Freshman Camp (All freshman should plan on attending)
 June 14th -15th
 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Camp #1 (Everyone attends)
 June 18th - 22nd
 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Camp #2 (Everyone attends)
 August 6th - 12th
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm



- Band camp is held at Firelands High School, arrive early so that we can begin on time
- **Remember to wear proper attire:**
 - * No short shorts
 - * Shirts must be worn at all times
 - * No spaghetti straps (straps must be at least one inch wide)
 - * No exposed cleavage, no bare midriffs
 - * **ABSOLUTELY NO SANDALS.** This causes major foot problems. Tennis shoes are the only acceptable footwear no exceptions!
 - * **Sunscreen is a must!** Please remember that students will be on the practice field the majority of the time and exposed to full sun.
- Schedule all work and activities outside of the scheduled rehearsal times. **ALL CAMPS ARE REQUIRED.** Do not assume Mr. Wiley Knows your schedule or activities you are involved in. Band members participating on sports teams must speak with Mr. Wiley to work out a schedule to miss minimal band practice. In the past the coaches and the director have been able to work out a schedule that makes it possible to participate in band and fall sports. An unexcused absence from rehearsal or a portion of a rehearsal may result in the student being removed from the show. Working is not valid reason for missing band or school. You have to make band a priority!!
- Thursday night Band Rehearsals will begin August 2nd and continue every Thursday throughout football season. Again, please plan your schedule around this it is the only opportunity to put all of the pieces of our show together before the Friday night performances.

Required Materials

- *Music Flip Folder (every student must have this visible at every rehearsal)
- *Lyre (every student must have this visible at every rehearsal)
- All Music

- Pencil
- Instrument in working order
- * Can be purchased at any music store or through the band boosters.

Important Dates

- Monday, June 18th Band Camp #1 Begins
- Monday, August 6th Band Camp #2 Begins
- Saturday, August 4th Performance at the Ohio State Fair Parade in Columbus, OH.
- Friday, August 24th First Game!!!!

Reminders

- ⇒ State Fair parade rehearsal Thursday August 2nd 6:00 pm to 8:30.
- ⇒ State Fair Parade August 4th (Tentative)
- ⇒ August Band camp is at the High School and will be from 8 am to 4 pm each day. Arrive early so you are ready to begin at 8:00 am sharp! Please pack your own lunch. There is no refrigerator available for your lunch so prepare appropriately. Remember you are NOT PERMITTED to leave camp during the lunch break.
- ⇒ August 9th Band Picnic at Mill Hollow Vermilion River Reservation Shelter #1. The boosters sponsor a family picnic/ booster meeting from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm meat and plastic-ware will be provided. We are asking that FRESHMAN and SOPHOMORES bring a side dish. JUNIOR, please bring beverages-cans preferably. SENIORS -please ring a dessert. A brief band booster meeting will take place following the meal. Sign-up Sheets for volunteers will be posted for events throughout the year such as football 3rd quarter refreshments, chaperones and basketball concessions helpers and parade of bands etc. We need as many adults as possible to attend and be willing to be a part of our volunteer band boosters program.
- ⇒ Football 3rd Quarter Refreshments- A wonderful tradition that the Firelands Band Boosters is looking forward to continuing is the 3rd quarter refreshments for both the home and the visiting bands. In this tradition, the home team band provides refreshments for all the musicians allowing them to re-fuel and to mingle. We are asking for your help in continuing this tradition. We would like each family to donate two 12 packs of a coke product (could also include Dasani water). If each family donates two 12 packs there should be enough for all of our home games. It does not matter what variety as long as it is a Coke product (due to contractual obligations with Coke and the school district). Please bring your Coke products to the band room by August 10th.
- ⇒ Annual Parade of Bands October 6th, 2012.



Varsity and Junior Varsity Baseball

The varsity and junior varsity baseball teams had amazing 2012 seasons. The varsity ended 19-10 (13-3 in the PAC). The 19 wins is a school record. The team earned a state ranking as high as 17th out of 198 in division II. The .321 team batting average is the highest since 2002 hit .333. The 3.71 team ERA is also the lowest since the 2003 team had a 2.49. The offensive player of the year and team MVP was Joe San Felippo with a .540 AVG, 16 doubles, 3 home runs, 39 runs, and 36 RBI. Joe also earned second team All State honors this season. Other offensive stars were Justin Baumann (.356AVG), Jake Myers (.338AVG), and Joe Kudela (.368AVG, 33 runs, 3 triples). Co-Pitchers of the year were Chris Hertrick: 7-3, 2.38 ERA, 65 INN, 58 hits, 60 K and Jake Myers: 6-1 3.30 ERA, 41 INN, 31 hits, 52 K. Joe Kudela was the defensive player of the year for his versatile work both behind the plate and at first base. Brett Helton was also a big contributor to both sides of the ball the second half of the season. This senior class was filled with talented, hard working leaders with good sportsmanship. Five of them were selected for all star games. Chris Hertrick and Cody Norheim were selected to the Greater Cleveland Coaches Association game the same day Kyle Smith, Jake Myers, and Joe Kudela were playing in the Lorain County All Star Game. On June 26th Joe Kudela and Jake Myers will have the opportunity to play at Progressive Field in the Northeast Ohio Baseball Coaches Association All Star Game. Kyle Smith and Jake Myers are Academic All Ohio this year. Joe Kudela will play at Baldwin Wallace University next year, and Chris Hertrick will play at Muskingum. The junior varsity finished with a 10-15 record this year against some very tough competition. There are many talented players on this team ready to make big contributions to the varsity next season. The team had an exciting post season run with come from behind victories against Vermilion and Rocky River, both in the seventh inning. Parma Padua defeated the Falcons in the district finals. That finish matches the 2002, 2003, and 2004 teams for the furthest Firelands has made it in post season baseball play.

Track and Field

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Nelson Howe Invitational Boys- 2nd place Girls- 4th place
Lorain County Invitational Boys-8th place top D II team Girls- 8th place
Warrior Relays Boys-2nd place Girls-1st place
Margaretta Invitational Boys-8th place Girls-10th place
Bulldog Relays Boys-5th place Girls-5th place
PAC Conference Championships Boys-3rd place Girls-2nd place



INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

All Conference 1st place = 1st Team 2nd place = 2nd Team
1st Team Boys 4 x 100 C. Smith, C. Kapalin, C. Smith, D. Dodge
Boys Pole Vault Nate Danko
Girls 300 Hurdles Rachel Holowecky
Girls 4 x 400 A. Miller, H. Bari, A. Melendez, R. Holowecky
2nd Team Boys 200 M Cory Smith
Boys Discus Jake DeWitt
Girls High Jump Rachel Holowecky
Girls Pole Vault Becky Myers
Girls 4 x 100 E. Ruffner, H. Bari, N. Crawford, J. Yakunovich



Regional Qualifiers--- Top 4 in District Event qualifies for Regionals

Boys 4 x 800 E. Poore, M. Adkins, B. Jeffers, S. Jeffers
Boys 1600 M Brady Jeffers
Boys 800 M Seth Jeffers
Boys Pole Vault Nate Danko
Boys Shot Put Jake DeWitt



Top Performances of the Year

Field Events
Pole Vault Nate Danko 14' Ties School Record
Shot Put Jake DeWitt 47'5" Best toss in the last in last 7 years
High Jump Cody Norheim 6'0" First to clear 6 since 2004
High Jump Rachel Holowecky 5'0" First to clear 5 since 2004
Pole Vault Becky Myers 7'6" First to place in conference Since 2005.

Running Events

1600 Meter Run Brady Jeffers 4:30.6 5th in regionals. Best time since 2001
800 Meter Run Seth Jeffers 2:00.4 10th in regionals. Best time since 2007
4 x 100 Relay Smith, Kapalin, Smith, Dodge 1st conference champion. Since 2005.
1600 Meter Run Jessica Beran 5:59 1st time two girls to break
 Leslie Peterson 6 minutes in 1600 since 2003.
300 Meter Hurdles Rachel Holowecky 48.2 1st conference champ since 2004.

HONOR ROLL MERIT ROLL

<p>12th Grade Hailey Akers Steven Bajcer Rachel Bansek Meghan Butler* Brandon Camp Gianna Campana Marisa Carreon* Kaleigh Crandahl Kaylynn Cuson Nathan Danko* Heather DeMeter Nathan Donofrio Nicholas Donorio Victoria Flynn Taylor Fuge Leona Geary* Samantha Golden* Joshua Hanna Gina Januzzi Jayme Jones* Laine Kaiser Daniel Kinsley John Knoble Rebecca Kozlowski Jared Kromer Emily Kyser* Carl Larson Sara Laughlin* Jake Myers* Christopher Neal Nicole Nimon Mary Petz Kaitlynn Pratt Logan Rathge Paxton Roby Brittany Saylor Breanna Schultz Cory Smith Lauren Smyth David Socha* Hope Tansey* Emily Teaman* Alexander Tuggle Jacob Westfall* Amanda Williams Emily Williams Xavier Williams Matthew Witte* Emily Woody Jamie Wossilek* 11th Grade Thomas Battig Thomas Biery III Hannah Branz* Dannin Butchko KayLynn Carver Teddy Chambers Maggie Clark Lauren Colby</p>	<p>Anna DiAsio* Samantha Dostall Carlie Elek Kayla Fowler Natalia Ganevskaya* Nicholas Gulish* Rachel Holowecky* Erika Hornyak Zachary Jackson 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Leading Edge News

Leading Edge had their 4-H meeting May 14. You can still buy Lake Erie Crushers tickets. The crushers game is June 10th. We will have the next meeting June 11th. The skill-a-thon for fair will be held July 21st. We may go to the food bank July 26th. We are going to have a campout July 13th. It will be held rain or shine.
Submitted by - Alyssa Yorke

The Oberlin Rotary club is proud to recognize two students from the Firelands High School (FHS) STRIVE program. Emily Stevanus was recognized with the Tom Gilliland STRIVE scholarship (\$750) and Alexandria Deidrick with the John D. Cole STRIVE scholarship (\$1000). They were recognized for their outstanding achievements during their senior year at FHS. They are joined in this picture with Jim Hieb (STRIVE coordinator), Curt Paul (Rotary President), John D. Cole (Past District Governor), and Mary Aufdenkampe (STRIVE coordinator). Congrats Emily & Alexandria!



GIRLS TRACK SUMMARY 2012

The Falcons girls track team finished the season with a 2-4. The girls placed teams 5th at the New London Relays. The girls finished 7th out of 10 at the PAC meet.

At New London Relays the top placers were:

- **3rd Place:** The 4 x 100 Relay Team of Brylee Jones, Steph Wells, Allison Vilagi, and Paige Zimmerman
- 4 x 200 Relay team of Brylee Jones, Steph Wells, Abby Farley, and Allison Vilagi
- 4 x 800 Relay team of Libby Skolnik, Michaela Jeffers, Andrea DiAsio, and Erica Wasem.

At conference meet there were a couple top placers:

- **2nd Place:** Erica Wasem in the 400 Meter Dash
- **3rd Place:** Alex Sabine in the Discus
- 4 x 200 Meter Relay Team of Brylee Jones, Allison Vilagi, Abby Farley, and Steph Wells
- 4 x 400 Meter Relay Team of Erica Wasem, Allison Vilagi, Abby Farley, and Steph Wells

Member of the track team were:
Amy Biglin, Grace Boucher, Hope Caruso, Cheyanne Clark, Rachel Coggins, Natalie Crawford, Andrea DiAsio, Abby Farley, Ryanne Fury, Sarah Gallo, Jerund Gonzalez, Lexie Holowenko, Katie Iwanek, Michaela Jeffers, Leslie Johnson, Brylee Jones, Jesse Jones, Liz Lewis, Alexis Lough, Mikayla Mains, Elizabeth Miller, Emma Mowry, Katalin Mullins, Sara Nickels, Jordyn Phelps, Jenna Pleban, Sophie Pohorence, Tori Russo, Alex Sabine, Lauren Salkiewicz, Ashley Saylor, Lynn Schmittle, Madison Sims, Libby Skolnik, Kenzie Smith, Madi Stanley, Sarol Lynn Stevens, Allison Vilagi, Erica Wasem, Steph Wells, Paige Zimmerman.
Coaches: Coach Grude, Coach Woods, Coach Krieger, Coach Latto, and Coach Gentile
Manager: Ian Valerius

BOYS 2012 TRACK SUMMARY

They boys track team finished the season with a 3-3 record in dual/tri meets, placed 6th at the New London Relays and 9th at the PAC.

- Colin Myers tied the Middle School High Jump record with a Jump of 5' 8".

At the New London Relays the Falcons had several top placers:

- **2nd Place:** Colin Myers and Robbie Becker in the High Jump
- **3rd Place:** Trevor Stefanski, Kyle Slack, and Brad McGinnis in the Discus
- John Gall and Andy Hasel in the Pole Vault
- the 4 x 100 Relay Team of Colin Myers, Robbie Becker, Patrick Brightbill, and Luke Whitacre

At the PAC Championship meet the Falcons had several top finishers.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

- Colin Myers in the High Jump

MEMBERS OF THE BOYS TRACK TEAM ARE AS FOLLOWS
Hunter Angersbach, Robbie Becker, Matthew Brightbill, Patrick Brightbill, Ian Crawford, Logan Danicki, John Gall, Andy Hasel, Jared Horewedel, Mike Jones, Ben Laughrey, Brad McGinnis, Colin Myers, Brandon Ramsey, Kyle Slack, Joe Socha, Brad Soltis, Nicholas Squires, Trevor Stefanski, Jaret Thompson, Luke Whitacre, Michael Whitacre.
Coaches: Coach Grude, Coach Krieger, Coach Woods, Coach Latto, and Coach Gentile.
Manager: Ian Valerius

Girls Varsity Softball Team

The girls Varsity Softball Team completed their season last night with their Awards Banquet. The girls earned and District Runner Up Trophy this year with several of them making All County and Conference Teams. **The award winners are:**


- * Samantha Dostall – 2nd team North East District, 1st Team All Lorain County and 1st Team Conference. On top of those awards she earned the teams MVP Award with a batting average of .477 and 216 strike outs on the year.
- * Brittany Reising earned 2nd Team All Lorain County and the coaches Rookie Award
- * Cassie Muniga – 2nd Team Conference
- * Cassidi Kowalski – Honorable Mention Lorain County and the Coaches rookie Award
- * Amanda Spears – Falcon Award
- * Nicole Strauss and Rachel Leaterwood received Most Improved
- * Rachel Leatherwood also received the Scholar Award from the Conference.

Good job girls and remember, if you are not playing somewhere somebody else is and getting better so continue to play the game.

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