

# The Firelands Express

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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



The Firelands Local School District—Help us continue down the path to success!

**Be sure to visit the official Firelands Yes Levy Committee web site located at [yesforfirelandsschools.org](http://yesforfirelandsschools.org)**

In May of 2011, the residents of the Firelands Local School District generously approved a five-year 5 mill Emergency Property Tax Levy that raises \$1.5 million dollars per year to support the continued operation of the District. The successful passage of this levy was the first approval for new money since 1996 and it allowed The Firelands Schools to continue to provide one of the best educations available in Lorain County. We are very proud of our teachers and employees who work each day to ensure student growth and learning by adapting to the ever-changing educational mandates by the state of Ohio.

Since 2012 and through solid financial decisions and reduced costs in key areas, the District has maintained and built a positive cash balance. The current 5-year financial forecast places the District in the black through 2018; however, it is dependent on renewing the expired levy.

### Important Facts

1. On December 8, 2014, in a unanimous vote, the Board approved a resolution “declaring it necessary” to renew the emergency levy for a five-year period that would begin in January 2016.
2. On May 5, 2015, the Board will ask the residents of the Firelands Local School District to approve a **RENEWAL** of the original five-year emergency levy passed in May 2011, which will continue to generate \$1.5 million per year to support operations of the district and **WILL NOT RAISE TAXES**.
3. The \$1.5 million emergency levy is due to expire in December 2015. The revenue generated by this levy represents more than 8% of the Firelands Local Schools’ General Operating Budget.
4. Providing a quality education is essential to the local economy and attracting jobs and businesses to the Firelands community.
5. This levy is important because it means we will be able to continue progress in our schools, provide financial stability, and help maintain the current level of teachers and instructional support in our classrooms.

We are proud of the Firelands Schools, our programming, and our high levels of achievement, which are noteworthy. It is my honor to highlight the following Firelands facts:

### Firelands Highlights

Performance Index: B      Value Added: A  
 Indicators Met: B      4-Year Graduation: A  
 AMO: B      5-Year Graduation: B

| School                        | Performance Index | Indicators Met | Annual Measurable Objectives | Value Added Overall | Value Added Gifted | Value Added Lowest 20% in Achievement | Value Added Students with Disabilities | 4-year Grad Rate | 5-year Grad Rate |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------------|------------------|
| Amherst Exempted Village      | B                 | A              | B                            | A                   | A                  | B                                     | A                                      | A                | B                |
| Aron Lake City                | A                 | A              | B                            | B                   | D                  | C                                     | C                                      | A                | A                |
| Aron Local                    | B                 | A              | B                            | A                   | A                  | B                                     | B                                      | A                | A                |
| Clearview Local               | C                 | D              | D                            | A                   | C                  | B                                     | A                                      | B                | B                |
| Columbia Local                | B                 | B              | B                            | A                   | C                  | C                                     | A                                      | A                | A                |
| Elyria City Schools           | C                 | F              | F                            | A                   | F                  | C                                     | D                                      | C                | C                |
| Firelands Local               | B                 | B              | B                            | A                   | C                  | C                                     | B                                      | A                | B                |
| Keystone Local                | B                 | B              | D                            | A                   | D                  | C                                     | A                                      | A                | B                |
| Lorain City                   | D                 | F              | F                            | A                   | B                  | A                                     | A                                      | F                | F                |
| Midview Local                 | B                 | B              | C                            | A                   | B                  | A                                     | A                                      | A                | B                |
| North Ridgeville City         | B                 | B              | D                            | A                   | A                  | C                                     | C                                      | C                | C                |
| Oberlin City Schools          | B                 | D              | C                            | A                   | C                  | A                                     | C                                      | B                | B                |
| Sheffield/Sheffield Lake City | B                 | B              | C                            | A                   | C                  | A                                     | A                                      | B                | B                |
| Vermilion                     | B                 | C              | B                            | D                   | F                  | A                                     | A                                      | B                | A                |
| Wellington Exempted Village   | B                 | D              | D                            | B                   | C                  | C                                     | C                                      | C                | B                |
| Edison                        | B                 | B              | F                            | A                   | B                  | C                                     | C                                      | A                | A                |
| Western Reserve               | B                 | C              | D                            | F                   | C                  | C                                     | A                                      | B                | C                |

### Frequently Asked Questions—FAQ

**Why is it necessary for the Firelands Local Schools to renew the current emergency levy?**

#### Background:

- Our public funding structure in Ohio means that virtually every school district throughout the state must return to voters for support an average of every three to five years.
- The district has stretched its resources by cutting its budget, reducing expenses, and making difficult decisions to save money. The district has reduced staff by more than 20 (approximately 10% of our total workforce) employees over the past decade to provide for more efficient operations.
- FLS provides services, such as state mandated transportation, to students attending private and parochial charter schools in our local communities. The levy renewal is important to continue to provide educational choices to students and parents.

**How do the Firelands Local Schools perform when compared to other Lorain County Schools and what are some examples of what the renewal levy provides for the District?**

#### Progress:

- Since 2012, the Firelands schools performance index ranks in the top five of 14

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schools and the top 6 of 14 schools for value-added measures in Lorain County.

- Since 2012, Firelands High School has worked to increase course offerings:
- Will add three new honors courses for the 2015-2016 school year, in addition to the six current honors course offerings
- Will add one new Advanced Placement (AP) course for the 2016-2017 school year, in addition to the one current AP course offering
- Will add four new College Credit Plus (formerly called Post-Secondary Enrollment) courses through the Lorain County Community College offered on the Firelands Campus for the 2015-2016 school year, in addition to the five current PSEO course offerings
- Since 2012, the Firelands Schools continues to increase student participation in extra-curricular activities:
  - FHS
    - 14 sports and three activities (30 teams)
    - 386 participants (63% of the student population)
  - SAMS
    - 7 sports and two activities (16 teams)
    - 247 participants (58% of the student population)

***How do the Firelands Local Schools maintain solid financial progress and what happens if the renewal levy does not pass?***

**FLS has a solid financial plan and an independent team of state auditors to hold district leaders accountable.**

- FLS has established strong financial controls, including independent financial professionals who are working to ensure responsible financial management throughout every aspect of district finances.
- FLS received the Ohio Auditor of State Award for exemplary financial reporting

in 2012 and 2013.

- If the Emergency Renewal Levy does not pass, transportation, textbooks, computers, updated technology, after-school learning programs, music and art appreciation programs, athletics and other services that support learning will be put at risk. Passage of the Emergency Renewal Levy will ensure the district is able to continue the progress being made in our classrooms.

***How are the Firelands Local Schools different from other school districts?***

### Driver of Innovation

- Area leader in using technology systems to support data-informed decisions to improve student performance
- Top of Form
- Bottom of Form
- Rightsizing staff and buildings to align with enrollment demands
- Aligned resources to follow the student through student-based budgeting
- Improved efficiency of operations including:
  - Reorganizing, consolidating, and automating departments to reduce costs and increase efficiencies
  - Implementing technology advancements to improve performance management
- Continuous analysis of purchasing decisions to ensure cost-effective operations
- Negotiated in 2014 a three-year, zero percent base salary staff increase

In the coming months, the Firelands Local Schools will provide our community with updates and information pertaining to the renewal levy. If you have questions about the renewal levy, please feel free to contact District Superintendent Bob Hill at 440-965-5821 ([rhill@firelandsschools.org](mailto:rhill@firelandsschools.org)) or District Treasurer, Brad McCracken, at 440-965-5701 ([bmccracken@firelandsschools.org](mailto:bmccracken@firelandsschools.org)).

Yours in Education,

Dr. Robert F. Hill - Superintendent

## SPORTS RECAPS

The winter seasons have finally ended for high school sports. Here are the high school end of season recaps.

**Girls Basketball** - Completed a 3-peat as Co-Conference Champions with Keystone. They finished the season with an impressive 19-5 record. They won a sectional tournament championship in front of a packed house vs. Keystone and made it to the district final 4.

**Boys Basketball** - Finished 3rd in the Patriot Athletic Conference with an overall record of 13-10. The team lost some great senior leadership but is looking towards a bright future with a very successful JV team.

**Bowling** - The girls bowling team finished 2nd in the North Shore Bowling Conference for DII. They advanced to the district tournament for the 2nd straight year. The boys team demonstrated a lot of growth throughout the season and will be looking for better results next year.

**Wrestling** - The wrestling team finished 2nd at the Patriot Athletic Conference tournament. Placing at the tournament were Connor Eckman - 4th, Owen Cogar - 3rd, Patric Keown - 1st, Bailey Cromer - 3rd, Nick McCrary - 4th, Larry Verhovec - 3rd, Sean Lipscomb - 3rd, and Nick Johnson - 2nd. Patric Keown was named tournament MVP. The team finished 6th at OHSAA Sectionals advancing 6 on to districts: Eckman, Keown, McCrary, Verhovec, Lipscomb, and Johnson. There were great strides made this year with the program. The team had only 2 seniors and will be a major force for future years.

## Goodwill Clothing Drive

The TLC class at Firelands High school is so proud of our community. The hard work we do as students, staff members, and families is tremendous.

Our latest project ended in two full bins of good will donations, including

shoes, books,

clothing, toys

and TVs. We

greatly appreciate our communities support and donations in our class's hard work in bringing this project, our Goodwill drive, to a completion.



**Parents for a Safe After Prom Environment would like to thank the Firelands Community for supporting NIGHT AT THE RACES! SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS & LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT HELPED MAKE OUR FUNDRAISER SUCCESSFUL:**

Absolute Machine Tools, Inc.  
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 Jamie's Carpetshop  
 Jamie's Flea Market/Lorna Ingersoll  
 JPI Collision  
 Julie Palmer/Scentsy  
 Katina Foster/Advantage Property Management  
 Lighthouse Insurance Agency  
 Matthew Stempowski, DDS  
 Mike Bass Ford  
 Miller's Ice Cream  
 Mowry Photography  
 Piggy's Main Street Market  
 Polen Implement  
 Rex Gees Orchard  
 Ron's Barber Shop  
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 Ashley Ross  
 Body Stylz-Brandon Stanley  
 Brownhelm Store  
 Carrie New  
 Comfort Zone-Mary Gidich  
 Discount Drug Mart  
 Don Frank  
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 FHS Athletic Boosters  
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 Jerry McKinney  
 Melissa Yobi  
 Mandy Vernon  
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 Molnar's  
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 Rachel & Sue Holowecky  
 Robin's Nest  
 Sassy Chicks  
 Scott's Shrink Wrap  
 Shari Wasem-Pampered Chef  
 The Strand  
 Subway- Amherst  
 Sunday's Plus  
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 Texas Road House  
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 Tiffany's Florist  
 Tractor Supply  
 Tuck Shop  
 Ziggy's  
 Zilch's Florist  
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 Volunteers

## THE HONOR IS ALL OURS!

Coach Kris Slack, Coach "Aunt Kathy" Sklarek and Coach Kelly Z all agree that we are honored to now be a part of the Junior Varsity and Varsity Cheerleading program and FHS.

At the beginning of the Basketball season the three of us found ourselves spending time with 16 wonderful young ladies that love their school, their basketball players and sharing their spirit with our great FALCON FANS.

We had a great season and plan on having many more together in the future. Along with cheering almost every Tuesday and Friday nights, we did a few other projects.

\*\*Our girls hosted a cheer clinic, which was well attended by over 60 little Falcon Fans. We will continue to do these clinics, as a great time was had by the BIG and little girls alike.... Coaches too !!

\*\*Our girls did a great job of decorating for our boys. We spent hours making posters and hanging pictures, balloons, and lots of crepe paper to "Spirit" up our school.

\*\*Our girls spoiled the Senior Basketball players for most home game by giving them goodie bags.

\*\*The list could go on and on.....

All and all we had a awesome season.

Parents of these girls.... thank you for your support and sharing your kids with us.

To Alyssa Bonomolo and Hannah Vitale our Senior girls - You're the best ! We wish you the richest of blessings as you start your life outside of Firelands. But remember..... ONCE A FALCON - ALWAYS A FALCON !!

## Firelands Band Boosters Annual Pancake Breakfast

### Florence Township Fire Hall

Sunday, April 26th, 2015

8 am-1 pm

Donations appreciated

Pancakes, Sausage, Beverages

Raffles - Baskets

Please come and help support our ever growing music program!



# FHS NEWS

**PASTA FOR PENNIES**— The TLC program raised almost \$1,400 to help find a cure for blood cancers. Mr. Kovi and Mr. Busch's first period classes each raised over \$17 per student, to tie for the school lead. They will be treated to an Olive Garden lunch, brought into FHS so they can enjoy their classmates in winning the lunch for such an important cause.

**LORAIN COUNTY SOLO & ENSEMBLE CONTEST**— More congratulations are in order for the FHS Music Department. Mrs. Johnson had over 75 students participate in the contest a few weeks ago, with many of them scoring a Superior or Excellent rating. Great job by Mrs. Johnson and the choir students.

**THANK YOU TO BAND BOOSTERS** – A heartfelt thank you to the Band Boosters, for feeding the parents either with pizza or hot dogs on the evening of our Parent-Teacher Conferences. Most teachers saw between 6-10 parents as the parents looked to collaborate with our teachers to find the best methods to help our students succeed.

**FHS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**—Firelands High School, in conjunction with the Firelands Lions Club, is proud to announce our next two Students of the Month.

**JANUARY – EMILY POHORENCE**

**FEBRUARY– ALISON BUTLER**

Both ladies are tremendous people, and are heavily invested in the FFA program and giving back to the community. They are both a tremendous asset to the program, school, and community.

**CCP EVENING**—FHS had over 60 parents and students attend the College Credit Plus informational meeting on Thursday evening, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Ross Whitson from LCCC, along with Mr. Northeim, Mrs. Zimmer, and myself were present to answer questions and comment on how the program is being expanded here at FHS.

**OGT WEEK** – Every sophomore, and juniors and seniors who have not yet passed all five parts of the OGT (Ohio Graduation Test), will be testing from March 16-20. These tests are still mandated under the old graduation requirements, and are not related to the new state assessment system which the ninth graders and below are now taking. Seniors on down through Sophomores must pass all five parts of this test to be eligible for a diploma upon graduation day. FHS will be on a weekly testing schedule, with testing students reporting for school at 7:30 and non-testers not needing to report until 9:55 am. Students who want to arrive late, and are not testing, must find their own transportation to get to school, as bus runs will be regular runs all week.

**WINTER SPORTS UPDATE** - The Wrestling Team had six grapplers qualify to the District tournament last weekend at Mansfield. Sophomore Patric Keown was Sectional Champion at 160 lbs and sophomore Larry Verhovec was runner-up at 195 lbs. The Girls' Bowling team finished a strong eighth in the District Bowling Tournament in Lorain during the final weekend of February. Sophomore Millie Harris was sensational, rolling a 194 game and a 504 series to lead the Falcons. The Girls' Basketball Team won a Sectional title in defeating Keystone 44-34 in front of a great home crowd a week and a half ago. Finally, our Boys basketball team took on Padua in the first round of the Sectional Tournament last Tuesday at FHS. (more updates to follow this week and weekend)

# GUIDANCE CORNER

## IMPORTANT DATES

By April 1st - Let the Guidance Office know if you are interested in participating in College Credit Plus. Information has been given to students and on the front page of the guidance webpage.

March 27th - End of the 3rd Grading Period

May 18th - Honors Banquet @ 6:30 P.M at German's Villa in Vermilion

## FRESHMAN CLASS

The Freshman class scheduled online on March 6th and course selection can be viewed on Powerschool under course registration until April 7th.

## SOPHOMORE CLASS

Students have scheduled online and course selection can be viewed on Powerschool under course registration until April 7th. Students who applied to the Lorain County JVS by February 26th will be contacted by the JVS the first week of April. Students who have been accepted need to sign their letters and return them to Mrs. Zimmer. Students who are placed on the further review list will have an interview with Mr. Keller.

## JUNIOR CLASS

College-bound Juniors need to sign up for the June 13th ACT test. Go to [www.actstudent.org/start](http://www.actstudent.org/start) to register and the deadline is May 8th. The high school code is 363-915. College Now is interested in running an ACT Prep program this summer, please let the office know if you are interested. Students can then sign up for the September ACT test online by August 7th.

## SENIOR CLASS

The application for the endowment scholarships are available online. Visit the Firelands website at [www.firelandsschools.org](http://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. The applications are due in the guidance office on March 13th. Any questions call 440-965-5335. Continue to check out the Firelands High School website for other scholarship opportunities, college applications, and other important announcements.

The College Financial Process is in full swing. Go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to start your application today and for your pin. Miss Spicuzza, a college financial advisor, will be assisting families with the financial aid process. You can email her at [jspicuzza@collegenowgc.org](mailto:jspicuzza@collegenowgc.org) or sign up in the guidance office for an appointment to discuss any questions you may have.

## FES 4th & 5th grades Collected Food for Second Harvest

The fourth and fifth grades decided to team up for a friendly competition for a great cause. They collected food items for Second Harvest. According to



the Second Harvest Food Bank, one out of six people are presently receiving emergency food assistance through their agency. F.E.S. students were an integral part in helping with this need. They collected food from Tuesday, February 24 through Tuesday, March 3rd. Altogether they collected a total of 572 items for the Second Harvest Food Bank. A great big thank you to all who participated!



## Firelands Elementary School

### Yearbook Cover Contest Winners!

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Firelands Elementary School yearbook cover contest! Each year, two students receive the honor of having their work displayed on the front and back covers of the FES yearbook. This year, Lydia Dougan (4<sup>th</sup> grade) submitted artwork that won for the front cover. Ella Meszaros (5<sup>th</sup> grade) had winning artwork that will be displayed on the back cover. Congratulations to both artists.

## "Spread the Love of Reading"

For the month of February BLT came up with the idea for classes to pair up and "Spread the Love of Reading". Mrs. Catley and Mrs. Essex paired up our reading classes (grade K and 1st) and shared favorite stories that we have been practicing in class. The kids did a wonderful job with their reading skills and took great pride in being able to read/share their stories with a different grade level student.

## Two Important Exhibitions in Columbus

Firelands Elementary art students do it again! Grace Gilles (4<sup>th</sup> grade) and Madison Lewis (5<sup>th</sup> grade) have works of art that are currently featured in two important exhibitions in Columbus: the Young People's Art Exhibition at the Rhodes State Office Tower and the Youth Art Month Show at the State Teacher's Retirement Systems building, respectively. Both Grace's artwork and Madison's were among 120 pieces chosen from across the state for each exhibition. These students will be recognized in a special ceremony on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Both exhibitions are sponsored by the Ohio Art Education Association. Congratulations, Grace and Madison!

## Cinderella



South Amherst 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical

### Cinderella's Glass Slipper by Vera Morris

Come one, Come all to the 22nd annual South Amherst Musical. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir members will be presenting on the SAMS stage, *Cinderella's Glass Slipper*. Come and see many familiar characters and even some new ones perform at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 24 and Wednesday, March 25. Tickets are on sale now during school hours. Reserved floor seats are \$5.00 and General bleacher seats are \$3.00. You may also purchase tickets on the nights of the performances. Come support the arts!!

## 6th Graders Warm up Firelands Friends

"Can you help me? I want to make blankets for some kids who are cold." pleaded Revin Hettel, a current 6<sup>th</sup> grade student at South Amherst Middle School. This question came shortly after the 6<sup>th</sup> grade service project of Feeding our Firelands Family back in November. The sixth grade teachers encouraged all of the students to use that service project as the beginning of giving back to our community not as an end to a holiday food basket project. Revin took this challenge seriously and began asking questions like "Who? When? Where? How? What?" This young lady gathered her peers to help make the blankets. She then secured dates and a 6<sup>th</sup> grade room complete with teacher supervision. Finally, the day arrived for her and her mother to go shopping for the needed supplies. This group of students really wanted to make a difference in our community and sought out a



Girls pictured are: Revin Hettel, Morgan Jordan, Abigail Landreth, Allison Lake, Audrey Lyons, Samantha Novak, Andria Mains and Karis Morales

way to do just that. After much discussion throughout this process of blanket making Revin and her group decided to give the first group of blankets to several students who had recently suffered the loss of a parent. This group of warm-hearted sixth grade students are planning to hold one more blanket-making session this year in which they will deliver their hand made blankets to someone who needs a little warmth! The smile on their faces just goes to show that often times the giver really does gain so much more than the receiver. We can all learn something from this group of girls who are giving back to our community!



# Annual Stained Glass Window Mosaic

## RECEPTION AND SILENT AUCTION - THURSDAY APRIL 16

The FHS Art 3 and Art 4 students have completed their stained glass window mosaics and invite the community to a gallery reception and silent auction of selected windows. The event is Thursday April 16 from 6:30-7:30pm in the Firelands High School library. Nineteen sophomore through senior art students used salvaged windows to build original designs in donated stained glass. This project is supported by generous donations from Oberlin artist Sheree Ferrato, art parents Thomas Biery, Gerald Workman, Joan Myer and Dale Ohle, and the Home Depot. Refreshments will be served and the student artists will demonstrate the process. The silent auction of the works will raise funds for the art students and the visual art department.



Liberty by Jerrod Horwedel awaits grouting



Sydney Novak, grade 10, works out the pieces for her library window



Mighty Falcon Marching Band Sponsors2014-2015

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# Graduate from Firelands?

Looking for all Firelands High School Alumni, Faculty, Staff, and Bus Drivers

Save the Date - You are invited to the  
6th Annual Firelands High School  
All Years Class Reunion

When: Saturday, August 1st, 2015

Where: Matus Winery  
15674 Gore Orphanage Road  
Wakeman, OH 44889

Time: 6:00 pm to 11:30 pm

Entertainment will already be there for the winery...  
would like to have a covered dish or appetizer to be  
shared with everyone

Due to limited seating bring a chair for outside seating.

For more information:

Patricia Goebel Kopcho 440-655-4736  
pattykopcho@hotmail.comCindy Brown 440-822-0318  
Ckbrown44074@yahoo.com

## PLEASE JOIN US !!

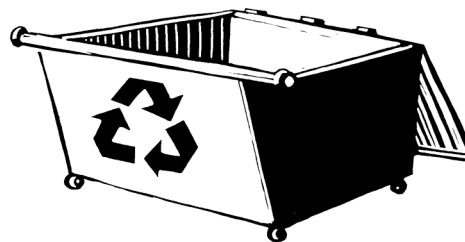
The Firelands Athletic Booster Club will be hosting their Annual Steak Fry on Saturday March 21st @ 6:00 pm. This years Steak Fry will be held at the Amherst Eagles. If you have never attended, you will want to mark the date on your calendar, get some tickets, and be ready for a great night out. If you have been in the past, I need not say another word, as you know it is a great time!

Please support our FABC that supports all Student Athletes, and their Coaches.

\$20.00 will get you a Steak Dinner with all of the trimmings, munchies, desserts, beer, pop, and live music provided by our very own "Trainer Joe" and company. Raffles, door prizes and lots more fun.

Please contact any Coach or Kathy @ 440-225-9775 for your tickets.  
Thank You !!!

## Village of South Amherst



Spring Dumpster Days will  
be Friday, May 1st, 2015,  
8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.  
Saturday, May 2nd, 2015,  
9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.



### Calendar of Events

#### April

20th: Booster Meeting

26th: Pancake  
Breakfast

#### May

7th Spring Concert



Boosters Email:  
Firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com  
Officers:  
Pres. Michele Jeffers  
V.P. Laura Solnick  
Treas. Erin Hayes  
Sec. Cinda Willis



### Musical Moments

Attention Parents!

Our booster group is  
growing by leaps and bounds  
right along  
with our band. Please  
take the time to  
volunteer!  
We need all the help  
we can get.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## MARCH

- 16 – 20 FHS - OGT Test Week @ FHS
- 16 FES – Staff Meeting – 3:50 p.m.
- 16 FES - Kindergarten Packets Available at FES
- 16 – 18 FES – PBA ELA and Math Make-Up Assessments (Grades 3-5)
- 16 – 27 SAMS – Choir Gourmet Sucker Sale
- 23 - 27 FES - Kindergarten Registration in the Main Office at FES
- 24 FHS – FFA Banquet at FHS – 6:30 p.m
- 24 & 25 SAMS - 8th Grade Musical at SAMS – 7:00 p.m.
- 25 \*\*\*\*\* End of 3rd Grading Period \*\*\*\*\*
- 25 FES – Finest Falcons Principal's Lunch Bunch
- 27 SAMS - Spring Pictures
- 30 Spring Break Begins – No School

## APRIL

- 7 School Resumes
- 7 FES - PTG Meeting in Library – 7:00 p.m.
- 7 SAMS - PTG Meeting – 2:45 p.m.
- 7 FES – Leadership Team Meeting – 3:50 p.m.
- 11 SAMS – Fabulous Falcon Breakfast – 7:40 a.m.
- 13 SAMS – Faculty Meeting – 1:45 p.m.
- 13 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 20 FES – Staff Meeting – 3:50 p.m.
- 24 - 25 FHS – State Band and Choir Contest
- 29 FES – Finest Falcons Principal's Lunch Bunch

**Attention Band Parents!**

**Coming soon!**

**The 2015 MFMB Lottery!**

**Watch those back packs for all**

**The information!!!!**

## THIRD ANNUAL PRINCE AND PRINCESS BALL



Join the Princesses and Princes for an  
All-You-Can-Eat

**Pancake Breakfast**

**Saturday March 21, 2015**

**9:00am - 11:00am**

**\$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 19<sup>th</sup>** 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  
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Brownhelm Perfection & BB 4-H Club had its 2nd meeting on Feb 2nd at the Brownhelm UCC. New officers were elected. Congratulations to the new 2015 officers!

- President - Abby Schaefer
- Vice President - Lindsey Eppinger
- Secretary - Becca Harris
- Treasurer - Bradley Thrasher

Other nominated positions were:

- News Reporter - Colin Adams
- Health/Safety Leader - Justin Zielske
- Recreation Leader - Elizabeth Zelnik
- Historian - Jasmyn Zimmerman

The club's 3rd meeting was held Feb 16th and the club members held their t-shirt design contest for the 2015 club year. The winners were Abby Schaefer in 1st place, Jenna Herchler in 2nd place, and for 3rd place there was a tie between Melanie Jaskiewicz and Grace Keller. The members chose maroon for the t-shirt color.

If you want to join the club, call Jen Westover at (440)-574-1310. The club is open to kids in K-12th grade.

News reporter: Colin Adams



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## Pitchfork Pals 4H

At the March 8 meeting of Pitchfork Pals 4-H club, we voted in 2 new fundraisers that will be taking place this year in addition to our Wendy's coupons. It was decided we will be doing a Scentsy fundraiser and also selling candy bars. More information and dates will be established later. Our group will also participate in the Limos for Love program. We will be donating Ziploc bags full of necessities that will be passed out randomly to those in need by limo drivers.

Our clover buds made water Fruit Loop necklaces. Next meeting is April 12<sup>th</sup>.  
 Pitchfork Pals shooting sports schedule is as follows at Rochester Rod & Reel Club from 6-8 pm:

|                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| June 10 <sup>th</sup>  | June 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| March 11 <sup>th</sup> | July 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| March 25 <sup>th</sup> | July 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
| April 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Pitchfork Pals 4H     |
| April 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Cheyenne Lloyd        |
| May 13 <sup>th</sup>   | News Reporter         |
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