



# The Firelands Express



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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

### Open Enrollment Starts April 10

The Firelands District will be accepting open enrollment applications starting April 11 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Stop by the Board Office (now behind the Middle School) to pick up an application. Students who are currently open-enrolled must re-apply.

Open enrollment to Firelands is open to residents of all school districts in Ohio. We do prioritize candidates on a "first come-first served" basis and are limited to the number of students we can accept.

### Firelands Digital Academy – Enrollment Open

We are accepting applications for our online digital academy. Students from any district are welcome to apply. Contact Mr. Brand at 986-7021 for more information.

### Leadership Changes

At their March 12 meeting, the board accepted the retirement resignation of FES principal Dick Killen. Mr. Killen has faithfully served this district for 35 years as an elementary teacher, coach, asst. principal and principal. Dick has touched the lives of hundreds of children, staff members, and parents. His love for children is unmistakable.

In appreciation, the board presented the "I Made A Difference" Award to Mr. Killen at its meeting. We thank Dick for his 35 years of faithful service to the district and wish him well!

Applications are currently being accepted as we start the process of finding that special leader to take Mr. Killen's place.

Due to the tremendous amount of work needed over the next few years to assure

that our teachers and students are prepared for the Ohio Core and new college and career readiness standards, David Brand will be moving to a newly created position, Director of Educational Services. His primary responsibilities will be to oversee federal grants, curriculum, instruction and the Firelands Digital Academy. He is currently serving as MS principal and District Curriculum Director. Dave is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Firelands.

Leo Spagnola will be moving up to the MS principal position. He is currently serving as MS asst. principal and Athletic Director. He is completing his 4<sup>th</sup> year at Firelands.

Kennie Searight will be moving from the teaching ranks to fill the role of District Athletic Director. Kennie has taught for the district for 5 years and served as varsity soccer coach which he will continue to do. He has also been an asst. track coach. Mr. Searight has a wealth of knowledge in the athletic area and will do a fine job in this important job. His office will be at the high school.

### Teacher Retirements

We want to salute the three teachers that will be retiring this year.

**Mr. Foster, MS Social Studies**

**Mrs. Hayes, HS French**

**Mrs. Kraly, MS Intervention Specialist**

Each has served our schools for 35 years! We congratulate them on their distinguished careers and wish them the very best in retirement.

Greg Ring

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

March 19 – 23, 2012

If you have a child who will turn five years old on or before September 30, 2012, he/she is eligible for kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year. Kindergarten registration will take place at Firelands Elementary School during the week of **March 19 - 23 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** To shorten the actual registration time, **registration packets will be available beginning March 12.** These packets contain all of the necessary forms to be completed and are a timesaver during registration week.

In addition to the information requested in the packets, parents should also bring the following documents on the day of registration:

- 1. Birth Certificate
- 2. Immunization Record
- 3. Proof of Residency
- 4. Applicable Custody Papers

KINDERGARTEN IS AN ALL DAY PROGRAM FOR ALL STUDENTS.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 440-965-5381.

## FIRELANDS ACCEPTING OPEN ENROLLMENT

The Firelands Local School District will be accepting open enrollment applications for the 2012-2013 school year starting on **Tuesday, April 10th from 7:30 am - 3:30 pm** at the Board of Education Office, 112 North Lake St., South Amherst. Students from any district in Ohio are welcome to apply. **Deadline to apply is August 1, 2012.** Space is limited and will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. **PLEASE BRING WITH YOU - THE STUDENT'S LAST REPORT CARD OR TRANSCRIPT AND IF APPLICABLE CURRENT IEP.**

Please call 440-965-5821 if you have any questions.

You may view this issue online at:

[www.firelandsschools.org](http://www.firelandsschools.org)

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## Firelands FFA Celebrates National FFA Week February 18-25

Oberlin, OH – Firelands FFA Chapter will celebrate National FFA Week February 18-25, 2012. **I BELIEVE** is this year's theme, and it celebrates more than 80 years of FFA traditions while eagerly anticipating the organization's future. More than half a million nationwide members will participate in National FFA Week activities at local, state and national levels.

FFA members are the innovators and leaders of tomorrow. Through agricultural education and hands-on learning, they prepare for the more than 300 career opportunities in the food, fiber and natural resources industry.

As a part of National FFA Week, Firelands members are planning the following special events:

- \* Tuesday - Barnyard Olympics & John Deere vs Case Day
- \* Wednesday - Teacher Breakfast & FFA Apparel Day
- \* Thursday - Western Day & Animal Cracker Day
- \* Friday - Tractor Day & Carhartt Day

Firelands members are the leaders of tomorrow. They are well-mannered, perceptive and willing to help others through community service such as Christmas Family & Harvest for America. They are success-oriented students who are driven to achieve their goals. FFA gives many young people an important push to consider their futures- what kind of people, citizens and professionals they intend to be.

### FFA BUILDS LEADERS, AND LEADERS IMPACT THE FUTURE.

National FFA Week is sponsored by Tractor Supply Company and Carhartt as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. The Foundation is the fundraising arm of the National FFA and supports programs by working with sponsors to raise funds for scholarships that are awarded to outstanding members.

## 7th and 8th GRADE MUSICAL

Come one, Come all to the 19th annual South Amherst Musical. The 7th and 8th grade choir members will be presenting for the first time on the SAMS stage, **Follow that Rabbit**. This is an adaptation of Alice in Wonderland. Come and see many familiar characters and even some new ones perform at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 27 and Wednesday, March 28. 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!!



These are the 8th grade choir members involved in different committees. Stage Crew/Props: Molly Hales, Tyler Clark, Jillian Hajostek, and David Vaughn; Lights/Sound: John Fuge, Maddie Hopkins, Brooke Robey and Alex Sabine; Publicity/Tickets: Kirsten Kovacs, Keely Hall, Michael McClintock, and Katelynn Stacy; Costume/Make-up: Taylor Diar, Jasmine Beckett, Jennifer Beckett, Amy Biglin, Abby Farley, Cara Gould, Tori Hritsko, Jesse Jones, and Madi Stanley; Dance Captains: Mikaela Geyer, Shelly Shupe, Rylee Wheaton, and Taylor Aslaksen; Dialogue Coach: Taylor Emery; Student Directors: Caitlin Gallagher and Alyse Taddeo. Wendy Johnson Choral Director



## Firelands Band Boosters Annual Pancake Breakfast

Florence Township Fire Hall  
Sunday, April 22, 2012  
8 am-1 pm

Pancakes      Sausage      Beverages

Please come and help support our ever growing music program!

Raffles

## Pitchfork Pals 4-H Club

At the January meeting of the Pitchfork Pals 4-H Club, Officers were elected for the 2012 year. Congratulations to the elected officers:

**President:** Megan Kudela  
**Secretary:** Morgan Wransky  
**Recreation:** Sadie Hutsenpiller  
**News Reporter:** Alex Steindl



**Vice President:** Cassie Muniga  
**Treasurer:** Alex Sabine  
**Health & Safety:** Cora Born

The cloverbuds did two different projects for January and February. They made Snowflakes at the January meeting and handmade valentines at the February meeting. Cloverbuds are led by the Cloverbud Leaders Megan Kudela, Cassie Muniga, and Morgan Wransky.

At the January and February meetings we welcomed new members Samantha Ives, Jared Ives, Kailee Mull, and Spencer Deremer. We would also like to welcome new cloverbuds Juliana Deremer, Katie Steindl, Thomas Ives, Madison Pitts, and DJ Pitts.

Congratulations to Kyle Kudela and Matt Gulish for being selected to be on the Shooting Sports Committee. Our next meeting is Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.



## OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY FUTSAL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

The Firelands High School soccer team traveled to Ohio Northern University on February 26<sup>th</sup> to participate in their annual futsal tournament. The game of futsal is much like soccer except it is played indoors usually on basketball courts with weighted soccer balls that have little to no bounce. The game places an emphasis on skill and technique. The growing boys soccer program was able to take two teams down to the tournament. The JV team showed great growth and determination throughout the day. They finished the tournament off by winning their last match of the day against Heath's varsity team. The varsity team went an impressive 4-0 in their pool to earn a #1 seed for the knockout stage. In the semi-finals the Falcons defeated #2 Kenton by a score of 4-1. In the championship match the Falcons high scoring offense dominated the match in a 10-5 win over Lima Central Catholic. The FHS boys soccer program has also competed in indoor soccer leagues at the Sportsplex in North Olmsted. The varsity team captured the league championship by winning 6 games and tying 1. The team did not lose a single game during the session. The hard work that the team has put in has definitely been paying off on the soccer fields. If you see any members of the team please congratulate them on a job well done. A special thanks goes out to Kurk Ziegler, Josh Ziegler, and Andy Doane who have coached the teams at ONU and North Olmsted. Members of the team are: Nate Yorks, James Keressi, Sam Miller, Cole Lewis, Dan Klesta, John Reynolds, Gus Tapper, Nick Harris, Bryce Bartolotta, Alex Hertensteiner, Nick Schaffer, Tristan Clark, Jordan Ruffner, Josh Mallett, Jack O'Keefe, Brandon Ramsey, Dylan Davis, Mike Cornwell, & Logan Danicki.



## 8th Grade Girls Basketball PAC Champs



**Front Row:** A. Willis, T. Emery, B. Jones, S. Wells, K. Michener, & K. Unger  
**Back Row:** P. Zimmerman, E. Wasem, J. Ohle, K. Hall, R. Cairns, Coach Hartman, D. Rogala

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball team may have started the season with a loss against Columbia, but they ended the season with a win against Columbia in the PAC tournament championship game, 31-24. The Lady Falcons ended with an overall record of 18-1 and the title of conference CHAMPIONS! The team, achieving tremendous accomplishments this year, was led by co-captains Alex Willis and Katie Michener. Some of these accomplishments include an 18-game winning streak, defeating Fairview in the first round of tournament play 49-15, shooting 9-14 from the foul line against Brookside and 5-5 from the foul line against Keystone during the regular season. All 12 girls worked extremely hard throughout the season to improve their skills and contribute to the success of the team. Keely Hall and Dalaney Rogala were the Falcons leading scorers and rebounders for the season. Congratulations on a great season!



**Calendar of Events**  
March 19th-Booster Meeting/7 pm  
22-27-Disney Trip  
April 16th-Booster Meeting/7 pm  
22nd-Pancake Breakfast/8 am-1 pm-Florence Township Fire Department



### Musical Moments

The band will be traveling to Walt Disney World at the end of the month to march in their parade. Safe travels to all of our students, directors, and chaperones and bus drivers!

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!  
firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com

### SOUTH AMHERST FIRELANDS BASEBALL

**Attention Boys and Girls ages 4, 5, 6 that want to play Baseball or Softball!!!!**

Signups for the in-house program are going on right now!

Contact:  
[Wilder5003@netscape.net](mailto:Wilder5003@netscape.net)  
for sign-up forms, or call  
440-320-6837.





**POEMS FROM MRS. MUTH'S CLASS****I Have a Dream Poem**

By Alexis Lough

I've roamed these halls,  
And seen it all,  
Through thick walls of stone,  
We sit on our golden throne,  
This is the place I want to be,  
This is the school where you'll find me.

Community is a place,  
Where you know everyone's face,  
Out in the fields,  
Is where Firelands heals,  
This is the place I want to be,  
This is the community for family.

The American Dream is made,  
In rooms where children play,  
Uncle Sam and Semper Fi,  
Teams we Americans live by,  
This is a place I want to be,  
This is a country where freedom is free.

Just like a video on replay,  
I know in the end you'll always stay,  
Ups and downs, a 'coaster ride,  
This is my life, one of a kind,  
This is the place where I will be,  
This is the forever I want for me.

**The Evils of the World**

By Michaela Jeffers

I wished for there to be,  
A key that locked away the misery,  
Keeping the hunger, pain, and depression  
far, far away,  
Something that would let the unemployed  
to get paid.

I wish for there to be,  
Not a child, woman, or man to go hungry,  
Let there be bountiful waves of grain,  
Or bottomless cuisine, whether it be rich or  
plain.

I wish for there to be,  
An eternal bandage for pain, a human to be  
free,  
With no more horrible heartbreak or ill-  
ness,  
No more wondering, waiting, or pounding  
stillness.

I wish for there to be,  
A key that locked away the misery,  
Keeping the hunger, pain, and depression  
far, far away,  
Something that would let the unemployed  
to get paid.

**I Have a Dream Poem**

By Anthony Myer

T'was a stormy night...  
The ones that give you fright...  
And on that night I had a dream...

I had a dream of silver and gold.  
I had a dream of beauty untold.  
We could pass beyond evils reach,  
And finally have lasting peace,  
I have a dream...

I have a dream of a world of wonder...  
A dream that can't be torn asunder...  
A dream that I'll have for always...  
Giving me the ability to face another day...  
I have a dream...

**Oh What It Would Be**

By Michael Anadell

Oh what life should be,  
In this land of liberty,  
As we live day by day,  
Our Founders slowly fade away.

We live in a land of freedom,  
Which is what we had promised,  
As prices tend to rise,  
It is to our demise.

As Government gets the glory,  
We too can tell the story,  
For this great Nation is not theirs,  
It is for everyone to share.

We can stay in war,  
10 years is long enough,  
Many have fallen as heroes,

But death we can't rebuff.  
We should not have to worry,  
I know it's hard to adjust,  
To living with the fear,  
Or will it be enough?

The FHS Art 3 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 Tuesday April 3 at 7pm in the Firelands High School library. 15 sophomore through senior art students used salvaged windows and donated stained glass to build original mosaics. This project is supported by generous donations from the community. Tools were purchased from donations taken in from last year's auction. 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.



Junior Erika Hornyak and senior Morgan Wransky proudly display their works in progress.

**I Have a Dream Poem**

By: Emily Rich

I dream of ac-  
ceptance.  
We are living in a  
world  
Where acceptance is  
hard to come by.  
Kids lose confi-  
dence in themselves  
and others.

We can change  
that.  
When I dream,  
I feel the strong  
embrace of hope.  
Hope for the people  
that font have any.  
I dream that the find  
Hope and love and  
opportunity.  
Those are some of  
the best feelings in  
the world.

'When I dream,  
I can see my family  
As I always want  
them to be:

Safe.  
Happy.  
Enjoying the luxu-  
ries of life.

I dream of the  
things  
That most people  
dream of.

I dream of guaran-  
teed pleasures,  
Whatever pleasures  
you enjoy  
And improving the  
world.

I can dream  
Whether my eyes  
are open or closed  
Because I am a  
dreamer.

**FFA NEWS**

Congratulations to several FFA members that have made school history yet again this year! Seven students applied for district & state proficiency awards back in February. We were excited to learn their placings on Wednesday. Congratulations to Jeb Larson- 2nd place in district for Diversified Crop Placement, Jessica Zurcher - was rated silver and earned 2nd place in district for Specialty Animal Production & earned silver and 1st in district for Poultry Production. Emma Norheim earned a bronze rating and 1st in district for Fruit Production Placement, Emma Ranney was gold rated for Goat Production. The following FFA members are state finalists and will interview for the top four in state placings in May: Amanda Spears for Diversified Horticulture Placement, Jimmy Hozalski for Grain Crop Production, and Alex Tuggle for Sheep Production. Amanda, Alex, and Jimmy will be recognized at State Convention in front of 6000 people & will earn state awards & monetary prizes for their hard work. Congratulations to all who earned district & state honors!





## Firelands Local Schools

Pursuing Excellence

Applications for **Firelands Digital Academy** for the **2012-2013** school year are now being accepted. Visit us online at: [www.firelandsschools.org](http://www.firelandsschools.org), or call 440.986-7021 for more information. Come to the Firelands Board Office, 112 N. Lake St., South Amherst to apply today!

### PERSONALIZED LEARNING WITH THE BENEFITS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL

Children enrolled in the Firelands Digital Academy have all the resources and benefits of a Firelands education at home!

- Personal connection to the faculty and their peers
- FDA students are eligible to participate in Firelands athletics and activities
- Graduates receive a Firelands High School Diploma
- Enrollment available to students who reside in Ohio



# FREE!



Students enjoying themselves at the 7th/8th Grade Winter Formal Dance!

## SAMS ART

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

South Amherst Middle School Art students Brittany Brlas, Spencer Street, Connor Eckman, Michael Whitacre, and Olivia Mowry have been selected to show their artwork across Ohio. Connor, Michael, and Olivia have work at the Case Western Reserve University Youth Art Month Exhibit. Brittany was chosen as an exhibitor for the Young People's Art Exhibition held at the Rhodes State Office Tower in Columbus. Spencer has work in the Youth Art Month Exhibition hosted at the STRS Building in Columbus.



Pictured Left to Right: Brittany Brlas, Spencer Street, Connor Eckman, Michael Whitacre, and Olivia Mowry

### TLC & Pasta for Pennies Drive

Firelands High School Teen Leadership Corps class would like to thank everyone who donated to the Pasta for Pennies Drive this year for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We have raised \$1933 to help find a cure for blood cancers. The drive was held from February 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. This year we had two classes who raised over \$26 dollars per student. Mr. Jones and Ms. Coultrip first period classes will enjoy the free Olive Garden lunch. The TLC group had a blast collecting and counting change. Thanks again to all who participated and helped make this year's drive a success.



Isaiah Wicker, Karlie Canfield, and Tony Tomsco busy collecting buckets.

### HENRIETTA COUNTRY DREAMERS 4H CLUB

Our second meeting of the year was held February 16th at Henrietta Township Hall. Officers were sworn in and are as follows:

- President - Emily Krieg
- Vice President - Anna Dugovich
- Treasurer - Rachael Bean
- Secretary - Brianna Bunt
- Historian - Brianna Krieg
- Scrapbooker - Mary McCoy
- Reporter - Leanna Traster
- Advisers - Tracy Huffman & Jill Bean

The Country Dreamers colors are red and black. The Group voted unanimously to create a basket for the endowment fund with a relaxation theme. The girls will bring in their donations at the next meeting. Brianna Bunt will be providing an informational talk on the chicken egg at the next meeting, scheduled for March. Snack was provided by Mary McCoy.

Submitted by: News Reporter, Leanna Traster



**GUIDANCE CORNER****Important Dates**

- \* March 12th - 16th - OGT Testing
- \* March 26th – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> grading period.
- \* March 30th - PSEO scheduling at LCCC begins.

**Incoming Freshmen Class**

Firelands Teen Leadership Corps class will be hosting an incoming Freshmen assembly/tour on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Students will be coming to the high school during their language arts class. We hope this opportunity will give students a better idea of what to expect on their first day at the high school.

**Sophomore Class**

JVS Acceptance letters will be sent out the first week of April. The Sophomore class has scheduled on-line for next year using Power School. Students have been given information to access a Free ACT Online Prep. Students received a letter explaining how to access the online prep program.

**Junior Class**

It is time to register to take the ACT this spring. Many of our Juniors started an on-line account and can continue the registration process. Registration needs to be completed on-line at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) or pick up a registration packet in the guidance office. The next test to sign up for will be on June 9<sup>th</sup> and the registration deadline is May 4<sup>th</sup>. Students are encouraged to utilize the Free ACT On-line Prep. They were given letters explaining how to access the program.

**BE THERE WITH US!****INAUGURATION BOUND  
JAN. 19-22, 2013****FIRELANDS STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN MR. MILLER ON AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!****REGISTER ON LINE AT [WWW.WORLDSTRIDES.ORG](http://WWW.WORLDSTRIDES.ORG)****USE TRIP ID 76178****QUESTIONS? Contact Mr. Miller  
[jmiller@firelandsschools.org](mailto:jmiller@firelandsschools.org)****ACT Online Prep™****Attention Sophomores and Juniors!**

All **10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Graders** are able to take advantage of a FREE ACT Online Preparation Course! To get your login and password information see the FHS Guidance Department or email/call Mrs. Butchko at 440.986.7021 or [jbutchko@firelandsschools.org](mailto:jbutchko@firelandsschools.org).

Grant Funding has provided this amazing opportunity for our students – **no local tax dollars were needed.**

10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Students, please take advantage of this great opportunity to help improve you college entrance exam scores!

<https://actonlineprep.act.org/ePrep/browserInfo.do>

**HEY SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PARENTS & STUDENTS:**

We have located a **LAST CHANCE** fundraiser to help you earn money off your child's class trip.

It is SOOOOOO EASY!!!

You take orders for Dave & Buster **POWER CARDS**. (These are cards you use to play games.)

Collect the orders and the money for the cards.

Turn your order form into Mrs. Gundersen and when the cards arrive, you pass them out.

The GREAT NEWS..... You keep 50% of what you sell & that goes directly off your trip!!!

8<sup>th</sup> Graders: Since we are going to Dave & Buster's in Philadelphia, you can get a \$20 POWER CARD for the price of \$10, while also decreasing your trip cost by \$10.

**All Orders MUST be turned into Mrs. Gundersen by  
March 23, 2012.**



\*Payment MUST be in CASH because Dave & Buster's does not take Purchase Orders.

**Fine Arts Festival Seeking Participants**

The 2012 Fine Arts Festival is now accepting applications for community involvement. The festival is being held Sat. May 19, at the South Amherst Middle School campus. We invite your team, organization, or group to sell concessions at the festival inside the cafeteria "food court". Every effort is made to coordinate food to avoid duplication. Perhaps you have a musical, dance or magic talent you'd like to share with the community. We're always looking for student rock bands, too. Most importantly, we seek volunteers to help clean up the festival from 4-5pm on Sat. May 19. Scout troops, honor societies or other organizations that require community service will be welcomed and recognized. One hour of your time to help fold chairs, risers and display panels is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to participate in the festival as a vendor, performer or volunteer, there are two ways to apply. 1) E-mail Laura Tawil, Festival Coordinator, at [ltawil@firelandsschools.org](mailto:ltawil@firelandsschools.org) for the application forms or 2) visit the Fine Arts Festival page on the district website and click the appropriate form from the list to participate in the Fine Arts Festival.





## Falcon Friends Meet Again

Mrs. Ollis, Mrs. Thoms, and Miss Barr's Falcon Friends got together in February to share stories, Valentines Day notes, and snacks. It was nice to see how our Kindergarten friends are learning to read and our 4<sup>th</sup> grade friends are developing their writing skills.



## Miss Barr's Class Poetry Recital and Tea Party



The students from Miss Barr's Reading class invited staff, administration, and parents to a Poetry Recital and Tea Party on Friday, Feb. 10. The students prepared a Full Afternoon Tea with Cucumber Sandwiches, Chicken Pinwheels, Fruit Tartlets, Italian Tasties, Lemon Scones, and Blueberry Almond Bread. Miss Barr presented the history of English tea time and 5 pots of tea were steeped for the guests to sample. Mango Lemonade and Orange Honey Butter were also prepared for this special occasion. While the guests munched and sipped, the students read each of the 8 poems that they had written and illustrated for the event. The appreciative audience had the opportunity to meet with each of the poets to examine their poetry collections. Flower seeds and flower arrangements were given away as names were pulled from Miss Barr's hat box so that everyone went home with a prize. It was a very enjoyable experience for everyone !!







Congratulations to artists Halli Cromer and Nick Street! Halli's artwork was chosen for the front cover of the 2011-2012 FES yearbook and Nick's was chosen for the back cover.



## HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA NEWS

The new Falcon Express (formally the snack shack) officially opened on February 21<sup>st</sup> in the high school cafeteria. We offer bundle lunches from this line allowing **ALL** students to take advantage of more options for the same price as a lunch \$2.50 or .40 for a reduced student. We now have a serving/salad bar where we offer large salads as a meal along with side salads, fruit or fresh fruit, yogurt and milk to complete each of the bundle meals. We have seen a very positive response from students taking more fresh fruit and vegetables as well as milk. A special thanks to all the ladies in the kitchen, the custodial staff and Mr. Kendeigh for all their hard work to make this a successful change. To help fund this project we received a mini grant through the Lorain County Health Department as well as the paint being donated by Sherwin Williams.

### THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE SPELLING BEE

On Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup> the top two spellers from each third and fourth grade class came together to compete in the Firelands Elementary Annual Spelling Bee. The twenty-two contestants were judged by Mrs. Fee, Mrs. Hignett, Mr. Frenk, and Mrs. Palmer. The pronouncer this year was Mr. Killen.

After a very difficult competition, the five finalist were chosen. They are as follows:

- First place – Maribeth Petrey (4<sup>th</sup> grade)**
- Second place - Renee Clippinger (3<sup>rd</sup> grade)**
- Third place - Ashley Strauss (4<sup>th</sup> grade)**
- Fourth place - Alexys Coggins (4<sup>th</sup> grade)**
- Fifth place - Robert Rose (4<sup>th</sup> grade)**



The five finalists will go on to compete at the Lorain County Spelling Bee in May. We know that they will do a wonderful job of representing Firelands Elementary! **CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK!**





## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### MARCH

- 19 FES - Kindergarten Registration at FES – March 19 – 23
- 19 FHS - Band Boosters Meeting @ FHS - 7:00pm
- 20 SAMS – PTG Meeting – 7:00pm
- 21 Girls Varsity Softball (home) vs Bay (scrimmage) 5:00pm
- 24 Boys Varsity Baseball (home) vs John Marshall – 11:00am and 1:00pm
- 26 \*\*\*\*\* End of 3rd Grading Period \*\*\*\*\*
- 26 FES - Market Day Pickup at FES: 5:30 – 6:30pm
- 27 Boys Varsity Baseball @ Vermilion – 4:30pm
- 27 & 28 SAMS - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical at SAMS – 7:00pm.
- 28 Girls Varsity Softball (home) vs Norwalk – 4:30pm
- 28 Boys Varsity Baseball @ Westlake – 6:30pm
- 29 FHS – FFA Banquet at FHS – 6:30pm
- 30 SAMS - Spring Pictures Taken – 7:30 – 10:30am
- 30 FES – Report Cards Sent Home
- 31 Boys Varsity Baseball (home) vs Benedictine – 11:00am
- 31 Boys Varsity Baseball (home) vs Trinity – 3:00pm

### APRIL

- 2 Boys Varsity Baseball @ Fairview High – 4:30pm
- 2 Girls Varsity Softball @ Fairview High – 4:30pm
- 3 FES - PTG Meeting - 7 p.m. in Teacher Lunchroom
- ?? FES - Spring Pictures
- 4 Boys Varsity Baseball (home) vs Lutheran West-4:30pm
- 4 Girls Varsity Softball (home) vs Lutheran West-4:30pm
- 4 Coed Varsity Track @ Brookside-4:30pm
- 4 SAMS - Fabulous Falcon Breakfast
- 5 Coed Varsity Track vs Nelson Howe-4:15pm
- 5 Boys Varsity Baseball (home) vs Bay-4:30pm
- 6 SPRING BREAK BEGINS – NO SCHOOL
- 7 Girls Varsity Softball @ Amherst-Steele-11:00am
- 7 Girls Varsity Softball @ Amherst-Steele-1:00pm
- 9 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Boys Varsity Baseball @ Oberlin-4:30pm
- 11 Girls Varsity Softball @ Oberlin-4:30pm

- 11 Coed Varsity Track vs PAC Tri-meet-4:30pm
- 12 Boys Varsity Baseball @ Keystone-4:30pm
- 12 Girls Varsity Softball @ Keystone-4:30pm
- 13 Boys Varsity Baseball @ Bellevue-11:00am
- 13 Boys Varsity Baseball @ Bellevue-1:00pm
- 16 Boys Varsity Baseball (home) vs Buckeye-4:30pm
- 16 Girls Varsity Softball (home) vs Buckeye-4:30pm
- 16 FHS - Band Boosters Meeting @ FHS - 7:00 p.m.
- 16 SCHOOL RESUMES
- 17 SAMS - PTG Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Boys Varsity Baseball (home) vs Buckeye-4:30pm
- 18 Girls Varsity Softball (home) vs Wellington-4:30pm
- 18 Coed Varsity Track @ Black River – 4:30pm
- 19 Boys Varsity Baseball @ Black River-4:30pm
- 19 Girls Varsity Softball @ Black River-4:30pm
- 20 Girls Varsity Softball @ Akron Racers-1:00pm
- 20 Coed Varsity Track @ Warrior Relays-4:15pm
- 20 – 22 FHS – Choir Trip to New York City
- 21 SAMS – OMEA Solo & Ensemble Contest
- 21 Girls Varsity Softball @ Akron Racers-1:00pm
- 23 Boys Varsity Baseball @ Brookside-4:30pm
- 23 Girls Varsity Softball @ Brookside-4:30pm
- 24 SAMS - OAA - Reading – 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- 25 SAMS - OAA - Math – 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- 25 Boys Varsity Baseball (home) vs Brooklyn-4:30pm
- 25 Girls Varsity Softball (home) vs Brooklyn-4:30pm
- 25 Coed Varsity Track vs PAC Tri-Meet-4:30pm
- 26 SAMS - OAA - Science - 8th Grade Only – 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- 26 SAMS – OAA – Science Practice – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- 26 Boys Varsity Baseball @ Clearview-4:30pm
- 26 Girls Varsity Softball @ Clearview-4:30pm
- 27 Coed Varsity Track @ Margaretta Invitational-4:15pm
- 28 Boys Varsity Baseball (home) vs Amherst-Steele-11:00am
- 28 FHS – State Band Contest
- 30 FES – Market Day Pickup – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- 30 Boys Varsity Baseball (home) vs Columbia-4:30pm
- 30 Girls Varsity Softball (home) vs Columbia-4:30pm

### SOUTH AMHERST DUMPSTER DAYS

Friday - May 4, 2012  
8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Saturday – May 5, 2011  
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South Amherst Village Garage  
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### GIMME 5 TRAIT OF THE MONTH: COURAGE

Allow your child to deal with difficult situations. “When we protect our children from all that is negative or challenging, we deny them the opportunity to become brave and strong,” says Kathy Lynn, parenting columnist for *Today’s Parent Magazine*. She cites such courage-building situations as riding a carnival ride, playing sports, and even allowing a child to attend memorial services when a loved one dies (when age-appropriate).

Information excerpted from article on the Kaboose website: <http://parenting.kaboose.com/behavior/emotional-social-development/teaching-virtues-courage.html>



**LUNCH MENUS**

<b>FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY</b> Regular Lunch \$2.10—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals	<b>SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE</b> Regular Lunch \$2.35—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals	<b>FIRELANDS HIGH</b> Regular Lunch \$2.50—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals
<p align="center"><b>MARCH 19 - MARCH 23</b></p> <p><b>MONDAY</b> - Hamburger w/bun, Baked fries, Chilled mandarin oranges  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Domino's smart slice Or school pepperoni pizza, Vegetable, Chilled fruit, Tray treat  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Chicken patty sandwich, Tossed salad, w/carrots &amp; spinach, Fresh fruit  <b>THURSDAY</b> - Salisbury steak, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll  <b>FRIDAY</b> - Cheese quesadilla, Broccoli w/cheese, Seasoned rice, Chilled pineapple</p> <p align="center"><b>MARCH 26 - MARCH 30</b></p> <p><b>MONDAY</b> - Hot dog w/bun, Baked beans, Chilled peaches  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Domino's smart slice Or school pepperoni pizza, Vegetable, Chilled fruit, Tray treat  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Baked chicken nuggets, Seasoned green beans, Soft pretzel, Chilled pears  <b>THURSDAY</b> - Soft taco, Shredded lettuce &amp; cheese, Fresh fruit, Pudding  <b>FRIDAY</b> - Cheese stuffed breadstick, Vegetables w/dip, Chilled mandarin oranges</p> <p align="center"><b>APRIL 2 - APRIL 6</b></p> <p><b>MONDAY</b> - Sausage links, French toast sticks, Cheesy potatoes, Orange juice cup  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Domino's smart slice Or school pepperoni pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Tray treat  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Baked chicken fries, California blend vegetables, Seasoned rice, Fresh fruit  <b>THURSDAY</b> - Mini Corn Dogs, Baked sweet potato fries, Chilled pineapple  <b>FRIDAY</b> - "GOOD FRIDAY" NO SCHOOL</p> <p align="center"><b>APRIL 9 - APRIL 13</b>  <b>SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL</b></p> <p align="center"><b>APRIL 16 - APRIL 20</b></p> <p><b>MONDAY</b> - Baked chicken nuggets, Seasoned broccoli, Chilled pears  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Domino's smart slice Or school pepperoni pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Tray treat  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Baked chicken strips, Smiley fries, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll  <b>THURSDAY</b> - Spaghetti w/meat, Tossed salad w/carrots, spinach, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll  <b>FRIDAY</b> - Fish trout treasures, Hashbrown potato, Chilled fruit, Breadstick</p> <p align="center"><b>APRIL 23 - APRIL 30</b></p> <p><b>MONDAY</b> - Mini Corn Dogs, Vegetables w/dip, Chilled peaches, Soft pretzel  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Domino's smart slice Or school pepperoni pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Tray treat  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Chicken patty sandwich, Tossed salad w/carrots &amp; spinach, Chilled pineapple  <b>THURSDAY</b> - Taco Salad, Shredded lettuce &amp; cheese, Fresh fruit, Tortilla chips  <b>FRIDAY</b> - Macaroni &amp; cheese, Seasoned peas, Chilled pears, Breadstick  <b>MONDAY - APRIL 30</b> - Hamburger w/bun, Baked fries, Chilled mandarin oranges</p>	<p align="center"><b>MARCH 19 - MARCH 23</b></p> <p><b>MONDAY</b> - Salisbury steak Or Breaded pork chop, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes &amp; gravy, Peaches /Whole grain roll  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Domino's smart slice Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Chilled fruit, Tray treat  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Cheeseburger w/bun Or Steak-um w/cheese, Broccoli w/cheese, Chilled applesauce  <b>THURSDAY</b> - Creamed chicken &amp; biscuits Or Chicken nuggets w/roll, Peas &amp; carrots, Fresh fruit  <b>FRIDAY</b> - Cheese Quesadilla Or Chicken Soft taco, W/lettuce &amp; cheese, Vegetable, Chilled Mandarin oranges</p> <p align="center"><b>MARCH 26 - MARCH 30</b></p> <p><b>MONDAY</b> - Hot dog w/bun Or Kielbasa w/bun, Baked beans, Chilled peaches, Fritos  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Domino's smart slice Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Chilled fruit, Tray treat  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Taco salad w/meat Or Soft taco wrap, Lettuce &amp; cheese, Chilled pears, Tortilla chips, Whole grain roll  <b>THURSDAY</b> - Chicken Strips w/roll Or Chicken patty w/bun, Parsley Potatoes, Fresh Fruit, Pudding  <b>FRIDAY</b> - Macaroni &amp; cheese Or Rib a que w/bun, California blend veggie, Chilled mandarin oranges</p> <p align="center"><b>APRIL 2 - APRIL 6</b></p> <p><b>MONDAY</b> - Pepperoni &amp; cheese roll Or Southwest pizza, Green beans, Chilled peaches  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Domino's smart slice Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Chilled fruit, Tray treat  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Falcon double burger W/bun, lettuce, cheese &amp; sauce, Or Cheeseburger, Baked fries, Chilled pears  <b>THURSDAY</b> - Mashed potato bowl...popcorn chicken... potatoes, corn, cheese, gravy, Whole grain roll, Fresh fruit  <b>FRIDAY</b> - "GOOD FRIDAY" NO SCHOOL</p> <p align="center"><b>APRIL 9 - APRIL 13</b>  <b>SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL</b></p> <p align="center"><b>APRIL 16 - APRIL 20</b></p> <p><b>MONDAY</b> - BBQ pulled pork w/bun Or whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Chilled Peaches, Fritos  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Domino's smart slice Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Chilled fruit, Tray treat  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Chicken Alfredo Or Chicken patty w/bun, Baby carrots w/dip, Chilled Pears, Whole grain roll  <b>THURSDAY</b> - Chipotle day with Chef Theresa...build your own from a variety of toppings, Vegetable, Fruit  <b>FRIDAY</b> - General Tso's Chicken, Stir fry vegetable, Seasoned Rice, Fresh Fruit, Fortune cookie</p> <p align="center"><b>APRIL 23 - APRIL 30</b></p> <p><b>MONDAY</b> - Salisbury steak Or Breaded pork chop, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes &amp; gravy, Peaches, Whole grain roll  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Domino's smart slice Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Chilled fruit, Tray treat  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Cheeseburger w/bun Or Steak-um w/cheese, Broccoli w/cheese, Chilled applesauce  <b>THURSDAY</b> - Creamed chicken &amp; biscuits Or chicken nuggets w/roll, Seasoned peas &amp; carrots, Fresh fruit  <b>FRIDAY</b> - Cheese Quesadilla Or Chicken Soft taco, W/lettuce &amp; cheese, Vegetable, Chilled Mandarin oranges  <b>MONDAY - APRIL 30</b> - Hot dog w/bun Or kielbasa w/bun, Baked beans, Chilled peaches, Fritos</p>	<p align="center"><b>MARCH 19 - MARCH 23</b></p> <p><b>MONDAY</b> - Pepperoni &amp; cheese Stromboli Or Cheeseburger w/bun, Malibu blend vegetable, Chilled pears  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Domino's smart slice pizza Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Chilled fruit, Dessert  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Taco Salad or Soft taco, Shredded lettuce &amp; cheese, Chilled peaches, Tortilla chips, Whole grain roll  <b>THURSDAY</b> - Pasta Bar or Meatball sub, Tossed Salad, w/carrots &amp; spinach, Fresh Fruit, Whole grain roll  <b>FRIDAY</b> - Chipotle Day-build it!!! Chicken or Beef/ tortilla. Choice of shredded lettuce, cheese, black beans, salsa guacamole, sour cream. Peaches, Roll</p> <p align="center"><b>MARCH 26 - MARCH 30</b></p> <p><b>MONDAY</b> - Cheese Quesadilla Or Sloppy Joe w/ wg bun, California blend vegetable, Chilled pears  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Domino's smart slice pizza Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Chilled fruit, Cookie  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Chicken Alfredo...chicken patty over pasta w/ alfredo sauce Or chicken patty / bun, Glazed carrots, Chilled pineapple  <b>THURSDAY</b> - Turkey &amp; Gravy Or Chicken nuggets, Whipped potatoes, Tossed salad w/ carrots &amp; spinach, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll  <b>FRIDAY</b> - Chicken Strips w/roll Or Chicken patty / bun, Parsley potatoes, Chilled applesauce</p> <p align="center"><b>APRIL 2 - APRIL 6</b></p> <p><b>MONDAY</b> - Whole grain corn dog Or south west pizza, California blend vegetable, Chilled fruit  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Dominoes smart slice pizza Or stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Cookie  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Mashed potato bowl...popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, gravy, cheese, Mandarin oranges, Whole grain roll  <b>THURSDAY</b> - Sub shoppe with chef Theresa ...made to order fresh subs w/variety of toppings, Vegetable, Fresh fruit  <b>FRIDAY</b> - "GOOD FRIDAY" NO SCHOOL</p> <p align="center"><b>APRIL 9 - APRIL 13</b>  <b>SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL</b></p> <p align="center"><b>APRIL 16 - APRIL 20</b></p> <p><b>MONDAY</b> - Beef hot dog w/bun Or Kielbasa w/bun, Baked beans, Chilled peaches  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Domino's smart slice pizza Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Chilled fruit, Cookie  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Chicken parmesan w/spaghetti Or spaghetti w/meatballs, Tossed salad, W/carrots &amp; spinach, Whole grain roll, Chilled pineapple  <b>THURSDAY</b> - Sausage w/french toast sticks Or Egg &amp; cheese on a buttermilk biscuit, Cheesy potatoes, Orange juice or fruit  <b>FRIDAY</b> - Falcon double burger/cheese, ranch, lettuce, Green beans w/carrots, Mandarin oranges</p> <p align="center"><b>APRIL 23 - APRIL 30</b></p> <p><b>MONDAY</b> - Pepperoni &amp; cheese Stromboli Or Cheeseburger w/bun, Malibu blend vegetable, Chilled pears  <b>TUESDAY</b> - Domino's smart slice pizza Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Chilled fruit, Dessert  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> - Taco Salad or Soft taco, Shredded lettuce &amp; cheese, Chilled peaches, Tortilla chips, Whole grain roll  <b>THURSDAY</b> - Pasta Bar or Meatball sub, Tossed Salad, W/carrots &amp; spinach, Fresh Fruit, Whole grain roll  <b>FRIDAY</b> - Chipotle Day-build it!!!, Chicken or Beef/ tortilla, Choice of shredded lettuce, cheese, black beans, salsa guacamole, sour cream, Peaches, Roll  <b>MONDAY-APRIL 30</b> - Cheese Quesadilla Or Sloppy Joe w/ wg bun, California blend vegetable, Chilled pears</p>





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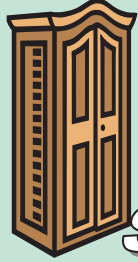
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