



# The Firelands Express



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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



### **Reminder: Coffee with the Superintendent**

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

### **Monthly Message**

Fall is here again! As the cooler weather approaches and the leaves begin to change color, I am reminded of how lucky we are to live in beautiful Northeast Ohio.

In regards to change, it is clear to me that our system of education is similar to the leaves in the fall; education is always in flux and a constant state of change. Author Jamie Volmer (2011) in his written works entitled "The Ever Increasing Burden on America's Public Schools" best summarizes the changes that occur so frequently. Volmer writes:

*America's public schools can be traced back to the year 1640. The Massachusetts Puritans established schools to: 1) Teach basic reading, some writing, and arithmetic skills, and 2) Cultivate values that serve a democratic society (some history and civics implied). The founders of these schools assumed that families and churches bore the major responsibility for raising a child. Gradually, science and geography were added, but the curriculum was limited and remained focused for 260 years.*

*At the beginning of the twentieth century, however, politicians, academics, members of the clergy, and business leaders saw public schools as a logical site for the assimilation of immigrants and the social engineering of the citizens—and workers—of the new industrial age. They began to expand the curriculum and assign additional duties. That trend has accelerated ever since.*

*From 1900 to 1910, we shifted to our public schools responsibilities related to*

- Nutrition
- Immunization
- Health (Activities in the health arena multiply every year.)

*From 1910 to 1930, we added*

- Physical education (including organized athletics)
- The Practical Arts/Domestic Science/Home economics (including sewing and cooking)
- Vocational education (including industrial and agricultural education)
- Mandated school transportation

*In the 1940s, we added*

- Business education (including typing, shorthand, and bookkeeping)
- Art and music
- Speech and drama
- Half-day kindergarten
- School lunch programs (We take this for granted today, but it was a huge step to shift to the schools the job of feeding America's children one third of their daily meals.)

*In the 1950s, we added*

- Expanded science and math education
- Safety education
- Driver's education
- Expanded music and art education
- Stronger foreign language requirements
- Sex education (Topics continue to escalate.)

*In the 1960s, we added*

- Advanced Placement programs
- Head Start
- Title I
- Adult education
- Consumer education (purchasing resources, rights and responsibilities)
- Career education (occupational options, entry level skill requirements)
- Peace, leisure, and recreation education [Loved those sixties.]

*In the 1970s, the breakup of the American family accelerated, and we added*

- Drug and alcohol abuse education
- Parenting education (techniques and tools for healthy parenting)
- Behavior adjustment classes (including classroom and communication skills)
- Character education
- Special education (mandated by federal government)
- Title IX programs (greatly expanded athletic programs for girls)
- Environmental education
- Women's studies
- African-American heritage education
- School breakfast programs (Now some schools feed America's children two-thirds of their daily meals throughout the school year and all summer. Sadly, these are the only decent meals some children receive.)

*In the 1980s, the floodgates opened, and we added*

- Keyboarding and computer education
- Global education
- Multicultural/Ethnic education
- Nonsexist education
- English-as-a-second-language and bilingual education
- Teen pregnancy awareness
- Hispanic heritage education
- Early childhood education
- Jump Start, Early Start, Even Start, and Prime Start
- Full-day kindergarten
- Preschool programs for children at risk
- After-school programs for children of working parents
- Alternative education in all its forms
- Stranger/danger education
- Antismoking education
- Sexual abuse prevention education
- Expanded health and psychological services
- Child abuse monitoring (a legal requirement for all teachers)

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT'D)

*In the 1990s, we added*

- Conflict resolution and peer mediation
- HIV/AIDS education
- CPR training
- Death education
- America 2000 initiatives (Republican)
- Inclusion
- Expanded computer and internet education
- Distance learning
- Tech Prep and School to Work programs
- Technical Adequacy
- Assessment
- Post-secondary enrollment options
- Concurrent enrollment options
- Goals 2000 initiatives (Democrat)
- Expanded Talented and Gifted opportunities
- At risk and dropout prevention
- Homeless education (including causes and effects on children)
- Gang education (urban centers)
- Service learning
- Bus safety, bicycle safety, gun safety, and water safety education

*In the first decade of the twenty-first century, we have added*

- No Child Left Behind (Republican)
- Bully prevention
- Anti-harassment policies (gender, race, religion, or national origin)
- Expanded early childcare and wrap around programs
- Elevator and escalator safety instruction
- Body Mass Index evaluation (obesity monitoring)
- Organ donor education and awareness programs
- Personal financial literacy
- Entrepreneurial and innovation skills development
- Media literacy development
- Contextual learning skill development
- Health and wellness programs
- Race to the Top (Democrat)

*This list does not include the addition of multiple, specialized topics within each of the traditional subjects. It also does not include the explosion of standardized testing and test prep activities, or any of the onerous reporting requirements imposed by the federal government, such as four-year adjusted cohort graduation rates, parental notification of optional supplemental services, comprehensive restructuring plans, and reports of Adequate Yearly Progress.*

*It's a ponderous list.*

*Each item has merit, and all have their ardent supporters, but the truth is that we have added these responsibilities without adding a single minute to the school calendar in six decades. No generation of teachers and administrators in the history of the world has*

*been told to fulfill this mandate: not just teach children, but raise them!*

Each time I read the referenced article above, I must state how proud I am of our educators in the Firelands Local School District. The Firelands family of employees provides an education that not only meets, but also truly exceeds the needs of all students and ensures continuous growth as we prepare our boys and girls to be college and career ready.

As we move forward in the ever-changing world of education, I assure our community that we will persevere regardless of the challenges that face us. Firelands will meet the trials and tribulations of the Common Core, the Third-Grade Reading Guarantee, the Ohio Teacher Principal Evaluation System, school vouchers, and the funding challenges that emerge with each new budget cycle (the list of changes is obviously too extensive for my writings today). In the end, our focus will always be on our most precious asset, the boys and girls of the Firelands Local School District.

Go Falcons!

Yours in Education,

Dr. Robert F. Hill  
Superintendent



One aspect of high school athletics that most kids look forward to is attending athletic contests to support their school and friends. In order to make sure that our students do not interfere with the viewing of the game by the general public we have designated student sections in the FHS gym and Football Stadium. The first section of bleachers as soon as you walk in the high school gym is the designated area for the students. In the football stadium, the north section of bleachers closest to the restrooms is the designated area for the students. During home games our students will stand and cheer in the designated sections for the entire game.

Hello Everyone,

The Fall seasons are winding down and it is now tournament time. The following teams will be participating in post-season tournaments sponsored by the OHSAA.

**Volleyball** – Received the 8<sup>th</sup> seed and will be playing the #5 seed Bay in the opening round on Monday Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm. [All District Volleyball tournament games will be played at Holy Name High School 6000 Queens Hwy, Parma Heights, OH 44130](#)

**Girls Soccer** – Received the 6<sup>th</sup> seed and will be hosting local rival Vermilion on Monday Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm at South Amherst Middle School.

**Boys Soccer** – Received the 4<sup>th</sup> Seed and will be hosting the winner of #5 Buckeye and #8 Vermilion on Saturday Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 4pm at South Amherst Middle School.

**Boys/Girls Cross Country** – This year's Boys and Girls District Cross Country Meet is being held at Lorain County Community College on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Girls at 1pm. Boys at 230pm.

Complete tournament brackets can be found at [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org)

The fall seasons will be completed in October and full season summaries for all sports teams will be in the November edition of the express.

Thank you for your support of the teams!  
-Kennie Searight, Athletic Director



## ALL YOU CAN EAT

FRENCH TOAST, PANCAKE,  
& SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2013  
TIME: 9:00 AM - 1:30PM



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FREE BREAKFAST  
WITH BLOOD DONATION**

## Brownhelm Historical Association

The Brownhelm Historical Association will meet at 7:00 p.m. on November 6 at the Carriage Barn at Vermilion River Reservation, Mill Hollow. After the business meeting our speaker, will be John Riddle. He has 30 years experience of restoring and rebuilding boats. His program will be about the building of a long boat built for use in the reenactment of the Battle of Lake Erie. He will talk about how the design was developed with our historical records or drawings as a reference. The public is invited to this free program. Refreshments will be served after the program.

Any questions call:  
Bonnie Cutcher at 440-963-7540 or  
Marilyn Brill at 440-988-4550.

## Falcons on the Fly!

On Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> FES kicked off the seventh year of *Falcons on the Fly*, a walking/jogging program for all elementary students. A huge thanks to the Firelands Elementary PTG and Bettcher Industries for making this program possible! We enjoyed having the FHS marching band, Falcon mascot, and high school athletes celebrate with us. Thanks also to the Firelands Board of Education, Schlechter Brothers Country Harvest, and R.E. Rice for putting in the new path dedicated to Falcons on the Fly!



## FHS Class of 1983 Thirty Year Reunion

Firelands High School Class of 1983  
Thirty Year Reunion will be  
Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Pre-reunion  
get-together is at **Matus Winery** at  
8:00pm. **Saturday Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>**. The  
Reunion is at 6:00pm at  
Sawmill Creek Resort Huron.  
Cost is \$35 per person.  
Please contact Kelly Turton Sand at  
440-967-3570 or  
[Ksand65@hotmail.com](mailto:Ksand65@hotmail.com) if you did not  
receive your invitation or need more  
information.

## SOUTH AMHERST HALLOWEEN PARADE

The South Amherst annual  
Halloween parade will be  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**.  
Line up will be at the SAMS  
parking lot at 2:30 pm. Pa-  
rade will begin at 3:00 pm.



South Amherst Firemen's Association will  
provide refreshments and  
a costume contest will be held.

Trick or Treat will be held Thursday,  
October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 - 7:00 pm.





# GUIDANCE

**REPORT CARDS WILL BE MAILED OUT  
THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4TH.**

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**ATTN: SOPHOMORES** - On the week of November 18th we will be focusing on career education with the Sophomore Class to assist them in the major decisions they will have to make this year about their educational path. A representative from Lorain County JVS will be here on November 22nd to present the different educational opportunities available next year. If you would like to look at more information about the Lorain County JVS, go to our website and check out our program of study and the JVS link.

**SENIORS HAVE BEEN BUSY PLANNING FOR THEIR FUTURES**

Mr. Northeim, Mr. Wortmann (College Now), and Mrs. Zimmer have been conducting senior interviews in regards to post-secondary transitions. The information obtained will be used to fill out college and scholarship applications. The seniors were given the upcoming ACT and SAT test dates. If you have not yet taken the ACT or SAT, you may want to register for the December test.

The deadline for registering for the ACT is November 8th and the SAT is November 1st. You can register for the ACT on-line at [www.actstudent.org/start](http://www.actstudent.org/start) and the SAT at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). On October 16th the seniors participated in a college visit or job shadowing experience to better prepare them for future career decisions.

The fall administration of the OGT will be October 28th – November 1st. Only the juniors & seniors who have NOT passed all five portions of the Ohio Graduation Tests will need to participate. The students who will be participating have already been contacted by the guidance office.

Reminder to college-bound seniors: The college application process has started. We have some copies of applications in the guidance office, but you can use the college links on our website to apply on-line.

**FINANCIAL AID NIGHT**

The Financial Aid Night will be November 12th in the High School Library at 6:30 p.m.

Victoria Kontos from Bowling Green State University will be presenting. Colleges Scheduled to Visit Firelands High School

Tuesday	October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 a.m.	University of Mount Union
Tuesday	October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Ashland University
Tuesday	October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30 a.m.	Lorain County Community College
Monday	November 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:45 a.m.	Cleveland Institute of Art

# Firelands TLC Group

The Firelands TLC group has been busy the past few months! Through a variety of service activities, we are developing our skills as leaders while helping the community. One of our current projects is organizing a Kick-It event. The event will take place on October 16<sup>th</sup> alongside various other service projects that day. The money raised for Kick-It will go to fund the research of children’s cancer. The Firelands TLC group is also doing a project called “Eyes For Andy”. The Firelands and Vermilion High School Teen Leadership Corps have teamed up to help Andy Schworer, a student at Firelands Local Schools. Join us on October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4-9pm to support Andy while enjoying a Wing Night at the Vermilion Quaker Steak and Lube. If you are interested in attending please contact the Firelands High School or pick one up at the Health Fair on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. You will need to give a flier to your server in order to give 10% to this worthy cause.







Matthew Bednar (Mrs. Born's Kindergarten Class) demonstrates for Mr. Saylor and the rest of the kindergarten class, the proper way to sit in a bus seat.

## BUS SAFETY AT FES

Mr. Saylor spoke to the Kindergarten classes about the importance of bus safety. He reviewed how to sit in the seats, how to get on and off the bus, and how to cross the road safely. The students should wait for the bus driver to give the signal to cross (the driver's raised hand will lower). He stressed the importance of getting to your bus stop on time and being careful while waiting for the bus. He showed the students how to take 10 giant steps to be clear and safely out of the "danger zone." After getting off of the bus, students should remember to walk to their designated place of safety and then go directly home. Thank you Mr. Saylor!

### "BUSTER" WANTS US TO REMEMBER THE BUS SAFETY RULES:

1. Be early to the bus stop.
2. Be careful at the bus stop.
3. Watch when entering the bus.
4. Keep the bus isles clear.
5. Keep your hands inside the bus.
6. Stay in your seat until the bus is stopped.
7. Be careful getting off the bus.
8. Watch when crossing the street.
9. Beware when crossing railroad tracks.
10. Beware of the Danger Zone.
11. Use Emergency Exits calmly.

## Firelands HS Artists in Midway Mall Show

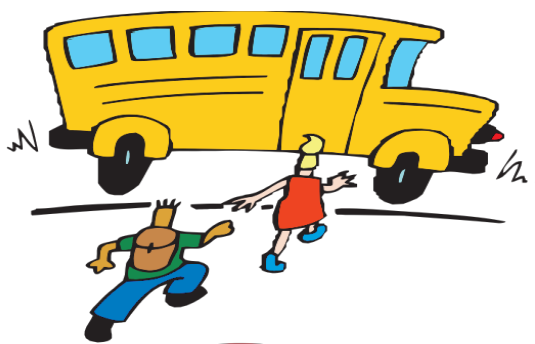
10 Firelands High School Art students have their work included in the 31st Annual Lorain County High School Art Exhibition. The exhibit is hosted at the Midway Mall in Elyria from Oct. 7 through 23 in the children's area near J.C.Penney. Students exhibiting in the work are freshmen Jenna Pleban and Lynn Schmittle, sophomores Tyler Clark and Lyndsey Cornwall, juniors Jacob Barnes, Maisie Bonnett and Ashley Rister, seniors Tara Brown, Alex Denes and Lauren Holcomb. Their work can also be viewed online on Mrs. Tawil's page under current student exhibitions.

<http://www.firelandsschools.org/MrsTawil>



Seated: Tyler Clark, Jacob Barnes and Alex Denes. Standing: Lyndsey Cornwall, Lynn Schmittle, Tara Brown and Maisie Bonnett. (not pictured: Lauren Holcomb, Jenna Pleban and Ashley Rister)

**TRANSPORTING OUR MOST  
PRECIOUS CARGO,  
OUR CHILDREN!**

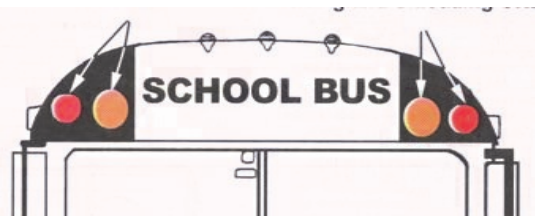


**School bus safety is  
a team effort.  
\*\*\*Nothing\*\*\*  
is more precious than  
a child's life.**

**WARNING LIGHTS**

- ◆ Alternating flashing amber (yellow) lights are to be used to warn motorist that the bus is stopping to take on or to discharge passengers.
- ◆ Alternating flashing red lights are to be used to inform motorist that the bus is stopped on the roadway to take on or discharge passengers.
- ◆ Stop arm shall be operated simultaneously with flashing red signal lights. A white flashing strobe light, individually switched, may be used, when unfavorable atmospheric conditions or time of day limit visibility (i.e., fog, rain, snow, darkness).
- ◆ Four-way hazard lights shall be activated at railroad crossings and turn-arounds unless prohibited by local ordinance.
- ◆ Headlights should be actuated during operation of the school bus.

**WARNING LIGHTS**



**CAUTION**

*Sometimes a school bus driver must do a turn-around.*

- The bus will have its four-way hazard lights and backup lights on as it prepares to back into a side street to turn around.
- Motorists must use caution when they approach a bus in the process of completing a turn-around.

**USE CAUTION!**



**WHERE IS THE**

The **danger zone** for a school bus is the area 10 feet around the bus. The two most dangerous places are:

- ◆ **Front of the bus**
- ◆ **Right rear tire area**

**WARNING:**

*Please take the time to check your children's clothing and book bags to make sure they are safe.*

*Drawstrings and key chains may catch on objects on the bus and increase danger!*

Please talk to your child about the following safety rules:

- ◆ Avoid the danger zone around the bus.
- ◆ Don't try to pick up something dropped near the bus - the bus driver might not see you.
- ◆ Remember that some motorists don't always stop for a stopped school bus.
- ◆ **Be careful** whenever getting on or off the bus.

**WHY IT TAKES SO LONG AT BUS STOPS**



**SAFETY PROCEDURES  
ARE REQUIRED BY STATE LAW**

**THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN, AS THEY ARE TRANSPORTED TO AND FROM SCHOOL AND SCHOOL-RELATED EVENTS, IS OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY.**

**At bus stops state law requires drivers to follow these procedures:**

- ◆ Check mirrors for traffic conditions and apply brakes well in advance to warn traffic from the rear.
- ◆ Actuate warning lights 300 feet prior to stop.
- ◆ Stop bus at designated stop.

- ◆ Set parking brake.
- ◆ Place the gear shift lever into neutral gear for both manual and automatic transmissions to prevent the bus from lunging forward.
- ◆ Open service door to actuate the warning lights and place hand over horn to warn students of potential hazards.
- ◆ Give students directions to go to their Designated Place of Safety and stay there until the bus leaves or signal students to board the bus from their Designated Place of Safety.
- ◆ Shift the gear lever into the starting gear, only after counting and confirming the students are in their Designated Place of Safety or safely in their seat.
- ◆ Look to identify students and potential hazards in the danger zone, counting and checking the mirrors, before closing the door and canceling the warning lights.
- ◆ Close the door when all areas are clear. Door must be closed before the bus moves.
- ◆ Release the parking brake after closing the door.
- ◆ Recheck traffic in the right and left side mirrors prior to pulling away.

Modification of these procedures may be necessary for pre-school, kindergarten, and special needs students.



**Motorists around school buses need to know the signals and the laws that concern school buses to help keep children safe:**

- ◆ Do not pass a school bus that has red alternating flashing lights on. This is the signal that the bus is stopped to load or unload children. Traffic should not move until the bus resumes motion or the driver signals traffic to proceed.
- ◆ When a bus has alternating flashing amber (yellow) lights on, it is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Be ready to stop and watch for children in the roadway.

**Parents ... are very important in helping keep children safe on the school bus.**

**Here are some ways in which parents can help:**

- ◆ Review the safety rules with children. Help them to understand why each rule is important.
- ◆ Dress children in light colored clothing or jackets on dark mornings.

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- ◆ Help children to be ready at the stop before their bus arrives.
- ◆ Take turns supervising bus stops for smaller children.

***Bus drivers...help to keep children safe in a number of ways:***

- ◆ Drivers watch surrounding traffic closely to keep school children safe.
- ◆ Drivers will signal to children that need to cross the street only when traffic has stopped.
- ◆ In case an emergency vehicle approaches while loading or unloading, the driver will get the children to a place of safety until the emergency vehicle passes.

**Cell phone use, texting and other hand held electronic devices: (3301-83-20)**

(M) Except in cases of extreme emergency, cellular telephones, including hands-free and wireless devices, or other portable communication devices shall not be used by the driver while the school bus is in motion or while the driver is supervising the loading or unloading of students.

Students should also be advised by parents, teachers and bus drivers not to use cell phones or electronic devices when loading or unloading or when they may become a distraction to their own or others' safety.

Students need to remain free of distractions when crossing the street or waiting for the bus to arrive where traffic could be a hazard.

**Ohio Law: 3301-83-13 School bus stops**

(B) **School bus stop location**

- (1) Pupils in grades kindergarten through eight may be required to walk up to one-half mile to a designated bus stop.
- (3) School bus stops shall be established on the residence side of all four-lane highways and on the residence side of other roadways posing potential hazards to students as determined by school bus owners.
- (5) Each pupil shall be assigned and required to use a specific school bus stop except in unusual circumstances as approved by the school bus owner or designee.
- (6) **Each pupil shall be assigned a residence side designated place of safety. Driver must account for each pupil at designated place of safety before leaving. Pupils are not to proceed to their residence until the school bus has departed.**

*Pupil Transportation Operation and Safety Rules – September 2008*



***WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WHEN APPROACHING ANY SCHOOL BUS THAT IS STOPPED FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING OR DISCHARGING SCHOOL CHILDREN?***

- ◆ If a bus is stopped on a street or road that has fewer than four lanes, all traffic proceeding in either direction must stop.
- ◆ If a bus is stopped on a street or road that has four or more lanes, only traffic proceeding in the same direction as the bus must stop.
- ◆ You must not proceed until the school bus resumes motion, or until signaled by the school bus driver to proceed.

*If you fail to stop for a school bus, your error will not go unnoticed. Bus drivers will report the license plate number of any vehicle that fails to comply with the law to a law enforcement agency, and an investigation will be conducted to identify the driver for enforcement purposes.*

**PENALTIES FOR NOT OBEYING THESE RULES COULD COST YOU UP TO \$500 AND A MAXIMUM 1-YEAR SUSPENSION OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE.**

**DEDICATED TO PROVIDING INSTRUCTION FOR SAFELY TRANSPORTING OUR MOST PRECIOUS CARGO, OUR CHILDREN**

Pete Japikse, Associate Director,  
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## **National School Bus Safety Week: October 21 to October 25, 2013**

This year's theme for School Bus Safety Week is "Stay back from the yellow and black". We will continue to emphasize staying out of the danger zone while waiting for the bus. Remember to stay back from the edge of the road at least 10 feet or 10 giant steps. Wait in a location visible by the bus driver. When getting off of the bus, make sure that you wait in your designated place of safety 10 giant steps away from the road until the bus leaves. During the week the driver's will be performing emergency evacuation drills as required by State Law with all grades, so expect some delays after school that week.

There will also be focus on other safety rules regarding bus safety and emergency exits. It is also important for you as parents to discuss bus stop safety, stranger danger and to have an emergency plan if no one is going to be home for them. Additional bus safety information is available on the schools web site on the Transportation tab.

**PLEASE NOTE:** New this year is a change in our bus procedure policy that will help ensure student safety:

**No one is allowed to ride the bus home with another student with a note as we have done in the past.**

**AS ALWAYS, YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY IS OUR NUMBER ONE FOCUS!!**

**LUNCH MENUS**

<p><b>FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY</b> Regular Lunch \$2.40—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>	<p><b>SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE</b> Regular Lunch \$2.75—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>	<p><b>FIRELANDS HIGH</b> Regular Lunch \$2.75—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>
<p><b>OCTOBER 21 - OCTOBER 25</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Popcorn chicken, Hashbrown patty, Baby carrots w/dip, Chilled peaches  <b>Tuesday</b> - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned corn, Celery sticks, Chilled fruit  <b>Wednesday</b> - Chicken strips Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pineapple, Whole grain chez-it  <b>Thursday</b> - Taco Salad, Shredded lettuce &amp; cheese, Seasoned refried beans &amp; cheese, Fresh fruit, Tortilla chips  <b>Friday</b> - Macaroni &amp; cheese, Seasoned peas, Cucumber slices, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll  <b>OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 1</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Hamburger w/wg bun, Pickle slices, Bbq baked beans, Coleslaw, Chilled mandarin oranges  <b>Tuesday</b> - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned green beans, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit  <b>Wednesday</b> - Baked chicken nuggets, Sweet tots, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce  <b>Thursday</b> - Cheesy bread, Seasoned broccoli, Fresh fruit, Jello cup  <b>Friday</b> - Salisbury steak, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Diced peaches, Whole grain roll  <b>NOVEMBER 4 - NOVEMBER 8</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Hot dog w/bun, Baked beans, Match stick carrots, Chilled peaches  <b>Tuesday</b> - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned peas, Celery sticks, Chilled fruit  <b>Wednesday</b> - General Tso's Chicken, Stir Fry Veggies, Seasoned Rice, Chilled pineapple tidbits, Fortune cookie  <b>Thursday</b> - Soft taco, Shredded lettuce &amp; cheese, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit  <b>Friday</b> - Cheese stuffed breadstick, Pizza sauce, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled mandarin oranges  <b>NOVEMBER 11 - NOVEMBER 15</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Sausage links, French toast sticks, Hashbrown potatoes, Celery sticks, Orange juice cup  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit, Whole grain graham gripz  <b>Wednesday</b> - Baked chicken fries, Baked french fries, Green beans, Chilled pears, Dipping sauce  <b>Thursday</b> - Whole grain corn dog, Bbq baked beans, Sliced cucumbers, Fresh fruit  <b>Friday</b> - Toasted cheese, Tomato soup, Saltines, Seasoned peas, Chilled peaches  <b>NOVEMBER 18 - NOVEMBER 22</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Baked chicken nuggets, Bbq baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce  <b>Tuesday</b> - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned Corn, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit, Tray treat  <b>Wednesday</b> - Hamburger w/ Whole grain bun, Smiley fries, Chilled pears  <b>Thursday</b> - Pepperoni calzone, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Fresh fruit  <b>Friday</b> - Fish treasures, Steamed cauliflower w/cheese, Chilled mandarin oranges, Soft pretzel rod  <b>NOVEMBER 25 - NOVEMBER 29</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Popcorn chicken, Hashbrown patty, Baby carrots w/dip, Chilled peaches  <b>Tuesday</b> - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned corn, Celery sticks, Chilled fruit  <b>Wednesday</b> - NO SCHOOL - NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY  <b>Thursday</b> - NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING DAY  <b>Friday</b> - NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK</p>	<p><b>OCTOBER 21 - OCTOBER 25</b>  <b>Monday</b> - BBQ pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled Fruit  <b>Wednesday</b> - Cheeseburger / bun, Or Hamburger / bun, Oven baked fries, Romaine salad, Chilled mandarin oranges  <b>Thursday</b> - General Tso's chicken, Stir fry vegetable, Seasoned rice, Fresh fruit, Fortune Cookie  <b>Friday</b> - Egg &amp; cheese on wg roll, or pancake &amp; sausage stick, Hashbrown potato, Sweet potatoes, Orange juice cup  <b>OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 1</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Salisbury steak, or breaded pork chop, Whipped potatoes, Seasoned corn, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli w/chez, Celery sticks, Chilled Fruit  <b>Wednesday</b> - Chipotle day-Beef or Fajita chicken, Ultra grain wrap, Shredded iceberg, Black bean &amp; corn salsa, Cilantro lime rice, Chilled mandarin orange  <b>Thursday</b> - Cheese quesadilla, Or Chicken nuggets w/roll, Baby carrots, Sliced red peppers, Fresh fruit  <b>Friday</b> - Bosco cheese sticks or spaghetti w/ meat &amp; roll, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pineapple  <b>NOVEMBER 4 - NOVEMBER 8</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Roast hot dog w/ bun Or steak um w/cheese, Bbq baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust pizza, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit  <b>Wednesday</b> - Taco salad or soft taco wrap, shredded iceberg cheese, Seasoned refried beans, Chilled applesauce, Tortilla chips  <b>Thursday</b> - Chicken strips w/roll, or chicken patty w/bun, Parsley potatoes, Fresh fruit, Goldfish cinna grahams  <b>Friday</b> - Macaroni &amp; cheese /roll or rib a cue w/bun, Seasoned broccoli, Cucumber slices, Chilled pears  <b>NOVEMBER 11 - NOVEMBER 15</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Pepperoni calzone Or French bread pizza, Seasoned green beans, Applesauce, Graham crackers  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit  <b>Wednesday</b> - Falcon single burger w/wg bun , w/ iceberg lettuce, cheese, sauce, bbq baked beans, Sweet thing fries, Chilled pears  <b>Thursday</b> - Chicken bowl w/gravy &amp; cheese, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll  <b>Friday</b> - Wg cheese breadstick w/ pizza sauce cu, Or beef ravioli / breadstick, Seasoned broccoli, Chilled pineapple  <b>NOVEMBER 18 - NOVEMBER 22</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Chicken parm w/wg roll, or chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce , Green beans, Chilled peaches  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit  <b>Wednesday</b> - Beef &amp; cheese nachos, or Taco fries w/cheese, Refried beans w/cheese Romaine salad, Chilled applesauce  <b>Thursday</b> - Chicken wrap w/cheese, Or Steak wrap/ cheese, Shredded lettuce, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit  <b>Friday</b> - Toasted cheese Or Cheezy bread /garlic, Steamed broccoli, Tomato soup, Chilled mandarin oranges  <b>NOVEMBER 25 - NOVEMBER 29</b>  <b>Monday</b> - BBQ pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled Fruit  <b>Wednesday</b> - NO SCHOOL - NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY  <b>Thursday</b> - NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING DAY  <b>Friday</b> - NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK</p>	<p><b>OCTOBER 21 - OCTOBER 25</b>  <b>Monday</b> - BBQ pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Bbq baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled pears  <b>Wednesday</b> - Pasta Bar/marinara, alfredo or cheese sauce w/ wg roll, Or meatball sub, Romaine salad, Cucumber slices, Chilled applesauce  <b>Thursday</b> - General Tso's chicken, Stir fry vegetable, Seasoned rice, Fresh fruit, Fortune Cookie  <b>Friday</b> - Egg &amp; 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cheese, or soft taco wrap, shredded iceberg , cheese, Salsa cup, Seasoned corn, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll, Tortilla chips, sour cream  <b>Thursday</b> - Chicken strips w/roll, Chicken patty w/bun Baked fries, California blend veggie, Fresh fruit, Jello w/topping  <b>Friday</b> - Macaroni &amp; cheese &amp; roll, or Rib a cue w/bun, Seasoned broccoli, Cucumber slices, Chilled pears  <b>NOVEMBER 11 - NOVEMBER 15</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Pepperoni stuffed calzone, Or French bread pizza, Bbq baked beans, Seasoned carrots, Applesauce  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned green beans, Romaine salad, Chilled mandarin oranges  <b>Wednesday</b> - Falcon burger w/whole grain bun, Iceberg lettuce, Cheese, sauce, Sweet things fries, Chilled pears  <b>Thursday</b> - Chicken bowl w/gravy, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll  <b>Friday</b> - Wg cheese breadstick, Or Beef Ravioli w/breadsticks, Seasoned broccoli, Chilled pineapple  <b>NOVEMBER 18 - NOVEMBER 22</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Chicken parm w/wg roll, or chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Green beans, Chilled peaches  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pears  <b>Wednesday</b> - Beef &amp; cheese nachos, Or Taco Fries w/cheese, Refried beans w/cheese, Romaine salad, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll  <b>Thursday</b> - Chicken wrap w/cheese, Chicken strips w/roll, Shredded lettuce, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit  <b>Friday</b> - Toasted cheese, Or cheezy bread /garlic, Steamed broccoli, Tomato soup, Chilled mandarin oranges  <b>NOVEMBER 25 - NOVEMBER 29</b>  <b>Monday</b> - BBQ pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Bbq bakedbeans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled pears  <b>Wednesday</b> - NO SCHOOL - NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY  <b>Thursday</b> - NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING DAY  <b>Friday</b> - NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK</p>



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## Tea Time With Sully at SAMS



### It's official!

Today marks the first day of a new tradition at South Amherst Middle School! It's called Tea Time With Sully and students and teachers are catching on fast! Ms. Sullivan, a recent addition to the SAMS guidance department, has created a new way to celebrate students' successes by inviting nominated students to join her for tea and snacks one day per month. Staff members have been catching students doing great things in our school and they are being rewarded for such behaviors like reading for fun, preparing and cleaning up after the SAMS PTG Walk-A-Thon, and never giving up when attempting to learn a new standard during class time. This character education driven program helps to make a school a better place. Our students are the best!



**COMMUNITY CALENDAR****OCTOBER**

10/22 FHS Choir Concert at FHS 7:00pm  
 10/25 7:00pm Boys Varsity Football Home VS Wellington  
 10/25 FES Red Ribbon Parties 2:30pm  
 10/28 FES Market Day Pickup at FES 5:00-6:00pm  
 10/30 FHS Band Concert @ FHS 7:00pm  
 10/31 \*\*\*\*\* End of 1st Grading Period \*\*\*\*\*

**NOVEMBER**

11/1 7:00pm Boys Varsity Football @ Buckeye  
 11/4 SAMS - PTG Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
 11/4 SAMS - Student Council Cookie Dough/Candle Sale  
 11/5 FES - PTG Meeting in Library - 7:00 p.m.  
 11/5 SAMS - Fabulous Falcon Breakfast - 7:40 a.m.  
 11/6 FES - Report Cards Sent Home  
 11/6 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
 11/9 FHS - Band Booster Craft Fair at FHS - 9:00 a.m.  
 11/11 SAMS - Faculty Meeting - 2:40 p.m.  
 11/12 FHS - Grades 9-12 - Conferences - 3:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
 11/14 SAMS - 7th & 8th Grade Band Concert - 7:00 p.m.  
 11/25 FES - Market Day Pickup at FES - 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
 11/27 NON - INSTRUCTIONAL DAY - NO SCHOOL  
 11/28 - 11/29 THANKSGIVING VACATION - NO SCHOOL

**There are plenty of seats available!**

Have no fear there are plenty of seats available, plus standing room of course if needed! The **FIRELANDS ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB** would like to make sure that all Falcon Fans know that we welcome new faces to join the "regulars" at our Booster Club meetings. On The 4th Monday of each month we gather in the High School Library at 7:00. Please mark you calendar now, and plan to spend an hour or so with us.

Has your name been called? Well mine has not been yet, but there is still time to be a winner of the Legacy Lottery drawing. Thank you to all of you who participated in this fund raiser. Winners of the lottery are announced at every home football game. Be looking in the Express next month ... hopefully your name will be on the list of lucky winners.

Way to go fall sports teams! We have a great group of young athletes participating in the fall sports here at Firelands. Many of them have enlisted their friends to come and cheer them on each week. I have heard that coaches and parents of these kids love the support that our fans of all ages bring to the games. That is awesome!  
 Have a great October!

**And of course.....GO RED !**

**GO FALCONS!!!**

**NEW STUDENT BREAKFAST AT SAMS**

There are twenty-three new students enrolled at South Amherst Middle School this 2013-2014 school year! This morning, School Counselors, Mrs. Novak and Ms. Sullivan, hosted a New Student Breakfast to follow-up with all new students and to give them the opportunity to interact with their peers. This was a wonderful chance to provide insightful and helpful advice from both counselors and current students. Students had the opportunity to discuss their experiences and concerns from the first few weeks of school. The counselors encouraged students to get involved and become part of the Firelands Family. Welcome new students!



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