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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Fall is here! A time filled with bon-fires, pumpkins, hot apple cider, and little ghosts and goblins filling the streets, seeking a “trick” or a “treat.” As noted in last month’s publication, The Firelands Local School District received high marks on the most recent release of the state report card. We are very proud of our progress and I want to thank our educational stakeholders for helping to make Firelands a special place.

As I reflect on our progress as a district, I am reminded of the individuals responsible for our continued excellence: our students, our parents, our teachers, and our community members. It is a great honor for the staff of Firelands to work with the leaders of tomorrow. Every child possesses unlimited potential to grow and achieve. As educators and as parents, it becomes our responsibility to ensure that we never give up on our students. With that in mind, I would like to convey a story told by Cynthia Ann Broadspacial, educator and Michigan Teacher of the Year:

“I’d like to tell you the story of two children -- two educationally handicapped children.

The parents of the first child were not considered successful. His father was unemployed with no formal schooling. His mother was a teacher -- and there was probably tension in the family because of the mismatch.

This child, born in Port Huron, Michigan, was estimated to have an IQ of 81. He was withdrawn from school after three months – and was considered backward by school officials.

Physically, the child enrolled two years late due to scarlet fever and respiratory infections. And he was going deaf. His emotional health was poor -- stubborn, aloof, showing very little emotion.

He liked mechanics. He liked to play with fire, and burned down his father's barn. He showed some manual dexterity, but used very poor grammar. But he did want to be a scientist or a railroad mechanic.

The second child showed not much more promise.

This child was born of an alcoholic father who worked as an itinerant -- and a mother who stayed at home.

As a child, she was sickly, bedridden, and often hospitalized. She was considered erratic and withdrawn. She would bite her nails, and had numerous phobias. She wore a back brace from a spinal defect and would constantly seek attention.

She was a daydreamer with no vocational goals, although she expressed a desire to help the elderly and the poor.

Who were these children?

The boy from Port Huron became one of the world's greatest inventors-- Thomas A. Edison.

And the awkward and sickly young girl became a champion of the oppressed -- Eleanor Roosevelt.”

Parenting and teaching our children comes with an awesome responsibility. The aforementioned story enforces my belief that ALL children can be successful. It also forms a guiding belief of the Firelands educational community that we cannot and will not give up on any child.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Robert F. Hill
Superintendent

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SENIORS HAVE BEEN BUSY PLANNING FOR THEIR FUTURES

Mr. Norheim, Ms. Spicuzza (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 7th and the SAT is November 6th. You can register for the ACT on-line at www.actstudent.org/start and the SAT at www.collegeboard.org. On October 15th 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 27th – October 31st. 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 18th 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

1. University of Findlay - Tuesday, October 21 8:00 a.m.
2. Bowling Green State University - Tuesday, October 21 9:45 a.m.
3. Lake Erie College - Tuesday, October 28 8:00 a.m.
4. Baldwin Wallace University - Tuesday, October 28 9:45 a.m.
5. Kent State University - Tuesday, November 4 8:00 a.m.
6. Walsh University - Tuesday, November 4 9:45 a.m.

STAY INFORMED AS SOON AS INFORMATION IS POSTED

The best way to stay informed is by subscribing to the Firelands High School Guidance Page and the Scholarship Page. You can subscribe by going to www.firelandsschools.org and clicking on Firelands High School, then click Guidance and click on subscribe for guidance news, and while you are on the guidance page, click on Financial Aid and College/Scholarship Resources and click subscribe for scholarships.

“Keep Kids Warm” Drive

With winter approaching, Firelands High School TLC is hosting a “Keep Kids Warm” drive for The Boys and Girls Club of Cleveland. We will need your help to get more supplies for the boys and girls in need this winter. The drive will be October 20th, October 21st, and October 22nd. Items to be collected are new socks, hats, and gloves. With as many donations as possible from each student we could really impact families during this winter season. Items can be brought in to the main office of the school your child attends.

BREAKFAST SERVED AT ALL SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served at all of our schools every morning. All students can go to the cafeteria when they arrive at school to get their breakfast.

- **High and Middle** school students can eat in the cafeteria prior to school starting.
- **Elementary** students will pick breakfast up in the cafeteria and take it back to their classroom.

THE COST IS:

- \$1.50 for breakfast
- .30 cents for a reduced breakfast
- and those that qualify for free meals can get a breakfast for free as well.
- The breakfast menu items are printed on the right side of the lunch menu and can be found on our website. Click on the Food Service Tab, then click on the Menu tab for each building.

Reminder: The previous year’s meal status will roll over for the first month of school only. AN UPDATED MEAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION MUST BE TURNED IN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR TO CONTINUE BENEFITS. Applications can be filled out anytime throughout the year.



FHS NEWS

Career Day—October 15th—Once again, the School Counseling Department is sponsoring Career Day on Wednesday, October 15th. This day is a very important day for FHS students, as various activities will be utilized to better prepare the student body for college and career. The seniors can use the day for a career shadow day or a college visit. Mrs. Zimmer is encouraging students who make college visits to take college selfies, which will be posted in school and on the guidance website to promote our Students, as they search for a college of their choice. The juniors will either take the Practice ACT, or PSAT on that date. The sophomores will take either the PSAT or the Pre-ACT test. The test costs have been covered by HSTW monies, as they promote collecting test data and preparing students for college and career as these prepare our students for both the ACT and SAT test. Freshman will listen to career speakers in the morning. After lunch, the students partake in community service through several different school clubs as we build a sense of service among our students.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – FHS will host Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, October 16th from 3-7:30 pm, and then again on Tuesday, November 11th from 3 – 7:30 pm. We encourage parents to engage with our teachers to discuss their children, so that our teachers, parents, and students can be on the same page on how they can best succeed in school.

Tailgate Great Success—Homecoming 2014 kicked off last Thursday evening with the annual Tailgate. Beginning at 5 pm, the students ate and enjoyed each other's company as parents and supporters fed the students. At 6 pm, the Mighty Falcon Marching Band kicked off the Homecoming Parade and they were followed by four floats, one from each class. The students put a lot of time and effort into these floats, and it was clearly evident as they traveled around the FHS Parking Lot. The evening culminated in the annual jersey auction, which is always a great fundraiser for The Falcon Football Program. **Game Night and Dance**—The Falcons hosted Keystone on Friday night in the annual Homecoming Game. The Falcons fell to the Wildcats 26-20 on a rainy, blustery night. The student body elected Ashton Gifford as Homecoming Queen and Jordan Ruffner as Homecoming King. Finally, the weekend ended with the annual Homecoming Dance on Saturday evening, from 7 -10 pm. Over 350 students enjoyed the culminating activity. Congratulations to Student Council, led by President Taylor Odom on a successful dance and Homecoming weekend. Well done!!

Principal's Student Advisory Committee (PSAC) – In a continued effort to gauge what issues are affecting students, Mr. Maver has started a PSAC. He has tasked them to bring him issues which the students feel is important to the climate of FHS in regard to student needs. The committee, which students applied to be on, is comprised of 12 students, 3 from each class. The students selected three members, one from the top three grades to be tri-chairs of the committee. They are, Carrie Kubicki, Sr., Lindsey New, Jr. and Sarah Gallo, Soph. Freshman Briana Bowyer was nominated to be the committee's secretary, a role which will always be held by a Freshman.

The committee meets with Mr. Maver during Club time, once a month on Wednesday mornings. Next month's agenda will include speaking to Mrs. Baumann about some cafeteria policies in regards to new Federal Regulations. It will also include ideas about how to start a community advisory committee.

The FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team— Earned 5th in the state. Christine Balint made the FFA State Officer ballot, a first for Firelands. Jessica Zurcher, David Tipple, and Amanda Spears all won state proficiency awards. Jess and Amanda went on to earn gold ratings nationally. For the first time in school history, the Firelands FFA was a gold rated national chapter and considered for national finalist!

New Student Pizza Party and Pizza with the Principal - The Guidance Department, led by Mrs. Zimmer and Mr. Norheim, and Assistant Principal Mr. Brown invited over 20 new students to a pizza party in September to welcome them to FHS and find out how their first month of school in the Firelands District has been progressing. Also, the annual Pizza with the Principal Program continued this year as over 30 students and staff were nominated to enjoy a Pizza lunch with Mr. Maver and Mr. Brown for displaying excellence in the classroom.

Sheriff Drop-ins—The Lorain County Sheriff, in a new initiative, have increased their presence at all Lorain County Schools located in townships. Their drop-in program entails patrol deputies stopping by FHS for periodic checkups to gauge the safety of the students and staff. Without a full time School-Resource Officer (SRO), the increase in patrols will assist in keeping all of our students safe and sound.

Boys Soccer Undefeated – Congratulations to the Boys' Soccer team for finishing the year at 11-0-5, the first undefeated season in the history of Firelands Boys Soccer. They are the #4 seed in the OHSAA District Tournament and will play on Saturday, October 18th at 4 pm at SAMS. They play the winner of a first round game between Vermilion and Brookside.

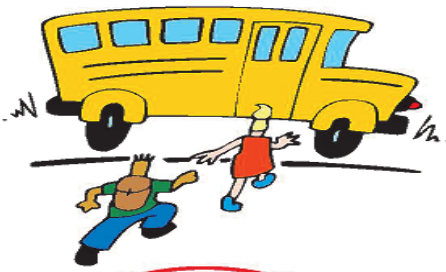
Great job by XC – The Girls' Cross-Country team finished a strong 4th in the PAC Championships, while the Boys' team was crowned Champions of the PAC last Saturday in LaGrange. Congratulations to both teams as they now peak for the District meet this Saturday at LCCC.

Parade of Bands – The Mighty Falcon Marching Band put on an impressive performance to close out the 2014 Parade of Bands in Falcon Stadium, as they hosted five other marching bands last Saturday night. Congratulations to Mr. Wiley – our Band Director, and the Marching Band Boosters on a great event on a cool but nice evening.

Submitted by,

Bob Maver, Principal
Firelands High School

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.

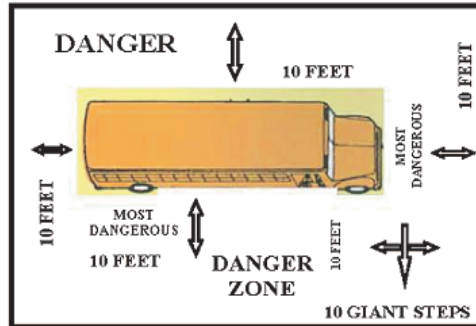
USE CAUTION!



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 preschool, 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.

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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.
- ◆ 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 20 - 24, 2014

This year's theme for School Bus Safety Week is:

**"BE SMART- BE SEEN
I WAIT IN A SAFE PLACE!"**

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.

School Bus Safety depends on everybody's cooperation!

PLEASE NOTE: ALSO AS A REMINDER, OUR BUS PROCEDURE POLICY CHANGED LAST YEAR, AND NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO RIDE THE BUS HOME WITH ANOTHER STUDENT WITH A NOTE - AS WE HAVE ALLOWED IN THE PAST. OUR VARIANCE FORM POLICY IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE UNDER TRANSPORTATION.

**"BE SMART - BE SEEN,
I WAIT IN A SAFE PLACE!"**

Boys Cross Country Team Won The PAC Championship!



PAC Champions! Photo credit to Michele Reynolds.

The Boys Cross Country Team won the PAC championship on Saturday. The team competed for the Conference Championship, at the Lorain County Metro Parks Equestrian Trails, to secure the winning title.

They have not been beaten by a conference team all year. They were led by Brennan Crawford who was first team conference and second team conference winners Derek Reynolds, Ian Valerius, Cullen Grude, Patrick Brightbill and Michael Adkins. It was a tremendous effort by the Falcons.

The team will start OHSAA Districts on Saturday 10/18 at Lorain County Community College. The boys will run at 1:00 pm.

Go Falcons!



The Boys Cross Country Team 2014-2015



The Firelands Schools Endowment Fund presents the 6th Annual **A Taste of Firelands**

Saturday, October 25
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Matus Winery
15674 Gore Orphanage Rd.
\$25 for 8 tastings

For ticket information, contact Firelands Endowment trustees Barb Bechtel 988-7772, Jerry Born 965-7871, Denise Brooks 965-7333, Ann Buchs 965-5090, JoLynn Marsh 965-4414, Scott Norheim 396-8943, Kristi Palmer 965-7208, Dan Pycraft 774-2310, Lois VonGunter 988-3183, Kathy Whitmore 988-2256 or the Firelands Board of Education Office 965-5821

2014 MFMB - Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, November 8th, 2014
General Admission \$2.00
9:00am-4:00pm
At South Amherst Middle School
152 West Main St.
South Amherst, Ohio 44001

Vendors Wanted!
Crafters, Direct Sales Reps, Artisans of any kind!
For More Details Please
Contact: Michele Reynolds: 440-610-0344
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ONE STOP SHOP

Come join us for Boy Scout Troop 450's **HOLIDAY SHOPPING SPECIAL EVENT!!**

Shop from your favorite Home Party Consultants & Crafters

All at one location

Sat., November 1st
12:00pm - 4:00pm

South Amherst Middle School
152 W. Main St.




Snacks & Door Prizes
☺ Free Admission



COW PIE BINGO!

The band will be having a cow pie bingo after the Halloween Parade in South Amherst on October 26th.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from a band member or by calling Michele Jeffers at 986-5150.

www.mfmb.org for other pertinent information regarding the band and upcoming events.

MFMB

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.

Calendar of Events
October 30th One More Time Concert
Free admission!

Officers:
Pres. Michele Jeffers
V.P. Laura Solnick
Treas. Erin Hayes
Sec. Cinda Willis



Boosters Email: Firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com

WE HAVE DINNER PLANNED FOR YOU!!

COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES!

The Firelands Classes of 2017 and 2018 would appreciate your support on Tuesday, October 21st, for a class fundraiser at Chipotle (901 N. Leavitt Rd Amherst) from 4PM - 8PM. Be sure to take a School Spirit Chipotle Flyer with you. Print off the School Spirit Chipotle Flyer on the FHS Website or the Freshman Class Website. Hope to see you there! Thank you! The FHS Classes of 2017 and 2018

**** Be on the lookout for our annual Raffle Calendar Fundraiser. Calendar sales will be in January 2015 with prizes available each day February 2015.**

FIRELANDS SPORTS UPDATE



The OHSAA Playoffs will start on Monday Oct. 13th. We will have 3 teams which begin sectional tournament play that week: Volleyball, Boys Soccer, & Girls Soccer.

The volleyball team received the 7th seed in the Holy Name District. They will play Vermilion on Tuesday Oct. 14th @ 7:30pm. All volleyball games will be at Holy Name HS. 6000 Queens Hwy, Parma Heights, OH 44130.

Here is a link to the volleyball brackets: <http://brackets.myohsaa.org/bracket.aspx?t=5304&ts=11969==13>



The boys soccer team received the 4th seed in the Rocky River District. They will play the winner of Brookside/Vermilion on Saturday Oct. 18th @ 4:00pm at South Amherst Middle School.

Here is a link to the boys soccer brackets: <http://brackets.myohsaa.org/bracket.aspx?t=5344&ts=12043==12>



The girls soccer team received the 6th seed in the Rocky River District. They will host Keystone on Monday Oct. 13th @ 7pm at South Amherst Middle School.



Here is a link to the girls soccer brackets: <http://brackets.myohsaa.org/bracket.aspx?t=5375&ts=12088==11>

HS Boys and Girls Cross Country will start OHSAA Districts on Saturday 10/18 at Lorain County Community College. The boys will run at 1:00 pm and the girls will run at 2:30 pm.



The MS Volleyball Teams have finished their regular season and will be starting their PAC Conference Tournaments. The conference tournament schedule is tentative as all games will start as soon as the prior game is finished. Please arrive early for all games.

The 7th Grade team finished as the #2 seed and received a first round bye. Their first game will be on Saturday 10/18 at Langston MS in Oberlin with an approximate start time of 10am. They will face the winner of Keystone/Wellington.



The 8th Grade team finished as the #8 seed and will open the tournament on Thursday 10/16 at the Fairview HS gym against #9 Columbia. Their estimated start time is 6:30pm.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: NO PASSES ARE ACCEPTED AT ANY OHSAA OR CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT. ALL SPECTATORS WILL HAVE TO PAY THE ADMISSION FEE TO GAIN ENTRANCE.

Go Falcons!

Kennie Searight
Athletic Director
Firelands Local Schools
ksearight@firelandsschools.org

Come out to support the teams if you are available!

Key Wrestling Updates

FIRELANDS WRESTLING SPAGHETTI DINNER NOVEMBER 1ST

Location: American Legion 397
2713 State Rt. 60
Vermilion, 44089

Time: 3-7 p.m.
Cost: \$10



FHS & SAMS WRESTLING TEAM/PARENT MEETING

Location: SAMS
Date: November 4th, 2014
Time: 5 p.m.

FALCON WRESTLING CLUB "BIDDIES" REGISTRATION/PARENT MEETING

Location: SAMS
Date: October 28th & 30th, 2014
Time: 5:30- 7p.m.

FIRELANDS "FATHER-SON" CAMP

Location: SAMS
Time: 10 a.m.
Date: November 8th, 2014
Cost: \$25 per family

FIRELANDS "TAKE-DOWN-A-THON"

Location: SAMS
FHS/SAMS Time: 10 a.m.
Falcon Wrestling Club Time (Biddies): 12 p.m.
Date: November 15th, 2014.

Support the Firelands Board of Education and help us to maintain the Firelands Express!

ADS ARE ONLY \$200 A YEAR!

Contact the Firelands Board Office at 440.965.5821.



Please submit all articles and photos to:

Lseman@firelandsschools.org


LUNCH MENUS

FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY Regular Lunch \$2.50—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals	SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE Regular Lunch \$2.85—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals	FIRELANDS HIGH Regular Lunch \$2.85—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals
<p>OCTOBER 20 - OCTOBER 24 <u>Monday</u> - Popcorn chicken, Hashbrown patty, Baby carrots w/dip, Chilled peaches <u>Tuesday</u> - Domino's smart slice, Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned corn, Celery sticks, Chilled fruit <u>Wednesday</u> - Chicken strips, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pineapple, Whole grain chez-it <u>Thursday</u> - Taco Salad, Shredded lettuce & cheese, salsa, Seasoned refried beans, Fresh fruit, Tortilla chips <u>Friday</u> - Macaroni & cheese, Seasoned peas, Cucumber slices, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll</p> <p>OCTOBER 27 - OCTOBER 31 <u>Monday</u> - Hamburger w/wg bun, Pickle slices, Bbq baked beans, Coleslaw, Chilled mandarin oranges <u>Tuesday</u> - Domino's smart slice, Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned green beans, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit <u>Wednesday</u> - Baked chicken nuggets, Sweet tots, Chilled applesauce, Soft pretzel rod, Dipping sauce <u>Thursday</u> - Cheesy bread, Seasoned broccoli, Orange smiles, Jello cup <u>Friday</u> - Salisbury steak, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Diced peaches, Whole grain roll</p> <p>NOVEMBER 3 - NOVEMBER 7 <u>Monday</u> - Roasted hot dog/ bun, Bbq baked beans, Match stick carrots, Chilled pears <u>Tuesday</u> - Domino's smart slice, Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned peas, Celery sticks, Chilled fruit <u>Wednesday</u> - General Tso's Chicken, Stir Fry Veggies, Seasoned Rice, Chilled pineapple tidbits, Fortune cookie <u>Thursday</u> - Soft taco, Shredded lettuce & cheese, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit <u>Friday</u> - Cheese stuffed breadstick, Pizza sauce, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled mandarin oranges</p> <p>NOVEMBER 10 - NOVEMBER 14 <u>Monday</u> - Sausage links, French toast sticks, Hashbrown potatoes, Celery sticks, Orange juice cup, Syrup cup <u>Tuesday</u> - Dominoes smart slice, Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit <u>Wednesday</u> - Baked chicken fries, Baked french fries, Bbq baked beans, Chilled pears, Dipping sauce <u>Thursday</u> - Pepperoni Calzone, Green beans, Sliced cucumbers, Fresh fruit <u>Friday</u> - Toasted cheese, Tomato soup, Saltines, Seasoned peas, Chilled peaches</p> <p>NOVEMBER 17 - NOVEMBER 21 <u>Monday</u> - Baked chicken nuggets, Bbq baked beans, Red peppers strips, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll <u>Tuesday</u> - Dipping sauce, Domino's smart slice, Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned Corn, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit, Tray treat <u>Wednesday</u> - Hamburger w/Whole grain bun, Pickle slices, Smiley fries, Chilled pears <u>Thursday</u> - Bosco breadsticks, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Fresh fruit <u>Friday</u> - Roasted hot dog w/bun, Steamed cauliflower, Chilled mandarin oranges</p> <p>NOVEMBER 24 - NOVEMBER 28 <u>Monday</u> - Popcorn chicken, Hashbrown patty, Baby carrots w/dip, Chilled peaches <u>Tuesday</u> - Domino's smart slice, Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned corn, Celery sticks, Chilled fruit Wednesday thru Friday - THANKSGIVING BREAK</p>	<p>OCTOBER 20 - OCTOBER 24 <u>Monday</u> - Bbq pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches <u>Tuesday</u> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled Fruit <u>Wednesday</u> - Cheeseburger / bun, Or Hamburger / bun, Oven baked fries, Romaine salad, Chilled mandarin oranges <u>Thursday</u> - General Tso's chicken, Stir fry vegetable, Seasoned rice, Fresh fruit, Fortune Cookie <u>Friday</u> - Egg & cheese on wg roll, or pancake & sausage stick, Hashbrown potato, Sweet potatoes, Orange juice cup</p> <p>OCTOBER 27 - OCTOBER 31 <u>Monday</u> - Salisbury steak, or breaded pork chop, Whipped potatoes, Seasoned corn, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll <u>Tuesday</u> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Celery sticks, Chilled Fruit <u>Wednesday</u> - Chipotle day, Fajita chicken or beef wrap, Shredded iceberg, Black bean & corn salsa, Seasoned rice, Chilled mandarin orange <u>Thursday</u> - Cheese quesadilla, Or Chicken nuggets w/roll, Baby carrots, Seasoned green beans, Fresh fruit <u>Friday</u> - Bosco cheese sticks, or spaghetti w/ meat & roll, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pineapple</p> <p>NOVEMBER 3 - NOVEMBER 7 <u>Monday</u> - Roasted hot dog w/ bun, Or steak um w/cheese, Bbq baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches <u>Tuesday</u> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust pizza, Seasoned Broccoli, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit <u>Wednesday</u> - Taco salad, or soft taco wrap, cheese, Shredded iceberg lettuce, Seasoned refried beans, Chilled applesauce, Tortilla chips <u>Thursday</u> - Chicken strips w/roll, or chicken patty w/bun, Parsley potatoes, Fresh fruit, Goldfish cinna grahams <u>Friday</u> - Macaroni & cheese /breadstick, or Rib a cue w/bun, Baby carrots, Green beans, Chilled pears</p> <p>NOVEMBER 10 - NOVEMBER 14 <u>Monday</u> - Pepperoni calzone, Or French bread pizza, Seasoned cauliflower, Celery sticks, Applesauce, Graham crackers <u>Tuesday</u> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit <u>Wednesday</u> - Falcon burger w/wg bun, w/ iceberg lettuce, cheese, sauce, Bbq baked beans, Sweet potato fries, Chilled pears <u>Thursday</u> - Popcorn chicken bowl, gravy & cheese, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll <u>Friday</u> - Wg cheese breadstick w/ pizza sauce cup, Or beef ravioli / breadstick, Seasoned broccoli, Chilled pineapple</p> <p>NOVEMBER 17 - NOVEMBER 21 <u>Monday</u> - Chicken parm w/wg roll, or chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Green beans, Chilled applesauce <u>Tuesday</u> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit <u>Wednesday</u> - Beef & cheese nachos, or Taco fries w/cheese, Refried beans, Romaine salad, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll <u>Thursday</u> - Chicken wrap w/cheese, Or Chicken strips w/roll, Shredded lettuce, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit <u>Friday</u> - Toasted cheese, Or Cheesy bread /garlic, Steamed broccoli, Tomato soup, Chilled mandarin oranges</p> <p>NOVEMBER 24 - NOVEMBER 28 <u>Monday</u> - Bbq pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches <u>Tuesday</u> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled Fruit Wednesday thru Friday - THANKSGIVING BREAK</p>	<p>OCTOBER 20 - 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Wg Cheese quesadilla, Or Chicken nuggets w/roll, Baby Carrots, Grape tomatoes, Fresh fruit <u>Friday</u> - Deli sub bar w/ combo or turkey, cheese, lettuce, tomato, peppers, banana pepper, black olives, Chilled pineapple</p> <p>NOVEMBER 3 - NOVEMBER 7 <u>Monday</u> - Roasted hot dog w/ bun, Or steak um w/cheese/bun, Bbq baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches <u>Tuesday</u> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pears <u>Wednesday</u> - Taco salad meat /cheese, Tortilla chips, or soft taco wrap w/cheese, Shredded iceberg lettuce, Salsa cup, Seasoned corn, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll, sour cream <u>Thursday</u> - Chicken strips w/roll, Chicken patty w/bun Baked fries, California blend veggie, Fresh fruit, Jello w/topping <u>Friday</u> - Macaroni & cheese & roll, or Rib a cue w/bun, Seasoned broccoli, Cucumber slices, Mandarin oranges</p> <p>NOVEMBER 10 - NOVEMBER 14 <u>Monday</u> - Pepperoni stuffed calzone, Or French bread pizza, Bbq baked beans, Seasoned carrots, Applesauce <u>Tuesday</u> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned green beans, Romaine salad, Chilled mandarin oranges <u>Wednesday</u> - Falcon burger w/whole grain bun, Iceberg lettuce, Cheese, sauce, Sweet things fries, Chilled pears <u>Thursday</u> - Chicken bowl w/gravy, cheese, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll <u>Friday</u> - Gilardi Breadsticks, Or Beef Ravioli w/breadsticks, Seasoned broccoli, Chilled pineapple</p> <p>NOVEMBER 17 - NOVEMBER 21 <u>Monday</u> - Chicken parm w/wg roll, or Chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Seasoned green beans, Chilled peaches <u>Tuesday</u> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pears <u>Wednesday</u> - Beef & cheese nachos, Or Taco Fries w/cheese, Refried beans w/cheese, Romaine salad, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll <u>Thursday</u> - Chicken wrap w/cheese, Chicken strips w/roll, Shredded lettuce, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit <u>Friday</u> - Toasted cheese, Or cheesy bread /garlic, Steamed broccoli, Tomato soup, Chilled mandarin oranges</p> <p>NOVEMBER 24 - 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COMMUNITY CALENDAR**OCTOBER**

- 20 FES – Staff Meeting – 3:50 p.m.
- 21 FHS – Choir Concert at FHS – 7:00 p.m.
- 22 FES – Finest Falcons Principal's Lunch Bunch
- 24 Boys V Football @ Wellington 7:00PM 
- 27 – 31 FES – Red Ribbon Week
- 30 FHS – Band Concert - FHS – in stadium - 7:00 p.m.
- 31 Boys V Football vs Buckeye 7:00PM 
- 31 FES – Red Ribbon Classroom Parties
- 31 ***** End of 1st Grading Period *****

NOVEMBER

- 3 SAMS - PTG Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 4 FES - PTG Meeting in Library – 7:00 p.m.
- 4 FES – Fall Fundraiser Pick-Up – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- 3 - 14 SAMS - Student Council Cookie Dough/Candle Sale
- 5 FES – Leadership Team Meeting – 3:50 p.m.
- 5 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.**
- 6 SAMS - Fabulous Falcon Breakfast – 7:40 a.m.
- 8 FHS – Band Booster Craft Fair at FHS – 9:00 a.m.
- 10 SAMS – Faculty Meeting – 2:40 p.m.
- 11 FHS – Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences Grades 9-12 - 3.30 – 8:00p.m.
- 12 FES – Staff Meeting – 3:50 p.m.
- 12 SAMS – 7th & 8th Grade Band Concert – 7:00 p.m.
- 19 FES – Finest Falcons Principal's Lunch Bunch
- 26 Non – Instructional Day – No School** 
- 27 - 28 Thanksgiving Vacation – No School**

DECEMBER

- 1 SAMS - PTG Meeting – 2:45 p.m.
- 1 – 12 SAMS – Student Council Gourmet Candy Sale
- 2 FES - PTG Meeting in Library – 7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 3 SAMS Holiday Concert – 7:00 p.m.
- 5 Interim Reports**
- 8 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.**
- 8 FES – Leadership Team Meeting – 3:50 p.m.
- 8 SAMS – Faculty Meeting – 2:40 p.m.
- 9 - 13 SAMS – Library Book Fair
- 15 FES – Staff Meeting – 3:50 p.m.
- 17 FES – Finest Falcons Principal's Lunch Bunch
- 18 FES – Winter Concert
- 18 FHS - Band Holiday Concert at FHS - 7:00 p.m.
- 19 SAMS – Student Council Sponsored Talent Show – 1:00 – 2:20 p.m.
- 22 Winter Break Begins – No School**

**JANUARY**

- 5 School Resumes**
- 5 SAMS - PTG Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 5 – 16 SAMS – Student Council Winter Braided Bread Sale
- 6 FES - PTG Meeting in Library – 7:00 p.m.
- 12 SAMS – Faculty Meeting – 2:40 p.m.
- 12 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.**
- 12 FES – Leadership Team Meeting – 3:50 p.m.
- 14 SAMS – Yearbook Pictures Group & Candid Pictures – 7:40 a.m.
- 15 ***** End of 2nd Grading Period *******
- 16 Teacher In-Service Day – No School
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
- 20 FES – Staff Meeting – 3:50 p.m.
- 28 FES – Finest Falcons Principal's Lunch Bunch
- 29 SAMS - Fabulous Falcon Breakfast – 7:40 a.m.

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- ♦ Non-Payers (You filed a Village tax return. Did not pay tax. Currently you have unpaid balance for tax, penalty and interest.)
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- ♦ Returns must be filed and tax paid to the Tax Administrator.
- ♦ This program ends 11/14/2014. The abatements set out above will not be available after 11/14/2014.

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The Brownhelm Historical Association will meet at 7:00 p.m. on November 5 at the Carriage Barn at Vermilion Reservation, Mill Hollow. After the business meeting our speaker will be Nancy Denslow. She will be speaking about her dog Rusty. She will tell us about Rusty's journey from a rescue to a therapy dog. She will explain to us the difference between a service dog and a therapy dog. Nancy and Rusty visits libraries to hear children read and nursing homes to share time with residents. Come hear their adventures. This free program is open to the public and refreshments will be served after the program. A reminder that North Ridge Road is closed at the top of Mill Hollow. You will have to get on Vermilion Road to come down the hill. Any questions call Bonnie Cletcher 440-963-7540 or Marilyn Brill 440-988-4550

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