

# The Firelands Express

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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



On November 3<sup>rd</sup> the residents of the Firelands Local School District will have the opportunity to vote on a new, joined 6-8 and 9-12 building. On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to thank all those that participated in the Building Advisory Committee and to the greater community for taking time to learn about our opportunity. As Election Day will be quickly upon us, please consider the following items:

### QUICK FACTS RELATED TO THE BOND ISSUE

- Please remember to vote. Election Day is November 3<sup>rd</sup> with polls open from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm.
- The project calls for a new joined 6-8 and 9-12 building. In addition, a field house for student and community use, along with upgrades to our waste water treatment facility are included as part of the bond issue.
- At no cost to the district, a facilities assessment was completed at each of our buildings. Based on these assessments, both South Amherst Middle School and Firelands High School were found to be beyond repair and were recommended to be replaced.
- The timeline to complete the project is expected to take three years. This includes one year for design and approximately two years for construction. With passage this November, the building will be open for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Our district, through partnership with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission, will receive \$6,238,379 from the State of Ohio. The local share of the project is \$29,461,285.
- The bond issue is for 5.7 mills for a period of 36 years. Included in the 5.7 mill bond issue is a .5 mill permanent improvement levy (required by law) that can only be used towards the maintenance of the new facility.
- District finances are stable and we do not expect to be on the ballot for a new operating levy until after 2020.
- Please visit the county auditor's website to determine their assessed

value of your home. A home with an assessed value of \$100,000 will cost the homeowner \$17.00 per month.

- Waiting any longer to address our facility needs will cost our district and our taxpayers more. Over the last several years our district has seen the State contribution amount continue to decrease. In addition, as our buildings continue to age, more resources will need to be diverted away from instructional programs in order to address the cost of maintaining our facilities.

In closing, as a graduate and lifelong resident, I recognize the significance of both buildings to their respective communities. As Mrs. Anne Callahan wrote in her letter to the community, "We, from our most humble one room schoolhouse beginning to our current three buildings, have a belief that education is the most precious gift we can give to children, and are willing to invest to that end." As residents of the Firelands Local School District, now is your opportunity to make an investment.

### INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE?

To learn more about our project and to take a tour of our current middle school, please join us for our final community meeting at South Amherst Middle School on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

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GO FALCONS!

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## FHS Artists in 2016 calendar

Original colored pencil illustrations by junior Sarah Slack and freshmen Zach Baldwin and Cora Born have been honored with selection in the 2016 Lorain Co. Solid Waste Mgmt. District Calendar. The LCSWMD invites all area students in grades 1-12 to compete with illustrations that promote the cause "reduce, reuse, recycle". Their work was selected from a field of 1,381 submissions this year. Find Sarah's work for September, Cora's work for October and Zach's work for December in the beautifully published calendars.



Sarah Slack with her September entry

## GUIDANCE CORNER

Report Cards will be mailed out the week of November 9th

### SENIORS PLANNING FOR THEIR FUTURES

Mrs. Zimmer & Mrs. Anderle (College Now Rep.) have been working with seniors utilizing our new college readiness program Family Connections Naviance planning for post-secondary transitions. The information obtained will be used to fill out college applications and scholarship applications.

#### ACT

[www.actstudent.org/start](http://www.actstudent.org/start)

#### SAT

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

Upcoming test date: December 12th  
Register by: Nov. 6th

Upcoming test date: Dec. 5th  
Register by: Nov. 5th

### REMINDER TO COLLEGE-BOUND SENIORS:

The college application process has started. Please continue to utilize our new college and career readiness program **Family Connections-Naviance**. Always remember to keep in constant communication with the guidance department and utilize our resources throughout this college application process.

### COLLEGES SCHEDULED TO VISIT FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL

Ohio Northern University .....	Tuesday, October 20	8:00 a.m.
Youngstown State University .....	Tuesday, October 20	9:00 a.m.
Ashland University .....	Tuesday, October 20	9:50 a.m.
Baldwin Wallace University .....	Tuesday, October 20	10:40 a.m.
University of Findlay .....	Tuesday, November 3	9:00 a.m.
Kent State University .....	Tuesday, November 10	8:00 a.m.

### FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

The Financial Aid Night will be **November 10<sup>th</sup>** in the High School Library at **6:30 p.m.** Angela Lee from Lorain County Community Foundations will be presenting.

### COLLEGE AND CAREER READY FALCONS

The Guidance Department has recently introduced a new web-based college and career readiness program known **Family Connections-Naviance**. This program contains career inventories, college comparison/research, and college application tracking. The Seniors and Freshmen have been newly introduced to the program and instructed on how to login to utilize these features. The Guidance Department will be introducing the program to our Sophomores and Juniors in early December. This will enhance the college and career mindset throughout the district.

### 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](http://www.firelandsschools.org) and clicking on Firelands High School > click Guidance > click subscribe.

On the Guidance website you can access information on Financial Aid and College/Scholarships. Click resources> subscribe.

## 4 State Finalist's Artwork from FHS



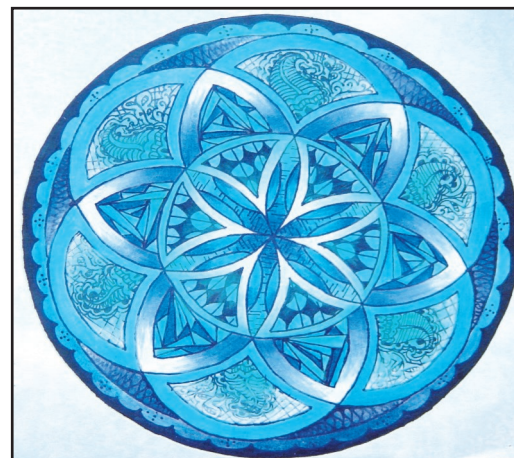
Portrait of Dan Klesta by Ian Valerius, oil pastel



Still Life in Hatching by Grace Habeck, colored pencil



Buster by Morgan Edwards, oil pastel



Zentangle Mandala in Blue by Faith Rico, colored pencil

# Building Our Future

## Together

**Firelands has an opportunity to build a new joined 6-8 and 9-12 grade building with the state providing over \$6 million to our project!**

\*LFIs included: Additional academic space, a field house, and updates to our sewer treatment facility.

**We need your help on NOVEMBER 3rd! Polls are open on Election Day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.**



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Paid for by: Save our Schools Firelands Levy Committee, Tammy Sigsworth, Treasurer

## Building an FHS-FAVA pARTnership

James Peake, Education Director of FAVA in Oberlin, was Art Society's guest for an after school origami workshop. The FHS Art Society was training to be origami workshop teachers for the "Sadako; In the Spirit of Peace" series continuing in Oberlin through October 10. Mr. Peake was so impressed with the enthusiasm, skill and attention of our students that he suggested that we make a monthly origami club at FHS in partnership with FAVA.



James Peake with Tory Barnett, Cora Born, Victoria Krejci, Anthony Myer and AnaCecilia McKay Lodge. (not pictured Liz Miller and Olivia Mowry)

## FHS STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

As the leaves turn orange and the football stadium fills, Homecoming week is always eventful. This year, the theme being Disney, the freshman had Frozen, the sophomores had Cinderella, juniors Lilo and Stitch, and the seniors Up. Thursday after school the class officers were in charge of Deck the Halls where they decorated their hallways according to their Disney movies and assembled their floats. Later that afternoon, at the tailgate, there was the parade around the parking lot led by The Mighty Falcon Marching band. Jersey's belonging to the football players were auctioned which was a success. Throughout the school day on Friday there were many students and staff showing Falcon pride. This year our Mr. and Ms. Falcon spirit were Mike Jones and Olivia Harasty. Announced at the pep rally, the underclass prince and princesses consisted of Beau Grude and Macey Butchko, the sophomores, David Nary and Faith Rico, and the juniors, Matthew Brightbill and Abigail Gifford. At the Homecoming game, the 2015 king and queen were announced, being Brad Thrasher and Katie Iwanek. The football team played against Brookside and won 19-13, whether they went with a date or friends, the dance was a great time for many students and a good break in routine from normal school day. The DJ was Zone Entertainment, as it has been for several years. There has been much positive feedback over the dance and the week as a whole from students and community members.

-Abigail Gifford from Student Council

# FHS NEWS

**Family Connections** – FHS School Counselors Diane Zimmer and Katie Goss made a presentation to the Firelands Board of Education on the implementation of Naviance for the students of Firelands High School. Family Connections is a Web-based resource that supports course, career, and college planning. It will be specific to FHS and linked with Naviance Succeed, a service that we use in the counseling office. Here is just a small sample of what this resource can do for our students; share plans, complete surveys, compare colleges, link to selected third-party resources, track deadlines, produce research graphs, and show a schedule of college visits coming to FHS. The counselors have done an outstanding job with this initiative, which will further assist our students in finding the right fit when it comes to college and career.

**Career Day '15**—The School Counseling Department is once again sponsoring Career Day 2015. It will be held on Wednesday, October 14th at Firelands High School. The day will consist of a round robin of speakers for the freshman and PSAT or Practice ACT tests for the juniors and sophomores. All of the cost is covered by a grant from High Schools that Work, as these tests will help our students become more prepared for the ACT or SAT college entrance tests. The PSAT is also a qualifier for sophomores to become National Merit Scholarship Qualifiers. Seniors will be able to take a college visit, shadow a career, or take the ASVAB

aptitude test, which is for seniors who are seriously considering the military for a career. The afternoon will be filled with activities that help raise money for various charities which our student groups donate to. In all, it is an excellent day for our students to become more college and career ready, while also helping others in need.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences** – FHS will host Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 3 - 7:30 pm, and then again on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 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 2015 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 Brookside on Friday night in the annual Homecoming Game. The Falcons moved their record to 5-

1 with a hard fought 19-13 win over Brookside in the "Battle of the Birds." The senior class elected Katie Iwanek as Homecoming Queen and Brad Thrasher 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 on a successful dance and Homecoming weekend. Well done!!

**Art Students Offered FAVA Team Program at FHS** — James Peake, Dir. of Education at FAVA, and an origami guru, spent an hour with Art Society kids in September, doing origami training and offered to make this a monthly thing ----for free. He is so impressed with our students and wants to make us a little branch campus for a FHS FAVA teen program.

**Firelands FFA Open House—A Rousing Success**—The Firelands FFA Chapter held an Open house in September for an evening of reminiscing and celebrating our past, present, and future. Sliders, appetizers, desserts, and refreshments were provided! An SAE Showcase was held in a separate room to showcase the hard work and accomplishments of our members! There were also games and activities for all ages, as well as door prizes. It was great to see the blue corduroys worn with pride from former FFA members.

**The Classes of 1965 and 1970**—The Firelands High School Classes of 1965 and 1970 toured FHS in September, as several Falcon alumni began their reunion weekends with a walk down memory lane in the halls of FHS. Our

former Falcons reminisced about teachers, classmates, and locations of classes that have been relocated since they graduated 50 and 45 years ago. Congratulations to our Falcon alumni on celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> and 45th reunions and we were very happy to begin our weekend on such a high note.

**Pizza with the Principal**—FHS held its first Pizza with the Principal last week so we could celebrate the accomplishments of many of our students. Students are nominated by teachers for showing leadership and accomplishment both in the classroom and in the FHS community. 32 students were recognized at the pizza luncheon in late September. Congratulations!

**Parade of Bands** – The Mighty Falcon Marching Band put on an impressive performance to close out the 2015 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.

**Buckeye Boys and Girls State** – Congratulations to our Buckeye State winners, who attended seminars at Bowling Green (Boys) and Mount Union. They spent the week simulating and learning about the workings of state and local government. Representing FHS for the boys were Jerrod Horwedel, Mark Roberts, and David Vaughn. Representing FHS for the girls was Michaela Jeffers. Thank you for being outstanding representatives of Firelands High School.

## CURRICULUM UPDATES

Autumn is definitely in the air which means that we must be at least one month into the school year and I cannot believe how fast the year is already going! I am proud to see every teacher working every day to support our students at high levels.

To provide ongoing support to our staff, on Friday, September 25 (Waiver Day), teachers worked with several content area experts to learn more about content level expectations. Staff learned about math techniques that can be used to address mathematical thinking within the classroom, science technology tools, primary and secondary source techniques for the social studies classroom, and formative assessment technology tools to get at in depth understanding of texts in the language arts classroom. Teachers and support staff also met in teams to collaboratively determine various applications of the trainings within their respective classrooms. Elementary teachers were trained in Responsive Classroom and our guidance counselors worked to continue to implement the Naviance system that the district purchased last year to help improve college and career planning for our students. In the next few months, teachers will be working to adjust curriculum and instruction for students given the state-mandated changes to curriculum that stem from H.B. 64. Our teachers will continue to ensure that our students are prepared for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning while meeting state standards.

Please continue to monitor the Educational Services Website for information related to testing, curriculum, and instruction. The testing calendar has been updated as I have learned more about the testing windows and we reduced Acuity administration from three times to two. More information regarding updates to graduation requirements and curriculum expectations have also been posted. As more information becomes available, the page will be updated to reflect our districts' understanding of state mandates and expectations.

-Dr. Bryan Drost

# SAMS NEWS

## ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the Academic Challenge Team for the 2015-2016 year. These students will be representing us in the Erie County Academic Challenge meet held at the end of October. Students will be quizzed in the areas of math, literature, geography, and science. We wish the best of luck to the team as they prepare for the competition. Advisors: Mrs. Copley and Mrs. Muth

6 <sup>th</sup> grade Team	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Team	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Team
Caden Domin	Chayce Baldwin	Megan Bowling
Maggie Edwards	Amaris Madding-Bush	Sam Formholtz
Gemma Hager	Renee Clippinger	Danny Hager
Dylan Katitus	Spencer Deremer	Steven Iwanek
Nathan McDonald	Emilia Lewis	Robert Rose
Ella Meszaros	Liam Lockhardt	Emily Stewart
Daniel Ohle	Sam Solowej	Sam Walcott
Rachel Rennie	James Steindl	Justin Wossilek

## ATTENTION PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

LCADA, Lorain County Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services, will be facilitating a group for middle school students for children of addiction. If a family member is battling addiction of any kind, your child is welcome to participate. This group will take place during the school day and is free of charge. If you are interested in this group, please contact Kristian Novak at South Amherst Middle School.

## STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

SAMS has established a Student Advisory Committee to provide a vehicle for student voice. SAMS students have a lot of fantastic ideas and we want to make sure that they are heard. Members will be expected to help with charity drives, school climate, and communication. Our first meeting was held on October 8, 2015 and our first task is to create a student driven mission statement. We are working on "What it means to be GREAT at SAMS". We will use these ideas that the students have shared about being GREAT at SAMS to create a mission statement.

Halie Bates	Sadie Hutsepiller	Jordan Vaughn
Shelby Clark	Rylee Maggard	Sam Walcott
Renee Clippinger	Gustavo Medina	Autumn Wiley
Daniel Giacapelli	Natalie Novak	Brianna Wilson

Congratulations to the Student Advisory Committee!

## NEW STUDENT BREAKFAST

On October 2, 2015, we welcomed our new students with a breakfast. Mrs. Sullivan did a beautiful job setting up a very lovely setting for those involved. Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Baumann did a great job providing a delicious breakfast for our new students. We had a chance to talk about what was great about being at SAMS. Most students reported being very happy here and that it was very easy to make friends.

The new students that participated were:

Anthony Barnhill	Taylor Kenska	Alexander Pennington
Taylor Barnhill	Gypsy McDougle	Cory Reising
Warren Bolyard	Gustavo Medina	Joshua Scheeres
Benjamin Brinton	Alyssa Mezlak	Krystal Scheeres
Caden Bomback	Thaddeus Miller	Gillian Striker
Caleb Caruthers	Jordan Mitchell	Alexandra Trendle
Hunter Clawson	Jacob Mullins	Gracie Yonts
Zachary Guzik	Jonathan Norwood	Joshua Yost
Jacob Hall	Joshua Norwood	Rebecca Yost
Leah Harris	Kailee Opaliski	Brianna Wilson
Daniel Hernandez	Kate Partlow	

## PEP RALLY

We held our first Pep Rally on Friday, October 2, 2015. Students learned the lyrics to the fight song during Language Arts classes and learned to sing the song during choir. The band played music as students entered and we were able to honor all of our fall sports. The students had a blast and it was so nice to hear them singing the fight song.

## PTG

PTG held their first Walk-A-Thon on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. They also prepared amazing meals for SAMS staff during conferences. We are so very appreciative of their help.

## DANCE

Our first dance was held on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. The focus was on teaching students some dances that are appropriate and fun. The students had an absolute blast, and so did the teachers! Our very own teachers acted as the DJ team for the excellent dancing songs. We even did the Hokey Poky and other group songs together. It was a nice way to build the community at SAMS and spend time getting to know each other better.

# National School Bus Safety Week:

October 19th to October 23, 2015

This year's theme for School Bus Safety Week is "**Bully Free Zone**". This year at Firelands Elementary we are emphasizing that students are to: BE SAFE, BE RESPONSIBLE, and to BE RESPECTFUL while they are riding on the School bus. 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.

School Bus Safety depends on everybody's cooperation!

# TRANSPORTING OUR MOST PRECIOUS CARGO, OUR CHILDREN!



School bus safety  
is a team effort.

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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.



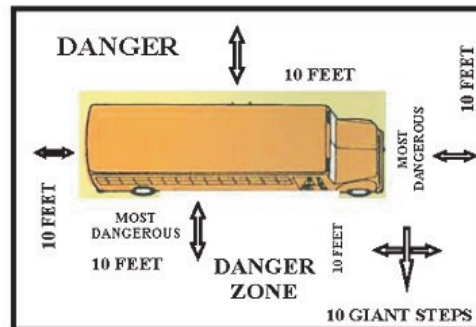
**USE CAUTION!**

## 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 lurching 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.

*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,  
Ohio Department of Education  
Pupil Transportation

### Ohio Pre-Service School Bus Driver Training Instructors:

Joe Dietrich, Northwest Region  
Michael Redfern, North Region  
Evette Moody, West Region  
Michael Hoffner, Central Region  
Rob Higgenbotham, East Region  
Fred Anness, Southwest Region  
Marvin Pennington, South Region

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# Firelands Bus Expectations

## Be Safe

- Stay seated
- Keep hands, feet and objects to self

## Be Responsible

- Take care of your belongings and get them on and off of the bus

## Be Respectful

- Listen to the driver
- Use inside voices
- Treat others the way you want to be treated



# LUNCH MENUS

## FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY

Regular Lunch \$2.50—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals

### OCTOBER 19 - OCTOBER 23

Monday - Popcorn chicken, Hashbrown patty, Bbq baked beans, Chilled peaches  
 Tuesday - Pizza Hut pizza, Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned mixed vegetables, Sliced red peppers, Chilled fruit  
 Wednesday - Chicken strips, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots w/dip, Chilled pineapple, Chez it crackers  
 Thursday - Hamburger w/bun, Smiley fries, Coleslaw, Chilled pears, Sliced pickles  
 Friday - Pizza Day, Seasoned corn, Sliced cucumbers, Chilled applesauce

### OCTOBER 26 - OCTOBER 30

Monday - Roasted hot dog/ bun, Bbq baked beans, Match stick carrots, Chilled pears  
 Tuesday - Domino's smart slice, Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned peas, Celery sticks, Chilled fruit or, 100% fruit smoothie  
 Wednesday - General Tso's Chicken, Stir Fry Veggies, Seasoned Rice, Chilled pineapple tidbits, Fortune cookie  
 Thursday - Soft beef taco, Ultra grain wrap, Shredded lettuce & cheese, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit, Salsa  
 Friday - Cheesy bread, Romaine garden salad, Grape Tomatoes, Chilled mandarin oranges

### NOVEMBER 2 - NOVEMBER 6

Monday - Sausage links, French toast sticks, Hashbrown potatoes, Celery sticks, Orange juice cup, Syrup cup  
 Tuesday - Pizza hut, Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit  
 Wednesday - Baked chicken fries, Seasoned french fries, Bbq baked beans, Chilled pears, Dipping sauce  
 Thursday - Pepperoni Calzone, Seasoned green beans, Sliced cucumbers, Fresh fruit  
 Friday - Toasted cheese, Tomato soup, Saltines, Seasoned peas, Chilled peaches

### NOVEMBER 9 - NOVEMBER 13

Monday - Baked chicken nuggets, Sweet tots, Celery sticks, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce  
 Tuesday - Dominos pizza, Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned Corn, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit or 100% fruit smoothie  
 Wednesday - Tangerine Chicken, Seasoned rice, Green beans, Sliced cucumbers, Chilled pineapple  
 Thursday - Taco salad, Lettuce & cheese, Seasoned refried beans, Fresh fruit, Salsa, Tortilla chips  
 Friday - Bosco sticks, Romaine garden salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled mandarin oranges, Marinara sauce, Tray treat

### NOVEMBER 16 - NOVEMBER 20

Monday - Popcorn chicken, Hashbrown patty, Bbq baked beans, Chilled peaches  
 Tuesday - Pizza hut, Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned mixed vegetables, Sliced red peppers, Chilled fruit  
 Wednesday - Chicken strips, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots w/dip, Chilled pineapple, Chez it crackers  
 Thursday - Hamburger w/bun, Smiley fries, Coleslaw, Chilled pears, Sliced pickles  
 Friday - Pizza Day, Seasoned corn, Sliced cucumbers, Chilled applesauce

### NOVEMBER 23 - NOVEMBER 30

Monday - Roasted hot dog/ bun, Bbq baked beans, Match stick carrots, Chilled pears  
 Tuesday - Dominos pizza, Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned peas, Celery sticks, Chilled fruit or 100% fruit smoothie

## **Wednesday – Friday NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK**

Monday - Sausage links, French toast sticks, Hashbrown potatoes, Celery sticks, Orange juice cup, Syrup cup

## SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE

Regular Lunch \$2.85—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals

### OCTOBER 19 - OCTOBER 23

Monday - Chicken parm w/wg roll, or chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Seasoned Green beans, Chilled applesauce  
 Tuesday - Pizza Hut pizza, or stuffed crust peppro, Romaine salad, Baby carrots w/dip, Chilled Fruit or 100% fruit smoothie  
 Wednesday - Taco salad, or soft taco wrap, cheese, Shredded iceberg lettuce, Seasoned refried beans, Grape tomatoes, Chilled peaches, Salsa / sour cream  
 Thursday - Spicy chicken wrap w/cheese, Or Chicken strips w/roll, Shredded lettuce, Steamed broccoli, Fresh fruit  
 Friday - Toasted cheese, Or Cheezy bread /garlic, Seasoned peas, Tomato soup, Chilled mandarin oranges

### OCTOBER 26 - OCTOBER 30

Monday - BBQ pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches  
 Tuesday - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots w/dip, Chilled Fruit  
 Wednesday - Cheeseburger/bun, Or Hamburger / bun, Oven baked fries, Romaine salad, Chilled mandarin oranges  
 Thursday - General Tso's chicken, Stir fry vegetable, Seasoned rice, Fresh fruit, Fortune Cookie  
 Friday - Egg & cheese on wg roll, or pancake & sausage stick, Hashbrown potato, Sweet potatoes, Orange juice cup, Chilled mixed fruit

### NOVEMBER 2 - NOVEMBER 6

Monday - Salisbury steak, or breaded pork chop, Whipped potatoes, Seasoned corn, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll  
 Tuesday - Vendor pizza, or stuffed crust peppro , Seasoned broccoli, Celery sticks w/dip, Chilled Fruit, Or 100% fruit smoothie  
 Wednesday - Chipotle day, Fajita chicken or steak beef, Shredded iceberg, Seasoned pinto beans, Seasoned rice, Chilled mandarin orange  
 Thursday - Cheese quesadilla, Or Chicken nuggets w/roll, Baby carrots, Seasoned Green beans, Fresh fruit  
 Friday - 2 Gilardi cheese breadsticks, or Spaghetti w/ meat & roll, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pineapple

### NOVEMBER 9 - NOVEMBER 13

Monday - Roasted hot dog w/ bun, Or Philly steak & cheese w/roasted peppers & onions, BBQ baked beans, Celery sticks w/pb, Chilled peaches  
 Tuesday - Vendor pizza , or stuffed crust pizza, Seasoned Broccoli, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit or, 100% fruit smoothie  
 Wednesday - Taco salad or soft taco wrap, cheese, Shredded iceberg lettuce, Seasoned refried beans ,Chilled applesauce Tortilla chips, Salsa / sour cream  
 Thursday - Spicy chicken patty/bun, or chicken patty w/bun, Parsley potatoes, Fresh fruit, Goldfish grahams  
 Friday - Macaroni & cheese /breadstick, or Rib a cue w/bun, Baby carrots, Seasoned green beans, Chilled pears

### NOVEMBER 16 - NOVEMBER 20

Monday - Pepperoni calzone, Or French bread pizza, Seasoned cauliflower , Celery sticks w/pb, Chilled applesauce  
 Tuesday - Vendor pizza, or stuffed crust peppro, Romaine salad, Baby carrots w/dip, Chilled Fruit or 100% fruit smoothie  
 Wednesday - Falcon burger w/wg bun, w/ iceberg lettuce, cheese, sauce, BBQ baked beans, Sweet potato fries, Chilled pears  
 Thursday - Popcorn chicken bowl, gravy & cheese ,Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll  
 Friday - Wg cheese breadstick w/ pizza sauce cup, Or beef ravioli /breadstick, Seasoned broccoli, Chilled mandarin oranges

### NOVEMBER 23 - NOVEMBER 30

Monday - Chicken parm w/wg roll, or chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Seasoned Green beans, Chilled applesauce  
 Tuesday - Vendor pizza or stuffed crust peppro, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit

## **Wednesday – Friday - NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK**

Monday - BBQ pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches

## FIRELANDS HIGH

Regular Lunch \$2.85—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals

### OCTOBER 19 - OCTOBER 23

Monday - Chicken parm w/wg roll, or chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Seasoned Green beans, Chilled applesauce

Tuesday - Pizza Hut pizza, or stuffed crust peppro, Romaine salad, Baby carrots w/dip, Chilled Fruit or 100% fruit smoothie  
 Wednesday - Taco salad, or soft taco wrap, cheese, Shredded iceberg lettuce, Seasoned refried beans, Grape tomatoes, Chilled peaches, Salsa / sour cream  
 Thursday - Spicy chicken wrap w/cheese, Or Chicken strips w/roll, Shredded lettuce, Steamed broccoli, Fresh fruit  
 Friday - Toasted cheese, Or Cheezy bread /garlic, Seasoned peas, Tomato soup, Chilled mandarin oranges

### OCTOBER 26 - OCTOBER 30

Monday - BBQ pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches  
 Tuesday - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots w/dip, Chilled Fruit  
 Wednesday - Cheeseburger/bun, Or Hamburger / bun, Oven baked fries, Romaine salad, Chilled mandarin oranges  
 Thursday - General Tso's chicken, Stir fry vegetable, Seasoned rice, Fresh fruit, Fortune Cookie  
 Friday - Egg & cheese on wg roll, or pancake & sausage stick, Hashbrown potato, Sweet potatoes, Orange juice cup, Chilled mixed fruit

### NOVEMBER 2 - NOVEMBER 6

Monday - Salisbury steak, or breaded pork chop, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll  
 Tuesday - Pizza Hut, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Celery sticks, Fruit  
 Wednesday -Chipotle day- seasoned beef steak or fajita chicken, Ultra grain wrap, Shredded iceberg, Seasoned pinto beans, Seasoned rice, Mandarin oranges  
 Thursday - Wg Cheese quesadilla, Or Chicken nuggets w/roll, Baby Carrots, Grape tomatoes, Fresh fruit  
 Friday - Deli sub bar w/ combo or turkey, cheese, lettuce, tomato, peppers, banana pepper, black olives , Chilled pineapple

### NOVEMBER 9 - NOVEMBER 13

Monday - Philly steak & cheese w/roasted peppers & onions, Or Roasted hot dog w/ bun, BBQ baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches  
 Tuesday - Dominos pizza, or stuffed crust peppro, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pears  
 Wednesday -Taco salad, meat ,cheese, chips, or soft taco wrap w/cheese, iceberg lettuce, Salsa cup, Seasoned corn, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll, sour cream  
 Thursday - Chicken strips w/roll, Chicken patty w/bun, Baked fries, California blend veggie, Fresh fruit, Jello w/topping  
 Friday - Macaroni & cheese & roll, or Rib a cue w/bun, Seasoned broccoli, Cucumber slices, Mandarin oranges

### NOVEMBER 16 - NOVEMBER 20

Monday - Pepperoni stuffed calzone, Or French bread pizza, BBQ baked beans, Seasoned carrots, Applesauce  
 Tuesday - Pizza Hut, or stuffed crust peppro, Italian green beans, Romaine salad, Chilled mandarin oranges , 100% fruit smoothie  
 Wednesday - Falcon burger w/ whole grain bun, Shredded Iceberg lettuce, Cheese, Sweet potato fries, Chilled pears  
 Thursday - Chicken bowl, w/ gravy, cheese, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll  
 Friday - 2 Gilardi Cheese Breadsticks, Or Beef Ravioli w/breadsticks, Seasoned broccoli, Chilled pineapple

### NOVEMBER 23 - NOVEMBER 30

Monday - Chicken parm w/wg roll, or Chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Italian green beans, Chilled peaches  
 Tuesday - Dominos, or stuffed crust peppro, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pears

## **Wednesday – Friday - NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK**

Monday—BBQ pulled pork wg bun, Or Philly steak & cheese w/roasted peppers & onions, BBQ baked beans, Seasoned cauliflower, Chilled peaches



## **FIRELANDS FFA FARES WELL AT THE LORAIN COUNTY FAIR**

As the 170<sup>th</sup> annual Lorain County Fair has come to a close, the Firelands FFA has stepped back and appreciated the experiences that the members have been a part of. 2015 has been an enormous year so far for this National Qualifying FFA Chapter and the Lorain County Fair added to the excitement. The projects that FFA members complete and exhibit at the fair are called "Supervised Agricultural Experiences" or "SAE" for short. These can range from growing vegetables to sell in a small stand to raising 100 head of cattle or anything in between. This year members have taken home many awards and proceeded to fill the Firelands High School trophy case with their achievements.

The Supreme Exhibitor was Tori Hritsko. To receive this prestigious award you must bring the largest amount of shop, crop, and animal projects. She also received reserve grand champion medium reconstruction. Caitlin Gallagher received reserve grand champion modern

beef steer, grand champion senior showmanship in beef, grand champion senior showman of showman in beef, 3<sup>rd</sup> place senior showmanship in hogs, two reserve class champion market hogs, reserve champion large animal sweepstakes, grand champion senior skillathon, and grand champion FFA poster project. Michael Annadell received the grand champion modern beef rate of gain. Rachael Minek received overall swine showmanship champion. Brandon Palmer received reserve champion dairy beef steer and champion beginner beef showmanship. Bradley McGinnis received a first place in boer goat showmanship and 3<sup>rd</sup> place senior boer doe. Katy Tuggle received grand champion aged breeding ewe and reserve champion overall breeding ewe. Katy also competed at State Fair where she received breeding sheep showmanship class champion.

Evan Born received grand champion cow/calf and reserve champion BBR feeder calf. Kaitlyn Frazier received grand champion doe and litter as well as a class champion market hog. Erica Benton received overall grand champion

pygmy doe and overall grand champion pygmy wether. Grace Pohorence received best of class for call duck, best of breed French lop rabbit, 2<sup>nd</sup> place turkey senior showmanship, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place duck senior showmanship. Sophia Pohorence received reserve champion heritage turkey and senior turkey showmanship.

Graduate, Demi Dovin, earned grand and reserve Brown Swiss dairy cows and was the Lorain County Fair Supreme Dairy Champion. Emily Holcomb received grand champion hog skillathon. Sean Miller received grand champion FFA Horticulture award. Morgan Nance received 2<sup>nd</sup> place intermediate turkey showmanship. Megan Brandich received grand champion pygmy showmanship, grand champion dairy showmanship, and showman of showman. Katie Stark received reserve grand champion dairy market showmanship, senior grand champion and senior reserve champion and junior grand champion and junior reserve champion goat. Graduates Ali Butler and Katie Fath served as the ambassadors for Farm & Dairy Newspaper and hosted their week-long Instagram takeover.

The Firelands FFA also had two representatives in the Lorain County Jr. Fair Royal Court. Alexandra Sabine was a member of the Court and Firelands FFA graduate Katie Cline was the 2015 Lorain County Fair Queen. The 2015 Firelands FFA Junior Fair Board Members are being recognized for their hard work and devotion to the success of the Lorain County Fair. President: Katie Cline, Executive Members: Michael Annadell, Members: Jessie Beran, Evan Born, Alison Butler, Katie Fath, Victoria Hritsko, Jesse Jones, Colin Myers, Brandon Palmer, Alexandra Sabine, Madison Stanley, Allison Vilagi, Claire Vilagi, and Andrew Williams.

The Firelands FFA would like to extend congratulations to all exhibitors at the 2015 Lorain County Fair as well as a sincere "Thank You" to all of the volunteers, judges, sponsors, buyers, and everyone who helped to make this year successful. Check out additional pictures on our Firelands FFA Instagram and Twitter.

Submitted by  
Alexandra Sabine, 2015  
-2016 Reporter



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Gallagher  
and her  
reserve  
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## Responsive Classroom at Firelands Elementary

In 2015-2016, a school-wide initiative is taking place at Firelands Elementary! Teachers and staff members attended a Responsive Classroom workshop on Waiver Day. Two representatives from the Center for Responsive Schools, Inc. visited our school to provide the staff with some introductory practices, routines and key skills. Teachers hold Morning meetings or Afternoon Wrap-Up sessions with their students each day to build a stronger sense of classroom community.

Responsive Classroom is a research-based education approach associated with greater teacher effectiveness, higher student achievement, and improved school climate. Responsive Classroom practices help educators build competencies in four key domains—each of which enables and enriches the others:

### ◆ Engaging Academics

Teachers create learning tasks that are active, interactive, appropriately challenging, purposeful, and connected to students' interests.

### ◆ Positive Community

Teachers nurture a sense of belonging, significance, and emotional safety so that students feel comfortable taking risks and working with a variety of peers.

### ◆ Effective Management

Teachers create a calm, orderly environment that promotes autonomy and allows students to focus on learning.

### ◆ Developmental Awareness

Teachers use knowledge of child development, along with observations of students, to create a developmentally-appropriate learning environment.

### FOCUS ON TEACHER EFFECTIVENESS

For over 30 years, Responsive Classroom has been empowering educators by giving them the skills they need to ensure a high-quality education that will help all students thrive in our highly connected, interdependent world.

Professional development in the Responsive Classroom approach strengthens educators' ability to:

- \* Design lessons that are active and interactive
- \* Use effective teacher language to promote academic and social growth
- \* Encourage engagement by giving students meaningful choices
- \* Start each day in a way that sets a positive tone for learning
- \* Set high expectations and teach students how to meet them
- \* Establish routines that promote autonomy and independence
- \* Build a sense of community and shared purpose
- \* Teach students 21st century skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, collaboration, creativity, and innovation

### RESEARCH ON RESPONSIVE CLASSROOM

Researchers at the University of Virginia's Curry School of Education conducted a three-year randomized controlled study of the Responsive Classroom approach. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the researchers found that teachers' use of Responsive Classroom practices is associated with:

- \* Higher quality standards-based instruction
- \* Gains in both math and reading achievement
- \* Equally strong gains for all socio-economic groups
- \* Greater gains for low-achieving students
- \* Better organized, more emotionally supportive classrooms

As principal of Firelands Elementary School: it was essential for us to have a common language as we work with children across grade levels and in all school areas like the playground, lunchroom, gym, hallways, etc. We are committed to developing our knowledge about the Responsive Classroom approach and using it consistently with our students. We look forward to seeing the positive effect it has on our school learning environment and our students' overall well-being.

## Falcons on the Fly

On Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> FES kicked off the ninth 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.



## F H S ROYAL COURT

*The Royal Court pictures shows Queen Katie Cline second from left & court-member Alex Sabine on the far right.*



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 Look for the athletic boosters selling apparel at various events in all 3 buildings throughout the year.

**South Amherst Firemen's Association**  
 will be hosting their annual  
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