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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.

State Report Card

September is the time of year when we reflect on the 2012-2013 school year and present our data to the community. As many of you are aware, the Ohio Department of Education changed the way that schools are "graded" beginning with the release of the most recent school report card. In an effort to help the community understand the aforementioned changes, please read the explanation below for each graded area, as well as the grades received by the Firelands Local School District.

Achievement: Performance Indicators & Performance Index

The **Performance Indicators** show how many students have a minimum, or proficient, level of knowledge. These indicators are not new to Ohio students or teachers. They are based on a series of 24 state tests that measure the level of achievement for each student in a grade and subject. For each test, it is required that at least 75 percent of students score "proficient" or better to get credit for the corresponding indicator. Starting in the 2013-14 school year, a district or school needs to have 80 percent of their students reach "proficient" or better in order to "meet" an indicator. This change signals that more students are expected to reach a proficient level in order for schools to meet the indicator (Ohio Department of Education, 2013).

2012-2013 Firelands Local District Indicators Met:
24/24 Grade: 100% "A"

The **Performance Index** measures the achievement of every student based on respective levels of achievement. Schools receive points for every student's level of achievement. The higher the student's level, the more points the school applies towards its index. Therefore, schools and districts are rewarded for improving the performance of all students (Ohio Department of Education, 2013).

2012-2013 Firelands Local District Performance Index:
103.1/120 Grade: 85.9% "B"

Progress

The data from state tests over multiple years are examined through a series of calculations to produce a **Value-Added** designation for each school and district. Additionally, the tests are examined to determine progress of three specific groups of students (Gifted, Students in the Lowest 20% of Achievement, and Students with Disabilities).

The five designations – determined in law – are the same ranges of growth that are used to compute teacher Value-Added performance. Also like the teacher Value-Added performance measure, up to three years of growth computations are used to assure the accuracy and precision of the measure. Schools are not penalized because of one year of poor growth.

It is important to understand that a school with a low achievement level in a given year does not indicate that students are not learning. In fact, there may be a great deal of academic growth taking place. Conversely, there is a misconception that high achievers have met their potential and can no longer advance their learning. This measure highlights the importance of providing the curriculum and instruction that will help *all* students to grow academically every year (Ohio Department of Education 2013).

2012-2013 Firelands Local District Progress

Overall Progress Grade: "A"
Gifted Students Progress Grade: "C"
Students in the Lowest 20% Progress Grade: "B"
Students with Disabilities Progress Grade: "B"

Graduation Rate

The Four-Year Graduation Rate includes as graduates only those students who earn a diploma within four years of entering the ninth grade for the first time. The Five-Year Graduation Rate includes those students who graduate within five years of entering ninth grade for the first time. According to the U.S. Department of Education, the median earnings in 2010 for young adults without a high school diploma or its equivalent was \$21,000, for those with a high school diploma or its equivalent was \$29,900, for those with an associate's degree was \$39,000, and for those with a bachelor's degree was \$45,000. Analysis shows that young adults with a bachelor's degree earned more than twice as much as those without a high school diploma or its equivalent in 2010 (Ohio Department of Education 2013).

2012-2013 Firelands Local District Graduation Rate
4-year Graduation Rate Grade: 94.1% "A"
5-year Graduation Rate Grade: 93.0% "B"

Gap Closing

Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) measure the academic performance of specific groups of students, such as racial and demographic groups. Each of these groups is compared against the collective performance of all students in Ohio, allowing us to determine if there are gaps in academic achievement between groups of students. Much work is still needed to *eliminate* achievement gaps and bring all students up to the same high level of achievement (Ohio Department of Education 2013).

2012-2013 Firelands Local District Gap Closing
Annual Measureable Objectives Grade: 80% "B"

I encourage you to visit reportcard.education.ohio.gov for a more in-depth analysis of our scores. *As one can determine from analyzing the scores of the District, there are many areas for celebration and we are extremely proud of our students, teachers, and parents!* Each of the aforementioned cogs of the wheel must work together to ensure success for our students. I assure our community that we will continue to grow and move forward, striving for a report card containing "straight A's!"

In our efforts to educate all children to the highest level possible, Building Leadership Teams are meeting with administrators to develop strategies to better examine our test data, review classroom instruction and assessment, and look at how better we can provide intervention for our students that are below proficient. I am confident that our team will construct plans for improvement and we will continue to meet the growing and ever-changing needs of our students.

In closing, I feel obligated to restate my final words from September of 2012:

I encourage you to involve yourself with your child's education. The invaluable time that you spend with your children may become less and less as they age. However, every moment counts, and your parental wisdom helps ensure the future successes of our children. In the words of Aristotle, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit."

Go Falcons!

Yours in Education,

Dr. Robert F. Hill
Superintendent

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Firelands Elementary School Annual Report - 2012-2013

Funds secured from our PTG playground, "Build a Day" project resulted in new playground equipment that is age appropriate for kindergarten-fifth grade students. PTG also provided thousands of dollars to teachers and students to provide materials to support the implementation of the new Common Core standards, as well as field trips to enhance the core standards and the unified arts.

The implementation of the Ohio Third Grade Guarantee included training of reading tutors, special education teachers and classroom teachers in a multi-sensory structured language approach to teaching reading. FES partnered with Tolson Dyslexia for specialized training for our staff.

PTG held a successful book drive to enhance our classroom libraries at FES. Students are to read silently each day, at their independent reading level, and the additional books allow for more variety in text selection.

FES adopted the *My Math* Program, grades K-5, that is aligned to the Common Core.

Forty fifth grade students attended "Students Helping Other Students" Afterschool Math Tutoring twice a week. HS students were compensated through a grant from Rotary to provide instruction.

The Lego Olympiad was held on Friday, April 12th, 2013 at LCCC. We had 89 students, grades 2-5, who participated in the Open, Theme, and Computerized Divisions.

The Firelands Elementary Annual Spelling Bee was held on February 28th, 2013. Five finalists were chosen. They were:

- First Place – Amaris Anderson-Bush (3rd grade)
- Second Place – Megan Sutton (4th grade)
- Third Place – Michael Kelley (4th grade)
- Fourth Place – Renee Clippinger (4th grade)
- Fifth place – Alyssa Baker (3rd grade)

These finalists went on to compete at the Lorain County Spelling Bee on May 5th, 2013. They all did a wonderful job of representing Firelands Elementary!
Congratulations!

On Saturday, March 2nd, 2013, fifteen 4th and 5th grade FES students performed with the Oberlin Choristers Children's Honors Choir. The students rehearsed the music with Mrs. Woods. The students came together with 200 students from the area. They spent the day rehearsing and perfecting the music. At the end of the day, they performed a concert in front of hundreds of family and friends. Two of Firelands Elementary students, Chayce Baldwin and Samantha Wolcott, performed solos. Congratulations to the following students for participating in this amazing opportunity: Samantha Wolcott, Brooklyn Ollis, William Krejci, Kaitlyn Walchek, Lillian Laughrey, Emmaleah McDevitt, Christine Whitacre, Dylan Koba-Nelson, Shawny Hess, Kevin Guillemot, Hattie Born, Chayce Baldwin, Madison New, Andria Mains, and Abby Landreth.

Submitted by: Colene Thomas & Marybeth Harter

FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT - 2012-2013

FLOAT CONTEST AND TAILGATE PICNIC

Homecoming week, Homecoming week, September 17 to September 21, was a great success. Students had a different spirit dress-up each day of the week. FCCLA Teen Leaders class sponsored the spirit link sales during homecoming. FHS Students purchase links toward building their spirit chain in competition between each class, for the longest chain and most spirit. Every year we vote on an organization to donate the spirit link money. This year FCCLA is donating to Jim Muth and family. All students in Mrs. Dodig's Teen Leaders class participated in organizing, advertising and constructing the links. Students decorated the halls Thursday after school with crepe paper, lights and signs, and constructed floats for the Homecoming attendants to ride before the football game. The tailgate party on Thursday night had the float parade and the band marched around the parking lot. Students selected the members of the court and voted Rachel Leatherwood Queen and Matt Metzger King.

The week concluded with the Homecoming Dance at the high school. More than 500 students attended with their dates. I would like to thank the faculty and staff at the high school for their support of the students to make all of the Homecoming events possible.

ACADEMICS

Counselors Greg Northeim and Diane Zimmer attended a workshop sponsored by ACT. They learned about ACT programs to help ready students for planning after high school and college readiness testing. With that information plans were developed for College and Career Readiness day on October 17. Seniors visited colleges or job shadowed, juniors and sophomores took ACT prep tests and freshmen heard from career and college speakers. In the afternoon students participated in games to raise money for community based organizations. Chris Jones and Rick Reighley attended a High School That Works workshop to review the high school testing data and to plan for this school year.

Great results from the OGT data, advanced scores on the test, student attendance, and graduation rate equaled an Excellent rating for the high school. The ninth year running! See our report card at <http://ode.state.oh.us/> Point the cursor at the accountability tab and click on state/local report. Next click on state and local reports and search for Firelands High School.

The Response to Intervention team met regularly throughout the year to discuss ways to help struggling students and plan interventions for next year. The team members are Diane Zimmer, Traci Johnston, Greg Northeim, Chris Jones, Jack Whaley, Tony Reaser, Kelly Miller, and John Zbornik.

Chris Jones, Wendy Johnson, Andy Gulish and Rick Reighley attended the winter meeting for High School That Work on February 21 and presented our work using Marzano teaching strategies to improve student instruction. We

saw a presentation on the new core curriculum, teacher evaluation and had planning meetings. The National Honor Society inducted 52 new members on April 25.

FFA and the agricultural classes: Leadership

We have only run preliminary reports, but it looks like students have earned over \$800,000 in Supervised Agricultural Experience Entrepreneurship & Job Placements. We submitted 23 state award applications (American Degrees, State Degrees, Proficiencies, and Officer Books) for district evaluation (a school record). Second place in state Senior Parliamentary Procedure Team! They are going to the Big E in Massachusetts next September for national competition.

Community Service

Planned and held County-wide Food for America Agricultural Literacy Program for 300 inner city children.

With student council held a huge canned food drive that would stock our local food pantry for months!

Students raised over \$1000 for our Christmas families.

Lead school in Ohio (1 of 30 schools in the nation) to earn and Invest to Fight Hunger grant. This initiative from the Howard Buffet Foundation invests in people and knowledge to fight hunger. So far, we have held a Hunger Breakfast for 80 teen leaders at FHS and presented at the Ashland FFA Leadership Night.

Recycling

With the help of Mr. Galloway, the Environmental Committee set up and is now carrying out full scale co-mingled recycling at FES & FHS! Saving the school some money and teaching environmental responsibility!

FHS HONOR BANQUET AND STUDENT EVENTS

The honors banquet was held at German's Villa on May 17th with 415 students, parents and guests attending. 160 students receive plaques for their honor roll status the first three quarters of the school year. Also students in National Art Honor society and Scholastic Challenge team received awards and recognition. Joseph Flynn received the Thomas Uhl Scholarship and eleven students were recognized for having all A's during their high school career.

Wendy Johnson's Select Choir went to New York City on April 19-21. The Select choir performed at Jacobs Field on May 1. Prom was held at Deluca's Place in the Park on May 4th. Approximately 240 students joined in on the fun. The prom committee decorated the hall with "Unmask the Night" as the theme this year. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. VanCooney are the advisors.

The Lions Club honored nine students as their Student of the Month during the school year.

September	Jessica Zurcher
October	Emma Northeim
November	Matt Metzger
December	Lindsey Kasper
January	KayLynn Carver
February	Anna DiAsio
March	Thomas Biery
April	Karlie Canfield
May	Joe San Felippo

Student of the Year Anna DiAsio

The STIVE Club attended a luncheon at the Oberlin Rotary's regular meeting on May 3rd. Haley Strong is the 2013 recipient of the John D. Cole STRIVE scholarship of \$1000 presented by the Oberlin Rotary Club.

On May 11, 2013 Haley interview for and won a second STRIVE scholarship of \$1000 from Rotary District 6600 by placing 2nd for her outstanding efforts during her senior year for improving her grades, attendance, participation and attitude. The Rotary sponsors the club and meets with the students at the high school once a month with a business speaker. Mr. Brown advises the club.

The band competed at the OMEA Large Group contest on March 16th. The band performance was outstanding with a superior rating and competed at the state level at Findlay on April 26th.

The Fine Arts Festival was held on May 17th and 18th at South Amherst Middle. Artwork K-12 was on display and various musical groups performed.

On May 19th the student council held their annual volleyball tournament at SAMS. Students and staff fielded teams.

FIRELANDS COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Firelands Schools Endowment Fund graciously sponsored scholarships this year by offering applications to our seniors. The scholarship money is supplied through interest earned from the Endowment Fund's scholarship capital holdings. 40 students received scholarships from the endowment fund, Lorain County Community College, Firelands FFA, the athletic boosters, Lions Club, Amherst Rotary and many other organizations and colleges. A list of the award winners is in the June 2013 Express.

GRADUATION 2011

On Saturday, June 1, 2013 the class of 2013 took part in graduation exercises at the high school. Speeches were given by Valedictorian, Anna DiAsio, Salutatorian Hannah Branz, and Senior Class President Samantha Dostall. One hundred and fifty eight members of the class graduated with over forty members of the class receiving scholarships from colleges, universities, or organizations. Seventy percent of those seniors will be continuing their education at four-year, two-year, or technical schools. Four percent of the class will be entering the military and continuing their careers in the service. Twenty six percent will be securing jobs and continuing their careers in the work force.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard A. Reighley, Principal



2012-2013 STAFF TRAINING BY DEGREE

BUILDING	B	B+	M	M+	TOTAL
FHS	0	3	11	18	32
SAMS	2	1	12	9	24
FES	1	7	17	24	49

PROFESSIONAL STAFF TEACHING EXPERIENCE & GENDER

BUILDING	EXPERIENCE IN YEARS	MALES	FEMALES
FHS	460 (14.38 Years)	14	18
SAMS	298 (13.55 Years)	6	16
FES	576 (13.40 Years)	4	39

ADMINISTRATORS

BUILDING	MALES	FEMALES
BOARD OF EDUCATION	2	
FIRELANDS HIGH	2	
SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE	1	
FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY	0	2
TOTAL	5	2

AVERAGE YEARS EXPERIENCE = 10.5 YEARS

SUPPORT STAFF BY GENDER

BUILDING	MALES	FEMALES
BOARD OF EDUCATION	2	6
BUS DRIVERS/MECHANICS	2	18
FIRELANDS HIGH	3	19
SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE	3	16
FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY	1	22
TOTAL	11	81

AVERAGE YEARS EXPERIENCE = 10.91 YEARS

NOTIFICATION OF SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Firelands Local School District is actively participating in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children with special needs. Firelands provides special services for both "gifted" students and those students with "disabilities".

GIFTED SERVICES—In compliance with ORC Section 33245.07 the Firelands Local School District has developed a appropriate program for "Gifted" students enrolled in the district. This plan includes the following: a differentiated curriculum, cluster grouping, accelerated course work, and advanced placement. Students are identified in three steps: (1) pre-assessment, where student's academic performance is reviewed, (2) screening, which is usually group testing, and (3) assessment/identification, which can be either group or individual testing. Parents should receive test results within 30 days. Parents will be notified if a student qualifies for 'gifted services'.

DISABILITY SERVICES—In accordance with ORC Sections 3323.05 and 3323.08 the Firelands Local School District has developed an appropriate program for servicing students with disabilities. The Firelands School District further assures disabled students and their parents procedural safeguards with respect to the identification, evaluation, educational placement, or educational program of a disabled child.

A "Child with a disability" means a child who is age 3-21 who has cognitive delay, a hearing impairment (including deafness), a speech or language impairment, a visual impairment (including blindness), a serious emotional disturbance, an orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic brain injury, an other health impairment, a specific learning disability, deaf-blindness, or multiple disabilities; and who, by reason thereof, needs special education and related services. A "child with a disability" may include a child who is 3-5 years of age who is experiencing developmental delays in one or more of the following areas: physical development, cognitive development, communication development, social or emotional development, or adaptive development; and who, by reason thereof, needs special education and related services.

Children with disabilities can be referred for assessment by teachers, administrators, professional school personnel, and through cooperative efforts with parents. Following proper identification and assessment, parents will be contacted to meet collectively with school personnel to review the test results. If the student qualifies for services, parents will be directly involved in all stages of developing the student's individualized education program (IEP). The needs of the student are met through various services while attempting to keep the student in the general education curriculum to the extent possible.

If you have any further questions about these services, contact the Office of Special Education at 440-965-4255.

South Amherst Annual Report

South Amherst Middle School earned a B overall and received an A for Value Added by the Ohio Department of Education.

Service Projects

- SAMS students provided 500 books during the book fair week that were donated to FES teachers for creating classroom libraries. Sponsorship of the project was through the PTG at SAMS and FES
- Donated clothing to the needy
- Thanksgiving meals for the needy (6th Grade Service Project): The sixth grade reading teacher, Mrs. Debra Neal wrote & obtained a service grant from the Community Foundation of Lorain County to feed approximately 31 families. These families were all part of Firelands Schools, with the majority of them having a sixth grade student. Second Harvest Food Bank sent a representative to the school to kick off the project.
- The eighth grade students stopped at Shanksville, PA and dropped off funds that they have collected for victims and for memorial upkeep from the tragedy of September 11, 2001. The class also collaborated with the Village of South Amherst to work on beautifying the cemetery grounds. In addition, student's filled milk jugs with toiletry and various other personal hygiene items that were given to a local homeless shelter.
- The sixth grade students added service time into their daily schedule while attending the sixth grade outdoor adventure. The students performed various tasks to help clean-up and prepare the campgrounds for the 2013 sea-son. The students cleaned debris from the beach, cleared brush from walking paths, cleaned up trash that blew into the woods during the winter, cleaned up the wetland trails, and many other tasks asked of them by the camp administration. The Beulah Beach staff is appreciative of our students efforts.

Honors and Achievements

- *Math Counts received a gold medal for a third year in a row.
- *Congratulations to all the 7th and 8th grade choir members who participated in the 20th annual musical, *OZ!*. The musical was a huge success with over 1000 students, parents, and community members watching and enjoying the display of all 4 fine arts standards: Dance, Drama/Theatre, Music, and Visual Arts. The students are the ones to be congratulated as all of them contributed whether

performing as a character on the stage, working behind the scenes on a crew, or singing in the chorus. There were Student Directors, Dance Captains, Stage Crew, Lights/Sound Crew, Make-up/Costume Crew, and Publicity/Tickets Crew Members. All the students had a job to do, 80 students in both the 7th and 8th grade choir, and they all executed their jobs beautifully! I am so proud of all the choir members, and I know that this is a memory that will remain with them for years to come! Come and see the Musical Wall of Fame that displays posters from many musicals performed here at South Amherst Middle School

- *The boys 4 x 100 relay team of Colin Myers, Ben Akoa, Aaron Alston, and Patrick Brightbill set the school record with a time of 48.8 which is almost a second and a half better than the previous record.
- *The 7th Grade Football team had a great season compiling an impressive 8-0 undefeated record. The team showed great growth as the season developed as well as good sportsmanship.
- *Colin Myers set the Middle School high jump record with a jump of 5' 10".
- *David Nary won the 7th & 8th grade spelling bee and advance to the third round held at Midview
- *South Amherst Middle School art students Sydney Novak, Adam Bechtler, Jacob Selent, Kayla Palmer, and Logan Coon have been selected to show their artwork across Ohio. Jacob, Kayla, and Logan have work at the Case Western Reserve University Youth Art Month Exhibit. Adam was chosen as an exhibitor for the Young People's Art Exhibition held at the Rhodes State Office Tower in Columbus. Sydney has work in the Youth Art Month Exhibition hosted at the STRS Building in Columbus.
- *South Amherst Middle School artists Mikayla Mains, gr. 8 and Gavyn Kreider, gr. 7 both earned "gold key" awards for their oil pastel and mixed media works.
- *8th Grade Band: OMEA: The 8th grade band attended Ohio Music Educators Middle School Large Group Adjudicated Event in May. The students performed in front of a panel of three judges. The 8th grade band earned an excellent rating.
- *6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Bands: Lorain County Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event: Many middle school band members attended Lorain County's annual solo and ensemble adjudicated event

(February). Participating students prepared a musical selection and performed in front of a judge. Collectively South Amherst Middle School Bands earned 7 Superior Ratings and 1 Excellent Rating.

- *7th and 8th Grade Bands: Lorain County Middle School Honors Band: The Educational Service Center of Lorain County sponsors a county middle school honors band annually. Students were selected by their band director based upon their musical talents. Students rehearsed only twice and performed a concert in April at Keystone High School. Participating schools included Wellington, Columbia, North Ridgeville, Keystone, Clearview, Avon, and South Amherst. Participating students included:
- *Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music summer music camp: 6 SAMS band students spent a week living on Baldwin Wallace campus (June). Students received small group and full band instruction on their instruments. Students also attended music theory classes. The end of the week culminated with a live performance.
- *SAMS Band Awarded Grant Money: The Firelands Endowment has awarded several grants to South Amherst Middle School Band Department. Last year's grant included a live performance by the Metropolitan Brass Quintet and a day long workshop.
- *Some of our sixth graders had the opportunity to participate in four days of drama instruction from the Great Lakes Theater Group. Thanks to a grant provided by various donors, students were able to explore some serious issues of Civil Rights through the exploration of theatrical performance. Each day the class discussed, rehearsed and performed a scene from the following plays: "Diary of Anne Frank", "A Raisin in the Sun" and "Romeo and Juliet". In addition to the three plays, students read the poem "A Dream Deferred" by Langston Hughes and did a little dreaming of their own!
- *Mrs. Post's 8th grade Advanced Language Arts class visited the Municipal Building in Elyria for a mock trial. Their case was the state of Oklahoma vs. Johnny Cade. The case was based on the book *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hilton. The class went through many weeks of preparation for this event.
- *On October 24, 2012, Mrs. Neal's seventh period class had the honor to get up close and personal with Taylor Swift via 21st Century technology located in SAMS's library with the help of Mrs. Leimbach. During this thirty minute learning experience the students sat spell bound as Taylor Swift spoke of her new favorite color **RED**, which actually stands for Read Every Day!
- *Multiple endowment grants were received and used to benefit SAMS students directly. The endowment board has proven, yet again, that they truly support the teachers at S. Amherst Middle school and our students.

FHS YEARBOOK "THE TORCH"

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS

Firelands High School's Yearbook, the Torch, is running a promotion through October 4th. Order by October 4th for a 10% discount off the normal \$60 price. And, if you order by October 4th @: <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A06551200>, you can receive 4 FREE icons with personalization. Order today, as this will be the lowest price of the year with this many FREE upgrades .

The Firelands FFA Succeeds at Lorain County Fair

The members of the Firelands FFA Chapter had another amazing and successful year showing at the Lorain County Fair on August 19-25. Monday was a great day for Christine Balint and Emma Ranney. Christine was crowned the 2013 Lorain County Fair Queen and Emma Ranney was also part of the Royal Court. Earlier that day Christine won Grand Champion Fowl, Grand Champion Bantam Chicken, 2nd place Water Fowl Sr. Showmanship, and 2nd place Poultry Sr. Showmanship. Later in the week Emma Ranney won Grand Champion BBR(Bred, Born, and Raised) Modern Beef Steer, 2nd place Market Beef Sr. Showmanship, Reserve Champion Boer Goat Sr. Showmanship, and Grand Champion in the Beef Skillathon. Amanda Spears had the BBR Beef Feeder Champion, Reserve Class Champion Beef Feeder, and 3rd place Beginner Showmanship. Mikayla Habeck won the Market Goat Rate of Gain. James Keressi had two Class Champion Steers and a Reserve Class Champion Market Hog. Callie Stevens also had a Class Champion Market Hog. Taylor Odom earned Class Champion Turkey Sr. Showmanship and Overall Turkey Showmanship Champion. Stephanie Dostall was Class Champion of Sr. Pygmy Goat Showmanship and the Overall Pygmy Goat Showmanship Champion. Also, she had the Reserve Champion Yearling Pygmy Breed. Demi Dovin had a 1st place Steer, a 3rd place Steer, 1st place in two Brown Swiss Classes, and she is the Ohio Brown Swiss Queen. Tom Schuman had the LaGrange Engine Club 1st place Restoration. Brad Thrasher was the Champion of his Class in Intermediate Poultry Showmanship. Matt Gulish had the Reserve Champion Self-Determined Fowl Project with his pheasants. David Tipple was Class Champion of Intermediate Turkey Showmanship and Reserve Overall Turkey in Turkey Showmanship. Rachael Minek was Class Champion Market Hog Showmanship and the Overall Market Hog Showmanship Champion. Also, she had the Reserve Champion Market Hog Overall. Caitlin Gallagher was the Grand Champion in Beef Breeding Sr. Showmanship, Reserve Overall Jr. Yearling Heifer Calf, and Reserve Champion BBR Feeder Calf. Jeb Larson had the Grand Champion FFA Vegetable Project. Justin Baumann had the Reserve Champion Dairy Beef Steer. Karlie Canfield won Champion Pen of Three Meat Rabbits and was Reserve for Single Fryer Rabbit. A new auction record was set when Karlie sold her pen of three rabbits.

We are proud of our Junior Fair Board Representatives from the Firelands FFA: Emma Ranney (executive committee), Chrissy Balint, Karlie Canfield, Katie Cline, Caitlin Gallagher, and Karley Krupp. The Junior Fair Board is comprised of 4-H and FFA member from all of Lorain County. The 39 members of the board plan, host, and govern the entire junior fair and their work often goes underappreciated.

A couple weeks before the Lorain County Fair, a couple of our members participated in the Erie County Fair. Jody Hanko had the 1st place Market Hog in her Weight Class, 4th place Overall Cow Showmanship, 2nd place Cow Breed Class, and 3rd place Overall Llama Showmanship. And Finally, Emily Herchler had two 1st places in Feeder Beef Breeding Classes. Overall our members ended our summer in a really great way. Now it is time for us to take a small break and then begin preparing to make next year even more successful!



2013 Lorain County Fair Queen,
Christine Balint, 2013 Lorain County Fair Queen & Demi Dovin, 2013 Ohio



Rachael Minek selling her reserve champion hog

You're Invited to the:

Firelands Community Health & Wellness Fair



October 23, 2013
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Firelands High School
10643 Vermilion Road
Oberlin, OH 44074



We welcome each member of the Firelands Community to our 5th Annual Community Health & Wellness Fair.

This free event highlights over 30 different organizations, each one with fun and useful tips to improve your overall health. Community members of all ages will benefit from this Health Fair!



Are you prepped and ready for emergency situations? Are you looking for a new exercise, food choice or health information? Come see what the experts have to say. For additional information please contact Jennifer at (440) 965-5821 ext 1015.



GUIDANCE

The colleges listed below come to meet with interested students to pass out information and answer questions about their college. You just have to sign up on the sheets in the Guidance office. The meeting usually lasts around 30 minutes.

Colleges Scheduled to Visit Firelands High School

Bowling Green State University - Tuesday, October 24 - 8:00 a.m.
Ohio University - Tuesday, October 1 - 1:00 p.m.
Johnson & Wales University - Tuesday, October 8 - 8:00 a.m.
Youngstown State University - Tuesday, October 8 - 9:00 a.m.
Ursuline College - Tuesday, October 8 - 1:00 p.m.
Kent State University - Tuesday, October 15 - 8:00 a.m.
Baldwin Wallace University - Tuesday, October 15 - 9:00 a.m.
Hiram College - Tuesday, October 15 - 12:00 p.m.
Ohio State University - Tuesday, October 15 - 1:00 p.m.
Ashland University - Tuesday, October 22 - 9:00 a.m.
Cleveland Institute of Art - Monday, November 11 - 9:45 a.m.

Important Dates in October

Lorain County College Fair at Lorain County Community College – Thursday, October 10th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Ewing Activities Center, 1005 North Abbe Road, Elyria. More than 130 Colleges, Universities, and Military Academies will be there to answer your questions.

Career Readiness Day! October 16th 8:30 a.m.

We have a special day planned to help our students prepare for college and career readiness.

**Freshman activities include motivational speakers, wellness activities, college and career speakers.

**All Sophomores and Juniors will be participating in Testing in the morning.

PLAN – Designed to help students improve their post-secondary planning & preparation. All sophomores will take this test unless taking the PSAT. Cost is FREE!

PreACT – Designed to give students knowledge and direction on what to expect on the ACT. Juniors will take this test unless taking the PSAT. Juniors at the JVS are invited to participate. Cost is FREE!

PSAT – Sophomores and Juniors can take the test. Cost is \$14.00 – Please make checks payable to: Firelands High School. Sign-ups will begin October 7th in the Guidance Office (limited to 35 students)

SENIORS – will be taking the Compass Test at Lorain County Community College or out on a College visit!

In the Afternoon: Community Service Activities & Fundraisers by various groups.

Parent/Teacher Evening Conferences – October 17th & November 12th

ACT and SAT registration information and test dates are on their websites: www.actstudent.org and www.collegeboard.com. Information packets are available in the guidance office with dates of testing and how to register online.

PSEO Seniors, please contact our office to set up a senior interview for assistance with the college admission process.

College Visit Forms: Seniors are allowed 3 college visits to view colleges of their choice and ask questions of the college admission staff. A form is available in the guidance office. This form must be given to the main office **before the student can visit the college**. It counts as a day of attendance, but missed school work must be made up. Juniors are allowed 2 college visits.

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.

Visit our website frequently for any updates!

College Now Representative, Bryan Wortmann will be at Firelands High School every Tuesday for the 2013-2014 school year to meet with college bound students.

I AM WRITING TO ALL OF YOU FALCON FANS TO SAY THANK YOU !

The weather was very questionable the morning of September 12th - the day of our Tailgate Party. The afternoon didn't look much better, but come about 3:30 that afternoon the Good Lord shined upon the grounds of Firelands High School, which I am sure helped to (from what I am hearing) bring a record breaking crowd out for the Tailgate Party and Jersey Auction.

"Oh what a night" it was, as the crowds gathered to hear our AWESOME Mighty Falcon Marching Band, see the decorated Homecoming Floats, enjoy lots of good food, get a face painting, and even jump in a bounce house. After a couple hours of just good ole' fellowship we held the annual Jersey Auction. Many student and parent fans bid on their favorite Football players Jersey to wear the next day and night, as we celebrated another Homecoming at Firelands.

Thanks to the guys for standing up on the platform, and thanks to the auction supporters, who combined, made for another successful fundraising project for the Firelands Athletic Booster Club. The funds raised will help to support our Athletes.

Please join us! We will be having our first meeting of the year on Monday, September 23rd at 7:00 pm in the High School Library. We would love to have another record breaking crowd. All Falcon Fans are encouraged to be a part of the FABC. **"No child athlete required" to be a part.** 😊 However... if you do have a child in sports, or you are a coach, we will expect to see you!

Enjoy the fall sports seasons! **And of course... GO RED ! GO FALCONS!!**

FABC

GET YOUR DONUTS!!!



The Mighty Falcon Marching Band will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts at ALL home football games. Bring your sweet Tooth!

Student Council News

Over the summer, Firelands High School Student Council worked hard to plan a fantastic 2013-2014 school year. In August, members of the council met at Common Grounds for the Summer Workshop. During the first half of the day everyone participated in a high ropes course, working on communication and building trust. The second part of the day consisted of outlining the major events for the upcoming school year.

All of the dedication and preparations made paid off with our opening event, Homecoming, running smoothly without a hitch. Throughout the week students showcased their spirit, dressing accordingly to the various themed days. On Thursday each class competed for the best decorated float at the tailgate party, with the Senior class taking home first place. Earlier in the day the students engaged in Deck the Halls, a competition to see which class could



best decorate their hallway. This time the Junior class soared above the rest, claiming the prize. A pep rally was held at the end of the school day on Friday to round up school spirit for the Homecoming Game. During the pep rally, Mr. and Mrs. Falcon Spirit was awarded, them being Freddie Falcon (Patrick Stewart) and Mikaya Tillman. That night the 2013 Homecoming Court was announced, each class parading around the track on their personalized floats. This year's court members are: Freshman Prince – Matthew Brightbill, Freshman Princess – Elizabeth Ward, Sophomore Prince – Cole Ference, Sophomore Princess – Shelly Shupe,



Junior Prince – Jordan Ruffner, Junior Princess – Bethany Anderson, Senior King – Dakota Klingshirn, Senior Queen – Ashley Gasparini. The week finalized with the Homecoming Dance where students enjoyed a night of fun with fellow peers and friends. Student Council would like to thank everyone who participated in the numerous activities throughout the week, making the event enjoyable for all.



Don't forget to mark your calendars for our next event, Senior Appreciation for all athletes in a fall sport on Friday, October 25th. We look forward to a tremendous school year with continuous success! Katy Tuggle, Communications Director

FIRELANDS ATHLETICS

Falls sports are in full swing. Please check the school website for downloadable schedules in PDF format. <http://www.firelandsschools.org/FalconAthletics.aspx> Please note that schedules are subject to change. Always contact the coaches, school secretaries, or athletic office for any schedule questions.

Firelands Local Schools offers passes to athletic events. 10 Game Passes for adults/students are \$40. Senior Citizen Passes for all home MS/HS athletic events are \$15. Passes can be purchased from the ticket takers at any varsity sporting event or from the FHS/SAMS main office secretaries. Passes are good for any home event EXCEPT special Invitationals, Conference Meets, or OHSAA Tournament Games.

The Patriot Athletic Conference Facilities directory is now available on the Firelands Schools Website. Please go to <http://www.firelandsschools.org/FalconAthletics.aspx> Scroll down to the bottom of the page to the section of "Important Links and Downloads". Click on the facilities directory to download. The facilities directory is what each school submitted as their locations for home events for the 2013-14 school year.

Fall Season Summaries of all middle school and high school sports teams will appear in the November edition of the express.

HOMECOMING TAILGATE PARTY

On Thursday Sept. 12th more than 300 people gathered for the annual Homecoming Tailgate Party and Jersey Auction sponsored by the Firelands Athletic Booster Club. It was a beautiful day as tailgaters started showing up around 4pm. Students and Adults grilled out and socialized leading up to the class floats. The Mighty Falcon Marching Band rocked the parking lot with a procession and drum ensemble. Capping the night off was the jersey auction that saw Jake Grasso Sr. calling the bids to raise money for future football projects. All proceeds generated from the jersey auction is used to purchase equipment for the football team by the booster club. The athletic boosters provided t-shirts after the winning bid was secured. Thank you to the Firelands Athletic Booster Club, Jake Grasso Sr., the football parents, the Mighty Falcon Marching Band, and everyone else who participated to make this such a wonderful event.



FHS Artist is Best in Show



FHS senior art student Lauren Holcomb brought home the “Best in Show” distinction from the Lorrain County Fair for her drawing. Lauren is a fourth year art student and entered a detailed pencil illustration of a family of cats, inspired by an actual vintage family photo. This work titled *Phyl, Myrle, Charlotte and Joy* earned 1st place in the pencil and ink category. She additionally earned a 1st place for her acrylic painting of flowers. Lauren competed in the age 15-18 class.

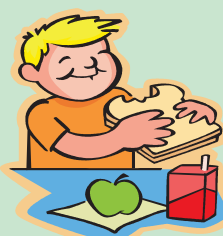
Cafeteria News Meal Assistance Information

All meal assistance applications have been processed. If you filled out a form but have not received a notification letter, please contact Judy Baumann Food service director 440-965-5821 ext. 1011. Your child’s meal status rolls over for the first month of school only. A new application must be filled out every year before September 30. If an updated application has not been received by September 30, your child’s meal status will automatically change to denied. You can apply for meal assistance anytime throughout the school year.

Breakfast is served at all schools. Breakfast students go directly to the cafeteria in the morning. If qualified for reduced meals, breakfast cost is .30 cents and lunch is .40 cents.

PAY FOR IT PROGRAM & ACCOUNT ACTIVITY REPORT

Pay for it allows you to put money on your child’s account with a credit card w/ a small convenience fee attached. This program has many great features such as providing you with your child’s lunch account balance and also a short report of what has been purchased on their account. This part of the program can be used even if you choose not to make an online payment. There is no fee to use the reporting system but you still have to enter a credit card number. If you are hesitant to use your regular credit card, you can use a prepaid card w/ a small balance (i.e. \$20.00 card). You can sign up for pay for it by logging onto www.payforit.net, and then follow the instructions listed. Under “my account” it allows you to set up email reminders as well. The student I.D. number that your child enters into the pin pad to purchase a meal is needed to set up a “pay for it” account.



Any food service questions please contact Judy Baumann, Food Service Director at: 440-965-5821

MFMB

Musical Moments

Welcome to our new freshmen students and families!

The Boosters

Need your help and Participation! Our needs grow as our band does.

Contact us at firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com



Calendar of Events

- October:
- 4th-Game at Keystone
- 5th-Home Parade of Bands
- 6th-Woollybear Parade
- 11th-Game at Brookside
- 12th-Brookside Band Festival
- 18th-Home Game/Middle School Band Night

Mark your calendars for the monthly booster meeting October 21st @ 7 pm in the band room. Please come! Not too many students or parents can say their band director is a Grammy Award nominee!

Seventh Annual Parade of Bands

October 5th, 2013
7 pm Firelands Stadium

MFMB

This years bands include Padua, Lutheran West, James Rhodes, Midview, Brookside, and The Mighty Falcon Marching Band!

Cost of admission is \$5 for all!

Shout outs..Concessions.....Raffles.....
And more! Please come and help support our band. Proceeds from this event go towards our uniform fund.

LUNCH MENUS

<p>FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY Regular Lunch \$2.40—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>	<p>SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE Regular Lunch \$2.75—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>	<p>FIRELANDS HIGH Regular Lunch \$2.75—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>
<p>OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 4 Tuesday - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned peas, Celery sticks, Chilled fruit Wednesday - General Tso's Chicken, Stir Fry Veggies, Seasoned Rice, Chilled pineapple tidbits, Fortune cookie Thursday - Soft taco, Shredded lettuce & cheese, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit Friday - Cheese stuffed breadstick, Pizza sauce, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled mandarin oranges</p> <p>OCTOBER 7 - OCTOBER 11 Monday - Sausage links, French toast sticks, Hashbrown potatoes, Celery sticks, Orange juice cup, Syrup cup Tuesday - Dominoes smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit, Whole grain graham gripz Wednesday - Baked chicken fries, Baked french fries, Green beans, Chilled pears, Dipping sauce Thursday - Whole grain corn dog, Bbq baked beans, Sliced cucumbers, Fresh fruit Friday - Toasted cheese, Tomato soup, Saltines, Seasoned peas, Chilled peaches</p> <p>OCTOBER 14 - OCTOBER 18 Monday - Baked chicken nuggets, Bbq baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce Tuesday - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned Corn, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit, Tray treat Wednesday - Hamburger w/ Whole grain bun, Smiley fries, Chilled pears Thursday - Pepperoni calzone, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Fresh fruit Friday - NEOEA DAY - NO SCHOOL</p> <p>OCTOBER 21 - OCTOBER 25 Monday - Popcorn chicken, Hashbrown patty, Baby carrots w/dip, Chilled peaches Tuesday - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned corn, Celery sticks, Chilled fruit Wednesday - Chicken strips Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pineapple, Whole grain chez-it Thursday - Taco Salad, Shredded lettuce & cheese, Seasoned refried beans & cheese, Fresh fruit, Tortilla chips Friday - Macaroni & cheese, Seasoned peas, Cucumber slices, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll</p> <p>OCTOBER 28 - OCTOBER 31 Monday - Hamburger w/wg bun, Pickle slices, Bbq baked beans, Coleslaw, Chilled mandarin oranges Tuesday - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned green beans, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit Wednesday - Baked chicken nuggets, Sweet tots, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce Thursday - Cheesy bread, Seasoned broccoli, Fresh fruit, Jello cup</p>	<p>OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 4 Tuesday - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust pizza, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit Wednesday - Taco salad or soft taco wrap, shredded iceberg cheese, Seasoned refried beans/chez, Chilled applesauce, Tortilla chips Thursday - Chicken strips w/roll, or chicken patty w/bun, Parsley potatoes, Fresh fruit Friday - Macaroni & cheese /roll, or rib a cue w/bun, Seasoned broccoli, Cucumber slices, Chilled pears</p> <p>OCTOBER 7 - OCTOBER 11 Monday - Pepperoni calzone, Or southwest pizza, Green bean & carrots, Applesauce Tuesday - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit Wednesday - Falcon single burger w/wg bun w/ iceberg lettuce, cheese, 2T sauce, bbq baked beans, Sweet thing fries, Chilled pears Thursday - Chicken bowl w/gravy, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll Friday - Wg cheese breadstick Or beef ravioli w/breadstick, Seasoned broccoli, Chilled pineapple</p> <p>OCTOBER 14 - OCTOBER 18 Monday - Chicken parm w/wg roll or chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Green beans, Chilled peaches Tuesday - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit Wednesday - Beef & cheese nachos or Taco fries w/cheese, Refried beans w/cheese Romaine salad, Chilled applesauce Thursday - Chicken wrap w/cheese, Chicken strips w/ roll, Shredded lettuce, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit Friday - NEOEA DAY - NO SCHOOL</p> <p>OCTOBER 21 - OCTOBER 25 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, 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</p> <p>OCTOBER 28 - OCTOBER 31 Monday - Salisbury steak, or breaded pork chop, Whipped potatoes, Seasoned corn, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll Tuesday - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli w/chez, Celery sticks, Chilled Fruit Wednesday - Chipotle day-Beef or Fajita chicken, Ultra grain wrap, Shredded iceberg, Black bean & corn salsa, Cilantro lime rice, Chilled mandarin orange Thursday - Cheese quesadilla, Or Chicken nuggets w/roll, Baby carrots, Sliced red peppers, Fresh fruit</p>	<p>OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 4 Tuesday - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pears Wednesday - Taco salad w/roll or soft taco wrap, shredded iceberg cheese, Salsa cup, Chilled applesauce, Tortilla chips, 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, Chilled pears</p> <p>OCTOBER 7 - OCTOBER 11 Monday - Pepperoni calzone Or French bread pizza, Bbq baked beans, Seasoned carrots, Applesauce Tuesday - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned green beans, Romaine salad, Chilled mandarin oranges Wednesday - Falcon burger w/whole grain bun, iceberg lettuce, cheese, sauce, Sweet things fries, Chilled pears Thursday - Chicken bowl w/gravy, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll Friday - Wg cheese breadstick Or Beef Ravioli w/breadstick, Seasoned broccoli, Chilled pineapple</p> <p>OCTOBER 14 - OCTOBER 18 Monday - Chicken parm w/wg roll or chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Green beans, Chilled peaches Tuesday - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pears Wednesday - Beef & cheese nachos, Or Taco Fries w/cheese, Refried beans w/cheese, Romaine salad, Chilled applesauce Thursday - Chicken wrap w/cheese, Chicken strips w/ roll, Shredded lettuce, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit Friday - NEOEA DAY NO SCHOOL</p> <p>OCTOBER 21 - OCTOBER 25 Monday - Bbq pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Bbq baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches Tuesday - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled pears Wednesday - Pasta Bar/marinara, alfredo or cheese sauce w/ wg roll, Or meatball sub, Romaine salad, Cucumber slices, Chilled applesauce Thursday - General Tso's chicken, Stir fry vegetable, Seasoned rice, Fresh fruit, Fortune Cookie Friday - Egg & cheese on bun, or french toast sticks w/sausage links, syrup cup, Hashbrown potato, Sweet thing fries, Orange juice cup</p> <p>OCTOBER 28 - OCTOBER 31 Monday - Salisbury steak, or breaded pork chop, ½ Seasoned corn, ½ Whipped potatoes, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll Tuesday - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli w/chez, Celery sticks, Fruit Wednesday - Chipotle day-Beef or Fajita chicken, Ultra grain wrap, Shredded iceberg, Black bean & corn salsa, Cilantro lime rice, Chilled mandarin orange Thursday - Wg Cheese quesadilla Or Chicken nuggets w/roll, Baby Carrots, Grape tomatoes, Fresh fruit</p>

FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL BAND ON THE RUN

5K

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1 MILE FUN RUN

Registration at 9:00am - 5K begins at 10am, 1mile fun run 10:10am

\$18.00 pre-registered, \$23.00 race day

Register by October 11th for a guaranteed t-shirt!

Course begins at SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE SCHOOL

112 N. Lake Street South Amherst, Ohio 44001

Race information at www.mfmb.org

Registration: \$18.00 pre-registration, \$23.00 the day of the race. Go to www.stadiumroar.com/firelandsbandboosters to register.

All mailed pre-registered entries must be received by

Friday October 11, 2013.

Mail entry forms to: **Band on the Run**

**Firelands High School
10643 Vermilion Rd,
Oberlin, OH 44074**

Payment: Cash, checks made out to Firelands Band Boosters, or Paypal through The Mighty Falcon Marching Band website www.mfmb.org

Name _____ Age _____ Sex M / F

Shirt size S / M / L / XL / XXL

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail address _____

X _____ Date _____

Signature of participant

X _____

Signature of parent/guardian if participant is under 18

Waiver: In signing this waiver for myself or the entrant (when under age 18) I understand the intent of this release and agree to absolve all of the sponsors, organizers, and associated entities, be they individuals or organizers, singly and collectively, of all blame for any injury, misadventure, harm, loss or inconvenience suffered as a result of taking part in the Band on the Run 5K Run or in any connection with an activity associated with the said Band on the Run 5K Run, and will allow publication of any photos or quotes acquired during the run.

Four FHS Artists Exhibited in State Level Show

Four Firelands High School art students have work selected for the "Emerging Artist High School Art Exhibition". Sponsored by the Ohio Art Education Association, a limited number of art from each region of Ohio are included in the show. Senior Brenna Horwedel's "Still-Life" of a tea pot in oil paint on canvas is in the show. Junior Andrew Biery created a portrait of John Sapienza, titled "J-\$ap Rocky" in oil pastel. Sophomore Tori Russo drew a portrait of her pet pup "Cosmo" in oil pastel. Sophomore Victoria Krejci illustrated an original Celtic Knot, titled "A Colorful Heritage" for the show. The work was created late last school year for selection over the summer. The exhibition is hosted at the STRS (State Teachers Retirement System) building in downtown Columbus from Sept. 14 through October 12. These students and their families are invited to a special closing reception on October 12 to recognize their artistic accomplishments.



Front row-Victoria Krejci & Brenna Horwedel
Back row-Andrew Biery & Tori Russo

COMMUNITY CALENDAR**SEPTEMBER**

9/23 TBA Boys Varsity Golf @ OPEN DATE OHSAA Sectionals
 9/23 4:30pm Girls Freshman Volleyball VS Vermilion
 9/23 7:00pm Girls Varsity Volleyball VS Vermilion
 9/23 4:30pm Girls Freshman Volleyball VS Vermilion
 9/23 7:00pm Girls Varsity Volleyball VS Vermilion
 9/23 TBA Boys Varsity Golf @ Open Date (OHSAA Sectionals)
 9/23 SAMS PTG Calendar Raffle
 9/24 7:00pm Girls Varsity Volleyball VS Brooklyn
 9/24 7:00pm Girls Varsity Volleyball VS Brooklyn
 9/25 5:00pm Girls Varsity Soccer @ Oberlin
 9/25 7:00pm Boys Varsity Soccer VS Oberlin
 9/25 6:00pm Boys Varsity Soccer VS Oberlin
 9/25 5:00pm Girls Varsity Soccer @ Oberlin
 9/26 4:30pm Girls Freshman Volleyball @ Clearview
 9/26 7:00pm Girls Varsity Volleyball @ Clearview
 9/26 4:30pm Girls Freshman Volleyball @ Clearview
 9/26 7:00pm Girls Varsity Volleyball @ Clearview
 9/27 7:00pm Boys Varsity Football VS Oberlin
 9/27 7:00pm Boys Varsity Football VS Oberlin
9/27 WAIVER DAY - NO SCHOOL
 9/28 TBA Boys Varsity Golf @ Elyria LCAAA @ Bob - o - Link
 9/28 8:00am Coed Varsity Cross Country @ Vermilion Obenour Invitational
 9/28 9:00am Girls Freshman Volleyball @ Brookside Invitational
 9/28 11:00am Girls Varsity Volleyball VS New London
 9/28 12:00pm Girls Varsity Soccer VS Lutheran West
 9/28 1:00pm Boys Varsity Soccer @ Lutheran West
 9/28 4:30pm Girls Freshman Volleyball @ Brookside
 9/28 1:00pm Boys Varsity Soccer @ Lutheran West
 9/28 12:00pm Girls Varsity Soccer VS Lutheran West
 9/28 11:00am Girls Varsity Volleyball VS New London
 9/28 8:00am Coed Varsity Cross Country @ Vermilion (Obenour Invitational)
 9/28 TBA Boys Varsity Golf @Elyria High (LCAAA Bob-O-Link)
 9/30 4:30pm Girls Varsity Soccer @ Open Door
 9/30 7:00pm Boys Varsity Soccer VS Vermilion
 9/30 4:30pm Girls Freshman Volleyball VS Buckeye
 9/30 7:00pm Boys Varsity Soccer VS Vermilion
 9/30 4:30pm Girls Varsity Soccer @ Open Door
 9/30 7:00pm Girls Varsity Volleyball VS Buckeye
 9/30 FES Market Day Pickup at FES 5:30-6:30pm

OCTOBER

10/1 4:30pm Girls Freshman Volleyball VS Brookside
 10/1 7:00pm Girls Varsity Volleyball VS Brookside

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 10/1 7:00pm Girls Varsity Volleyball VS Brookside
10/1 Interim Reports
 10/2 5:00pm Girls Varsity Soccer @ Black River
 10/2 5:00pm Girls Varsity Soccer @ Black River
 10/2 FES PTG Meeting in Library 7:00pm
 10/2 SAMS PTG Meeting 2:45pm
 10/3 4:30pm Girls Freshman Volleyball VS Keystone
 10/3 7:00pm Girls Varsity Volleyball VS Keystone
 10/3 4:30pm Girls Freshman Volleyball VS Keystone
 10/3 7:00pm Girls Varsity Volleyball VS Keystone
 10/3 SAMS & FES Evening P/T Conference K-8
 10/4 7:00pm Boys Varsity Football @ Keystone
 10/4 7:00pm Boys Varsity Football @ Keystone
 10/5 9:00am Coed Varsity Cross Country @ New London Dan Olien Invitational
 10/5 12:00pm Girls Varsity Soccer VS Wellington
 10/5 1:00pm Boys Varsity Soccer @ Wellington
 10/5 1:00pm Boys Varsity Soccer @ Wellington
 10/5 12:00pm Girls Varsity Soccer VS Wellington
 10/5 9:00am Coed Varsity Cross Country @ New London (Olien Invitational)
 10/5 FHS Parade of Bands 7:00pm
 10/7 4:30pm Girls Freshman Volleyball @ Buckeye
 10/7 7:00pm Boys Varsity Soccer VS Huron
 10/7 7:00pm Girls Varsity Soccer VS Independence
 10/7 7:00pm Girls Varsity Volleyball @ Buckeye
 10/7 4:30pm Girls Freshman Volleyball @ Buckeye
 10/7 7:00pm Boys Varsity Soccer VS Huron
 10/7 5:00pm Girls Varsity Soccer VS Independence
 10/7 7:00pm Girls Varsity Volleyball @ Buckeye
 10/7 SAMS Student Council Braided Bread Sale
 10/8 7:00pm Girls Varsity Volleyball @ Wellington
 10/8 7:00pm Girls Varsity Volleyball @ Wellington
 10/8 FES 3rd Grade Ohio Achievement Test
 10/10 7:00pm Boys Varsity Soccer @ West Geauga
 10/10 7:00pm Girls Varsity Volleyball VS Black River
 10/10 4:30pm Girls Freshman Volleyball VS Black River
 10/10 4:30pm Boys Varsity Soccer @ West Geauga
 10/10 7:00pm Girls Varsity Volleyball VS Black River
 10/11 7:00pm Boys Varsity Football @ Brookside
 10/11 7:00pm Boys Varsity Football @ Brookside
 10/12 1:00pm Girls Varsity Soccer @ Cuyahoga Heights
 10/12 1:00pm Girls Varsity Soccer @ Cuyahoga Heights
10/14 Board of Education Meeting 7:00pm
 10/14 SAMS Faculty Meeting 2:40pm
 10/16 SAMS Picture Retakes 7:40am
 10/17 FES, SAMS, FHS Evening P/T Conference K-12
 10/18 7:00pm Boys Varsity Football VS Black River
 10/18 7:00pm Boys Varsity Football VS Black River

Firelands Alumni and Friends Golf Outing

Over 80 Golfers participated in the Firelands Alumni and Friends Golf Outing which was held on Saturday July 27 at Pheasant Run Golf Course. We would like to thank all of the participants, hole sponsors, and donors who helped make the event a major success. A special thank you goes out to Lighthouse Insurance Agency for their dedicated support of the event and to the Firelands Community. All participants weathered the rainy conditions and were treated to a steak dinner after the round of 18. Many great gifts were given away and auctioned off including an authentic Ohio State University game football helmet which was donated by Riddell care of Doug Carrico. Please mark your calendars for next year as the event will be held on Saturday July 26th. Hope to see everyone there.



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Brownhelm Historical Association

The Brownhelm Historical Association will meet at 7:00 p.m. on October 2 at the Carriage Barn at Vermilion River Reservation, Mill Hollow. After the business meeting our speaker Jannah Wilson, Sr. Naturalist at Lorain County Metro Parks will speak about the history of the parks, what is going on in the parks, and current events.

The public is invited to this free program. Refreshments will be served after the program. Any questions call Bonnie Cutcher 440-963-7540 or Marilyn Brill 440-988-4550.

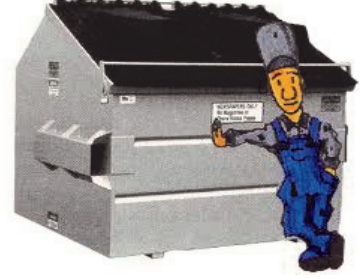
South Amherst Dumpster Days

Friday – October 4, 2013
8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Saturday – October 5, 2013
9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

South Amherst Village Garage
State Route 113

Proof of residency is required.

Stay informed about village news by visiting our website at <http://villageofsouthamherst.com>

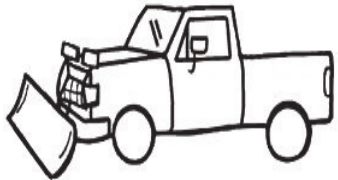


FLSD IS ACCEPTING SNOW REMOVAL QUOTES

The Firelands Local School District is currently accepting quotes for snow removal from drives and parking lots at the Firelands High School, Firelands Elementary School, South Amherst Middle School and Board Office, as defined below for the 2013-14 school year.

Firelands High School

- Stone drive north of the high school.
- Parking area northeast of the high school.
- Drive and parking area east of the high school.
- Drive and parking area south of the high school.
- Drive and parking area west and south of the bus garage.



NOTE: the stone lot south of the building is available for snow collection.

Firelands Elementary School

- Drive and parking area north of the elementary school.
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South Amherst Middle School and Board Office

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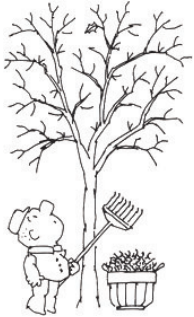


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