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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



On September 1st we welcomed 1740 students back to school for a year that promises to be filled with exciting opportunities for our kids. In addition, we welcomed 23 new staff members to our district.

As our September edition of the *Firelands Express* typically reflects on the accomplishments of the past year, I would like to briefly summarize just a few of the many achievements from the 2014-2015 school year.

- The Class of 2015 earned over 1100 free college credits while in high school and was awarded \$950,000 in academic scholarships.
- Our ACT scores were the highest this past year as they have been in the last 5 years.
- Our music education program was recognized as one of our country's 100 best. In addition, we were recognized as one of only 6 Grammy Signature Semi-Finalists.
- Our FFA is ranked in the TOP 10 in the Nation! In addition, 11 students earned their State Degree, a school record.
- Students at Firelands High School had the ability to earn 30 free semester hours through Lorain County Community College without the need to leave our campus.
- Our athletic programs continue to excel in the Patriot Athletic Conference. 475 students were on a sports roster last year and overall Firelands athletics received the second highest point total in our conference.
- Our transportation department, tied with Wellington, was rated the most efficient in Lorain County.
- Giving back to the community continued to be emphasized at all of our buildings. More information on specific projects is highlighted under each building's report in this edition.
- Our students continue to be fortunate to attend our district that has such strong support from our community. On behalf of our entire district, thank you to all who have donated their time and talents to our kids!

Bond Issue Update:

Over 100 people attended our community meeting on August 19th to learn about the bond issue that will be on the ballot on November 3rd. The building project calls for a joined 6-8 and 9-12 building with a field house designed for student and community use to be built north of the current high school. The current timeline includes one year for design, followed by two years of construction. With an overall project cost of \$35,699,664, \$6,238,379 has been awarded to our district by the State of Ohio.

Thank you to those of you that completed our online survey. Results show that over 88% of respondents agree with the proposed building project. In response to a growing interest from our community to learn more about this project, additional community meetings will be held across our district on the following dates and locations:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
October 1 st	Camden Township Complex	6:30 pm
October 5 th	Firelands High School	6:30 pm
October 6 th	Brownhelm School	6:30 pm
October 8 th	South Amherst Middle School	6:30 pm
October 14 th	Florence Twp Fire Station	6:30 pm

In an effort to address some common questions we have received, please review the following Q & A.

The proposed project calls for a 5.7 mill bond issue to be placed on the ballot for 36 years. How do I determine how much this will cost?

A common misconception is that residents are taxed on the market value of your home. **You are not.** For example, if your home has a market value of **\$150,000**, you are taxed on 35% of the auditor's valuation which is referred to as the assessed value. In this illustration, your assessment is on **\$52,500** and would cost you \$25.00 per month. Please visit the County Auditor's website to determine the assessed value of your home.

The computation works as follows for the situation illustrated above:

$\$52,500$ (assessed value) x 5.7 mills divided by 1000 (one mill equals .001 dollars) divided by 12 months = \$25.00 per month.

Value as stated by the County Auditor's Office before multiplying by 35% to get Assessed Value	Monthly Cost
\$75,000	\$12
\$100,000	\$17
\$150,000	\$25
\$200,000	\$33
\$250,000	\$42
\$300,000	\$50

What will happen to Firelands High School and South Amherst Middle School?

After the new building is completed, a significant portion of FHS, if not all of the current building, will be demolished. Regarding South Amherst Middle School, the Board is committed to working with Village of South Amherst to determine how the property will be used in the future.

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The Communities we serve: Amherst, Amherst Twp, Birmingham, Brownhelm Twp, Camden Twp, Florence Twp, Henrietta Twp, Kipton Village, New Russia Twp, South Amherst Village, Vermillion and Vermillion Twp.

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Why can't we renovate our existing buildings?

At no cost to the district, an independent architectural firm conducted facilities studies of South Amherst Middle School in 2006 and Firelands High School in 2014. The Ohio Schools Facility Commission will not support renovating a building when the cost exceeds 2/3rds of the cost to replace the building, which both buildings exceed. The state will pay the same amount as new construction; however, when remodeling, significant cost overruns often occur due to unforeseen needs.

I am concerned that even though we are receiving over 6 million dollars from the state, could we do the project for less if we were not involved in the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission?

The amount of financial support we receive from the State is based on our equity rank which is calculated by taking the property wealth of the entire district divided by our student population. Firelands equity rank is 493 out of 612 districts in the State of Ohio. Given this, the State of Ohio will contribute \$6,238,379 to our project. If we did not participate with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission we would need to generate the money they are contributing locally, thereby needing to raise the millage. Even if we could see savings, it would likely not equal the state share, costing taxpayers up to the total of the state share of \$6,238,379.

I am concerned about student safety in a joined 6-8 and 9-12 building?

The building advisory committee was made up of parents, grandparents, and may other relatives that have students that attend our district. A combined building was discussed at length, and after looking at other projects and visiting similar districts such as Sheffield and Willard, it became clear that joined buildings, such as the one proposed, are essentially two buildings under one roof. While some areas are shared such as the library and cafeteria, for example, students in middle school will not be eating at the same time as students in high school.

All districts residents are encourage to exercise their constitutional right to vote. If you are not registered or need to update your voter registration information, the deadline to do so is October 3, 2015. Voter registration forms are available at all buildings or are available online at <http://www.sos.state.oh.us/>

Interested in learning more, or volunteering to help with this project ?

On the web at: www.yesforfirelandsschools.com

Email: yesforfirelandsschools1@gmail.com

Twitter: @YesforFirelands

Phone: Contact Mike Von Gunten, Superintendent or Brad McCracken, Treasurer at 965.5821

GO FALCONS!

Mike Von Gunten

Superintendent

FHS Class of 1995

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Firelands Youth Wrestling

The Falcon Wrestling Club will begin its winter session Monday, November 16. All K-6 athletes are welcome to join the team. The Falcon Wrestling Club competes in the Ohio Youth Wrestling League (OYWL) and the Ohio Athletic Committee (OAC). Both leagues offer opportunities for both advanced and beginner wrestlers. Registration will be November 16th from 5:30-7:00p.m. at South Amherst Middle School. Also, The Falcon Wrestling Club is consistently looking to advance its training regimen. This year we are excited to announce a partnership with Erik Burnett and Burnett Trained Wrestling, as well as Step Up Athletics. Both partnerships will provide our young athletes with the opportunity to enhance their technique and their strength and conditioning.

Please see our website for more details

Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/firelandsfalconwrestling/>

Twitter: @firelandswc

Instagram: firelands_wrestling

GUIDANCE CORNER

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 school counseling office. The meeting usually lasts around 30 minutes.

Colleges Scheduled to Visit Firelands High School

BGSU - Firelands	Tuesday, September 22	12:20 p.m.
Cleveland State University	Tuesday, September 29	9:45 a.m.
Ursuline College	Tuesday, October 6	8:00 a.m.
Oberlin College	Tuesday, October 6	8:50 a.m.
Kettering University	Tuesday, October 13	8:00 a.m.
Walsh University	Tuesday, October 13	9:45 a.m.
Ohio Northern University	Tuesday, October 20	8:00 a.m.
Youngstown State University	Tuesday, October 20	8:50 a.m.
University of Findlay	Tuesday, November 3	8:50 a.m.
Kent State University	Tuesday, November 10	8:00 a.m.

IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER

Lorain County College Fair at Lorain County Community College – Thursday, October 8th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Ewing Activities Center, 1005 North Abbe Road, Elyria. More than 120 Colleges, Universities, and Military Academies will be there to answer your questions.

OCTOBER 14TH 8:30 A.M.

We have a special day planned to help our students prepare for college and career readiness. We will be providing more information on this day in early October.

PARENT/TEACHER EVENING CONFERENCES

OCTOBER 15TH & NOVEMBER 10TH

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.

CCP Seniors, please contact our office to set up a senior interview for assistance with the college admission process. If you could provide us with your email address, we can forward information to help you with the college application 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 26th – October 30th. 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 will be contacted by the guidance office.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FREQUENTLY FOR ANY UPDATES!

College Now Representative, Jacquie Anderle, will be at Firelands High School every Tuesday for the 2015-2016 school year in Room 223A (by the science rooms) to meet with college-bound students. College Now can assist students with multiple parts of the college application process and in exploring financial aid resources. She can also be reached through email at janderle@collegenowgc.org.

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.

*Register to vote by October 3rd! Download a voter registration form at:

<http://tinyurl/p5j7sxt>. Mail form to your county Board of Elections.



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2015 Ohio High School "Emerging Artists"

Exhibition Includes Four Falcons

The annual Ohio Art Education Association's "Ohio High School Emerging Artists Exhibition" kicks off the national "Arts in Education Week" with a state-wide exhibition in our state capital. Every high school across the state was invited to submit up to five works last spring for summer jurying.

Works were accepted based on technical and aesthetic qualities. With drawings created during freshman Art 1, the advancing Firelands finalists are sophomores **Morgan Edwards, Grace Habeck, Faith Rico and Ian Valerius**. These students continue in competition for best-in-media and best-in-show awards.

The exhibition runs Sept. 14-Oct. 10 at the State Teachers Retirement Building in downtown Columbus.

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ACADEMICS

- 10th Graders passed all five parts of the Ohio Graduation Test with scores remaining the same as in 2013-14. Unofficially, compared to local schools, our 10th grade data stayed same, as many have said their data has fallen from 2014 to 2015
- Improved upon our AP Calculus scores by 150% (Three students achieved a 4)
- PSAT College Readiness scores were above Ohio and National Average (sophomores at 70.2% - Overall 66.7%)
- 4-Year Graduation Rate of 94.5%, which is an A
- 5-Year Graduation Rate of 94.1%, which is a B

LEADERSHIP, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITIONS

Carrie Kubicki - Carrie was one to the top 10 finalists vying for a significant (up to \$40,000) scholarship in the Stop the Hate Youth Speak Out contest. She read her essay in front of a panel of judges, her peers, family and members of the media at a special Awards Ceremony held at the Cleveland Museum of Art on Thursday, April 30.

FHS - Bronze Medal Award—FHS has been recognized in US News and World Report as a Bronze Medal winner for Best High Schools 2015. Congrats to the students and staff on this prestigious recognition.

FHS Chapter #2212 of the NAHS Inducts Eleven, Honors Five

The National Art Honor Society chapter at Firelands High School inducted eleven new members and honored five seniors on April 30, in the high school library.

FFA Earns Big Awards—Congratulations to Demi Dovin, Alex Sabine, and Katy Tuggle on their State wins at the Convention. On to the National Convention in Louisville this September.

FHS Choir is Excellent—The FHS Choir students competed in the OMEA State Competition at Massillon Jackson High School. The choir was awarded an Excellent rating. Congratulations to Mrs. Johnson and the choir students, as their hard work and dedication paid off. Great job!!

FHS Band is Also Excellent—not to be outdone, the FHS Band traveled to Canton Glen Oak for the State Adjudicated competition. Just like the night before, the band was awarded an Excellent rating on Saturday. Hats off to the band, as well as the choir, for a fantastic display of performances.

Congratulations to Mrs. Tawil—2015 OAEA Art Educator of the Year—The OAEA Art Educator of the Year award is a lifetime achievement award presented to art educators who have often already received previous OAEA awards within their region and / or division. These individuals have exhibited dedication and commitment to OAEA and art education over an extended period of years. It is the highest award the Ohio Art Education Association has to offer. Mrs. Tawil has her students performing at amazing levels, as attested by the many works of art they present both at FHS and in the area. Great job Mrs. Tawil, we are extremely proud of your accomplishments.

BRAVO!!—Congratulations to the Drama Class, and their teacher Mrs. Callahan, on a wonderful night of One Act Plays on in early April. The class put on three different types of one act plays, as each one was a huge success. FHS is looking forward to the 2015-16 school year as the drama program continues to grow.

FFA Week—Another Huge Hit—FHS returned to school from Spring Break and celebrated FFA Week on campus. FFA sponsored many fun activities, with the culmination being

“Drive your Tractor to School” Day on Friday. Over 20 machines, displaying the true power of farming, were on display in the FHS parking lot. A fun fact that came from our day was that the large tractors each run over \$250,000, and some as much as almost one-half of a million dollars. What a great display the FFA students put on for both FHS and FES, as our FFA continues to be a county leader in promoting the many important aspects of farming in our community, and around the State of Ohio.

Emily Pohorence—Emily was presented the President’s Volunteer Service Award for her significant amount of volunteer service to her community and country at a March Board of Education Meeting. She has received a letter from President Obama denoting her award, and she will be presented a certificate from the President. Emily will then speak on her Gold Award which she has received from the Girl Scouts. She designed a book called “Words for Worries”, which she shared with the Board of Education. This book helps younger students who have just received the news that someone in their family has been diagnosed with cancer. Great job Emily, you are a sense of pride for your family, friends, and the entire Firelands Community.

Cleveland Clinic eXpression Winner—Congratulations to Sophomore Connor Price in earning a blue ribbon for “Would’ve”, voicing a parent’s loss of a child. From hundreds of entries, Connor’s work is the only winner from Lorain County. Connor’s writing joins the Red Ribbon art work of junior Victoria Krejci.

THE BIRD’S EYE VIEW

Congratulations to the students who started a newspaper club this school year, and to Mrs. Ruple, their advisor, on the inaugural printing of the FHS student newspaper. The paper is loaded with relevant stories and facts, all written by student journalists. The first edition was published for free and is sold to the student body. It is also posted on -line so the community can enjoy the

writings of our fine students.

Career Day—October 15th

A very productive day for the students of Firelands High School. The morning session had sophomores and juniors in practice college tests, while the freshman rotated among ten speakers, receiving career advice from professionals working in the fields of electronic media, financial planning, and vocational careers. A representative was present from College Now to help students prepare now for the challenges that college will give them in a short four years. Our seniors spent the day shadowing a career field or making a college visit. The afternoon session was all about community service. FHS students helped raise over \$1,500 to fight childhood cancer, while also collecting over 350 lbs. of food to be donated to both local food banks and Harvest for America. A special thanks to school counselors Diane Zimmer and Greg Norheim for setting up the program. Also, FFA Coordinator Shanna Finnegan, art teacher Laura Tawil, and assistant principal Dave Brown assisted in coordinating the afternoon activities which saw FHS Students help the community while enjoying activities such as Kick-Ball (Kick-It for Cancer), Corn Hole (Feed the needy and Kick-it for Cancer), and a Chalk-Walk Decorating Activity (Feed the needy). Congratulations FHS, you had a great, productive day on Career Day.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Teen Leadership Corp (TLC), in conjunction with LCADA, presented a program on drug abuse and denial in April to the entire student body. With an increase in drug use and fatalities across the country, and in Lorain County, TLC has created this presentation for FHS students to be more aware of the serious implications of drug use.

Pennies for Pasta —TLC raised almost \$1,400 in their fight against blood cancers. Two classes tied for the Olive Garden lunch, so both Mr. Busch and Mr. Kovi’s first period classes will be enjoying that lunch for their contribution of over \$17 per student for this cause.

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Also, congratulations to Mrs. Van Cooney's first period class for raising over \$10 per student, and Mrs. Costello's first period for raising over \$9.25 per student. Another fantastic job by the students of TLC and FHS overall for helping to fight blood cancers.

FHS Students spent last November Crocheting hats, scarves, and blankets for the FFA Sponsored Crocheting for the Cause. - These items will be donated to the Genesis House, which provides a comprehensive range of family focused services for Lorain County victims of domestic violence. These services provide tools to maximize their opportunity to survive, and minimize the trauma involved in coping with family violence. A great big thank you to our students and Mrs. Finnegan and Mrs. Tawil for overseeing this great project.

Keep Kids Warm—The TLC Club hosted a thank-you breakfast for the class that collected the most items for the Keep Kids Warm campaign that was led by TLC. Mrs. Johnston's second period Advanced Pre-Calculus class collected the most items for a class, and were treated to the breakfast, hosted by TLC. Collectively, TLC collected nine boxes of hats and gloves to donate the Keep Kids Warm cause, allowing them to have items to help them get through the cold, winter months.

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.

GRADUATION 2015

Graduation was moved to Friday evening, May 29th at 7 pm; as FHS witnessed 149 honored Falcons receive their diplomas. Many people commented on the enjoyable atmosphere surrounding a Friday night graduation. Valedictorian Emily Pohorence and Salutatorian Rebecca Reicholf gave outstanding speeches, as did Class President Cole Sklarek, as his speech and review of 13 years as a Falcon was both moving and entertaining. The Class of 2015 was offered over \$570,000 in scholarships, and also earned 1,126 college credits through the College Credit Plus program. In all, our seniors earned over \$950,000 in credits and scholarships. Also, two students graduated while also earning an Associates' Degree from Lorain County Communi-

ty College. Faith Dempsey and Rebecca Jackson proudly earned both as they left Firelands High School. Finally, congratulations to the 52 senior members of National Honor Society, 4 senior members of the National Technical Honor Society, and 9 students who earned Ohio FFA State Degrees, and to all of our seniors who enjoyed a year of success and accolades. They are now alumni of Firelands High School and will always be proud Falcons.

ATHLETICS

2014-15 saw Firelands High School earn success in several sports. In the fall, the Boys' Cross-Country team captured the PAC Championship as well as a district runner-up trophy, qualifying to the regionals where they finished a solid eighth. The boys soccer team finished the season with the first undefeated season in Firelands history at 11-0-5. Football, volleyball, and girls' cross-country rounded out a solid fall season. In the winter, the girls' basketball team again captured the PAC Championship and qualified for the District Tournament. Wrestling and boys' basketball also had a fine winter season, with individual wrestlers qualifying to the District Tournament. Athletics finished off a solid 2014-15 as the boys' track team and baseball teams each captured PAC titles, with baseball qualifying to the District Tournament, while both boys and girls track had several participants in the regional track meet. Overall, the Falcons had a stellar 2014-15 season, capturing four PAC titles and sending several athletes to district and regional competition.

FLOAT CONTEST AND TAILGATE PICNIC

Tailgate Great Success—Homecoming 2014 kicked off on Thursday evening with the annual Tailgate. Beginning at 5 pm, the students ate and enjoyed each other's company as parents and supporters fed the students. At 6 pm, the Mighty Falcon Marching Band kicked off the Homecoming Parade, and they were followed by four floats, one from each class. The students put a lot of time and effort into these floats, and it was clearly evident as they traveled around the FHS Parking Lot. The evening culminated in the annual jersey auction, which is always a great fundraiser for the Falcon Football Program.

Game Night and Dance—the Falcons hosted Keystone on Friday night in the annual Homecoming Game. The Falcons fell to the Wildcats 26-20 on a rainy, blustery night. The student body elected Ashton Gifford as Homecoming Queen and Jordan Ruffner as Homecoming King. Finally, the weekend ended with the annual Homecoming Dance on Saturday evening, from 7-10 pm. Over 350 students enjoyed the culminating activity. Congratulations to Student Council President Taylor Odom on a successful dance and Homecoming weekend. Well done!!

-Bob Maver, F H S Principal

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 are \$40.00.**
- **10 Game Passes for students are \$20.00.**
- **Senior Citizen Passes for all home MS/HS athletic events are \$15.00.**

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 Invitational, 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 2015 school year.

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Our students and staff returned from a restful summer break ready for a brand new school year. We had an INCREDIBLE turn out for Open House on August 31, 2015 and have completed our first week of school. It was a very smooth opening week with students settling into their routines very quickly. Teachers and students worked on establishing routines, procedures and building relationships. SAMS is establishing a "Student Advisory Committee". Representatives will be chosen from each grade level within the next few weeks. We think it is crucial that students have a voice in the building.

We are busy planning our first "Jr. Falcon Homecoming Pep Rally", which will be held on October 2, 2015. We want to share in building that sense of pride in our community by supporting our young athletes, band members, cheerleaders and others.

I am so honored to be able to serve the students and families of South Amherst Middle School and be part of the Firelands Family. I asked the teachers to share some of the great things that happened last year and I hope you enjoy reading the great news as much as I have.

SAMS Choral/Band

Congratulations to all the 7th and 8th grade choir members who participated in the 22nd annual musical, **Cinderella's Glass Slipper**. 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, 70 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!

Lorain County Middle School Honors Band and Choir:

The Educational Service Center of Lorain County sponsors a county middle school

honors band and choir annually. Students were selected by their 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 Firelands. Participating students included: Choir – Alex Velez, Jasmyn Munoz, Rachel Taddeo, Ava Mastelone, Mark Molnar, Gavin Markel, Halli Kromer, Macey Butchko, Lilly Dempsey, Angie Smith, and Kayla Reisinger; Band – Trinity Craycraft, Cora Born, Logan Willis, Lauren Widener, Isabel Solowiej, Chris Jackson, and Michael Carty. Lorain County Solo and Ensemble Contest, sponsored by the Educational Service Center of Lorain County, is held annually during February. Students prepare a musical selection and perform in front of a music judge. The judge provides verbal and written comments for improvement and provides each solo or ensemble a score. The scores range from 1-4 with one (Superior) being the highest score. Collectively middle school band students earned 4 superior ratings. Participating students included: Logan Willis, Isabel Solowiej, Cora Born, Alejandra Silva, Halli Kromer, Alona Hinkle, and Donovan Kormish.

Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music hosts a week long summer band camp on their campus annually during the month of June. After a brief audition, the students are placed into one of three bands based upon their abilities. During the week students receive both full band and small group instruction by college professors, retired music teachers, and BW college students. The week of rehearsals culminates with a concert performed by each of the three bands. Students from SAMS that participated included: Isabel Solowiej, Cora Born, Logan Willis, Hattie Born, Sam Solowiej, Mark Holt, Josh Gallo, Chayce Baldwin, and Jacob Farley.

Fundraising

The MH class did a great fundraiser to benefit the Valor home for homeless veterans, kicking off in November for Veterans Day and ending in May for Memorial Day. They made patriotic beaded lanyards and raised over \$300.00. The project involved speech, OT, the related arts and homeroom classes.

Project Lead the Way

PLTW is our nation's premier STEM program that offers courses at the high school, middle school, and elementary school levels. The purpose of PLTW is to introduce engineering careers to students at an earlier age so they will be more likely to take advantage of many job opportunities that cannot be filled due to a lack of qualified appli-

cants. It is a hands-on, project-based curriculum that emphasizes how to work in a team when resolving a technological problem of society. The middle school level is called Gateway To Technology (GTT).

Within GTT we are offering 3 modules:

1. 6th Grade: Design and Modeling which focuses on The Engineering Design Process and 3D Modeling with CAD software
 2. 7th Grade: Green Architecture which focuses on drawing floor plans using architectural software
 3. 8th Grade: Automation and Robotics which focuses on constructing and programming a robot to solve an assigned problem
- All students at SAMS will get 7 weeks of PLTW each year.

8th Grade News

In May we had two large events that took place for the "seniors" of SAMS.

1. Living History Museum- This was an opportunity for students in Social Studies and English to showcase their knowledge on a particular topic in American history spanning from the days of Christopher Columbus to 1865. In groups, based on their selected topic, students performed skits and demonstrations, presented large displays and prepared short speeches in the large gym to teachers and each grade level 6-8. There were some real superstars! For example, one group of students--nurses--presented their account of life on the battlefield to the theme song for the 90's hit show "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air". These performances translated to research papers in English class and presentations as well as skits, in Social Studies class. This is an interactive project students look forward to taking part in.

2. Community Service Trip- This trip involved eighth grade teachers and the student body traveling across the street to the Evergreen Cemetery of South Amherst. During this trip, students partnered with community members to "spruce up" the property of the cemetery by disposing of trash, assisting in the clean-up of the landscape itself, i.e. weeding, mulching the newer portion of the cemetery, and straightening the flags at the grave sites of fallen war veterans. This service project was done in preparation for the Memorial Day parade that climaxes and concludes at the cemetery each year. The 8th graders at SAMS were complimented by staff at the Village of South Amherst for their earnest and focused efforts. We, as an 8th grade team of teachers, look forward to this opportunity to serve the community again this May!

Young Authors

Chayce Baldwin (6th grader) won the Illus-

trator Award for all of Lorain County at the Young Author's conference held at Lorain County Community College. Congratulations to Chayce!

Spelling Bee:

Renee Clippinger won 1st Place
Heidi Cowling
Sidney Deidrick
Spencer Deremer
Joshua Gallo
Gretchen Gould
Gabriella Keith won 3rd place
Abigail Landreth
Liam Lockhart won 2nd place
Tristan Lowe
Madison New
Madison Witter

Academic Challenge Team

6th

Chayce Baldwin
Anne Bartish
Renee Clippinger
Spencer Deremer
Liam Lockhart
Delaney Overstreet
Sam Solowiej

7th

Megan Bowling
Sam Formholtz
Steven Iwanek
Robert Rose
Samantha Walcott
Justin Wossilek

8th

Zach Baldwin
Cora Born
Michael Durdak
Beau Grude
Isabel Solowiej
Alex Steindl

There were two days of competitions. Our 6th graders took 2nd place overall. The 7th graders took 1st place overall. The 8th graders took 3rd place overall..

Teachers in the News

Four teachers completed a book study on "Falling In Love With Close Reading" through IRA - Mrs. Budweg, Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Muth, and Mrs. Neal. Adults can gain so much from continuing their love of reading and sharing in that joy with each other.

6th Grade Service Projects

Sixth grade delivered approximately 25 Thanksgiving Food Baskets.

Sixth grade made approximately 8 blankets for those in need.

-Cara Gomez, S A M S Principal

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2014-2015**

PTG continues to expand on the "Build a Day" playground fund and installed an Outside Learning Pavilion with picnic tables for student and staff use. Fifth grade students worked with the Center for Arts-Inspired Learning to create mosaic benches that are featured at the entrance of this pavilion.

PTG also provided thousands of dollars to teachers and students to provide materials to support the implementation of the Ohio's New Learning Standards, as well as field trips to enhance the core standards and the unified arts.

The implementation of the Ohio Third Grade Guarantee included further training of reading tutors, special education teachers and classroom teachers in a multi-sensory structured language approach to teaching reading. FES partnered with area school districts for specialized Foundations/Wilson training for our staff. Starting in January, Firelands Elementary School held a before and after school book club to promote reading engagement among third grade students.

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

With the adoption of the *My Math* Program two years ago, grades K-5 continued to align their instruction to meet the needs of all learners. Plans are under way for students to be involved in Math Competitions like Math Olympiad and Equations tournaments for enrichment.

In conjunction with The Chronicle Telegram, FES did a toy drive in De-

cember, collecting all kinds of toys to help local families.

FES families and area organizations sponsored many FES students, buying them clothing and toys for Christmas. 5th grade Academic Challenge team won 2nd place at the Erie County competition. Members included: Amaris Madding-Bush, Zachary Friess, Gemma Hager, Nathan McDonald, Michael Smith, Daniel Ohle, and Maggie Edwards.

Larren Rounds entry was chosen for the "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle" 2016 calendar contest.

Teah Hildebrant was our DARE essay winner in the fifth grade.

In an effort to "Pay it Forward" the third and second grade teams took part in an old-fashioned "Penny Wars" competition and raised over \$1200 to be given to charity!

In March, food services did their breakfast promotion for the entire district and Rachel Rennie won the Cleveland Browns jersey that they were giving away.

Julianna Deremer was the winner of the Design an Ad Chronicle Telegram program from Mrs. Thoms classroom. She also had several students attend the 24 math competition at LCCC.

Mrs. Thoms and Mrs. Roth's Social Studies class opened and operated their first Ice Cream Shop as they learned about all it takes to become successful entrepreneurs.

The same two classes became inventors and members of the Firelands Inventors' Hall of Fame and designed real, workable inventions during their Inventors unit.

3rd and 4th Grade Spelling Bee
Winners

- 1) Julianna Deremer-Grade 4
- 2) Trenten Jones-Grade 3
- 3) Savannah Leverknight-Grade 4
- 4) Olivia Hammond-Grade 4
- 5) Lydia Dougan-Grade 4

3rd and 4th Grade Spelling Bee Advisor: Mrs. Julene Woods

5th and 6th Grade Spelling Bee
Winners:

- 1st place – Renee Clippinger (6th grade)
- 2nd place – Liam Lockhart (6th grade)
- 3rd place – Gabriella Keith (6th grade)
- 4th place – Daniel Ohle (5th grade)
- 5th place – Gemma Hager (5th grade)

Renee Clippinger also placed 3rd at the county spelling bee.

Spelling Bee Advisor: Ms. Kassie Davis

Honors choir directed by Mrs. Julene Woods, Music Teacher

James Yorke
Ava Stepp
Brooke Brand
Olivia Selent
Corey Newark
Merin Hettel
Savannah Levernigh
Tyler Bartlebaugh
Jadyn Ramsey
Chloe Durbin
Rachael Rennie
Ella Meszaros
Isabelle Davis
Amaris Madding-Bush
Gemma Hager
Cloe Jordan

Many fourth and fifth students participated in the Young Authors' Contest, sponsored by the Lorain County ESC. This contest is an annual tradition and it's always a great opportunity for students to write and illustrate their original stories. Students in Mrs. Scalli's and Ms. Davis' class included: Ian Borton, Madison Bragg, Larren Rounds, Taylor Wood, Jadeyn Ramsey, Savannah Molnar, Isabelle Davis, and Alexandria Boetticher.

At Firelands Elementary, our focus continues to be about the healthy development of the students on all levels: academic, emotional, social, and mental.

-Marybeth Harter, F E S Principal

**CURRICULUM
UPDATE**

On behalf of the teachers and staff, I am excited to welcome you to the 2015-2016 school year. Our students are already busy meeting grade level standards and everyone seems to be off to a great start!

You may have heard from your elementary student that the Board of Education with input from teachers has adopted a new reading series, *Wonders*, by McGraw Hill for Grades K-2. This series is designed to build strong reading skills, will help our students access complex texts, encourages collaborative conversations, and enables students to write to sources. There is also an online component to the series (similar to our *My Math* series used in K-5) where students can access materials via the ConnectEd website (log-in information was sent home via your child earlier this month). Teachers have completed two trainings on this new series and everyone is very excited about how this new resource will help our students meet grade level expectations.

On Friday, August 28 (Waiver Day) our teachers had the opportunity to engage in two professional learning opportunities: teachers had a technology training workshop where they learned how to utilize Google Classroom and also worked with Dr. Lori Wilfong about reading and writing strategies that can be used across the content areas to support student mastery of grade level standards. On our second Waiver Day, September 25, teachers will learn about differentiated instruction, work with a math consultant on problem solving strategies and continue their technology training. Teachers in grades K-5 will also be trained in Responsive Classroom.

Please check out the Educational Services Website for information related to curriculum, instruction, and testing. Recently, we posted the master testing schedule that reflects Ohio's commitment to reducing testing for the 2015-2016 school year. In addition to dates, we have included links to information regarding the tests, their format, and purpose, as well as information regarding graduation requirements and the Ohio Standards. As more information becomes available, the page will be updated to reflect our districts' understanding of state mandates and expectations.

-Dr. Bryan R. Drost,
Director of Educational Services

LUNCH MENUS

<p align="center">FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY</p> <p>Regular Lunch \$2.50—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>	<p align="center">SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE</p> <p>Regular Lunch \$2.85—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>	<p align="center">FIRELANDS HIGH</p> <p>Regular Lunch \$2.85—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>
<p align="center">SEPTEMBER 21 - SEPTEMBER 25</p> <p>Monday - Popcorn chicken, Hashbrown patty, Baby carrots w/dip, Chilled peaches Tuesday - Vendor pizza, Or school pepper 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, salsa, Seasoned refried beans, Fresh fruit, Tortilla chips Friday - NO SCHOOL-WAIVER DAY-PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</p> <p align="center">SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 2</p> <p>Monday - Hamburger w/wg bun, Pickle slices, Bbq baked beans, Coleslaw, Chilled mandarin oranges Tuesday - Domino's smart slice, Or school pepper pizza, Italian green beans, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit Wednesday - Baked chicken nuggets, Sweet tots, Chilled applesauce, Soft pretzel rod, Dipping sauce Thursday - Soft beef taco, Ultra grain wrap, Shredded lettuce & cheese, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit, Salsa cup Friday - Cheesy bread, Romaine Salad, Grape Tomatoes, Chilled mandarin oranges</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 5 - OCTOBER 9</p> <p>Monday - Sausage links, French toast sticks, Hashbrown potatoes, Celery sticks, Orange juice cup, Syrup cup Tuesday - Pizza Hut pizza, Or school pepper 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</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 12 - OCTOBER 16</p> <p>Monday - Baked chicken nuggets, Sweet tots, Celery sticks, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce Tuesday - Domino's smart slice, Or school pepper pizza, Seasoned Corn, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit or, 100% fruit smoothie Wednesday - Beef teriyaki niblets, Seasoned rice, Green beans, Sliced cucumbers, Chilled pineapple Thursday - Taco salad, Lettuce & cheese, Seasoned refried beans, Fresh fruit, Salsa, Tortilla chips Friday - NO SCHOOL, NEOEA DAY</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 19 - OCTOBER 23</p> <p>Monday - Popcorn chicken, Hashbrown patty, Bbq baked beans, Chilled peaches Tuesday - Pizza Hut pizza, Or school pepper 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</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 26 - OCTOBER 30</p> <p>Monday - Roasted hot dog/ bun, Bbq baked beans, Match stick carrots, Chilled pears Tuesday - Domino's smart slice, Or school pepper 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</p>	<p align="center">SEPTEMBER 21 - SEPTEMBER 25</p> <p>Monday - Bbq pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches Tuesday - Vendor pizza, or stuffed crust pepper, 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 - NO SCHOOL - WAIVER DAY - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</p> <p align="center">SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 2</p> <p>Monday - Salisbury steak, or breaded pork chop, Whipped potatoes, Seasoned corn, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll Tuesday - Vendor pizza, or stuffed crust pepper, Seasoned broccoli, Celery sticks, Chilled Fruit 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, Sliced cucumbers, Fresh fruit Friday - 2 Gilardi cheese breadsticks, or Spaghetti w/ meat & roll, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pineapple</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 5 - OCTOBER 9</p> <p>Monday - Roasted hot dog w/ bun, Or Philly steak & cheese w/ roasted peppers & onions, Bbq baked beans, Celery sticks w/pb, Chilled peaches Tuesday - Pizza Hut 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</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 12 - OCTOBER 16</p> <p>Monday - Pepperoni calzone, Or French bread pizza, Seasoned cauliflower, Celery sticks w/pb, Chilled applesauce Tuesday - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust pepper, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit 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 - NO SCHOOL NEOEA DAY</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 19 - OCTOBER 23</p> <p>Monday - Chicken parm w/wg roll, or chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Seasoned Green beans, Chilled applesauce Tuesday - Pizza Hut pizza, or stuffed crust pepper, 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</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 26 - OCTOBER 30</p> <p>Monday - Bbq pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches Tuesday - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust pepper, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots w/dip, Chilled Fruit Wednesday - 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Vendor pizza, or stuffed crust pepper, Seasoned broccoli, Celery sticks, Fruit, Sidekick 100% fruit Wednesday - Chipotle day- seasoned beef steak or fajita chicken, Ultra grain wrap, Shredded iceberg, Seasoned pinto beans, Cilantro lime 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</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 5 - OCTOBER 9</p> <p>Monday - Philly steak & cheese w/roasted peppers & onions, Or Roasted hot dog w/ bun, Bbq baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches Tuesday - Pizza Hut pizza, or stuffed crust pepper, 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</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 12 - OCTOBER 16</p> <p>Monday - Pepperoni stuffed calzone, Or French bread pizza, Bbq baked beans, Seasoned carrots, Applesauce Tuesday - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust pepper, 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 - NO SCHOOL - NEOEA DAY</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 19 - OCTOBER 23</p> <p>Monday - Chicken parm w/wg roll, Or Chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Italian green beans, Chilled peaches Tuesday - Pizza Hut pizza, or stuffed crust pepper, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pears Wednesday - Beef & cheese nachos, Or Taco Fries w/cheese, Refried beans w/cheese, Romaine salad, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll Thursday - 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Ninth Annual Parade of Bands

October 10, 2015
7 pm Firelands Stadium



Come see the visiting bands: Midview, Open Door, Vermilion, Padua, Oberlin, and The Mighty Falcon Marching Band!

Advance tickets \$5
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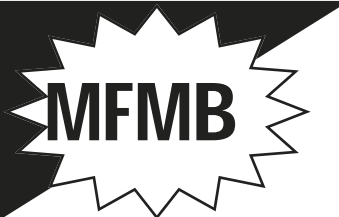
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**2015 MFMB Holiday
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Saturday, November 14th, 2015
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**Musical
Moments**

Calendar of Events

- September: 21st Booster Meeting 7 pm
- 19th: Parade of Bands at Midview
- October 10 : Home Parade of Bands
- 19th: Booster Meeting 7 pm

Attention Parents!

Our booster group is growing by leaps and bounds right along with our band. Please take the time to volunteer! We need all the help we can get.

Boosters Email:

Firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com

Officers:

- President: Michele Jeffers
- Vice President: Erin Hayes
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- Secretary: Cinda Willis



Save The Date!



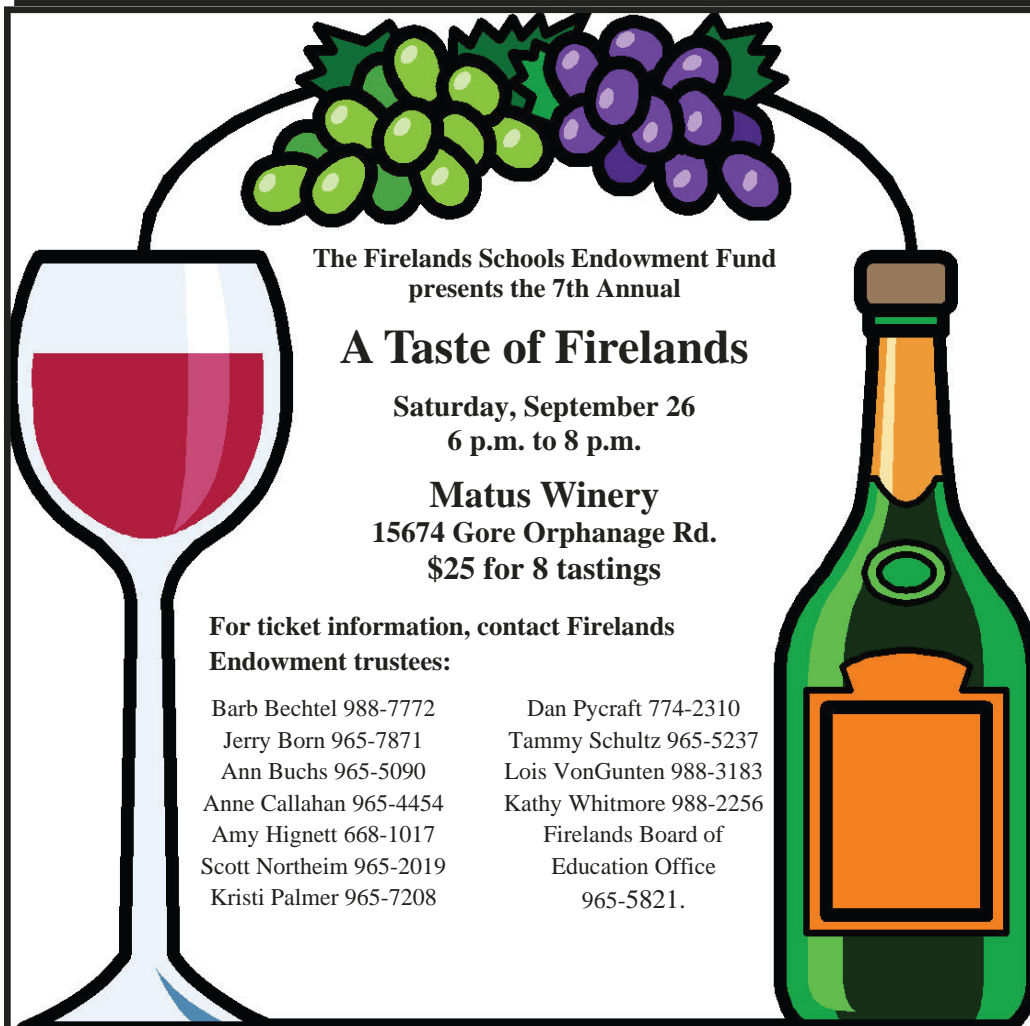
The Firelands Band Boosters will be hosting their third annual Band on The Run 5K

When? October 18th

Where? Starting point will be South Amherst Middle School

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[Online Registration info available www.mfmb.org](http://www.mfmb.org)



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QUOTES FOR SNOW REMOVAL

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 2015 - 16 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.
 - Drive and parking west of the elementary school.
- NOTE: the stone lot north of the building is available for snow collection.
- South Amherst Middle School and Board Office
 - Drive and parking area west of middle school.
 - Stone parking area north of middle school.
 - Drive and parking area north of board office.
 - Driveway running east -west to North Lake Street.

Schools must be done by 6 am, End of season clean up must be done.
Please submit your quote on a "per hour" along with any other pertinent information you feel is applicable. Include with your quote should be a copy of your "Certificate of Liability Insurance." We are also asking that you submit an "equipment list" along with your quote. If you are interested in submitting a quote, please do so by 10/12/15.

Address Quotes to:
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 Firelands Board of Education
 112 North Lake St.
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If you have and questions feel free to call me at 965-5821 ext 1017

Firelands HS- FFA chapter of OBERLIN, Ohio, has been chosen as a finalist to compete for a 2015 National Chapter award from the National FFA Organization.

The Firelands HS- FFA chapter of Oberlin, Ohio, has been chosen as a finalist to compete for a 2015 National Chapter award from the National FFA Organization. The program recognizes outstanding FFA chapters from throughout the country that successfully complete an annual set of required activities that encourage members to grow as individuals, work as a team and serve others in their communities. Chapters that received three-star ratings during judging July 27-Aug 1 in the competition are eligible to compete for the Model of Innovation award. Thirty FFA chapters will compete in a presentation and interview process for the top honors at the 2015 National FFA Convention & Expo, Oct. 28-31 in Louisville, Ky.

The FFA chapter selected to receive the Model of Innovation award will be announced on stage during convention. Chapters eligible to compete in the Model of Innovation award contest are ones that demonstrate competency in doing new and innovative things or taking traditional concepts and applying a creative twist. Thirty-three star chapters, 10 in each division that includes student, chapter and community development are selected as finalists in the Model of Innovation award competition and will compete through a presentation and interview process at convention. All winning FFA chapters receive honors made possible by corporate sponsor John Deere as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

"Feeding some 9 billion people by mid-century brings with it unprecedented challenges for today's farmers," said Amy Allen, manager, national corporate contributions for John Deere. "The skills and experiences learned through the National Chapter Awards programs will help meet the critical needs."

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 610,240 student members in grades 7 through 12 who belong to one of 7,665 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

-Shanna Finnegan, FFA Teacher

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 Contact the Firelands Board Office at 440.965.5821.
 Please submit all articles and photos to:
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1977 FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS REUNION
 Saturday, October 10, 2015
 5pm to 12pm
 Matus Winery, 15674 Gore Orphanage Road, Wakeman, Ohio


It's been way too long since we had our own class reunion! And, let's face it, we aren't getting any younger!

So plan on attending and starting a new tradition at the winery. Invite those classmates you know that are not on social media, this way we can reach as many classmates as possible for this one day informal gathering. In house appetizers available and entertainment provided. No coolers or containers allowed.

Any questions or comments, please contact Janie Largent Betka at betkajanie@yahoo.com or Marcia Kneisel Eichelberger at marciaeichelberger@hotmail.com

SEE YOU AT THE WINERY!!

Village of South Amherst
DUMPSTER DAYS
 Fall Dumpster Days will be Friday, October 2nd, 2015 from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and Saturday, October 3rd, 2015 from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.


Fall Festival

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