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See the summary reports of school programs, building events, and test scores from the previous school year (pages 3-5)

Firelands Schools Rated "Excellent" by ODE

The Ohio Dept. of Education recently released the District Report Cards for all Ohio school districts and for the first time ever the Firelands Local Schools received an "Excellent" rating. By posting a Performance Index of 101.1, the District met the state's standard for an Excellent rating. Same as last year, the district exceeded the state standard in 24 of 26 indicators. But our Performance Index increased because of the high number of students achieving at the Advanced and Accelerated levels on the state tests. The district exceeded the state's averages in every category.

The district met the "Value-Added" measure. This means that the average student at Firelands gained an average of one year's academic growth over the past school year. The district also met "Annual Yearly Progress", the standard established by "No Child Left Behind" that looks at academic progress in reading and math by population sub-groups (ethnic, economic, disabled, etc.). Firelands was one of only 5 of 17 area school districts that met Value-Added and met AYP.

South Amherst Middle School earned the rating of "Excellent with Distinction" for having a Performance Index over 100, meeting all of their indicators, and exceeding the value-added standard. SAMS is the first Firelands school to earn this lofty designation.

For the 8th consecutive year, the High School earned a designation of "Excellent" from the Ohio Dept. of Education. The OGT Math score was the highest in the county and surrounding area.

The elementary's rating was "Effective", meeting all indicators except 5th grade math and reading. The third graders had the highest math passage rate in the state at 100% and lead the local area in reading with a passage rate of 98%.

Thanks to the hard work of our teachers, administration and especially our students, we have met our goal of becoming "Excellent". Our goal for this school year is to pass all 26 indicators and improve our Performance Index score, thus maintaining our Excellent rating. The district's report card can be accessed from the school website. Each building's individual report card is linked from each building's webpage.

New Board Office Location

The Board of Education Office will be moving to the former South Amherst Elementary Building on or about Oct. 1. Henrietta Twp. will be taking ownership of the current Board Office building. The new address for the Board Office is:

Firelands Board of Education

112 N. Lake St.

South Amherst, OH 44001

The phone number will remain the same (440-965-5821).

Facility and Technology Upgrades

One of our district goals in Vision 2015 last year was to "Address Current Facility Needs." We are committed to taking the very best of care of the facilities our community has entrusted to us. Because of the age of our buildings, several infrastructure improvements have been a priority. Below is a list of the projects and other special purchases that have been completed over the past few months.

- ◆ Over 34,000 square feet of roof resurfacing was completed on the elementary.
- ◆ The old windows at the high school and elementary were replaced.
- ◆ A new scoreboard was installed at the football stadium thanks largely to a donation from Coca-Cola.
- ◆ A new entrance arch was donated and is being installed at the stadium.
- ◆ A new informational sign was donated and is being installed in front of the HS.
- ◆ Two new refrigerators, one new freezer, and two new stoves were placed in the cooking lab at the HS, purchased with Career-Tech grant funds.
- ◆ VoAg has a new passenger van, purchased through Career-Tech grant funds.
- ◆ Enhanced a classroom at the HS to accommodate the Firelands Digital Academy.
- ◆ Refurbished Gym Floor at SAMS

We have also been busy in the Technology Dept. over the summer. New installations include:

- ◆ 12 New/Replacement Printers
- ◆ New phone system for SAMS and new Board Office
- ◆ 30 new computers for the main lab at SAMS
- ◆ Office 2010 rollout on newer computers
- ◆ 2 new network switches at SAMS
- ◆ 5 new district Smartboards
- ◆ Teacher Voicemail integration at SAMS and FHS
- ◆ New "Gateway to Technology Computer Lab" (Grant Funded) at SAMS

I am so proud of all we have accomplished over the past three years in serving the district as your superintendent. We truly have one of the outstanding school districts in the area and state. Thank for your continued support as we continue to be Pursuing "Maintaining Excellence"!

Go Falcons!
Greg Ring

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

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www.firelandsschools.org

Boy Scout Troop 450 Assists North Ridgeville Troop Following Stolen Trailer



Boys Scouts from Troop 450 spend a June evening making two picnic tables for the North Ridgeville Troop 153.

September 2, 2011 - Birmingham, Ohio – Earlier this spring Boy Scout Troop 153 of North Ridgeville had its trailer stolen. Many in the greater northeast Ohio region came to their aid offering assistance so these boys could continue to enjoy the many leadership opportunities made available to scouts through outdoor activities. Locally, Boy Scout Troop 450 (Birmingham, OH) set a plan in motion to help as well.

While at the annual Boy Scout Camp in June, two collapsible picnic tables were presented to Troop 153. “Each table is made out of 1 sheet of plywood, durable, and perfect for storage,” indicated Troop 450’s senior patrol leader JJ Mooney. He added, “our boys took this project on as a way to help others in need. Scouting and outdoor activities are a great way to leadership skills and we wanted to do our part to help the scouts from Troop 153 rebound from the recent theft of their trailer and camping supplies.” Troop 450’s scoutmaster Ray Lawlis added, “we could not think of a better setting than summer camp at the Firelands Scout Reservation for the presentation of these two picnic tables.” He added, “the Boy Scout slogan is ‘Do a good turn daily’ and I’m proud that our boys were able to help Troop 153.”



Surrounded by boys from both troops, North Ridgeville’s Bill Price thanks Troop 450 Scoutmaster Ray Lawlis for the donation.

About Boy Scout Troop 450

Boy Scout Troop 450 is based in Birmingham, Ohio. It serves boys from the Firelands School District and the surrounding region starting at the 5th grade until they reach the age of 18. Troop 450 has 25 members and has been recognized with several scouting awards. Troop 450 is also closely affiliated with Cub Scout Pack 435 which provides scouting opportunities for boys starting in the 1st grade.

For further information, please contact BSA Troop 450: Debby Schieve, News Coordinator, guys3@centurytel.net
James Hieb, Committee Chair, Tripp42@aol.com

SAMS PTG NEWS

The **South Amherst Middle School PTG** is coordinating two events right now and can use your help in any way. Though you may not see this in time, we are having our **2nd Annual SAMS Walk-A-Thon Fitness Fundraiser on Wednesday, Sept. 20th**. All students are walking a route through South Amherst and those collecting pledges for the PTG will be given a small prize. All students are offered a drink during the route and an apple upon return to the school. As a thank you, the classroom with the highest per student average pledges collected will earn a pizza party during their lunch period the following week. It’s a fun way to stress fresh air and exercise as well as a simple way for us to raise funds for our year’s activities. This is the first of our three fundraisers. If you would like to help during the walk or the pizza party or donate needed items, please call **Marisa Tuggle at 740-802-5015**.

We are also currently putting together our **2nd Annual Fall Harvest of Prizes Raffle Calendar**. This year, we moved it back one month making the **sales in October for a November prize month** to better coordinate all of the fundraisers in the middle school building. **We are collecting donations** of either cash, merchandise or services right now from area business and other donors. We are also looking for **coupons** to be printed on the calendars to defray the cost of the raffle ticket for purchasers. If you have a business or can help get donations, please call **Shari Wasem at 965-4552 or Heather Lipscomb at 965-4600**. We can use help in lots of other ways too! We need willing individuals to pick up donated items, create the calendar itself, help sell the calendar at the FHS tailgate party and distribute donations, etc. If you can help in anyway, please call one of the two PTG members listed earlier.

The SAMS PTG will meet on a **new night** this year. **Meetings are every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.** in the middle school library. We need everyone’s input to be successful so please come make suggestions, voice issues and help fulfill this year’s plans and meet new goals. We are looking forward to doing whatever we can to help all our students and our school. We love SAMS!



- Calendar of Events**
- Sept. 29th -Alumni Practice
 - Sept. 30—Homecoming/Alumni Band Performs
 - October 8—our home Parade of Bands
 - October 9—Woolly Bear Parade
 - October 17—Booster Meeting

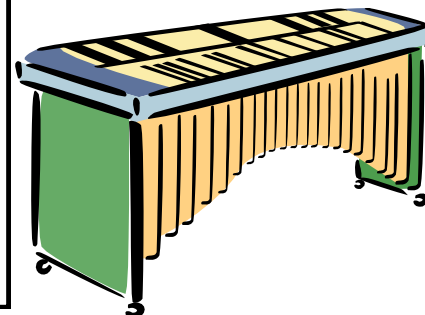
The band will be doing car washes every Sunday in September at Tuffy in Amherst from 11-3 pm. All proceeds to benefit transportation costs of the upcoming Disney trip. Please go to: www.mfmb.org for more information.

Musical Moments

First Annual Booster Craft Bazaar

Saturday November 12th

For table information please call Michele Jeffers at 986-5150 or Jane Battig at 965-4660. There are still tables available! Please come and support our students!



Percent of Students Proficient or Above on the State Assessments

	FIRELANDS	STATE
3rd Grade Achievement		
Reading	97.4%	79.9%
Mathematics	100.0%	82.0%
4th Grade Achievement		
Reading	90.0%	83.8%
Mathematics	87.7%	78.1%
5th Grade Achievement		
Reading	72.2%	74.1%
Mathematics	67.5%	66.1%
Science	75.4%	71.1%
6th Grade Achievement		
Reading	89.9%	85.6%
Mathematics	86.6%	77.5%
7th Grade Achievement		
Reading	86.2%	77.3%
Mathematics	86.8%	74.8%
8th Grade Achievement		
Reading	92.4%	85.1%
Mathematics	87.1%	74.3%
Science	76.0%	67.4%
10th Grade Achievement		
Reading	93.2%	87.2%
Mathematics	95.0%	82.6%
Writing	97.5%	89.5%
Science	83.9%	74.7%
Social Studies	88.8%	80.1%
Attendance Rate		
District	95.1%	94.5%
Graduation Rate		
District	100.0%	84.3%

*Firelands exceeded the state percentage by an average of 8.5 percentage points
 *50.5% of students performed at either the Accelerated or Advanced Levels

2009-2010 Report Card

Building	Indicators Met	Designation	Performance Index	Adequate Yearly Progress	Value Added
FES	6 out of 8	Effective	98.7	Met	Below
SAMS	8 out of 8	EXCELLENT w/ DISTINCTION	100.3	Met	Exceeded
FHS	12 out of 12	EXCELLENT	104.5	Met	N/A
District	24 out of 26	EXCELLENT	101.1	Met	Met

*Meeting Value Added means that, on average, our students gained at least one years worth of knowledge last year.

District Performance - Lorain County & The Surrounding Area

RANK	District	PI	Value Added	AYP	Ranking
1	Avon	106.6	Above	Met	EXCELLENT with DISTINCTION
2	Columbia	102.9	Above	Met	EXCELLENT with DISTINCTION
3	North Ridgeville	100.2	Above	Met	EXCELLENT with DISTINCTION
4	Avon Lake	108.2	Met	Met	EXCELLENT
5	Firelands	101.1	Met	Met	EXCELLENT
6	Berlin-Milan	101.4	Met	Not Met	EXCELLENT
7	Amherst	102.8	Below	Met	EXCELLENT
8	Sheffield Lake	96.6	Above	Not Met	EXCELLENT
9	Keystone	99.6	Below	Met	EFFECTIVE
10	Midview	98	Met	Not Met	EFFECTIVE
11	Western Reserve	98.3	Below	Not Met	EFFECTIVE
12	Wellington	97.1	Met	Not Met	EFFECTIVE
13	Vermilion	97.3	Below	Not Met	EFFECTIVE
14	Oberlin	95.4	Met	Not Met	EFFECTIVE
15	Clearview	94.8	Below	Not Met	EFFECTIVE
16	Elyria	91.4	Met	Not Met	EFFECTIVE
17	Lorain	80	Below	Not Met	CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

District Performance Index - 2 Year Growth - STATE

Rank	District	County	2 Year PI Growth	Distinction	2010-11 PI
1	Lockland Local	Hamilton	8.4	Effective	93.3
2	New Miami Local	Butler	7.5	Excellent	94.8
3	Southern Local	Meigs	7.5	Effective	99.5
4	Jackson-Milton Local	Mahoning	7.4	Excellent with Distinction	100.5
5	Nelsonville-York City	Athens	7.2	Effective	98.2
6	Firelands Local	Lorain	6.8	Excellent	101.1
7	Jackson Center	Shelby	6.8	Effective	99.2
8	Cincinnati City	Hamilton	6.7	Effective	87.3
9	Perry Local	Allen	6.6	Effective	96.3
10	Mansfield City	Richland	6.5	Continuous Improvement	82.6

**Firelands is number 6 in the State in Academic Improvement over the last two years!*

2010 - 2011 STAFF TRAINING BY DEGREE

BUILDING	B	B+	M	M+	TOTAL
FHS	0	9	16	14	39
SAMS	2	7	11	10	30
FES	0	9	19	20	48

ADMINISTRATORS

BUILDING	MALES	FEMALES
BOARD OF EDUCATION	2	
FIRELANDS HIGH	2	
SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE	2	
FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY	1	1
TOTAL	7	1

AVERAGE YEARS EXPERIENCE = 21.3 YEARS

PROFESSIONAL STAFF TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND GENDER

BUILDING	EXPER. IN YRS	MALES	FEMALES
FHS	628 (16.10 Years)	18	21
SAMS	409 (14.61 Years)	8	20
FES	775 (17.22 Years)	4	41

SUPPORT STAFF BY GENDER

BUILDING	MALES	FEMALES
BOARD OF EDUCATION	2	6
BUS DRIVERS/MECHANICS	3	22
FIRELANDS HIGH	4	17
SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE	2	17
FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY	3	22
TOTAL	14	84

AVERAGE YEARS EXPERIENCE = 10.47 YEARS

SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE SCHOOL 2010-2011 ANNUAL REPORT

For the first time, South Amherst Middle School was rated “**EXCELLENT with DISTINCTION**” by the Ohio Department of Education. The students and staff worked very hard to increase academic excellence and it was clearly demonstrated in tremendous increases on the Ohio Achievement Assessments. In fact, SAMS had some of the best scores in all of Lorain County!

We were also pleased to receive multiple grants for innovative programs that improved our educational offerings and saved local tax dollars. In conjunction with our grants, SAMS began implementing a cutting edge, rigorous curriculum that helped students find more relevance, enjoyment and success in all of their subjects.

Honors

- SAMS was recognized by the Ohio Department of Education with its highest honor as being rated EXCELLENT with DISTINCTION
- SAMS students have shown the largest growth in student achievement over the last two years in the area and the 6th ranked middle school in the entire state of Ohio
- SAMS students earned MATHCOUNTS highest ranking of Gold – 1 of only 6 schools in Ohio
- SAMS 7th Grade Power of the Pen Team earned 3rd Place at Regionals
- SAMS is awarded a \$35,000 grant from the Nord Family Foundation to fully fund a new STEM program: Project Lead the Way – Gateway to Technology
- Jillian Engel Earns 1st Place Illustrator's Award for Lorain County's Young Authors Contest
- Libby Skolnik, grade 6, won 1st Place Best in Show in the Lorain County Art Show
- Mikayla Walbom, grade 8, won Ribbon of Excellence in the Lorain County Art Show
- Jordan Ruffner- 400 Meter Dash with school record 55.0 seconds
- West Shore Conference Champions - Daniel Klesta- 110 Meter Hurdles & Jordan Ruffner- Pole Vault
- Alex Yoby, 8th grade art student, earned an Honorable Mention for her written critical inquiry on the work of artist Grant Wood at the State Art Competition
- SAMS art students Brandy Forster, Matthew Brightbill, and Samantha Hribal have artwork selected for display in the Ohio Art Education Association sponsored by the Case Western Reserve University art show.
- Keely Hall and Patrick Stewart have the distinct honor to exhibit artwork in Columbus at the Youth Art Month Exhibition and the Young People's Art Exhibit.

Fine Arts

The South Amherst Middle School Band held three concerts to standing room only crowds. Congratulations to Mr. Brawley, Mr. Wiley, and the students for magnificent performances. The choir also put on two great concerts and one spectacular musical. Last Spring the 7th and 8th grade choirs performed the musical, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The musical was a huge success with over 1000 students, parents, and community members watching and enjoying the performance. 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, Dialogue Coaches, Stage Crew, Lights/Sound Crew, Make-up/Costume Crew, Publicity Crew, and Scenery Crew Members. All the students had a job to do. Over 123 students in both the 7th and 8th grade choir, and they all executed their jobs beautifully! The Fine Arts Festival was a great display of our students amazing creative abilities. The festival showcased various forms of the Arts - physical, 2-D, 3-D, musical, and more. Congratulations to all involved, including the students, their parents, and Mrs. Chippi.

The 2009-10 school year at SAMS was one full of excitement and one where our school earned multiple honors. The faculty, staff, students, and community should be very proud of the great accomplishments. Thank you & Go Falcons!

FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL 2010-2011 ANNUAL REPORT

FLOAT CONTEST AND TAILGATE PICNIC

Homecoming week, September 20-25, was a great success. Students had a different spirit dress-up each day of the week. This year FCCLA is donating \$500.00 to the Animal Protective League of Elyria. Key students who organized and sold links were Matt Rainey, Ariel Denney, Danielle Davison, Maggie Clark, Ian Davies and Ashley Ambroz. All students in Mrs. Dodig's Teen Leaders class participated in organizing, advertising and constructing the links. Students decorated the halls with crepe paper, lights and signs, and constructed floats for the Homecoming attendants to ride before the football game. Students selected the members of the court and voted Jen Newman Queen and Charlie Miller King. The sophomores won the Best Float award and the seniors won Best Decorated Hall award. Teachers voted for the most spirited student and Heather Arndt is Ms. Falcon and Josh Lawlis is Mr. Falcon.

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.

FHS HONOR BANQUET

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.

The Fine Arts Festival was held on May 7th and 8th at South Amherst Middle. Artwork K-12 was on display. Students performed music selections for the attendees.

On May 16th 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 Express.

GRADUATION 2011

On Saturday, June 4, 2011 the class of 2011 took part in graduation exercises at the high school. Speeches were given by Valedictorian, Erika

Beursken, Salutatorian Garrett Kelling, and Senior Class President Brittany Opaliski. One hundred and fifty seven 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. Two percent of the class will be entering the military and continuing their careers in the service. Twenty three percent will be securing jobs and continuing their careers in the work force.

STUDENTS

FFA week was held February 22 through 25. Tractor day on Monday had 20 participate and was featured on the Morning Journal website with a video and interviews with students.

On March 30th the FFA chapter held their annual banquet. Approximately 350 people attended to watch the students receive awards and induct officers.

Student council officers participated in a West Shore Conference leadership day at Rocky River High School. Our students worked with students from our conference schools on leadership skills. Mr. Miller is the advisor.

Wendy Johnson's Select Choir went to Chicago on April 15-17. They sang "flash mob" style at various venues, saw the Blue Man Group perform and visited other sites. The students were complimented on their behavior and professional performances.

April 1—David Kohout spoke to the student body at an assembly in the afternoon. He talked about students being the best they are and that they are GREAT. The FFA chapter paid for Mr. Kohout.

April 6-8, Mr. Muth took a group of seniors to Washington D.C. They visited Mount Vernon, memorials and toured the White House. Mrs. Callahan, Mr. Kirsch and Mr. and Mrs. Reighley chaperoned. They toured many historical sites, government buildings and museums along with many other sites. The trip was a great success.

Prom was held at Deluca's Place in the Park on the 30th. Approximately 260 students joined in on the fun. The prom committee decorated the hall with a Paris France theme this year. Mrs. Foster is their advisor.

Mrs. Hayes took a small group from her French III and IV classes to France. They toured the country from April 16—26.

For the eighth consecutive year the high school has been rated "Excellent" by the state. Our rating is determined from our Ohio Graduation Test score, graduation rate, our daily attendance and annual yearly progress as measured by the Ohio Department of Education. You can view our state 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.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard A. Reighley, Principal

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, mentorships, accelerated course work, post-secondary course options, advanced placement, and pull-out programs. 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.

For children birth-age two, a disability means that a child has a delay in or more of the following areas: adaptive behavior, cognition, communication, physical development, and/or social or emotional development. For children ages three-five, a disability means that a child has a documented deficit in one or more of the following areas: communication skills, hearing abilities, motor functions, social-emotional behavior functioning, or vision abilities. School age children 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 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 administrative office at your child's school.

FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -- 2010-2011 ANNUAL REPORT**ACUITY PREDICTIVE AND DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENTS**

In order to provide more data on our students’ academic progress and to help determine the needs of our students, we continued to use a program called Acuity. Tests which mimic the questioning on the Ohio Achievement Assessments can be created using this program. Periodically, our students take these tests. Our Data Teams (grade level teachers and administrators) look over the results of these tests and try to determine what areas each child may need help with. It is also a good way to see what areas our teachers are strong at teaching and which areas may need to be improved upon. Teachers will sit and discuss what is being done well and try to mimic that in what appears to be weaker areas. We also take the students who show the greatest need and place them in intervention groups to provide additional assistance in their areas of weakness. This is being used in grades 3 – 5.

GIMME 5! – SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOR PLAN

Appropriate, positive student behavior is stress all the time but with the Gimme 5 program this behavior is also recognized and rewarded. A dedicated, group of teachers get together to plan how to make this the best that it can be to continue to reinforce positive student behavior.

OLWEUS – ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAM

To support positive student behavior, Mrs. Valerie Schuster brought an anti-bullying program to FES. All teachers were trained in this program. A small group of teachers received additional training to help with instituting Olweus. This program has been scientifically proven to be a successful deterrent to bullying. A key component of the program is weekly classroom meetings. Anti-bullying lessons are taught in the early meetings but eventually the meetings become more “current event” oriented with teacher and students talking about what is happening in school, on the playground, in the lunchroom, etc. and ways to deal with those situations.

PTG – FOR OUR STUDENTS

The FES PTG is our parent support group. Over the years, they have provided the money for purchasing our playground equipment, our first computer lab, sending our students on field trips, classroom supplies, technological equipment for teachers and so much more! They have a fund raiser in the fall and a walk-a-thon fundraiser in May. The money they raise in these fundraisers continue to pay for our field trips, tech equipment, and so much more.

In 2010-11, they continued to provide family oriented activities for students of our school. The highlight of these activities is the Me and My Guy – father/daughter dance. It is always a big hit and well attended. This group works tirelessly to provide enrichment for each of the students at FES.

FALCONS ON THE FLY

A few years ago, Mrs. Valerie Schuster, our guidance counselor, began a walking/running program for students to do at recess. The students run laps and can earn little mementos of the milestones that they reach such as 5k, 10k, half marathon, and marathon. Students are encouraged to do at least one lap per recess. Most students run many more than that. Many students reach the Marathon Club each year with many completing more than one marathon. Unfortunately, this year was extremely wet and since we don’t have a true track and have to run on the grass, we were not able to do Falcons on the Fly much this year.

The following are some of the activities that occurred at FES during the 2010-11 school year:

Club Invention which is very much like Camp Invention held at SAMS each summer was offered to our students again in 2010-11. It runs for one week and is held after school. We had the opportunity to offer this to more often and include more of our students for no cost.

The Not Forgotten Box: This has become a tradition at FES. Our students and staff bring toys for children who would not have anything for Christmas if not for the efforts of our FES family and others like them around the county. Once again, our community stepped forward and provided a nice Christmas for many needy children.

Jump for Your Heart: Mr. Baumhauer organized and ran this fundraiser for the American Heart Association. The students jump rope and collect monetary pledges to donate to the AHA.

Puppet Club: We continued to offer this through the voluntary efforts of a couple of staff members, Mr. Howard Park and Mrs. Keely Krumwiede. It is held after school hours. This is a wonderful, creative experience for some of our youngsters. Students write and perform puppet plays.

Art Club: Mrs. Cara Proehl offers this after school club for two of our grade levels. This club was begun by Mrs. Proehl two years ago.

Karnival for Kids: A couple years ago, several students at FHS came to me to do a fundraiser for the March of Dimes for Babies. They came up with an idea to provide fun and games for the FES students on a Saturday for a small cost. All of the money raised went to the March of Dimes for Babies. 2010-11 marked the third year for doing the Karnival for Kids. The students running it no longer attend FHS but are dedicated to this cause and continue it. FES families have been a big supporter of the Karnival.

Food Drive: Over the course of the 2010-11 school year, two different food drives were held to provide food for the Second Harvest Food Bank. As you can probably tell, there are many fun, wonderful, and educational activities occurring at Firelands Elementary School throughout the school year. The above article lists some of the things that have happened this past year.

Students at Firelands Elementary were welcomed back on their first day of school with a Happy New Year celebration. Staff greeted the buses with hats, horns, confetti and noisemakers. Bulletin boards, banners and signs proclaimed the sentiment. Mr. Killen was on the roof of the school with bull horn in hand chiming in with his welcome. What an amazing way to kick off the Year”.



Mr. Killen shouts it from the rooftop!



Mrs. Urbansky and Mrs. Laubacher greet the students as they depart the buses



Emily Pluta stops for a photo op



SAMS students who earned the highest score on the OAA for their grade or they had the largest improvement in their OAA score!

L-R Top Grace Schmauch, Allison Vilagi, Rachel Cairns, Emily Novak, & Taylor Diar L-R Bottom Karli Bukovac & Ellen Angersbach



Firelands Elementary School welcomed 131 new students to school on September 1. There were many tearful parents on hand to watch the momentous occasion. Thanks to all the parents and teachers who helped make the first few days of school a little smoother for these young scholars. The impromptu fire drill (prompted by a curious kindergartener) was really exciting!

FALCONS FALL SPORTS UPDATE

The exciting fall sports season is well underway and this year proves to be an exciting one! Our Falcon Athletes have given their all and we are very proud of each and every one of them. The Firelands School District is represented very well by our young student athletes this season. They have given so much for their teams and individual play, best of luck as they strive towards the goals that have been set and look to leave their mark on the first season of PAC competition.

Football: (Overall 4-0 PAC 1-0)

What an exciting start to the 2011 football season. The team has four wins in four chances and are currently ranked 6th in the morning journal power poll. The Falcons have come together under Coach Passerello's command with the motto of pure commitment no excuses. The effort our players put forth in the past off-season is showing on the field as we have dominated each game in the second half.

Game Results

Firelands 34 Lutheran West 21
Firelands 39 New London 21
Firelands 34 Vermilion 0
Firelands 21 Fairview 10

The SAMS football program is also undefeated. The 8th grade team is currently 3 and 0 and the 7th grade team is 2-0. The future of our football program is in the hands of our current middle school players. Good things are to come with these boys when they enter the high school team.

Cross Country: The boy's team will place high in the PAC conference this year and they keep getting stronger each week. They are lead by several strong runners that continually to place amongst the top individually in the team meets. The boy's team is Seth Jeffers, Ethan Poore, Logan Rathge, Thomas Battig, Brady Jeffers, Cody Lahetta, Michael Adkins, Jacob Barnes, Brennan Crawford, Cullen Grude, Tristan Hildebrandt, John Socha, Spencer Streibel and Jacob Wells. This is the largest Cross Country team we have had in years and they challenge each other through out the week of practice and meets. The girls team roster is Meghan Butler, Rachel Kaller, Emma Northeim, Abigail Skolnik, and Jessica Beran. Jessica has placed high individually and looks to be one of the top runners in the PAC.

Volleyball: (Overall 6-3 PAC 3-3)

The girls are off to 6-3 and look to be one of the best volleyball teams we have had in years. Each and every match they have been extremely competitive and the losses have all been close. If the girls continue to play as well as they have been we should finish with our best record in years.

Game Results

Firelands 3 Fairview 0
Firelands 2 Lutheran West 3
Firelands 3 Open Door 0
Firelands 0 Keystone 3
Firelands 3 Oberlin 0
Firelands 1 Buckeye 3
Firelands 3 Lorain 1
Firelands 3 Wellington 0

Girls Soccer: (Overall 2-4 PAC 2-3)

The girls look to improve in the second half of the season. They have faced some tough challenges on the field of play and have been riddled with some key injuries. Despite the challenges the team is coming together, lead by key senior leadership. They have improved each and every week.

Firelands 0 Buckeye 8
Firelands 1 Brookside 5
Firelands 1 Fairview 4
Firelands 12 Columbia 0
Firelands 10 Keystone 0
Firelands 0 Lake Ridge 0

Boys Soccer: (Overall 3-4-1 PAC 2-3)

Boys soccer is a young team that has shown vast improvement each and every week. The team works hard on and off the field. Congratulations to Nate Yorks for being named the

Player of the Week in the Morning Journal.

Game Results

Firelands 0 Vermilion 3
Firelands 2 Buckeye 7
Firelands 3 Brookside 1
Firelands 0 Fairview 2
Firelands 0 Columbia 1
Firelands 5 Keystone 0
Firelands 3 Edison 1
Firelands 2 Lake Ridge 2

Sports Boosters

The new Stadium Arch located at the Pass Gate was funded and developed by our sports boosters club. Thanks for all you do and to all the members that help support our athletic teams.

Athletes Named Player of the Week by Local Newspapers

Nate Yorks - Boys Soccer
Paige O'Connell - Volleyball
Kyle Smith - Football
Nick Deichler - Football (Gridiron Great)

Fans: The fans are essential to the exhilarating athletic environment here at Firelands. You the fans not only pack our stadium but you also travel well to the other schools. Thanks for all of your support this year, as in the past, you have shown our beloved Falcons that they are cared about and appreciated. Your positive support means a lot, THANK YOU!



Firelands Vermilion Football Game on 9/9. Picture Provided by Todd Eberhardt 1989 All Ohio Football Player)

Side Note:

Homecoming Football game vs. Wellington September 30th

Tail Gate September 29th FHS Parking Lot

Firelands High School Teen**Leadership Corp****are hosting a:****“KEEP KIDS WARM DRIVE”**

The Firelands TLC group will be doing a donation drive for the Boys & Girls Club of Cleveland. We will be collecting socks, gloves, and hats at Firelands Elementary School, Middle School, and High School. There will be collection boxes for you to put the hats, socks, and gloves in. All donations will be greatly appreciated by everyone here in the TLC group, and by all of the boys and girls who stay warm because of you. The drive will be taking place between September 26 and October 7. You can also drop off hats, socks, and gloves at the football game on Friday, October 7. It will be a home game against Keystone.

This drive is proudly sponsored by the Cleveland Indians.

Plastic Bags and Sewing Machines**Wanted for Art**

The Firelands High School Art 2 students will begin their recycled runway project in October, culminating with a fashion show. We are requesting clean plastic shopping bags of all colors as the main material for our fashion and costume creations. We are also in need of basic functioning sewing machines to construct our creations. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be delivered to Mrs. Laura Tawil in room 209 at FHS. Contact Mrs. Tawil at: ltawil@firelandsschools.org for more information.

Stained Glass Scraps Wanted for Art

The Firelands High School Art 3 students will begin their stained glass window mosaic project this winter, culminating in an exhibition and auction in the high school library in early spring. We are requesting scrap stained glass trimmings of all colors. The trimmings that are too small for stained glass patterns are "gold" to us. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be delivered to Mrs. Laura Tawil in room 209 at FHS. Contact Mrs. Tawil at: ltawil@firelandsschools.org for more information.

PAY-FOR-IT ONLINE**PAYMENTS ANNUAL REPORT**

The pay for it program brought in deposits totally \$5,861.14 for school fees for all schools. Deposits for all schools for lunch / breakfast accounts totaled \$35,232.11 for last year.

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 Mr. Kirsch's room. The meeting usually lasts around 30 minutes.

College Visits At FHS

Ohio University	Thursday, September 15	8:00 a.m.
Findlay College	Monday, September 19	8:30 a.m.
Baldwin Wallace College	Monday, September 26	8:30 a.m.
Kent State University	Thursday, October 6	9:30 a.m.
Bowling Green State University	Monday, October 10	8:00 a.m.
Urbana University	Thursday, October 13	7:30 a.m.
Heidelberg University	Thursday, October 13	8:00 a.m.
Toledo University	Thursday, October 20	8:30 a.m.
Hiram College	Monday, October 31	11:00 a.m.
Oberlin College	Wednesday, November 2	9:30 a.m.

Important Dates In October

Lorain County College Fair at Lorain County Community College Thursday, October 6th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Ewing Activities Center, 1005 North Abbe Rd., Elyria. More than 130 Colleges, Universities, and Military Academies will be there to answer your questions.

Dare to Be Great During the Reach Higher Transition Day! October 12th 8:30a.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 and 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 3rd 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: David Kohout - Motivational Speaker

Parent/Teacher Evening Conferences – October 10th and November 15th

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.

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 and must be filled out by teachers, student, and signed by parents and 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 24th to October 28th. Only the juniors and 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.

LUNCH MENUS

FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE SCHOOL	FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL
Regular Lunch \$2.10—Milk included with all meals	Regular Lunch \$2.35—Milk included with all meals	Regular Lunch \$2.50—Milk included with all meals
<p align="center">OCTOBER 3RD—OCTOBER 7TH</p> <p>MONDAY-Mini corn dogs, Broccoli w/ cheese, Peaches TUESDAY-Domino's Pizza Or school pizza, Vegetable, Fruit Sherbet WEDNESDAY-Hamburger w/bun, Celery sticks w/ ranch, Fruit, Soft Pretzel THURSDAY-Taco Salad, Lettuce & cheese ,Fresh Fruit, Tortilla chips FRIDAY-Chicken Strips w/roll, Baked fries, Pears, Pudding</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 10TH—OCTOBER 14TH</p> <p>MONDAY-Hot dog w/bun, Baked Beans, Peaches TUESDAY-Domino's Pizza Or school pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Tray treat WEDNESDAY-Toasted cheese, Chicken noodle soup, Seasoned peas, Pears THURSDAY-Baked Safari buddy chicken, Malibu blend veggie, Seasoned Rice, Apples FRIDAY- "NO SCHOOL" NEOEA DAY</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 17TH—OCTOBER 21ST</p> <p>MONDAY-Sausage links, French toast sticks, Cheesy potatoes, Orange juice cup TUESDAY-Domino's Pizza Or school pizza, Vegetable, Fruit Icy, Cookie WEDNESDAY-Chicken fries, Seasoned peas, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll THURSDAY-Soft taco w/ meat, Lettuce & cheese, Pears, Whole grain roll FRIDAY-General Tso's Chicken, Stir Fry Veggies, Seasoned Rice, Pineapple, Fortune cookie</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 24TH—OCTOBER 28TH</p> <p>MONDAY-Egg & Cheese biscuit sandwich, Hash-brown potato, Mandarin oranges TUESDAY-Domino's Pizza Or school pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Tray Treat WEDNESDAY-Whole grain corn dog, Baked Beans, Pears THURSDAY-Salisbury steak, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Peaches, whole grain roll FRIDAY-Chicken patty sandwich, California blend veggie, Pineapple, Jello w/topping</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 31ST</p> <p>MONDAY-Elbows in Glue (mac & chez), Slimy Peas, Freaky fruit, Cranky roll</p>	<p align="center">OCTOBER 3RD—OCTOBER 7TH</p> <p>MONDAY-Hot dog w/bun Or Kielbasa w/bun, Baked beans, Peaches, Fritos TUESDAY-Domino's pizza Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Cookie WEDNESDAY-Taco salad Or Soft taco, Lettuce & cheese, Applesauce, Tortilla chips, Whole grain roll THURSDAY-Chicken Strips w/roll Or Chicken patty w/bun, Parsley Potatoes, Fresh Fruit, Pudding FRIDAY-Macaroni & Cheese Or Rib a que w/bun, Malibu blend vegetables, Mandarin oranges, Breadstick</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 10TH—OCTOBER 14TH</p> <p>MONDAY-Ham & Cheese w/bun, Chicken noodle soup W/crackers, Peas & carrots, Peaches TUESDAY-Domino's pizza Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Cookie WEDNESDAY-Falcon double burger W/bun, lettuce, cheese & sauce, Baked fries, Pears THURSDAY-Mashed potato bowl...popcorn chicken...potatoes, corn, cheese, gravy, Whole grain roll, Fresh fruit FRIDAY- "NO SCHOOL" NEOEA DAY</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 17TH—OCTOBER 21ST</p> <p>MONDAY-Chicken parmesan Or Chicken patty w/ bun, Pasta w/sauce, Italian blend vegetables, Peaches, Whole grain roll TUESDAY-Domino's pizza Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Cookie WEDNESDAY-Beefy cheese nacho Or Taco fries w/ cheese. Tossed Salad w/carrots, Applesauce, Breadstick THURSDAY-Chicken wrap W / Lettuce & cheese Or Chicken strips w/roll, Green beans, Fresh fruit FRIDAY-Toasted cheese, Tomato Soup / crackers, Seasoned peas, Mandarin Oranges</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 24TH—OCTOBER 28TH</p> <p>MONDAY-BBQ pulled pork w/bun Or Whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Peaches, Fritos TUESDAY-Domino's pizza Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Cookie WEDNESDAY-Grilled chicken alfredo Or Grilled chicken w/bun, Tossed salad w/carrots, Pears, Whole grain roll THURSDAY-General Tso's Chicken, Stir fry vegetable, Seasoned Rice, Fresh Fruit, Fortune cookie FRIDAY-Baked Potato w/ cheese & yogurt cup Or Cheeseburger w/bun, Broccoli & Cheese, Mandarin oranges</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 31ST</p> <p>MONDAY-Salisbury steak Or Breaded pork chop, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes & gravy, Peaches</p>	<p align="center">OCTOBER 3RD—OCTOBER 7TH</p> <p>MONDAY - Breaded pork chop Or Salisbury steak Whipped potatoes & gravy, Green beans, Fruit / roll TUESDAY— Domino's pizza Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Sherbet cup WEDNESDAY—Chicken Strips w/roll Or Chicken patty w/bun, Parsley Potatoes, Applesauce- THURSDAY- Macaroni & cheese W/breadstick or Rib a que, Malibu blend veggies, Fresh fruit FRIDAY—Taco salad Or Soft taco, Lettuce & Cheese, Peaches, Tortilla chips/roll</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 10TH—OCTOBER 14TH</p> <p>MONDAY-Falcon double burger w/cheese, ranch, Lettuce or Cheese quesadilla, Green beans w/carrots, Mandarin oranges TUESDAY-Dominos' pizza Or Stuffed crust pizza Vegetable, Fruit, Dessert WEDNESDAY- Picnic Style Lunch THURSDAY-Deli sandwich, "Ham or Turkey w/lettuce & cheese, Baby carrots w/dip, Fresh fruit FRIDAY- "NO SCHOOL" NEOEA DAY</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 17TH—OCTOBER 21ST</p> <p>MONDAY-Beef hot dog w/bun Or Kielbasa w/bun Baked beans, Pears TUESDAY-Domino's pizza Or stuffed crust pizza Vegetable, Fruit, Dessert WEDNESDAY-Chicken alfredo...grilled chicken, alfredo sauce/ over pasta Or Grilled chicken breast / bun, Glazed carrots / mixed fruit, Whole grain roll THURSDAY-Beef & cheese nachos Or Taco fries, Steamed Broccoli, Fresh fruit, Breadstick FRIDAY-Chipotle Day-build it!!!Chicken or Beef/ tortilla, Choice of shredded lettuce, cheese, black beans, salsa guacamole, sour cream, Peaches, Roll</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 24TH—OCTOBER 28TH</p> <p>MONDAY- Sausage, French toast sticks Or Strawberry mini pancakes, Cheesy potatoes, Orange juice cup TUESDAY-Domino's pizza Or stuffed crust pizza Vegetable, Fruit, Dessert WEDNESDAY-Mashed potato bowl...popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, gravy, cheese Mandarin oranges ,Whole grain roll THURSDAY-Whole grain corn dog Or Southwest pizza, Celery sticks, w/ peanut butter, Fresh fruit FRIDAY-Toasted cheese Or baked chicken nuggets w/ w.g. roll, Tomato soup w/crackers, Seasoned peas</p> <p align="center">OCTOBER 31ST</p> <p>MONDAY-Cheese Quesadilla Or Sloppy Joe w/bun California blend veggie, Pears</p>

SEPTEMBER

- 26 FES - Market Day Pickup at FES - 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Boys Varsity Golf @ Edison - Invitational at Saw Mill Creek-1:30 p.m.
- 27 Girls Freshmen Volleyball @ Clearview - 4:30 p.m.
- 27 Boys Varsity Soccer @ Fuchsmizrachi-5:45 p.m.
- 27 Girls Varsity Volleyball @ Clearview - 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Girls Varsity Soccer @ Black River - 7:00 p.m.
- 29 Girls Freshman Volleyball (Home) vs Columbia High - 4:30 p.m.
- 29 Girls Varsity Volleyball (Home) vs Columbia High - 7:00 p.m.
- 29 FHS - Tailgate @ FHS Parking Lot - 5:30 –7:30 p.m.
- 30 FHS – Homecoming Football Game
- 31 Boys Varsity Football (Home) vs Wellington - 7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 1 FHS – Homecoming Dance —7:00—10:00 p.m.
- 1 Boys Varsity Golf @ LCAAA Tournament @ Bob-O-Link - 7:30 a.m.
- 1 Co-ed Varsity Cross-Country @ Vermilion Invitational - 8:30 p.m.
- 3 Interim Reports
- 3—7 FES—5th Grade Terra Nova Testing
- 4 FES—3rd Grade Ohio Achievement Test
- 4 FES—PTG Meeting—7:00 p.m.
- 4 Girls Varsity Volleyball @ Keystone - 7:00 p.m.
- 4 **FLU CLINIC**—4:00—7:30 p.m. at FES in the gym
- 5 Boys Varsity Soccer @ Wellington - 7:00 p.m.
- 5 Girls Varsity Soccer (Home) vs Wellington - 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Girls Freshmen Volleyball @ Buckeye - 4:30 p.m.
- 6 Girls Varsity Volleyball @Buckeye - 7:00 p.m.
- 6 SAMS – FES - Evening Parent/Teacher Conference – Grades K – 8

- 7 Boys Varsity Football (Home) vs Keystone - 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Boys Varsity Soccer (Home) vs Holy Name - 10:00 a.m.
- 8 FHS - Parade of Bands - 7 p.m.
- 10 Girls Varsity Soccer @ Open Door - 4:30 p.m.
- 10 Girls Freshmen Volleyball @ Wellington - 4:30 p.m.
- 10 Girls Varsity Volleyball @ Wellington - 7:00 p.m.
- 10 FES-SAMS-FHS - Evening Parent/Teacher Conference – Grades K - 12
- 10 Board of Education Meeting - 7 p.m.
- 10 FES-SAMS-FHS - Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences - Grades K-12
- 11 Girls Varsity Volleyball (Home) vs Black River - 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Boys Varsity Soccer @ Brooklyn - 5:00 p.m.
- 12 Girls Varsity Soccer (Home) vs Brooklyn - 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Girls Freshmen Volleyball (Home) vs Brookside - 4:30 p.m.
- 13 Girls Varsity Volleyball (Home) vs Brookside - 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Boys Varsity Football @ Buckeye - 7:00 p.m.
- 14 **NEOEA DAY – NO SCHOOL**
- 15 Co-ed Varsity Cross Country @ PAC Championship - TBA
- 15 Girls Varsity Soccer @ Sandusky - 10:00 a.m.
- 15 Boys Varsity Soccer @ Sandusky - 12:00 p.m.
- 17 FHS - Band Boosters Meeting @ FHS - 7:00 p.m.
- 18 SAMS - PTG Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 19 SAMS - Ripcho Picture Grade Level Retakes - 7:30 – 10:30 a.m.
- 21 Boys Varsity Football (Home) vs Black River - 7:00 p.m.
- 22 Co-ed Varsity Cross Country @ Sectional (LCCC Course) - 1:00 p.m.
- 24 FES -Market Day Pickup at FES - 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- 25 FHS - Choir Concert at FHS - 7 p.m.
- 27 FHS - Band Concert @ FHS - 7 p.m.
- 28 Boys Varsity Football @ Brookside - 7:00 p.m.
- 28 FES - Red Ribbon Parties - 2:40 p.m.

2011 - 2012 HEALTH FAIR



Join us on Wednesday, **October 26, 2011** from **3:00 to 6:00 pm** in the Firelands High School gym for our 2nd annual Community Health Fair. Learn what resources are available to help us eat, feel, and stay well. Sample some healthy treats made by kids that kids will like.

Pick up some ideas of fun things to do as a family that cost nothing yet are valuable to well-being. Protect those you love from the destruction that alcohol and drug abuse wreaks by learning how to spot it early on and knowing what to do about it if found. Resolve to keep yourself and your children on a healthy path. After all, the world is rapidly changing, requiring all of us to be healthy, fit and ready to learn. **Dare to be the best you can be.**

Dare to be great!



Trait of the Month: Responsibility

Tips on teaching responsibility to your children...

1. Talk about responsibility with your children and show them responsibility by modeling that behavior yourself.
2. Give children chores. Give them instructions and then let them do it. Don't keep nagging, but just have a natural consequence to follow if it is not done.
3. Give them an allowance at an early age and let them make decisions on how they spend it. Do not give them extra money if they run out.
4. Get a pet – caring for an animal is a great way to teach responsibility.

Lunch Assistance

If you have filled out a lunch assistance application for this school year, you should have received a letter stating your child's lunch status.

All applications have already been processed. If at this time you do not know if your child has been approved for assistance with meals, please contact Judy Baumann, Food Service Director at 440-965-5821 ext. 11 or email

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FIRELANDS LUNCH PRICES

Please note the following lunch prices for the 2011/2012 School Year:

K - 5 Lunch—\$2.10
6 — 8 Lunch—\$2.35
9 — 12 Lunch—\$2.50
Adult Lunch—\$3.00
Milk for all—.50 cents



42nd ANNUAL COUNTRY HARVEST OF ANTIQUES And CRAFTS

Sat. Oct. 1st, 9:30-4:30 and Sun. Oct.2nd, 11:00—4:30

ANTIQUES	CRAFTS	ATTRACTIONS
Primitives	Stained Glass	Wagon Rides
Furniture	Wood Carving	Wool Spinning
Clocks	Potpourri & Herbs	
China	Dried Flowers	
Quilts & Linens	Jewelry	

Bakery, Amish Meats & Cheese, Apple Butter
Pennsylvania Dutch Lunch—Donuts made all day

Admission—\$4 for Adults
Children 10 & under FREE

BIRMINGHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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1 Block South of State Route 113 & Route 60

Fifth Annual Parade of Bands

October 8th, 2011
7 pm Firelands Stadium




This years bands include Padua, Lutheran West, Oberlin, Bay Village, and The Mighty Falcon Marching Band!

Cost of admission is \$5 for EVERYONE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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

South Amherst Dumpster Days

Friday - October 14, 2011 - 8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Saturday - October 15, 2011 - 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>



Cow Pie
Bingo!

The band will be having cow pie bingo after the Halloween Parade in South Amherst .

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from a band member or by calling Michele Jeffers at 986-5150 or Natalie Saylor at 965-5872.


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

Support the Firelands Board of Education and help us to maintain the Firelands Express! ADS ARE ONLY \$200 A YEAR!

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Sunday School: 9:45a.m.

Firelands Elementary PTG
 Meetings held on the 1st Tuesday of the Month.



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 Fall Pre-School & Summer Programs at
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South Amherst Middle School PTG Meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month
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