



# The Firelands Express



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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



### Coffee with the Superintendent

In an effort to connect the 90 square miles that is the Firelands Local School District, I would like to begin the process of holding a monthly "Coffee with the Superintendent." The coffee structure is as follows:

- ◇ Bi-Monthly (September, November, January, March, May).
- ◇ Hosted by a member of the community.
- ◇ The host agrees to invite and assure attendance of 10-12 members of the community.
- ◇ The host is encouraged to request one additional member of the administrative team to attend the coffee with the superintendent.
- ◇ Most coffees last between 45 and 90 minutes based on the discussion.

### Format

- Self-introduction of guests and overview of topics.
- 30 minute question and answer session regarding requested topics.
- 15 minute summary of the state of education in the Firelands Schools and Ohio by the superintendent.
- 30 minute group discussion regarding the state of education in the Firelands Schools and Ohio.

It is my sincere hope that we are able to schedule a coffee each month. I look forward to the invaluable discussions that will occur with one of our most valuable assets, our community!

*If you are interested in hosting a "Coffee with the Superintendent," please contact Linda Seman at 440.965.5821 to initiate an informal discussion with Dr. Hill.*

### State Report Card Release

In early August, the Ohio Department of Education will officially release district ratings and test scores based on last spring's testing. My article next month will focus on our report card results.

### Start of School

Our custodial staff was busy again this summer improving our school facilities. I invite you to stop by and observe the finished product at our Open House (see details below). We salute our custodial staff for their hard work in maintaining the excellent appearance of our district facilities!

### Open House – August 26 for all buildings

High School: 5:00-5:45: 9<sup>th</sup> grade orientation/open house  
6:00-6:45: Grades 10-12

Elementary: 5:30-6:15: Grades K-2  
6:30-7:15: Grades 3-5

Middle School: 7:30-8:15: Grades 6-8

**THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS AUGUST 27 (Grades 1-12)**

**THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN IS AUGUST 29 (STAGGERED START: PLEASE REFER TO YOUR CHILDS LETTER FOR START DATE)**

**THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN IS AUGUST 30 (STAGGERED START: PLEASE REFER TO YOUR CHILDS LETTER FOR START DATE)**

### Vision 2015-V

At the August 12 Board Meeting, Vision 2015-V was adopted by the Board. The document establishes a continuous improvement plan for the district. Each year the plan is reviewed and revised based on the school's testing data and input from residents, teachers, students, and administration. Vision 2015-V is accessible in full at [www.firelandsschools.org](http://www.firelandsschools.org). The document is located in the drop-down "About the District" menu located at the top of the home page. I encourage you to review the entire document. Please find a brief review of our 2013-2014 goals below:

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

#### Continue Implementation of "Firelands Framework for Effective Instruction"

Over the past several years, the District worked collaboratively to develop a comprehensive model to guide instructional improvement in the classroom. We will continue to implement the framework based on the work of Dr. Robert Marzano. The implementation includes the use of common assessments and professional development targeted to address data-driven district instructional goals. In addition, the administrative staff will improve the observation/evaluation process in conjunction with the Ohio Teacher and Principal Evaluation Process (OTPEP).

#### Continue Rollout of New State Standards

The District will continue implementation of the transition plan for the "Common Core" state standards.

### TECHNOLOGY

#### Develop and Implement the District's Technology Plan (Year 2)

The District continues to implement a technology plan that meets the needs of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Educational Environment, as well as improving efficiency in operations. The plan in-

cludes a replacement/life cycle for technology, installation of a district-wide phone system with classroom phones to improve safety and communication, and the installation of a wireless infrastructure.

#### Develop a plan to implement "Bring Your Own Technology" (BYOT)

The District will begin the process of working collaboratively with all stakeholders to create a sustainable, efficient, and effective BYOT program.

### FINANCE

#### Continue the Plan to Assure Expenditures Do Not Exceed Revenue

The District will continue to review all expenditures to ensure efficiency and fiscal responsibility.

#### Maintain a Budget Process That Links Expenditures to District Goals and Initiatives

The District will continue to link all expenditures to goals and initiatives that focus on efficiency and student learning and growth.

#### Improve Application of Technology to BOE/District Processes

The District will continue to explore efficient operations and best practices in terms of the use of resources.

### FACILITIES

#### Implement Year 3 of the Facility/Maintenance Plan

The District will plan and prioritize projects based on funding and necessity, a task that grows increasingly difficult with aging facilities.

#### Evaluate facility safety as associated with 21<sup>st</sup> century learning concepts.

The District will explore current best practices for student and building safety, including analysis of the sustainability of current facilities from a cost-benefit perspective, as well as viable options of potential facility improvements including, but not limited to new construction that creates one educational campus.

### CONNECTIONS

#### Improve Communication

The District will research and implement the use of a community blog to engage public stakeholders in the school system.

#### Engage community partners in the education process.

The District will begin to explore opportunities to collaborate with key stakeholders in the community to improve student learning.

We are very proud of our students, teachers, classified staff members, and schools! I encourage you to become involved in the education of our community's youth. We cannot do it alone and the Firelands Schools has a place for everyone!

Go Falcons!

Yours in Education - Dr. Robert F. Hill - Superintendent

You may view this issue online at:  
[www.firelandsschools.org](http://www.firelandsschools.org)

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

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## 2013 - 2014 VARIANCE FORM POLICY



As the school year approaches, many of you will be making day care arrangements for your children. **PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE IN MIND TO HELP INSURE THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN.** Remember, pick up and drop off locations at the child's home address is always best, but we realize, it is not always possible. When a change for pick up or drop off is necessary, we are asking you to adhere to the following procedure: **PLEASE HAVE ALL FORMS TURNED IN BY AUGUST 21, 2013 TO BE EFFECTIVE BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

**IMPORTANT!!** Variance forms are available at the elementary and middle school offices, and can also be printed from our school website at: [http://www.firelandsschools.org/Downloads/variance\\_form\\_0.pdf](http://www.firelandsschools.org/Downloads/variance_form_0.pdf) These forms are designed for permanent or steady route changes.

### **WITH THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD IN MIND, VARIABLE AND ALTERNATING DAYS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED**

PLEASE HAVE VARIANCE FORMS COMPLETED AND TURNED INTO THE SCHOOL OR BUS GARAGE **5 DAYS** PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATES, SO EVERYONE INVOLVED MAY HAVE PROPER NOTICE OF THE CHANGE. WE ASK THAT THE CHANGE BE IN EFFECT FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR. THE CHANGE MUST BE WITHIN AN EXISTING ROUTE! **YOU MUST FILL OUT A NEW FORM EACH SCHOOL YEAR.** IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY THAT ARISES DURING THE DAY AND YOU NEED TO CHANGE THE PLANS YOU HAVE MADE, CALL THE FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY OFFICE AT **440-965-5381 BEFORE 12:30 P.M.** TO NOTIFY THEM OF THE CHANGE. THEY WILL GET A MESSAGE TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER, TO INSURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS DROPPED OFF AS PER YOUR INSTRUCTION.

### **CONSISTENCY IS THE KEY!**

#### **2013 – 2014 FIRELANDS BUS ROUTES**

There are a few routes that have changed slightly. Students that do not ride the bus to school on the first day will need to check with their teacher or the office to find the correct bus number to ride home in the afternoon. **Please do not assume that they ride the same bus home as last year.** You will find the A.M. routes listed by township, bus driver, drivers name and tentative bus number. If the Bus that arrives at your house is different than what is published, the driver will instruct the students of the proper number. **Please remember these times are approximate and may vary especially the first week or two of school. We ask that you have your child ready ahead of time, and wait for the bus in a safe location, approximately 10 feet from the road. There will continue to be an emphasis on designated place of safety both before and after school. Even students on the right hand side need to stay back away from the bus and wait until the bus driver signals them before students approach the bus. For those who need to cross the road, please wait for the drivers hand signal before crossing and check traffic on your own.**

All Firelands students in grades 6 - 12 will be transported on the High School/Middle School Routes and grades K - 5 will be transported on the elementary routes; St. Joe's students will be transported on our High School/Middle School routes A.M. and P.M., Open Door, Elyria Catholic and Summit Academy students will be transported on A.M. High School routes and P.M. will be on their own route.

All of the information listed here, as well as the P.M. routes will be available on the Firelands Website: <http://www.firelandsschools.org>, under the Central Office tab / Transportation along with the variance form procedure and a printable variance form for your convenience. Post cards will be sent out approximately one week before school with bus numbers and times to alleviate phone calls.

#### **High School - A.M. Bus #15 Driver – Mrs. Saylor (Brownhelm Township)**

Depart Storage, (Stops begin 6:30 A.M., on Baumhart Rd.), North on Baumhart Rd. to Russia Rd., east on Russia to turnaround (48282), west on Russia to Baumhart Rd., north on Baumhart to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Claus Rd., north on Claus to Brownhelm Station, west on Brownhelm Station to T.A. (2480), east on Brownhelm Station to Claus, south on Claus to Jerusalem, west on Jerusalem to Sunnyside, south on Sunnyside to Cooper Foster Park, east on Cooper Foster to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Claus, south on Claus to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Vermilion Rd, south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

#### **Elementary - A.M. Bus #15 Driver - Mrs. Saylor (South Amherst)**

Upon return from Elyria, west on 113, pick up at Trailer Park, **Approximately 8:00A.M.** In the front behind office, west on Route 113 to North Lake St., north on North Lake St. to Maroy, east on Maroy to Thompson, south on Thompson to Oakdale, east on Oakdale to T.A. (Cul-de-sac), west on Oakdale to Thompson, north on Thompson to Maroy, west on Maroy to North Lake, south on North Lake to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School

#### **High School - A.M. Bus #19 Driver - Mrs. Horning (Brownhelm Township)**

Depart Storage 6:35 A.M. west on Brownhelm Station Rd. to Highbridge Rd., south on Highbridge to Vermilion Rd. (Stops begin at 6:38 A.M.), north on Vermilion to Tomahawk, east on Tomahawk to Arrowhead, south on Arrowhead to Brownhelm Station, east on Brownhelm Station to Sunnyside, south on Sunnyside to Jerusalem, west on Jerusalem to Vermilion, south on Vermilion Rd. to Gifford Rd., South on Gifford to State Route 113, west on State Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to Firelands High School.

#### **Elementary - A.M. Bus #19 Driver – Mrs. Horning**

From Route 113, North on Baumhart to Cooper Foster, (Stops begin at 7:40 A.M.), west on Cooper Foster Park to T.A. (Barn), east on Cooper Foster Park to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Claus, north on Claus to T.A. (2285), south on Claus to Jerusalem, west on Jerusalem to Vermilion, south on Vermilion to Cooper Foster, east on Cooper Foster to Claus, south on Claus to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Claus, south on Claus to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Portman Rd., west on Portman to White Tail Run, north on White Tail Run to Grand Oak Drive, south on Grand Oak Dr. to Portman, south on Gore Orphanage to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to Firelands Elementary School.

#### **High School - A.M. Bus #29 Driver - Mrs. Tomlinson (Brownhelm Township)**

Depart Storage 6:30 A.M., north on Green to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Baumhart, north on Baumhart Rd. to Stick Rd., (Stops begin at 6:36 A.M. on Stick Rd.), east on Stick Rd. to T.A. (49029), west on Stick Rd. to Baumhart, north on Baumhart to North Ridge, east on North Ridge to T.A. (Township Line), west on North Ridge to Rice Rd., southeast on Rice to Heritage Way, north on Heritage Way to turnaround (second T.A. on right), south on Heritage Way to Rice Rd., east on Rice to the alley, Cut through Alley to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

#### **Elementary - A.M. Bus #29 Driver - Mrs. Tomlinson**

(Stops begin 7:45 A.M. on Rice Road), west on Route 113 to Quarry, north on Quarry to Rice, west on Rice Rd. to Heritage Way, north on Heritage Way to Turnaround (second T.A. on Heritage Way), south on Heritage Way to Rice Rd, west on Rice Rd. to North Ridge, east on North Ridge to T.A. (Township line), west on North Ridge to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Greystone Drive, follow Greystone Drive around to Middle Ridge Rd., west on Middle Ridge to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

**High School - A.M. Bus #3 Driver - Mrs. Holowenko (Brownhelm Township)**

Depart Storage 6:20 A.M., from Baumhart Rd., (Stops begin on North Ridge - 6:30 A.M.), east on North Ridge Rd. to T.A. (52720), east on North Ridge to Gore Orphanage Rd., north on Gore Orphanage to turnaround (8066), south on Gore Orphanage to Morse Rd., northeast on Morse to Banks Rd., south on Banks to turnaround (Leimbach's Potato Barn), north on Banks to North Ridge, east on North Ridge to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion to Cooper Foster Park Rd., east on Cooper Foster to Claus Rd., south on Claus to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

**Elementary - A.M. Bus #3 Driver - Mrs. Holowenko**

(Stops begin 7:35 A.M. at North Ridge Rd.), north on Vermilion Rd. to North Ridge, west on North Ridge to Banks Rd., south on Banks to T.A. (Leimbach's potato barn), north on Banks to North Ridge, west North Ridge to Gore Orphanage, north on Gore Orphanage to turnaround (8066 Gore Orphanage Rd.), south on Gore Orphanage to North Ridge, east on North Ridge to Vermilion Rd. north on Vermilion Rd. to Tomahawk Lane, east on Tomahawk to Arrowhead, south on Arrowhead to Brownhelm Station, east on Brownhelm Station to Sunnyside, south on Sunnyside to North Ridge, east on North Ridge to T.A.(2965), west on North Ridge to Vermilion, south on Vermilion to Gifford Rd., south on Gifford to State Route 113, west on State Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to Firelands Elementary School.

**High School - A.M. Bus #14 Driver - Mrs. Grills (Camden Township)**

Depart storage 6:35 A.M., (Stops begin at 6:35 A.M.), south on Gifford to Austin Rd, west on Austin to T.A. (50230), east on Austin to Rowell, north on Rowell to Route 303, east on Route 303 to Gifford, north on Gifford to Route 20, continue on Gifford Rd. to Garfield Rd., west on Garfield Rd. to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

**Elementary - A.M. Bus #14 Driver - Mrs. Grills**

South on Vermilion Rd. to Route 511, south on Route 511 to Route 20, continue south on Route 511 to Route 303, (1<sup>st</sup> stop - 7:35 A.M. on Route 303), east on Route 303 to Gifford Rd., south on Gifford to Bronson, west on Bronson Rd. to State Route 511, south on Route 511 to Austin Rd., east on Austin to Gifford Rd., north on Gifford to T.A. (18191), south on Gifford to Austin Rd., east on Austin to turnaround (48780), west on Austin to Rowell Rd., north on Rowell to State Route 303, east on Route 303 to turnaround (48612), west on Route 303 to Gifford Rd, north on Gifford to State Route 511, west on Route 511 to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

**High School - A.M. Bus #1 Driver - Mrs. Stone (Camden Township) (This route will have a detour on State Route 60 August 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>)**

Depart storage 6:30 A.M. from 14977, north on Baird Rd. to Bates Rd., (Stops begin 6:32 A.M.), west on Bates to Gore Orphanage, south on Gore Orphanage to State Route 20, west on State Route 20 to State Route 511, south on Route 511 to State Route 303, east on Route 303 to Gifford, south on Gifford to Bronson, west on Bronson to Route 511, south on Route 511 to Betts, west on Betts to Baird Rd., north on Baird to Becker, west on Becker to T.A. (50811), east on Becker to Baird, north on Baird to Garfield, east on Garfield to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

**Elementary - A.M. Bus #1 Driver - Mrs. Stone**

North on Vermilion Rd. to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Green Rd., south on Green Rd. to Clary, southwest on Clary to Garfield, west on Garfield to Route 60, south on Route 60 to West, (Stops will begin approximately 7:35 A.M. on Garfield Rd.), west on West Rd. to T.A. (12911), north on West Rd. to State Route 60, south on Route 60 to T.A. (10715- Ormter's), north on Route 60 to Butler, south on Butler to T.A., (14313 Alt.-first drive on left after County Line), north on Butler to Denman, east on Denman to Green, north on Green to Clary, southwest on Clary to Garfield, east on Garfield to Green, south on Green to Ward, southeast on Ward to Gore Orphanage, south on Gore Orphanage to Becker Rd., east on Becker to Baird, north on Baird to State Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

**High School - A.M. Bus #16 Driver - Mrs. Thomas (Camden/Henrietta Township)**

Depart storage 6:30 A.M. (Stops begin 6:32 A.M.) east on State Route 511 to T.A. (Gifford Rd.), west on State Route 511 to Haigh St., west on Haigh to Hawkins St., south on Hawkins to Rosa St., west on Rosa to West St., south on West to Church, east on Church to Route 511, south on Route 511 to Route 20, east on Route 20 to Plate Rd., east on Plate to Baumhart Rd., north on Baumhart to Garfield Rd., east on Garfield to T.A. (48604), west on Garfield to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to Garfield, west on Garfield to Gifford, north on Gifford to State Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to FHS.

**Elementary - A.M. Bus #16 Driver - Mrs. Thomas**

(Stops begin 7:40 A.M. at Russia Rd.) West on Route 113 to Quarry Rd., south on Quarry to Russia, west on Russia to Baumhart Rd., south on Baumhart to Garfield, east on Garfield to T.A. (48604), west on Garfield to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to Plate Rd., cross Route 20, continue on Plate Rd. to Route 20, west on Route 20 to Baird Rd., north on Baird to Bates, east on Bates to Green Rd., south on Green to State Route 20, east on Route 20 to Gore Orphanage, south on Gore Orphanage to T.A. (15706), north on Gore Orphanage to Route 20, east on Route 20 to Gore Orphanage, north on Gore Orphanage to Bates, east on Bates to Baird, north on Baird to Becker Rd., east on Becker to Route 511, east on Route 511 to Gifford, north on Gifford to Garfield, west on Garfield to Vermilion, north on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

**High School - A.M. Bus #20 Driver - Mrs. Huffman (Camden / Henrietta Township)**

Depart storage at 6:30 A.M. (Stops begin 6:30 A.M.) east on Route 303 to Gore Orphanage Rd., south on Gore Orphanage to T.A. (19477), north on Gore Orphanage to Betts Rd., east on Betts to Route 511, south on Route 511 to T.A. (Pitts), north on Route 511 to Route 303, west on Route 303 to Gore Orphanage, north on Gore Orphanage to State Route 20, west on State Route 20 to Green Rd., north on Green to Bates Rd., east on Bates to Baird, north on Baird to Becker Rd., east on Becker to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

**Elementary - A.M. Bus #20 Driver - Mrs. Huffman**

South on Vermilion Rd. to Route 511, south on Route 511 to Betts, (Stops begin on Route 511 - 7:40 A.M.), west on Betts to Baird, north on Baird to T.A. (Pig Farm), south on Baird to T.A. (18977 - Linn's), north on Baird to Betts, west on Betts to Gore Orphanage, south on Gore Orphanage to T.A. (19477-Bacsi's), north on Gore Orphanage to Route 303, east on Route 303 to T.A. (Township Hall), west on Route 303 to Baird Rd., north on Baird to Haigh, east on Haigh to Route 511, south on Route 511 to Church, west on Church to Hawkins, north on Hawkins to Rosa, west on Rosa to West, south on West to Church, east on Church to Route 511, north on Route 511 to Vermilion, north on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

**High School - A.M. Bus #18 Driver - Mrs. Crawford (Florence Township)**

Depart storage 6:30 A.M. (Stops begin in Florence at 6:31 A.M.) north on Florence Wakeman to State Route 113, west on Route 113 to T.A. (10809 Ward's), east on Route 113 to Joppa, north on Joppa to Angling, northeast on Angling to Harrison, south on Harrison to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Route 60, north on Route 60 to T.A. (5204), south on Route 60 to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

**Elementary - A.M. Bus #18 Driver - Mrs. Crawford**

West on Route 113 to State Route 60, north on Route 60 to T.A. (5204), (Stops begin 7:35 A.M.), south on Route 60 to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Harrison Rd., north on Harrison to Angling, south on Angling to Joppa, south on Joppa to State Route 113, west on Route 113 to Cable, south on Cable to Harmon Rd., east on Harmon to Florence Wakeman Rd., south on Florence Wakeman to T.A. (14316), north on Florence Wakeman to Garfield Rd., east on Garfield to State Route 60, north on Route 60 to South St., east on South St. to Chapel St., north on Chapel to State Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

**High School - A.M. Bus #17 Driver - Mrs. Savler (Florence Township)**

From West Rd., west on Harmon to Florence Wakeman, north on Florence Wakeman to State Route 113, west on Route 113 to Main, (Stops begin on Main Rd. at 6:30 A.M.), west on Main to Fraley Rd., north on Fraley to Thorpe Rd., east on Thorpe to Stephens Rd., north on Stephens to Mason, west on Mason to Burrows, northeast on Burrows to T.A. (10710), west on Burrows to Mason, east on Mason to T.A. (11817), west on Mason to Joppa, north on Joppa to Furnace, northeast on Furnace to T.A. (High tension lines), south on Furnace to Joppa, north on Joppa to T.A. (Nuhn's Farm), south on Joppa to Church, west on Church to T.A. (10217), east on Church to Joppa, south on Joppa to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

**Elementary - A.M. Bus #17 Driver – Mrs. Savler**

West on Route 113 to Main, **(First Stop on Main Rd. at 7:40 A.M.)**, west on Main to Frailey, north on Frailey to Thorpe, east on Thorpe to Stephens, north on Stephens to Mason, west on Mason to Burrows Rd., northeast on Burrows to T.A. (10710), west on Burrows to Mason, east on Mason to Joppa, north on Joppa to Church, west on Church to T.A. (10217), east on Church to Joppa, south on Joppa to Route 113, cross Route 113, south on Florence Wakeman to T.A. (Division St.), north on Florence Wakeman to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

**High School - A.M. Bus #24 Driver - Mr. Savler (Florence Township)**

Depart storage 6:30 A.M. East on West Rd. to T.A. (11207), southwest on West to Burns Rd., west on Burns to Florence Wakeman, north on Florence Wakeman to Harmon, west on Harmon to T.A. (14907), east on Harmon to Florence Wakeman, north on Florence Wakeman to Garfield, east on Garfield to Route 60, north on Route 60 to South St., east on South St. to Chapel, north on Chapel to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Dean Rd., north on Dean Rd. to T.A. (Whispering Winds), south on Dean Rd. to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

**High School - A.M. Bus #21 Driver – Mrs. Grude (Florence Township) (This route will have a detour on State Route 60 August 27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>)**

West on Becker to Gore Orphanage, north on Gore Orphanage to Ward, **(Stops begin on Gore Orphanage at 6:35 A.M.)**, northwest on Ward to Green, south on Green to Denman, west on Denman to Butler, south on Butler to T.A. (First drive on left after County Line) north on Butler to Denman, west on Denman to Route 60, south on Route 60 to T.A. (10715) north on Route 60 to Garfield Rd, east on Garfield to Green, north on Green to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to Firelands High School.

**High School - A.M. Bus #6 Driver – Mrs. Bates (Henrietta Township)**

Depart storage at 6:30 A.M. **(Stops begin at 6:35 A.M.)** north on Green Rd. to Garfield, east on Garfield to Baird, north on Baird to State Route 113, east on State Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to Portman Rd., west on Portman Rd. to Gore Orphanage, south on Gore Orphanage to State Route 113, cross Route 113, south on Gore Orphanage to Ward, northwest on Ward to Green Rd., north on Green to Garfield, east on Garfield to Baird Rd., south on Baird to Garfield, east on Garfield to Vermilion Rd., north on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

**High School - A.M. Bus #2 Driver – Mrs. Saltis (South Amherst)**

Depart storage 6:40 A.M., From State Route 113, South on South Lake St. to Russia Rd., **(Stops begin 6:45 A.M.)**, east on Russia Rd. to Annis Rd., north on Annis to Route 113, east on Route 113 to Trailer Park, Turnaround (2<sup>nd</sup> street to right inside the park), west on Route 113 to Main St., (with stops at Kenwood, Vivian and 124 E. Main), west on Route 113 to S.A.M.S. Pull into S.A.M.S., drop off 6 - 8 Grades, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School. (This Bus will go to the JVS and LCA, drop off before starting the Elementary route).

**Elementary - A.M. Bus #2 Driver – Mrs. Saltis**

From Route 58, west on Butternut Ridge to end of road, north around curve to stop sign, north on South Lake St. to Russia Rd., **(Stops begin – 7:50 A.M. on South Lake)**, East on Russia Rd. to Annis Rd. north on Annis to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., (with stops at Kenwood, Vivian, W. Main St. and E. Main St.), south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

**High School - A.M. Bus #11 Driver - Mrs. Coultrip (South Amherst)**

**Depart storage 6:35 A.M.** East on Route 113 to Quarry Rd., north on Quarry to T.A. (Rice Ct.), **(First stop 6:38 A.M. past Middle Ridge Rd.)**, south on Quarry to State Route 113, west on Route 113 to Leonard St., south on Leonard St. (Quarry) to Russia Rd., east on Russia to South Lake St., north on South Lake to Route 113, west on Route 113 to S.A.M.S., pull into S.A.M.S. Unload Grades 6-8 back door, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion to Firelands High School.

**Elementary - A.M. Bus #11 Driver – Mrs. Coultrip**

**(Stops will begin -7:35 A.M.)** South on South Lake to Russia, west on Russia to Quarry, north on Quarry to Elm, east on Elm to Maple, north on Maple to Route 113, cross Route 113, north on Quarry to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Baumhart, south on Baumhart to Garfield Rd., west on Garfield to Gifford, north on Gifford to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands Elementary School.

**High School - A.M. Bus #5 Driver – Mrs. DeWitt (South Amherst)**

From State Route 113, North on North Lake (Pyle Rd.) to Maroy, **(Stops begin on North Lake 6:35 A.M.)**, east on Maroy to Thompson, south on Thompson to Oakdale, Turnaround at Oakdale, north on Thompson to Maroy, west on Maroy to Pyle, north on Pyle to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Pinecrest Apts., west on Middle Ridge to Cooper's Run, north on Cooper's run to Redtailed Lane, right on Redtailed Lane to Cooper's Run, east on Cooper's Run to South Lake St., south on South Lake to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Quarry Rd., south on Quarry to Route 113, east on Route 113 to S.A.M.S., Drop off Grades 6 - 8, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. to Firelands High School.

**Elementary - A.M. Bus #5 Driver – Mrs. DeWitt**

Leave S.A.M.S. at 7:50 A.M., north on North Lake to Middle Ridge, **(Stops will begin after Maroy at 7:55 A.M.)**, west on Middle Ridge to Pinecrest, west on Middle Ridge to Cooper's Run, north on Cooper's Run to Redtailed Ln., East on Redtailed to Cooper's Run, east on Cooper's Run to South Lake St., south on South Lake to Middle Ridge, west on Middle Ridge to Quarry, north on Quarry to T.A. (Rice Ct.), south on Quarry to Route 113, west on Route 113 to Vermilion Rd., south on Vermilion Rd. Firelands Elementary School.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO CALL MILT SAYLER AT (440) 965-4105**

Our Drivers do an awesome job keeping our Students safe! We are all looking forward to another safe school year. As schools across the area will be starting back up soon, please remember to observe all laws pertaining to School Buses and their Red Lights. It takes everyone practicing safe driving habits to ensure a safe school year.

**STARTING DATES:**

8-21-13 – Open Door / Pep  
 8-20-13 - St. Joe's  
 8-27-13 – Elyria Catholic  
 8-26-13 - LCJVS (Juniors Only)  
 8-27-13 - LCJVS (Seniors & Juniors)  
 8-27-13 – Firelands  
 8-29-13 – Kindergarten – Staggered Start – Refer to your letter for child's start date  
 8-30-13 - Kindergarten – Staggered Start – Refer to your letter for child's start date  
 9-03-13 – Summit Academy

**OUT OF DISTRICT TRANSFER BUSES FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE:**

Open Door, Elyria Catholic, St. Jude's - Bus #15 AM - Bus #6 PM  
 JVS - Bus #2 AM & PM  
 St. Joe's - Bus #6 AM - Bus #16 PM  
 Summit Academy - Bus #6 AM - Bus #6 PM

If your child's School begins before **August 27, 2013**, and will need transportation, you will need to call **Mr. Sayler at 965-4105** to make arrangements.

**2013 FIRELANDS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS****Thomas Battig**

\$100 FFA Book Scholarship

**Nicholas Bauer**

LCCC Presidential Scholarship

**Thomas Biery**

\$750 Danne Davison Scholarship

**Hannah Branz**

\$1,000 Renewable 4-year College Now Scholarship

\$500 Cameron Greene Scholarship

**Sarah Brennan**

LCCC Presidential Scholarship

**Christine Budweg**

LCCC Presidential Scholarship

**Randi Bukovac**

LCCC Presidential Scholarship

**Dannin Butchko**

\$2,000 Milad &amp; Fanny Abraham Scholarship

\$500 Joseph L. Knoble Lions Club Scholarship

\$100 FFA Book Scholarship

\$50 OAPSE Scholarship

**Jessica Butler**

\$100 Outstanding JVS Senior in Welding &amp; Fabrication

**Karlie Canfield**

\$1,000 Firelands Community Scholarship

\$100 FFA Book Scholarship

**Kennedy Carrier**

LCCC Trustee Scholarship

**Lauren Colby**

LCCC Trustee Scholarship

**Anna DiAsio**

\$500 Medical Mutual Scholarship

**Samantha Dostall**

\$500 Athletic Booster Club Scholarship

\$100 FFA Book Scholarship

**Connor Ference**

LCCC Presidential Scholarship

**Kayla Fowler**

\$1,000 Firelands Community Scholarship

**Matthew Golden**

\$50 OAPSE Scholarship

**Stephanie Griffith**

LCCC Trustee Scholarship

\$50 OAPSE Scholarship

**Dylan Hancock**

\$100 Outstanding JVS Senior Nominee in Masonry Trades

**Zackery Hofecker**

\$200 Latteman Scholarship

**Rachel Holowecky**

\$5,000 United Polish Club

\$2,500 Lorain County Community Foundation

Albert J. Wacker Scholarship

**Rachel Holowecky**

\$2,000 Lorain County Community Foundation

Myron &amp; Elinor Kolbe Scholarship

\$2,000 Milad &amp; Fanny Abraham Scholarship

\$1,500 Mercy Foundation of Lorain County

Paul C. Balcom Scholarship

\$1,000 Baldwin Wallace Northeast Ohio

Brain Bee Competition Scholarship

\$1,000 Jim Solomon Scholarship

\$500 Amherst Rotary Scholarship

\$500 Athletic Booster Club Scholarship

\$425 Lorain County Community Girls Basketball Coaches Association

\$100 Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award

**Joseph Hyster**

\$200 Latteman Scholarship

**Zachary Jackson**

\$6,000 FFA Ohio Technical College Burton Scholarship

\$1,000 Northwestern Ohio Scholarship

\$1,000 Ryan Woodrum Scholarship

\$1,000 Wellington Implement

\$500 Amherst Rotary Scholarship

\$100 Outstanding JVS Senior in Industrial Equipment Mechanics

**Amy Kalizewski**

\$750 Strive - Oberlin Rotary Scholarship

\$500 Music Booster Scholarship

**Courtney Klesta**

\$2,000 Milad &amp; Fanny Abraham Scholarship

\$750 Debbie Cook Scholarship

\$100 FFA Book Scholarship

**Tyler Koptis**

\$100 Outstanding JVS Senior in Industrial Electricity

**Dale Lapp**

LCCC Presidential Scholarship

**Rachel Leatherwood**

\$500 Athletic Booster Club Scholarship

\$250 Student Council Book Scholarship

**Matthew Metzger**

\$250 Student Council Book Scholarship

**Abigail Miller**

\$1,000 Monty's Seed Scholarship

\$100 FFA Book Scholarship

**Gabrielle Morrow**

LCCC Trustee Scholarship

\$500 Michelle Brand Scholarship

**Emma Northeim**

\$2,375 Louise Freeland Children of Employees/Trustees Scholarship

by Ohio Rural Electric Co-ops.

\$2,000 Milad &amp; Fanny Abraham Scholarship

\$1,730 Sheryl Black Scholarship

\$1,000 Lake Erie Chapter Credit Union (School Employees Credit Union)

\$1,000 Susan Beecheler Scholarship

**Emma Northeim**

\$600 P.E.O. Ohio Scholarship

\$100 FFA Book Scholarship

**Corv Osborne**

LCCC Diversity Incentive Award

**Robert Pete**

\$100 Outstanding JVS Senior in Commercial Truck Tech

**Jacob Peters**

\$100 Outstanding JVS Senior in Automotive Technology

**Marissa Poling**

LCCC Presidential Scholarship

**Erika Richardson**

LCCC Presidential Scholarship

**Drew Rogala**

\$50 OAPSE Scholarship

**Candice Roig**

\$100 Outstanding JVS Senior in Cosmetology

**Erika Ruffner**

LCCC Trustee Scholarship

**Mary Sanders**

LCCC Presidential Scholarship

**Joseph San Felippo**

\$1,000 John W. Hostetler Scholarship

\$750 Firelands Community Scholarship - Firelands/South

Amherst Rotary

**Brooke Shupe**

\$250 Student Council Book Scholarship

**Haley Strong**

\$1,000 Strive - State Level Scholarship

\$1,000 Strive - Oberlin Rotary Scholarship

**Tasia Tanner**

\$750 Danne Davison Scholarship

\$250 Student Council Book Scholarship

**Tyler Vrabel**

LCCC Trustee Scholarship

**Kate Ward**

LCCC Trustee Scholarship

**Samantha Wargo**

\$250 Student Council Book Scholarship

**Michaela Weitzel**

LCCC Presidential Scholarship

**Hannah Williams**

LCCC Trustee Scholarship

**Dustin Woodrum**

\$50 OAPSE Scholarship

**Jessica Zurcher**

\$2,000 Milad &amp; Fanny Abraham Scholarship

\$2,000 National FFA John Deere Scholarship

\$1,000 Young Entrepreneur Scholarship

\$500 Amherst Rotary Scholarship

\$500 Athletic Booster Club Scholarship

\$500 Lorain County Soccer Coaches Association

\$100 FFA Book Scholarship

**Red Brand Fence and Rural King Make a Donation to the Firelands FFA Chapter**



Store manager Sandy presents Callie Stevens and Alison Butler with a check for \$132 and a Fence 101 Kit

Red Brand Fence partnered with Rural King - Elyria #51 this past year to make a donation to the Firelands FFA for the Home Grown Program. In all, over 700 chapters nationwide receive funding from Home Grown annually.

Home Grown, with the help of the local community, is a great to build the chapter's success. The Rural King store chose to participate as a Gold Level Dealer and made a donation to the National FFA Foundation and donated a Fence 101 Kit to the Firelands FFA and Red Brand made a donation directly to the chapter based on the fencing sales at Rural King-Elyria.

As a long time supporter of the FFA, Red Brand's goal is to make a lasting difference for generations by supporting programs and activities that directly affect the lives of our future ag leaders.

The Firelands FFA would like to express their gratitude to both Red Brand and Rural King - Elyria for their support of youth in agriculture.

# GRAMMY® Week 2014

A total of 217 music teachers from 195 cities across 45 states have been announced as **quarterfinalists** for the **Music Educator Award** presented by **The Recording Academy®** and the **GRAMMY Foundation®**. In total, more than **30,000 initial nominations** were submitted from all **50 states**.

**Mr. Dustin Wiley, Band Director at Firelands High School, has been named as one of the Quarter finalists for 2014 Grammy Music Educator Award.**



The **Music Educator Award** was established to recognize current educators (K – college, public and private schools) who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education and who demonstrate a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining music education in the schools. A joint partnership and presentation of The Recording Academy and the GRAMMY Foundation, this special award will have its inaugural presentation at the Special Merit Awards Ceremony and Nominees Reception honoring recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award, Trustee Award, Technical GRAMMY® Award during GRAMMY Week 2014.

As announced on the 55th Annual GRAMMY Awards® by President/CEO of The Recording Academy and GRAMMY Foundation **Neil Portnow**, TV and radio host/producer and GRAMMY Foundation Honorary Board Chair **Ryan Seacrest**, and six-time GRAMMY® winner **Justin Timberlake**, the award was open to current United States music teachers, and anyone could nominate a teacher.

One recipient will be selected from 10 finalists each year, and will be recognized for his/her remarkable impact on students' lives. The winner will be flown to Los Angeles to accept the award, attend the GRAMMY Awards ceremony, and receive a \$10,000 honorarium. The honorariums and grants provided to the finalists and schools are made possible by the generosity and support of the GRAMMY Foundation's Education Champions **Converse, Ford Motor Company Fund, General Mills Box Tops for Education, and Journeys.**

**The semi- finalists will be announced in August. For more information visit, [www.grammymusicteacher.com](http://www.grammymusicteacher.com) or [www.firelandsschools.org](http://www.firelandsschools.org)**

## Firelands Endowment Fund Presents A Taste of Firelands

### Save The Date!!

Saturday, September 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., the Firelands Schools Endowment Fund will host a wine tasting at Matus winery, 15674 Gore Orphanage Rd. Tickets are \$25 for 8 samples. Extra tickets will be available for those wanting additional tastings. There will also be a silent auction. Light refreshments will be served.

Contributions to the Endowment Fund are permanently invested, and only a portion of the value of the total investment is available for disbursement each year. This spending policy results in an ever growing endowment as contributions continue to accumulate year after year.

Come join your fellow Falcons for a fun evening and help raise some money for a good cause in the process. Tickets are available from any of the Endowment Fund trustees, at the Board office or at the door.

## THE LIBRARY'S GOT YOU COVERED!

**Who: Firelands Students**  
**What: Book Covering event**  
**When: August 27 and 28, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Where: Amherst Public Library 221 Spring Street**

Have a stack of new textbooks you need covered right away? Students heading back to school are invited to the Amherst Public Library where they can use our supplies to cover their books and grab a snack after school. Stop in the library August 27 and 28, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. to make use of our

book covering supplies.

The library has lots of resources to keep you covered when those homework assignments start piling up including online databases, reference materials, and public access computers with a complete Microsoft Office Suite of programs including PowerPoint for those presentations and Microsoft Word for typing those term papers.

The Amherst Public Library is located at 221 Spring Street in downtown Amherst. For more information on any of the library's upcoming programs visit them online at:

[www.amherst.lib.oh.us](http://www.amherst.lib.oh.us) or call 440-988-4230.



# Firelands Fiber Artists Participate in Public Art Installation

Pittsburgh's "Knit the Bridge" Project is the world's largest outdoor architectural fiber art project. It is a form of crowd-sourcing that creates a whimsical art installation called "yarn bombing". Pittsburgh area fiber artists have organized the project to cover the "Andy Warhol" bridge, one of the "three sisters" yellow bridges over the Allegheny River, in downtown Pittsburgh with a bright knit and crochet "cozy". The project is scheduled to be installed on the bridge in August, 2013 and remain for a month. When the project is dismantled, panels will be laundered and distributed to shelters and charities.

This is a "crowd-sourced" art installation and involves artists from all over the world. The project invited knitters and crocheters of all ages and experience levels to make 17-inch square panels for the project. FHS artists Tara Brown, Lauren Holcomb, Lindsey Kasper and Erika Richardson, Erika's mother Mary and grandmother Dorothy Burt and Firelands parent Tammy Tansey contributed 16 crocheted "granny squares" and panels with 1 knit panel by art teacher Laura Tawil to the installation.



Juniors Tara Brown and Lauren Holcomb with Firelands "Knit the Bridge" contributions



# 2013 Fine Arts Festival Review

The annual Fine Arts Festival kicked off with hundreds of artists and families at the opening reception on Fri. May 17. FHS Art Society "Mad Hatter" students served as hosts for the refreshments. Hundreds of works of art filled the gym with the addition of the SAMS Young Authors books and stop-motion animation from the FHS Media Productions class. Continuing on Sat. May 18 under perfect blue skies our vocal and instrumental musicians from all three schools entertained the guests. Band and Choir Boosters provided concessions. SAMS students Andrea DiAsio and Haley Coster sold adorable handmade accessories. A free make-it-take-it mask workshop was conducted by FES art teacher Mrs. Proehl. The SAMS and FHS art clubs kept things lively in the courtyard with more booths. Guests included students, families, friends, art and music alumni, administrators, board members and teachers. The annual Fine Arts Festival was so well attended that programs were gone by 2pm! Thank you, Firelands, for your overwhelming support of the arts.

To view more pictures, visit <http://tinyurl.com/firelandsfaf>

# FHS Art 1 Student Explore Art Museum

The FHS Art 1B students benefited from a field trip during block day on May 9 to the Allen Memorial Art Museum at Oberlin College. The students were treated to a gallery tour from the Curator of Education Mr. Jason Trimmer. They began discussing classical works of art but enthusiastically took their thinking "over the edge" to explore the contemporary exhibition. Ms. Sarah Westrick assisted as a parent chaperone. This trip was made possible through a grant from the Cleveland Clinic and the FHS Art Society fundraisers.

FHS art student study the 'ter Bruggen



## 2013-2014 GRADES K - 8 SUPPLY LISTS

### KINDERGARTEN

- 1 - box (12) of #2 Pencils Sharpened
- 2 - sturdy pocket folders w/horizontal pockets
- 6 - glue sticks
- 1 - Bookbag **WITHOUT** wheels - large enough to hold supplies, library books, and folders, (bookbags with wheels do not fit in the lockers)
- 2 - boxes of tissues
- 2 - rolls of paper towels
- 1 - Beach towel for rest time
- 1 - 4 oz. Elmer's Glue-All (no gel glue)
- 1 - container of Clorox wipes
- 1 - box of gallon size bags (boys)
- 1 - box of sandwich size Ziploc baggies (girls)
- 1 - ½" hard cover/back 3 ring binder
- 1 - container of Wet Ones

### FIRST GRADE

- 3 - Containers of Clorox wipes
- 2 - Boxes of tissues
- 1 - Roll of paper towels
- 1 - Pair of scissors
- 1 - Box of 16 or 24 crayons (every quarter)
- 2 - Pocket folders
- 1 - Small supply box
- 4 - Glue sticks (every quarter)
- 1 - Box of gallon size ziploc baggies (boys)
- 1 - Box of quart size ziploc baggies (girls)
- 1 - Set of headphones in quart size bag w/ name clearly marked
- 1 - Art shirt
- Pencils everyday – as needed (at least 24 every quarter)

### SECOND GRADE

- 48 - **Sharpened** pencils
- 2 - Pencil sharpeners with containers to catch shavings
- 2 - Large pink erasers
- 1 - package cap erasers
- 1 - Pair of scissors
- 20 - Glue sticks
- 2 - Boxes of 24 crayons
- 1 - Box of **wide** washable Crayola markers
- 1 - Box of 12 colored pencils (sharpened)
- 2 - Highlighters
- 4 - Low odor dry erase markers
- 1 - 5 x 8 **sturdy** supply box
- 1 - 1-inch heavy duty 3-ring Avery binder with pockets on the inside front and back cover
- 1 - Set of addition and subtraction flash cards-keep home
- 3 - Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 - Roll of paper towels
- 2 - Containers of Clorox wipes
- 1 - Bag of individually wrapped pieces of candy(**no hard candy**)
- 1 - Art shirt
- 1 - Set of headphones in a quart size Ziploc bag

### THIRD GRADE

- 2 - One subject wide ruled notebook
- 1 - Two subject wide ruled notebook
- 2 - Boxes of pencils sharpened
- 3 - Erasers
- 1 - Pair of scissors

- 2 - bottles white glue
- 2 - Glue sticks
- 2 - 12" ruler with INCHES and CENTIMETERS
- 2 - Boxes of crayons (no more than 16)
- 1 - Box of markers
- 3 - Folders: yellow, green, orange
- 1 - Package of wide ruled notebook paper
- 3 - Large boxes of Kleenex
- 2 - Containers of Clorox wipes
- 1 - Supply pouch with three holes for binder
- 1 - Sturdy binder (1 ½")
- 1 - Set each of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division flashcards to keep at home
- 1 - Set of headphones in quart size Ziploc bag with name clearly marked
- 1 - Roll of paper towels

### FOURTH GRADE

- 1 - Box of crayons
- 1 - Box of colored pencils
- 1 - Box of markers
- 1 - Dozen #2 pencils with eraser
- 1 - 12 inch ruler with both **inches** and **centimeters**
- 1 - Flash Drive
- 1 - 1-1/2" - 2" binder/trapper keeper
- 1 - Red, orange, yellow, green & blue, 2 pocket folders w/3 holes to fit binder/trapper keeper
- 2 - Other 2 pocket folders w/3 holes (your choice)
- 1 - Zippered pencil pouch for supplies and flash drive
- 1 - 2 pack of composition notebooks
- 1 - Pair of scissors
- 2 - Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 - Rolls of paper towels
- 2 - Packages of loose paper
- Erasers
- 2 - Containers of Clorox wipes
- 3 - subject notebooks for Language Arts
- 1 - Small glue bottle and a glue stick
- 1 - Highlighter
- 1 - headphones in quart size Ziploc bag

### FIFTH GRADE

- 5 - Folders with 3 prongs and 2 pockets
    - \*1 red for Math
    - \*1 blue for Science
    - \*1 green for Social Studies
    - \*1 purple for Language Arts
    - \*1 yellow for Computer
  - 1 - Package white wide-ruled notebook paper
  - #2 pencils (enough so you don't run out –**NOT** mechanical)
  - 1 - Box colored pencils
  - 1 - Box of crayons
  - 1 - Box of washable colored markers
  - 2 - Red pens
  - 1 - Zippered pencil pouch
  - 1 - Pair of scissors
  - 2 - Glue sticks
  - 1 - Ruler (standard and metric on same ruler)
  - 1 - Highlighter
  - 1 - Box of Kleenex
  - 1 - Roll of paper towels
- These items are **MATH ONLY**:
- \* 1 protractor
  - 1 marble composition book

- \* Ziplock bags (**GIRLS - quart - BOYS - gallon**)
  - \* 1 package large Expo low odor dry erase markers
  - \* 1 sock
- These items are **SCIENCE ONLY**:
- \* 1 Spiral notebook

### NO TRAPPER KEEPERS

### SIXTH GRADE

- 2 Three subject notebooks (Social Studies & Science)
- 5 folders w/3prongs & 2 pockets - (Red, Yellow, Green, Blue, Purple)
- Box of Kleenex
- 2 composition notebooks (Math/LArts)
- #2 Pencils
- 1 Ruler with Metric & Inches
- 1 Protractor
- Glue Stick
- 24 colored pencils
- blue or black ink pens
- pack of colored highlighters
- Loose-Leaf paper
- 1 subject notebook (Math)
- 1" 3-ring Binder (Math)
- TI - 30X IIS Calculator
- Flash Drive (at least 1 GB)
- small pouch that closes-supplies will be carried to classes daily
- Fold-over accordion style folder w/multiple pockets **OR** binder to keep homework, projects, & papers neatly tuck away & organized.

### SEVENTH GRADE

- #2 Pencils (not mechanical)
- Blue & Black Pens
- 1 Ruler with Metric & Inches
- Glue Stick
- 24 Colored Pencils
- Highlighters (multiple colors)
- Loose-Leaf Paper
- 4 Three-Ring Binder (1.5" - 2") per subject
- 1 Composition notebook per subject
- Flash Drive (at least 1GB)
- TI-30 Calculator
- 2 packs of paper towels or 1 container of Clorox wipes
- 1 box Kleenex
- Hand Sanitizer

### EIGHTH GRADE

- #2 pencils
- Blue/black erasable pens
- Loose leaf paper
- Graph paper
- 4 single subject spiral notebooks
- 4 - 1 1/2-inch 3 prong binders
- 4 Composition notebook
- Black and Blue Pens
- Flash Drive (at least 1GB)
- TI – 30X IIS calculator for 8th grade Math students
- TI – 84 Silver Plus for HS Algebra students (optional but recommended)
- 1 box Kleenex
- 2 packs paper towels or 1 container Clorox wipes
- #2 pencils (not Mechanical) & 24 colored pencils
- 1 ruler (standard and metric) & glue stick & hand sanitizer



**The Firelands Band Boosters  
Third Annual Craft Bazaar  
Saturday, November 9th  
10 am-4 pm  
Firelands High School Gym  
\$2 Admission Fee**



**Crafters are still needed!  
Please contact Jane Battig at 965-4660 OR  
Michele Jeffers at 986-5150  
For more information**



**Musical  
Moments**

**Calendar of Events  
August:  
22-Practice 6-8:30pm  
29-Practice 6-8:30 pm  
30- 5 pm Report time  
@ Lutheran West  
September :  
5- Practice 6-8:30 pm  
6-5 pm Report Time @  
New London**

Welcome to our new freshmen students and families! The Boosters Need your help and Participation! Our needs grow as our band does.  
Contact us at  
firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com

Mark your calendars for the monthly booster meeting September 16th @ 7 pm in the band room. Please come! Not too many students or parents can say their band director is a Grammy Award nominee!



**Brownhelm Historical Association**

The Brownhelm Historical Association will meet at 7:00 p.m. on September 4 at the Carriage Barn at Vermilion River Reservation, Mill Hollow. After the business meeting our speaker Tony Hart has volunteered on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad for 12 years. His duties have been a trainman, loading and assisting passengers, brakeman, and a conductor, working all the trains this railroad offers. He will give a brief history of the railroad and its affiliation with the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. He will talk about all the trains they have to offer including the scenic, wine and beer tasting, Thomas the train and their most popular ride, the Polar Express. Tony will be assisted by his lovely wife, Mary. If you like trains you'll love to hear this program. The public is invited to this free program (bring a neighbor, bring a friend, bring your children).

Refreshments will be served after the program. Any questions call Bonnie Cutcher at 440-963-7540 OR Marilyn Brill at 440-988-4550

**2013-2014 Meal Assistance Information**

The 2013-2014 meal assistance form is available online under forms and links on the school website. Students will also get an updated form in their welcome packet at the start of school. For those students already getting assistance with meals, their meal status will roll over for the first month of school. Their meal status will change to denied as of October 1<sup>st</sup> if an updated application has not been received. Only 1 application per family is required. If you should receive a letter in August stating that your child has been approved for meal assistance through **direct certification, you will not need to fill out a new application. For fee waiver, please sign the bottom portion of the direct certification letter and return to the school office.** Kindergarten students are not automatically approved if you have children already receiving benefits. An updated form must be turned in. If at the start of school you have filled out a new application but have not received an acceptance or denied letter, please notify Judy Baumann-Food Service Director at 440-965-5821 ext. 1011. It may take at least a week for your application to be processed. Applications are processed in the order they are received.

**PAY FOR IT PROGRAM**

This program will allow you to put money on your child's account, pay school fees as well as provide you with your child's lunch account balance and also a short report of what has been purchased on their account. This can be done by logging onto [www.payforit.net](http://www.payforit.net), then follow the instructions listed. **There is no fee if you only use the reporting system. I encourage everyone to use this free reporting system to see your child's account balance as well as what has been purchased.** If you do use the convenient online payment system to add money, there is a small fee attached. Your child's six digit student ID number is needed to set up a "pay for it" account. You can call Judy Baumann 440-965-5821 ext. 1011 or your child's school office to get this number if you don't have it.

**MENUS**

The menus will not be published in the express for the start of school this year. Look for a copy in your child's welcome packet as well as on the school website later in August. A 5 week cycle menu will be sent home after the start of school that will be used for the entire school year. If you should have any questions please don't hesitate to call Judy Baumann-Food Service Director at 440-965-5821 ext. 1011.

**LOW BALANCE AUTOMATED CALL**

We have an automated calling system that we use for students at Firelands Elementary and South Amherst Middle School. When your child's balance falls to a -\$1.00, an automated call will be placed to your home announcing this. We appreciate all negative accounts are paid when you have received this phone call.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!**

Scared you right ? Now that I have your attention... WELCOME ! Welcome to a new school year that brings many fun things with the Athletics here in our GREAT Firelands School District.

The Firelands Athletic Booster Club (FABC) is looking forward to this coming 2013 - 2014 year. We would like to invite you to join us and be involved with your kids and the FABC. Our meetings will be on the fourth Monday of each month, @ 7:00 pm, and held in the High School Library. Like we said in the last Express, once a Falcon always a Falcon - so even if you don't have kids in sports we invite you to be part of the FABC. Now .. if you do have a child in Middle School or High School sports, or a Coach.... we will be counting you, as our Booster program supports all Athletes. J

**We have a Website !** Thanks to Tammy Sigsworth for setting up a awesome web page for the FABC. She has made life easier for everyone to

become a booster by using Pay Pal. This will give you the opportunity to be a patron in our Fall and Winter Sports programs. Our FABC site will also let you know what's going on with the FABC during the year. Please visit us @ [www.firelandsathleticboosters.org](http://www.firelandsathleticboosters.org).

**WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLION-AIRE ??** ..... We all do, but the best we can offer is to be a winner of one (or more) of the LEGACY LOTTERY drawings. Big payouts will be made at each Friday night home football game. See all the details on that new website!

**TAILGATE TIME!** Our first home Football game will be Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. We invite all of you to join us the night before, September 12<sup>th</sup>, for a huge night of FALCON FUN ! Not only will we be having the ever so popular Jersey Auction - but it is also **HOME COMING** weekend... **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!**

Have a safe and great rest of the summer... And of course...  
**GO RED !! GO FALCONS!!!**

**Pitchfork Pals News**

In the past few months we have been with the following club members giving demonstrations :Braeden Casper,Liberty Jordan,Sarah Jordan, Kailee Mull, Harrison George, Elizabeth George,Julianna Derimer, Alex Stindel, Jared Ives, Cora Born, Sadie Huntsenpiller,Matt Gullish, Kyle Kudella, Alex Sabine and Samantha Ives.We participated in the Memorial Day parade in Birmingham. We all are getting ready for Fair Week.....and enjoying school being out.

Newsreporter Gabrielle Zadorozny



# 2012-13 Firelands High School Varsity Sports Team Championship Recap

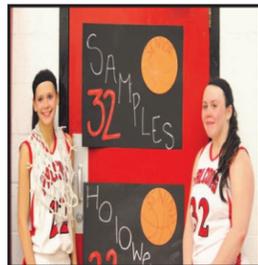
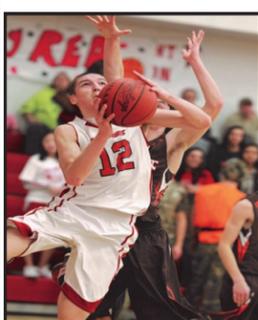
During this school year the Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, and Boys Track teams captured Patriot Athletic Conference Championships. The Girls Softball team captured a Division II District Championship.

The Boys Basketball team finished with an 11-5 conference mark during their championship season. Statistical leaders in scoring for the Falcons were Seniors Joe Hyster and Nick Bauer at 12.5 and 10.5 points per game. Hyster also led the Falcons in rebounding with 7.0 rebounds per game and Sophomore Cole Sklarek was the assist leader with 3.6 assists per game.

The Girls Basketball team won the PAC championship with an amazing conference mark of 15-1 and look to be strong contenders for next year. Leading the way all season long in scoring was Rachel Holowecky (13.6) points per game. Casey Morrissette was also a major contributor averaging 11.7 points per game. Freshman standout Keely Hall led the team in rebounding with 178 on the season, while Destiny Samples followed with 128 rebounds.

The Boys Track team ended Buckeye's grip on the conference championship. Buckeye had won the conference championship every year since the Patriot Athletic Conference was created. The Falcons edged the Bucks 114 1/2 to 106 1/2. The championship came down to the final race as both teams were tied at 106 1/2 points. In the final race the 4x400 relay of Jordan Ruffner, Derek Reynolds, Michael Adkins, and Brady Jeffers brought home the victory. The boys team was led by seniors Brady Jeffers, Angel Alexander, and Dakota Dodge.

The Girls Softball Team finished their season on a tear. In their sectional tournament opener the Falcons easily dispatched Fairview. The following night the girls defeated arch-rival Vermilion to earn a sectional championship. The Falcons then defeated the 4th ranked team in the state - Keystone in the district semi-finals. It was the first time Keystone had lost a district game in 13 years. The Falcons then kept the streak going with a come from behind 4-1 victory over Clearview in the district championship game behind the stellar pitching of Samantha Dostall. It was the first softball district championship in our school's history.



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The Firelands Local School District is seeking parental and citizen comment on how to best spend federal funds for special education during the 2013 – 2014 school year. The district will receive funds from the Special Education, Part B-Idea administered through the Division of Exceptional Children, Ohio Department of Education. Persons with suggestions should contact Sue Petz, Special Education Coordinator at 440.965.4255 between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.

**Sixth Grade Students Score with the CAVS!**



Congratulations to Shana Kreider, Halli Kromer and Isabel Solowiej for completing the Cavs Read to Achieve challenge. These three sixth grade students completed a monthly reading and writing assignment throughout this school year for the Cleveland Cavaliers. Mrs. Neal, their reading teacher, simply passed along the assignment and these girls completed the assignment outside of class in addition to their regular school work per the requirements of the Read to Achieve program. The Cleveland Cavs believe that basketball is a skill, however, they also know that *Reading is A Life Skill!* We hope you take time this summer to dive into a good book!

**FIRELANDS FFA MEMBERS EARN LORAIN COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR SCHOLARSHIPS**

On August 1st, over \$20,000 in junior fair scholarships were awarded at the county scholarship night to many junior fair participants. Six Firelands FFA members earned many scholarships on this special evening. Attendees listened to a keynote speaker and enjoyed refreshments with their scholarship donors.

**Alex Tuggle**, son of Curtis and Marisa Tuggle of South Amherst and is in his second year at The Ohio State University for animal science and agricultural business. He earned the Kevin N. Younglas Memorial Scholarship.

**Abigail Miller**, daughter of Roger and Jenny Miller of Brownhelm Township will attend Dordt College in Iowa to major in Sustainable Agriculture. She earned the 4-H Endowment Scholarship and the John W. Hostetler Memorial Scholarship.

**Jessica Zurcher**, daughter of Chris and Robin Zurcher of Brownhelm will attend Indiana Tech to major in biomedical engineering. She earned the 4-H Endowment Scholarship, Lorain County Jr. Leaders Scholarship, Lorain County Ag. Society Youth Scholarship and the Mary C. Hoertz Memorial Scholarship.

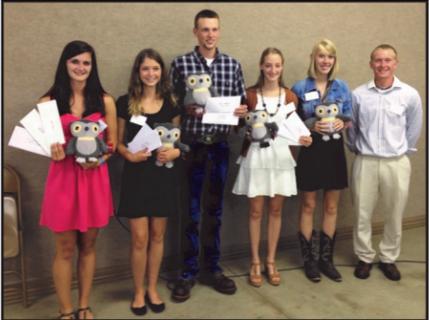
**Zack Jackson**, son of Brian and Amy Jackson of Camden Township will attend University of Northwestern Ohio for agricultural mechanics. Zack earned the Lorain County 4-H Endowment Scholarship, Lorain County Ag. Society Youth Scholarship, and the John W. Hostetler Memorial Scholarship. Zack was a member of the Firelands FFA before becoming a member of the Lorain County JVS FFA.

**Emma Norheim** of Brownhelm is the daughter of Scott and Joy Norheim and will attend Bowling Green State University for elementary education. She earned the Lorain County 4-H Endowment Scholarship, Lorain County Jr. Leaders Scholarship, Glenn Starbuck, Ed Studd Memorial Scholarship, and the Lorain County Ag. Society Youth Scholarship.

**Karlie Canfield**, daughter of Stuart and Becky Canfield of Florence Township will attend The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute to major in agricultural education. She earned the Lorain County Junior Fair Board Scholarship, Lorain County 4-H Endowment, and the Fred H and Dorothy A Smith Family 4-H Scholarship.

Each of these FFA graduates have worked very hard for these scholarships and have all been active 4-H and FFA members for many years.

Shanna Finnegan - Firelands High School - Agricultural Educator/ FFA Advisor



**Here Ye! Here Ye!!! THE LIVING MUSEUM, HERE AT S.A.M.S.!**

Welcome Abe Lincoln, Paul Revere, Lewis and Clark and many more people and topics that were highlighted at the "Living Museum" presented by the 8<sup>th</sup> graders at S.A.M.S.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students designed projects that showcased history topics and historical people studied throughout their history classes this year. The students worked in groups and designed tri boards containing maps, photos, information, events, props and history of particular people and events in history. Students became characters pertaining to their topic, provided character sketches and performed skits relating to their topics. Students also designed costumes which added a great touch to the presentations.

The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> graders and staff were invited to attend the Living Museum and observe the presentations. Everyone received an admit ticket and was entered in a Living Museum drawing. They also were able to cast their vote for their favorite presentation.

The presentations were AWESOME and the students reflected their thoughts by analyzing their performances after the museum closed.

So keep your calendars open for next year, the museum will be open to the public for everyone to enjoy!!

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