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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

BOARD SELECTS NEW MEMBER

At its special meeting on April 4th, the Board appointed Ben Gibson as school board member, filling the seat vacated by the resignation of Courtney Ortner. Mr. Gibson's term will expire Dec. 31, 2013. The board interviewed six people and would like to thank all of those candidates for their interest. All of the candidates were outstanding.

Ben is a 1989 Firelands grad. He and his wife Kristi have three children, Sam, age 6, Luke, age 5, and Peyton, age 2. He is a graduate of Ashland University (commercial art/marketing major) and is employed by RE Rice as Construction Operations Manager. The Gibson family attends Henrietta UM Church. Welcome Ben!

NEW PRINCIPAL FOR THE ELEMENTARY

At its April 9th regular meeting, the Board hired Colene Thomas as the new principal for Firelands Elementary starting August 1. The position became vacant due to the upcoming retirement of Mr. Killen.

Mrs. Thomas has been a principal for 20 years, the past 13 serving the Marysville School District. Before becoming a principal, Colene taught kindergarten and 3rd grade. Her current school, Edgewood Elementary, has been rated "Excellent with Distinction" by the Dept. of Education. She brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and proven success to the position.

Two committees consisting of community residents, parents, board member, teachers and administrators conducted interviews over a two

week period. The district received a total of 65 applications for the position. Welcome Mrs. Thomas!

THANK YOU, FIRELANDS!

Effective August 1st, I will be assuming the duties of Superintendent of the Lorain County Educational Service Center. While I am anxious and excited to have the awesome opportunity of serving over 12,000 students across Lorain County, moving to the position is bittersweet. The past four years I have served as Firelands Superintendent have been fantastic. We have accomplished so much thanks to the support of the community, staff, administration and students. I am confident the district will continue to grow and accomplish even greater things.

I will be working closely with outgoing ESC Supt. Dr. Thomas Rockwell to help coordinate the Board's search for a new Firelands superintendent. In fact, applications from across Ohio are already coming in. Hopefully the process will be completed and a new superintendent will be in place by no later than the first week of June.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve the Firelands Local Schools over the past four years. Always know that Firelands will be #1 in your new County Superintendent's heart!

Go Falcons!

Greg Ring

Muth Spaghetti Dinner

Host: Friends and Family

When: Friday, April 27

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Where: Providence Church

35295 Detroit Road, Avon, Ohio

Please join us for a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Bake Sale, and Auction for the Muth family!

Let's come together as a community to show our support.

**Dinner: \$15 - Adults
\$5 - Children - 10 and under**

Please **RSVP by Monday, April 23rd** for food prep considerations.

Auction ends at 8:00 p.m.

Your help is needed - please take a moment to pass this invitation to your friends network. Additional donations are welcome and greatly appreciated.

Inquiries can be made at:

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You may view this issue online at:

www.firelandsschools.org

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2012 NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC ART AWARD

Firelands High School Advanced Art student Christopher Neal has been awarded a national level Silver Medal for his work in printmaking entitled *Flowers, Flowers*.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have an impressive legacy dating back to 1923 and a noteworthy roster of past winners including Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Robert Redford and Joyce Carol Oates.

The Awards are an important opportunity for students to be recognized for their creative talents. Teens in grades 7 through 12 apply in 28 categories of art and writing for the chance to earn scholarships and have their works exhibited or published.

More than 100,000 students submitted 200,000 works to The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 2012. Top regional works received Gold Keys and were entered into the national level of the competition. More than 13,000 Gold Key works were considered for national awards.

APPROXIMATELY 1,500 SCHOLASTIC AWARD MEDALS WERE BESTOWED ON THE NATION'S MOST TALENTED TEEN ARTISTS.

NATIONAL AWARDS

- Gold Medal: The most outstanding works in the nation.
- Silver Medal: Works demonstrating high honors on the national level.

American Visions & Voices Medal: An esteemed panel of jurors selects the best of the five American Voices & Visions Nominees from each region to receive national recognition with the American Visions & Voices Medal.

Submissions are juried by luminaries in the visual and literary arts, some of whom are past award recipients. Panelists look for works that best exemplify originality, technical skill and the emergence of a personal voice or vision.

To date, the Awards have encouraged over 13 million students, recognized more than 9 million young artists and writers. They continue to be the longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in the U.S.



Blue & Gold Ceremony

Seven Cub Scouts of Pack 435 have earned the highest **Honor** in Cub Scouts. They have worked diligently for five years earning ranks and achievements to fulfill the requirements to earn their Arrow Of Light Award. Scoutmaster Fuge & Troop 450 is honored to welcome the following Cub Scouts to our Boy Scout Troop 450 . Logan Willis, Trevor Weller, Chad Hieb, Nathan Thompson, Brandon Bartlebaugh, Gavin Market & Elliot Brushaber.

~Den Leaders~ Tracey Weller & Shawn Brushaber



BOY SCOUT TROOP 450



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

&

FLOWER SALE



SUNDAY, MAY 6th - 8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

Florence Township Fire Department
11011 Chapel Street, Birmingham



The Mighty Falcon Marching Band performed for the world in the Magic Kingdom at the Walt Disney World Resort.



Firelands Band Boosters

Annual Pancake

Breakfast

Florence Township Fire Hall

Sunday, April 22, 2012

8 am-1 pm

Pancakes

Sausage

Beverages

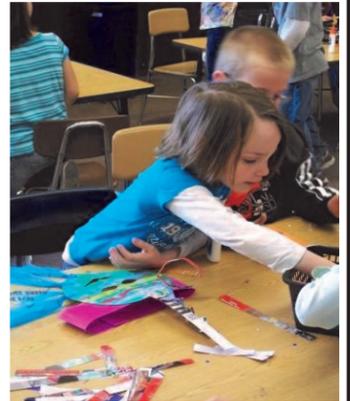
Please come and help support our ever growing music program!

Raffles

YOUNG AUDIENCES ARTIST VISITS

FIRST GRADE

Wendy Mahon, a renowned visual artist from Lakewood, finished a two day mask-making workshop at FES. Students learned about sub-Saharan cultures who use naturally derived paints to decorate themselves (and each other) for celebrations. First graders found out that art can often be cooperative in nature and assisted each other in the painting of their masks. Ms. Mahon has visited FES before and always puts a fresh twist on her workshops. Thanks go to Mrs. Laubacher for coordinating the



visit with Young Audiences. This program was made possible by generous grants from both the Nord Family Foundation and the Firelands Endowment Fund.

FES Art Clubs - Creativity After-School



Fourth and fifth grade students recently had the opportunity to participate in month-long after-school workshops at FES. Fourth graders learned about the ancient craft of bookbinding, creating their own handmade journals using a weaving technique for the page bindings. They finished up their workshop by creating beaded bookmarks. Fifth grade students experienced a newer art form: Artist Trading Cards (ATCs). The motto for ATC artists is "Always Traded, Never Sold" and on the last day of their workshop, trading was intense (Mrs. Proehl even got in on the action)! An amazing array of mixed media trading cards were created, then traded.



Firelands Elementary Raising Funds for New Playground



Do remember when you were a kid and the school playground was your favorite part of the day? Do you remember the swings that took you to new heights and let you swing all your cares away? The families of Firelands Elementary Students do. The FES PTG is on a mission to buy new playground equipment and add an outdoor learning pavilion for the students and staff of Firelands Elementary.

In spring of 2011 the Firelands Elementary PTG formed a playground committee to develop a playground plan and determine a timeline for implementing the plan. The group is working with Playworld Midstates. A 5 year, 3 phase plan has been developed with a total cost including drainage upgrades, new playground equipment, and an Outdoor Pavilion/Learning Center of approximately \$130,000 over 5 years.



The current FES playground is over 20 years old. Over the past 5 years, two pieces of playground equipment have been removed from the FES playground. The remaining two pieces will require significant alterations in the near future to comply with playground standards. A better solution is to replace the existing equipment with new equipment that fully complies with the safety standards.

Phase one of this plan is scheduled for July 2012. Former FES PTG families raised funds through McDonald's nights and Pennies for the Playground and those funds are being used toward this phase. We cannot thank the families that came before us enough for the donations they gave. The current FES PTG is actively pursuing grants, and the students are participating in the 4th annual Firelands Elementary Walk-a-thon this spring with 100% of the funds going to the Playground Project.

The Firelands Elementary School Playground and Learning Pavilion Fund has been established to receive donations. The Firelands Elementary PTG, Inc is a 501c3 organization recognized by the IRS. All donations are tax deductible. Firelands Elementary PTG Inc would be happy to meet with your group about our project. If you would like more information or to donate to the fund, please contact FESPTG@yahoo.com or mail a donation to Firelands Elementary PTG, 10779 Vermilion Road, Oberlin, OH 44074. Drawings of the new playground can be viewed on the Firelands Elementary office windows.



BROWNHELM ALUMNI BANQUET

The 113th Brownhelm Alumni Banquet will be held on:
Sunday - May 20, 2012 at German's Villa in Vermilion, Ohio
 at **12:30 p.m.**

ANYONE WISHING TO ATTEND, PLEASE CONTACT:

Margaret Bates, 50478 Becker Rd., Amherst, Ohio or
 email:

sangersbach@centurytel.net.

A swiss steak dinner will be served @\$16.50 per person, followed
 with entertainment by our own "Fireland's Select Choir."



These students enjoyed the free Olive Garden lunch for raising over \$26 per student. They are part of Mr. Jones' and Ms. Coultrip's first period classes.

The TLC class at Firelands High school is so proud of our community. The hard work we do as students, staff members, and families is tremendous. Our latest project ended in two full bins of good will donations, including shoes, books, clothing, and toys. It will provide 21 days of training for disabled individual. We greatly appreciate our communities support and donations in our class's hard work in bringing this project, our Goodwill drive, to a completion.
 Diane Zimmer—FHS Guidance Counselor

Birmingham Memorial Day Parade

The 2012 Theme will be "Day is Done" 150 Years of TAPS. The Parade will form at 12 p.m. at the Birmingham Community Center with step-off at 1:00 p.m.. There will be a ceremony in the Birmingham Cemetery following the Parade.. Prizes will awarded in several groups including Best Decorated Bike~ Best Float~ 4-H Group~ Best Marching Units~Family Unit, & Judges Choice. All Groups wishing to participate please contact Debby Schieve-440-965-8792 or by email guys3@centurytel.net.



Saturday May 19, 2012

South Amherst Middle School

noon until 4'o'clock

FREE

massive K-12 art exhibition

continuous vocal and instrumental music, drama
 and dance performances

workshops, activities and concessions for all

GUIDANCE CORNER**All High School Students**

The Honor Banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 15th at German's Villa at 6:30 p.m.

Incoming Freshmen Information

On Tuesday, May 15th, the High School Teen Leadership Corps class will be hosting an informational assembly and tour of the high school. The Eighth grade students will be coming to the high school during their language arts class.

Freshmen Class Information

The Lorain County JVS is running an ExCel (Exploring Careers through Education and Leadership) Career Camp from June 11- June 14, 2012. It is a five-day career exploration program for students who are entering the 9th and 10th grade this fall. Interested students should stop in the high school guidance office for an application or apply online under forms; Student Forms at www.lcjvs.com. The application deadline is due back to the guidance office by Friday, April 27, 2012.

Sophomore Class Information

There are still openings in the two-year career technical programs at the JVS for next year. If you are interested or have any questions, just stop in the guidance office or complete an application online at www.lcjvs.com.

Junior Class Information

College bound Juniors are recommended to take the ACT or SAT by the end of their junior year. The next deadline for the ACT registration is May 4, 2012, and the test will be June 9, 2012. You can register online at www.actstudent.org or stop in the guidance office for more information.

Senior Class Information

Jostens will deliver Caps, Gowns and Announcements to FHS during lunchtime on Wednesday, April 18th.

Jostens will deliver Caps, Gowns and Announcements to JVS during lunchtime on Wednesday, May 1st and Thursday, May 2nd.

Senior meeting will be the week of April 30th Mr. Reighley will meet with seniors to review Graduation information.

SENIOR SCHOOL FEES ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, MAY 18th.

The Senior Awards Breakfast will be on Thursday, May 31st at 8:00 a.m. It will be held in the FHS gym and will be of no cost to the Senior students. We will honor the local scholarship winners, certificate winners, and any other awards earned by seniors in the class of 2012.

Commencement practice will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 31st right after the Senior Awards Breakfast.

Graduation will be held on Saturday, June 2nd at FHS at 12:00 p.m.

PSEO Students

The scheduling process for next year's PSEO students has begun. Students can schedule until June 15th, 2012 at Lorain County Community College. We have sent in 40 PSEO applications, and those students can contact the college to make a schedule for next year. Stop in or call Mr. Northeim (965-5335) if you have any questions.



BE THERE WITH US!

**INAUGURATION BOUND
JAN. 19-22, 2013**

**FIRELANDS STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN
MR. MILLER ON AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!**

REGISTER ON LINE AT WWW.WORLDSTRIDES.ORG

USE TRIP ID 76178

**QUESTIONS? Contact Mr. Miller
jmiller@firelandsschools.org**

Fine Arts Festival Seeking Participants

The 2012 Fine Arts Festival is now accepting applications for community involvement. The festival is being held Sat. May 19, at the South Amherst Middle School campus. We invite your team, organization, or group to sell concessions at the festival inside the cafeteria "food court". Every effort is made to coordinate food to avoid duplication. Perhaps you have a musical, dance or magic talent you'd like to share with the community. We're always looking for student rock bands, too. Most importantly, we seek volunteers to help clean up the festival from 4-5pm on Sat. May 19. Scout troops, honor societies or other organizations that require community service will be welcomed and recognized. One hour of your time to help fold chairs, risers and display panels is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to participate in the festival as a vendor, performer or volunteer, there are two ways to apply. 1) E-mail Laura Tawil, Festival Coordinator, at ltawil@firelandsschools.org for the application forms or 2) visit the Fine Arts Festival page on the district website and click the appropriate form from the list to participate in the Fine Arts Festival.

HONOR ROLL MERIT ROLL

<p>Seniors Hailey Akers Megan Alvarez Rachel Bansek Sierra Bolden Meghan Butler* Marisa Carreon* Nathan Danko Alexandria* Deidrick Nathan Donofrio Nicholas Donofrio* Cody Doud Taylor Fuge Leona Geary Samantha Golden Joshua Hanna* Jayme Jones* Rebecca Kozlowski Emily Kyser* Sara Laughlin* Benjamin Midkiff* Jake Myers* Christopher Neal Mary Petz Kaitlynn Pratt Megan Pugh David Socha* Emily Stevanus Hope Tansey* Emily Teaman* Alexander Tuggle* Jacob Westfall* Emily Williams Xavier Williams* Matthew Witte Mariah Wood* Jamie Wossilek* Morgan Wransky</p> <p>Juniors Alexander Adams Thomas Biery III Hannah Branz* Gina Brunetto Christine Budweg Dannin Butchko* KayLynn Carver* Lauren Colby Anna DiAsio* Samantha Dostall Carlie Elek Kayla Fowler* Natalia Ganevskaya* Nicholas Gulish* Kevin Harris Rachel Holowecy* Brady Jeffers Lindsey Kasper Abigail Miller Gabrielle Morrow Emma Norheim* Cory Osborne* Erika Richardson Lois Rotuno* Erika Ruffner* Joseph San Felippo* Brooke Shupe Tasia Tanner*</p>	<p>Kate Ward Michaela Weitzel Hannah Williams Jessica Zurcher* Sophomores Kasandra Abfall Summer Adkins Travis Alexander Briana Anadell Danny Arnold, Jr. Chrissy Balint* Diana Beursken Brittany Bowyer Katie Cline Allison Danko Savannah Deidrick* Danielle Dudukovich Sharareh Feizkhah Alexandria Galik Hannah Galloway* Amber Gasparini Ashley Gasparini Mikayla Habeck Chayce Hall Lauren Holcomb* Brenna Horwedel Cole Jones Nicolette Jordan Satira King Emily Krieg* Nathan Kromer* Jeb Larson Maya Leachman* Taylor Marcum* Alyssa Melendez Fabian Melendez Samuel Miller Rebecca Myers* Paige O'Connell Daysha Owens* Jordan Penkava* Emma Ranney* Constance Rehm Kellie Rennie Christopher Rosso Tom Schuman Michael Socha Amanda Spears Nicole Strauss Savannah Street Daniel Truitt* Spenser Urig* Rachel Williams* Ethan Willis Kylee Ziegler</p> <p>Freshmen Bethany Anderson* Lauren Bansek Jacob Barnes Jessica Beran Andrew Biery* Maisie Bonnett* Alyssa Bonomolo* Olivia Born Stephen Budweg Alison Butler Kassady Carrier* Brennan Crawford</p>	<p>Elizabeth Crawford Nicole DeWitt Faith Dempsey Stephanie Dostall Katie Fath Cullen Grude Matthew Gulish* Samantha Halcomb Alyssa Hayes* Emily Herchler* Alexander Hertensteiner Hannah Hicks Tristan Hildebrandt Garrett Hoffman Brandi Holowecy Rebecca Jackson Keegan Koepf Cole Lewis Elizabeth Loring Joshua Mallett* Marissa McKinney* Giorgia Nicolaou* Rachel Nitchman Taylor Odom Lauren Penkava Leslie Peterson* Abby Petrey Emily Pohorence* Rebecca Reicholf* Brittany Reising Ashley Rister Thomas Rose II Jordan Ruffner Jacob Rutkowski* Nicholas Schaffer Alexis Shick Johnathan Sigsworth Cole Sklarek Heather Smyth Emily Staveski Louis Stevens III Spencer Streibel Arienne Szakal Mikayla Walbom* Ashley Wammes Alexandria Yoby* Karley Zimmerman*</p> <p>8th Grade Ryan Alcorn Hunter Angersbach* Taylor Aslaksen* Dennis Browning Rachel Cairns* Logan Danicki Devin Dumke* Jillian Hajostek* Sarah Harvey Jerrod Horwedel Katie Iwanek Michaela Jeffers* Cassidy Johannsen Brylee Jones Eric Kasper* Brianna Krieg Amber Lauffer* Alexis Lough Kaitlyn Michener* Rachael Minek*</p>	<p>Emily Novak* Julia Ohle* Brandon Palmer* Brandon Ramsey* Emily Rich* Mark Roberts Johnathon Rovere Alexandra Sabine* Lauren Salkiewicz Ashlee Saylor* Jeremy Simonovich* Mason Skinner Noah Stevens Alyse Taddeo Bradley Thrasher David Tipple* Kathleen Tuggle* David Vaughn III* Erica Wasem Justin Welch Rylee Wheaton Alexandria Willis*</p> <p>7th Grade Aaron Alston Ellen Angersbach* Kayla Bailey Max Bailey Hailey Blankenship Grace Boucher Matthew Brightbill* Patrick Brightbill Matthew Browning* Karli Bukovac* Rachel Coggins* Ian Crawford Andrea DiAsio* Maley Foster John Gall* Sarah Gallo* Abigail Gifford Jerund Gonzalez Victoria Grasso* Maxwell Hertensteiner Kyle Hieb* Daniel Hribal Benjamin Laughrey Clayton Lucki Mikayla Mains Benjamin Markovich Nick McCrary Elizabeth Miller* Colin Myers* Demetria Nicolaou Sydney Novak Jenna Pleban Grace Pohorence* Sophia Pohorence Connor Price Lynn Schmittle Madison Sims Aerin Sirow* Elizabeth Skolnik* Sarah Slack* Joseph Socha Bradley Soltis Nicholas Squires Megan Weller Michael Whitacre*</p>	<p>6th Grade Adam Bechtler* Jacob Campbell Averi Cleary* Owen Cogar Michael Douzos Grace Habeck Ethan Hayes* Serena Hoffman* Emily Holcomb* Samantha Ives* Corey Jones* Evan Lacey* Aleesia McKinney Noah Metzger Aaron Myers Olivia Novak Madison Palmer* Olivia Peterson* Hannah Reynolds* Faith Rico* Angelina Rivera Calvin Stull* Autumn Swiers Joseph Tipple Aaron Turnbull* McKenna Turton Ian Valerius Samantha Wyler* Alyssa Yorko</p> <p>5th Grade Baldwin, Zachary Barnes, Christa Bauer, Alex Bayus, Grace Born, Cora * Brennan, Devon * Buckner, Marley Craycraft, Trinity Durdak, Michael * Fath, Chris Flanagan, Madison * Grude, Beau * Hieb, Chad Kraus, Nicole Kromer, Halli * Lacey, Adam * Mastellone, Ava Mele, Brandon Ortner, Ryan * Pluta, Adam Reisinger, Kayla Riley, Chace Solowiej, Isabel * Squires, Emily Steindl, Alex * Street, Nicholas * Street, Tim Sultzer, Isaac Thompson, Nathan Willis, Logan</p> <p>4th Grade Adraiana Adams Alexis Alston * Riley Andolsek Mason Baker * Kaylee Boggs * Claire Boucher</p>	<p>Megan Bowling * Michael Campbell Alexys Coggins Chance Coultrip Alyssa Danicki Logan Davis Holly Eberhardt * Daniel Giacobelli Colton Griffith Danny Hager * Logan Hall Brian Harvey Rebecca Hopkins Logan Howington Sadie Hutsenpiller * Steven Iwanek * Christopher Jackson * Jordan Janosik * Sierra Johnson Cole Kaminski * Nate Kraus Aramia Kuncel Lillian Laughrey Mackenzie Mack Trinity Marshall Vincent Morales * Brooklyn Ollis * Maribeth Petrey Mika Pina Grant Price Sophia Prideaux Lorenzo Reyna Chad Rich Amy Rister * Robert Rose * Austin Schuler Jenna Selent Chloe Simko Ashley Strauss * Bert Tenorio Jackson Thomas Brianna Toledo Josh Truskot Kaitlyn Walcheck * Samantha Walcott * David (Ryan) Walker Mackenzie Walsh Nicholas Wells Lauren Widener Abigail Winnen Justin Wossilek * Vince Yoby *</p> <p>Seniors Matthew Baker 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Abigail Skolnik Callie Stevens LeAsia Taylor Steven Thompson Makiah Tillman Rose Walther Grace Wells Cody Weston Heidi Wiegand Breanna Wolford Megan Wyckoff Nathan Yorks</p> <p>Freshmen Rebecca Bari Cheyenne Beachler Sydney Bowman Hannah Caruso Demi Dovin Grace Folley Brandy Forster Thaddaeus Gonzalez Jody Hanko Cassidi Kowalski Wesley Kromer Joshua Krueger Garrett McKinney Brianna Mele Bradley Midkiff Derek Reynolds Derek Sanders Max Schmittle Casey Smith John Socha Dylan Srawley Adriana Street Josiah Sweinhagen Zackary Tollett Hannah Vitale Jacob Walts Hunter Widener Madison Widener Aaron Williams Jacob Wright</p> <p>8th Grade Kaleb Abfall Jacob Bailey Victor Bauer Jasmine Beckett Hunter Brandt Joshua Carpino Natalie Crawford Abigail Farley Caitlin Gallagher Mikaela Geyer Jared Holowenko Samantha Hribal Arianna Pina Brooke Robey Vitoria Russo Kyle Slack Jarett Solnick Kayla Unger Spencer VanWagnen Claire Vilagi Patrick Ward</p>	<p>Stephanie Wells Luke Whitacre Ty Wilson</p> <p>7th 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LIST DOES NOT INCLUDE JVS STUDENTS

*Denotes all "A's"

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FES ARTISTS HONORED

Firelands Elementary School students were recognized for their artistic accomplishments during Youth Art Month. A total of five students had artwork featured at two shows.



Two students had their art honored at state level: Kaitlyn Townsend (Grade 4) and Veronica Prideaux (Grade 2). One hundred and fifty-eight pieces were selected by the Ohio Art Education Association for this exclusive exhibition in Columbus and a special ceremony was

held on March 10th, honoring these artists.

Three other FES artists were honored this month as well. Jacob Farley (Grade 3), Austin Rosemark (Grade 1) and Allison Tuggle (Kindergarten) had their artwork featured at the Case Western Reserve University Youth Art Month Exhibit. Allison took Third Place in the Design category and Austin received Honorable Mention in Landscape. This show featured work from Northeast Ohio. The exhibit closed with a reception on March 18th.



Chronicle Telegram's Design an Ad Program

Students in Mr. Frenk's fourth grade classroom at Firelands Elementary School developed ads for the Amherst Public Library as part of the Elyria Chronicle Telegram's Design an Ad Program. All the ads were on display at the library where staff members voted on their favorites. Christine Whitacre designed the winning ad that will appear in a special issue of the Chronicle on Thursday, April 19.

Representatives of the library awarded Christine with a framed copy of her design and a bookbag filled with fun prizes.



FABULOUS FALCON CHARACTER AWARDS BREAKFAST

Nearly 40 students were honored April 3rd for being caught displaying character. Teachers nominated these students for being role model students who exemplify the character traits that we at SAMS proactively teach. Below were the winners for the 3rd Quarter.

8TH GRADE

Kaleb Abfall
Amy Biglin
Natalie Crawford
Jerrod Horwedel
Austin Konicek
Kaitlyn Michener
Adriana Nigro
Phillip Saylor
Anthony Schlessman
Dwight Seymore
Mason Skinner
Tyler Smith
Alyse Taddeo
Keara Temple
Allison Vilagi
Rylee Wheaton

7TH GRADE

Violet Amidi
Ellen Angersbach
Evan Born
Grace Boucher
Matthew Brightbill
Rachel Coggins
Trevor Damron
Victoria Grasso
Zachary Kreider
Tyran Ostrander

6TH GRADE

Shaina Adams
Alexiea Davis
Trevor Edwards
Samantha Ives
Jacob Montgomery
Morgan Nance
David Nary
Justin Ollis
Richard Peters
Hannah Reynolds
Ryan Wilhelm



Gimme 5 Trait of the Month

Gimme 5 Trait of the Month: Service
What Kids Can Learn From Volunteering

If volunteering begins at an early age, it can become part of kids' lives — something they might just expect and want to do. It can teach them:

- ◇ **A sense of responsibility**
- ◇ **That one person can make a difference**
- ◇ **The benefit of sacrifice**
- ◇ **Tolerance**
- ◇ **Job skills**
- ◇ **How to fill idle time wisely**

This information taken from KidsHealth website.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR**APRIL**

- 16 Boys Varsity Baseball (home) vs Buckeye-4:30pm
 16 Girls Varsity Softball (home) vs Buckeye-4:30pm
 16 **FHS** - Band Boosters Meeting @ FHS - 7:00 p.m.
 16 **SCHOOL RESUMES**
 17 **SAMS** - PTG Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
 18 Boys Varsity Baseball (home) vs Buckeye-4:30pm
 18 Girls Varsity Softball (home) vs Wellington-4:30pm
 18 Coed Varsity Track @ Black River - 4:30pm
 19 Boys Varsity Baseball @ Black River-4:30pm
 19 Girls Varsity Softball @ Black River-4:30pm
 20 Girls Varsity Softball @ Akron Racers-1:00pm
 21 Coed Varsity Track @ Warrior Relays-4:15pm
 20 - 22 **FHS** - Choir Trip to New York City
 21 **SAMS** - OMEA Solo & Ensemble Contest
 22 Girls Varsity Softball @ Akron Racers-1:00pm
 23 Boys Varsity Baseball @ Brookside-4:30pm
 24 Girls Varsity Softball @ Brookside-4:30pm
 24 **SAMS** - OAA - Reading - 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.
 25 **SAMS** - OAA - Math - 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.
 26 Boys Varsity Baseball (home) vs Brooklyn-4:30pm
 27 Girls Varsity Softball (home) vs Brooklyn-4:30pm
 28 Coed Varsity Track vs PAC Tri-Meet-4:30pm
 26 **SAMS** OAA Science - 8th Grade Only 8:00 - 10:30
 26 **SAMS** OAA Science Practice ,6th & 7th Grade 8:00 - 10:30
 26 Boys Varsity Baseball @ Clearview-4:30pm
 26 Girls Varsity Softball @ Clearview-4:30pm
 27 Coed Varsity Track @ Margaretta Invitational-4:15pm
 28 Boys Varsity Baseball (home)vs Amherst- 11:00am
 29 **FHS** - State Band Contest
 30 **FES** - Market Day Pickup - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
 30 Boys Varsity Baseball (home) vs Columbia-4:30pm
 30 Girls Varsity Softball (home) vs Columbia-4:30pm

MAY

- 1 **FES** - PTG Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in Teacher Lunchroom
 1 Girls Varsity Softball@Vermilion High School 4:30pm
 1 Girls Junior Varsity Softball@Vermilion High 4:30pm
 2 Coed Varsity Track @ Bulldog Relays 4:15pm
 2 Boys Varsity Baseball (home)vs.Keystone 4:30PM
 2 Boys Junior Varsity Baseball @ Keystone 4:30pm
 2 Girls Varsity Softball (home) vs. Keystone 4:30PM
 2 Girls Junior Varsity Softball @ Keystone 4:30PM
 3 Boys Varsity Baseball @ Buckeye 4:30PM
 3 Boys Junior Vars. Baseball (home)vs.Buckeye 4:30PM
 3 Girls Varsity Softball @ Buckeye High School 4:30PM
 3 Girls Junior Vars Softball (home) vs. Buckeye 4:30PM
 4 Girls Junior Vars Softball(home) vs.Buckeye 4:30PM
 5 Boys Junior VarsBaseball (home)vs. Avon 11:00AM
 5 Boys Junior Vars Baseball (home) vs. Avon 1:00PM
 5 **FHS** - Prom at DeLuca's - 7:00 p.m.
 7 Interim Reports
 7 Boys Varsity Baseball @ Wellington 4:30PM
 7 Boys Junior Vars Baseball (home)vs.Wellington4:30PM
 7 Girls Varsity Softball @ Wellington 4:30PM
 7 Girls Junior VarsSoftball (home)vs.Wellington 4:30PM
 8 Coed Varsity Track (home) vs. PAC Championship 4:15PM
 8 **FHS** - Choir Concert @ FHS - 7:00 p.m.
 9 Girls Junior Varsity Softball @ Black River 4:00PM
 9 Boys Varsity Baseball (home) vs. Black River 4:30PM
 9 Boys Junior Varsity Baseball @ Black River 4:30PM
 9 Girls Varsity Softball (home) vs. Black River 4:30PM
 10 Coed Varsity Track (home) vs. PAC Championships 4:15PM
 10 Boys Varsity Baseball (home) vs. Brookside 4:30PM
 10 Boys Junior Varsity Baseball @ Brookside 4:30PM
 10 Girls Varsity Softball (home) vs. Brookside 4:30PM
 10 Girls Junior Varsity Softball @ Brookside 4:30PM

- 10 **FHS** - Band Concert/5th Grade Band - 7:00 p.m.
 11 **SAMS** - 7th Grade Field Trip - Put-in-Bay- Tentative
 12 Girls Varsity Softball (home) vs. Falcon Quad (2 Games) 10:00AM
 12 Girls Junior Varsity Softball (home) vs. OPEN DATE 10:00AM
 14 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
 15 **FHS** - Honors Banquet @ German's Villa 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
 15 **SAMS** - PTG Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
 15 **FES** - 2nd Grade Choir Concert - 6:00 p.m.

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TO CHECK FOR CHANGES TO GAME TIME, LOCATION, OR DATE.

SOUTH AMHERST DUMPSTER DAYS

Friday - May 4, 2012
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Saturday - May 5, 2011
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CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

Cheerleading tryouts will be held Monday April 30th- Friday May 4th.

Monday thru Thursday from 2:30-4:30 and Friday (being the actual tryout day) 2:30-6:00.

Practice and tryouts will be held in the small gym at the middle school.

If you have any questions feel free to email me at L.Hammond_07@yahoo.com or call me at 440-752-9773.



Thank you- Lauren

LUNCH MENUS

FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY Regular Lunch \$2.10—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals	SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE Regular Lunch \$2.35—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals	FIRELANDS HIGH Regular Lunch \$2.50—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals
<p align="center">APRIL 16 - APRIL 20</p> <p>MONDAY - Baked chicken nuggets, Seasoned broccoli, Chilled pears TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Tray treat WEDNESDAY - Baked chicken strips, Smiley fries, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll THURSDAY - Spaghetti w/meat, Tossed salad w/carrots, spinach, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll FRIDAY - Fish trout treasures, Hashbrown potato, Chilled fruit, Breadstick</p> <p align="center">APRIL 23 - APRIL 27</p> <p>MONDAY - Mini Corn Dogs, Vegetables w/dip, Chilled peaches, Soft pretzel TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Tray treat WEDNESDAY - Chicken patty sandwich, Tossed salad w/carrots & spinach, Chilled pineapple THURSDAY - Taco Salad, Shredded lettuce & cheese, Fresh fruit, Tortilla chips FRIDAY - Macaroni & cheese, Seasoned peas, Chilled pears, Breadstick</p> <p align="center">APRIL 30 - MAY 4</p> <p>MONDAY - APRIL 30 - Hamburger w/bun, Baked fries, Chilled mandarin oranges TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Tray treat WEDNESDAY - Baked chicken nuggets, Seasoned green beans, Fresh fruit THURSDAY - Salisbury steak, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll FRIDAY - Toasted cheese, Soup w/crackers, Seasoned peas, Chilled pears</p> <p align="center">MAY 7 - MAY 11</p> <p>MONDAY - Hot dog w/bun, Baked beans, Chilled peaches TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Tray treat WEDNESDAY - General Tso's Chicken, Stir Fry Veggies, Seasoned Rice, Chilled pineapple tidbits, Fortune cookie THURSDAY - Soft taco, Shredded lettuce & cheese, Fresh fruit, Pudding FRIDAY - Turkey gravy, Vegetable, Applesauce cup, Bread</p> <p align="center">MAY 14 - MAY 18</p> <p>MONDAY - Sausage links, French toast sticks, Cheesy potatoes, Orange juice cup TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice, Or school peppro pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Tray treat WEDNESDAY - Baked chicken fries, California blend vegetables, Seasoned rice, Fresh fruit THURSDAY - Mini Corn Dogs, Baked sweet potato fries, Chilled pineapple FRIDAY - Pizza day, Tossed salad, Sherbet cup</p>	<p align="center">APRIL 16 - APRIL 20</p> <p>MONDAY - BBQ pulled pork w/bun Or whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Chilled Peaches, Fritos TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Chilled fruit, Tray treat WEDNESDAY - Chicken Alfredo Or Chicken patty w/bun, Baby carrots w/dip, Chilled Pears, Whole grain roll THURSDAY - Chipotle day with Chef Theresa...build your own from a variety of toppings, Vegetable, Fruit FRIDAY - General Tso's Chicken, Stir fry vegetable, Seasoned Rice, Fresh Fruit, Fortune cookie</p> <p align="center">APRIL 23 - APRIL 27</p> <p>MONDAY - Salisbury steak Or Breaded pork chop, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes & gravy, Peaches, Whole grain roll TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Chilled fruit, Tray treat WEDNESDAY - Cheeseburger w/bun Or Steak-um w/cheese, Broccoli w/cheese, Chilled applesauce THURSDAY - Creamed chicken & biscuits Or chicken nuggets w/roll, Seasoned peas & carrots, Fresh fruit FRIDAY - Cheese Quesadilla Or Chicken Soft taco, W/lettuce & cheese, Vegetable, Chilled Mandarin oranges</p> <p align="center">APRIL 30 - MAY 4</p> <p>MONDAY - Hot dog w/bun Or kielbasa w/bun, Baked beans, Chilled peaches, Fritos TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Chilled fruit, Tray treat WEDNESDAY - Taco salad w/meat Or Soft taco wrap, Lettuce & cheese, Chilled 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, California blend veggie, Chilled mandarin oranges, Breadstick</p> <p align="center">MAY 7 - MAY 11</p> <p>MONDAY - Pepperoni & cheese roll Or Southwest pizza, Green beans, Chilled peaches TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Chilled fruit, Tray treat WEDNESDAY - Falcon double burger W/bun, lettuce, cheese & sauce, Or Cheeseburger, Baked fries, Chilled pears THURSDAY - Mashed potato bowl...popcorn chicken...potatoes, corn, cheese, gravy, Whole grain roll, Fresh fruit FRIDAY - Whole grain breadsticks Or beef ravioli, Malibu blend veggies, Mandarin oranges, Whole grain roll</p> <p align="center">MAY 14 - MAY 18</p> <p>MONDAY - Chicken parmesan Or chicken patty w/bun, Pasta w/sauce, Italian blend veggie, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Chilled fruit, Tray treat WEDNESDAY - Beef & cheese nachos Or taco fries w/cheese, Tossed salad, W/carrots & spinach, chilled applesauce, Breadstick THURSDAY - Chicken wrap W/lettuce & cheese, or Chicken strips w/roll, Seasoned green beans, Fresh fruit FRIDAY - Toasted cheese, Tomato soup /crackers, Seasoned peas, Chilled mandarin oranges</p>	<p align="center">APRIL 16 - APRIL 20</p> <p>MONDAY - Beef hot dog w/bun Or Kielbasa w/bun, Baked beans, Chilled peaches TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice pizza Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Chilled fruit, Cookie WEDNESDAY - Chicken parmesan w/spaghetti Or spaghetti w/meatballs, Tossed salad, W/carrots & spinach, Whole grain roll, Chilled pineapple THURSDAY - Sausage w/french toast sticks Or Egg & cheese on a buttermilk biscuit, Cheesy potatoes, Orange juice or fruit FRIDAY - Falcon double burger/cheese, ranch, lettuce, Green beans w/carrots, Mandarin oranges</p> <p align="center">APRIL 23 - APRIL 27</p> <p>MONDAY - Pepperoni & cheese Stromboli Or Cheeseburger w/bun, Malibu blend vegetable, Chilled pears TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice pizza Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Chilled fruit, Dessert WEDNESDAY - Taco Salad or Soft taco, Shredded lettuce & cheese, Chilled peaches, Tortilla chips, Whole grain roll THURSDAY - Pasta Bar or Meatball sub, Tossed Salad, W/carrots & spinach, Fresh Fruit, Whole grain roll 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">APRIL 30 - MAY 4</p> <p>MONDAY - Cheese Quesadilla Or Sloppy Joe w/ wg bun, California blend vegetable, Chilled pears TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice pizza Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Chilled fruit, Dessert WEDNESDAY - Chicken Alfredo...chicken patty over pasta w/alfredo sauce, Or chicken patty / bun, Glazed carrots, Chilled pineapple THURSDAY - Turkey & Gravy Or Chicken nuggets, Whipped potatoes, Tossed salad w/carrots & spinach, FRIDAY - Chicken Strips w/roll Or Chicken patty / bun, Parsley potatoes, Chilled applesauce</p> <p align="center">MAY 7 - MAY 11</p> <p>MONDAY - Whole grain corn dog Or south west pizza, California blend vegetable, Chilled fruit TUESDAY - "School Picnic" Hamburger w/bun, Macaroni salad, Baked beans, Chilled fruit WEDNESDAY - Mashed potato bowl...popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, gravy, cheese, Mandarin oranges, Whole grain roll THURSDAY - Macaroni & cheese, w/ Breadstick, or Fiestada pizza, Tossed salad, w/carrots & spinach, FRIDAY - Cheese stuffed breadsticks Or meatball sub, Celery sticks w/peanut butter, Chilled pineapple</p> <p align="center">MAY 14 - MAY 18</p> <p>MONDAY - Breaded pork chop Or Salisbury steak, Whipped potatoes / gravy, Green beans, Chilled pears, Whole grain roll TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice pizza Or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Chilled fruit, Dessert WEDNESDAY - General Tso's chicken, Stir fry vegetables, Mandarin oranges, Seasoned rice, Fortune cookie THURSDAY - Toasted cheese Or Baked chicken nuggets w/wg roll, Tomato soup w/crackers, Seasoned peas, Chilled pineapple FRIDAY - Beef & cheese nachos Or Taco fries, Steamed broccoli, Fresh fruit, Breadstick</p>



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- Project selection was due March 26th. We met with are committees. We are planning a trip to Kalahari! We also plan to have a family picnic possibly in July.
- You can buy Crushers tickets!! The date for the game is June 10th at 5:05pm. Pre-game activities start at 4:15. The home box tickets are \$9.00.
- We are donating a candy themed basket to the 4-h Endowment Auction.
- The next meeting will be April 23rd. Come and join us for a Leading Edge 4-h meeting!!!!!!

Call Cathie and Orrin Leimbach at 440-967-9678 for more information.
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