

The Firelands Express

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Commitment to Our Community

In previous editions of *The Express*, I have written about three principles our staff and students strive to develop and excel in, **Character, Competence and Commitment.**

During the past Holiday Season our students and staff engaged in multiple activities that served to bring joy to those in need.



Firelands Elementary School

Not Forgotten Box:

Students and staff donated to the Not Forgotten Box. They provided new toys, books and games. Items were distributed through The Chronicle Telegram's Not Forgotten Box program.

Ornament Raffle:

Mrs. Proehl organized and created beautiful hand made ornaments that were raffled off at the FES Christmas concert. Twenty-five ornaments were offered during the raffle. The money raised from the raffle went to FES families that are experiencing financial needs.

Food Drive:

A food drive was organized by Mrs. Valerie Schuster and Mrs. Terri Watson for the holiday season. This year the students challenged other classes to see what group could collect the most food! The ambitious

group of students collected 1,651 pounds of food that will be donated to Second Harvest Food Bank.



South Amherst Middle School

Food Baskets:

Food items were donated by the 6th grade student body and staff members to feed 30 local families at Thanksgiving. Traditional Thanksgiving meals, complete with pies, were passed out to local families.



Support the Troops:

Care packages were created to honor the SSG. James P. Hunter Foundation. James, a Firelands graduate, was lost in the line of duty. Items collected were sent to wounded soldiers and current active duty military members.

Not Forgotten Box:

The National Junior Honor Society Students ran the Not Forgotten Box at SAMS. They provided over 140 new toys, books and games. Items were distributed through The Chronicle Telegram's Not Forgotten Box program.

Watch a Game and Support our Families:

Food donations for admission was offered at the 7th and 8th grade boys basketball game in December, 2016. All donations were given to the First United Methodist Church of South Amherst. The church assists 80 local families every month.

Firelands High School

FFA Christmas Families:

This annual tradition started in 1977. Donations were raised to help make Christmas special for 5 Firelands children. FFA students created lists and gathered together in early December to shop for each of the

sponsored children. Each gift was then wrapped for delivery.

Watch a Game and Support our Families:

Food for admission was also offered at the Girls basketball game in December, 2016. These donations were also given to the First United Methodist Church of South Amherst.

Student Council:

Penny Wars, candy cane sales, and raffle baskets at the boys basketball games all brought in funds to donate to the Promise Keepers Charity. Our Student Council members worked hard with all of these items to ensure a great donation. In addition, they assisted with the Family Promise Christmas Party which brought additional Christmas Cheer to many children.

FFA Letters of Appreciation:

Over 400 letters of gratitude and wishes for Happy Holidays were sent to the Florence, Camden, and South Amherst Fire Departments and the Lorain County Sheriff's Department.

FFA Harvest for America Food Drive:

2000 pounds of food was received as part of the Firelands FFA food drive! This annual tradition continues to make a large impact on the current needs of our community.



You may view this issue online at: 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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Performing Arts:

Not included in the list above is all of our bands, choirs and music students. Students in each buildings spent many hours perfecting songs to help spread holiday cheer. Here is a partial list of the venues that our talented students performed at during this holiday season:

- The Live Nativity at Grace Lutheran
- The Amherst Rotary
- Kalahari Resort
- Opening Act for The Christmas Carol in Cleveland
- Kendal at Oberlin
- Tree lightings and caroling in South Amherst
- The Sandusky Mall
- The Holiday Preview for senior citizens and retired FLSD staff members
- Boys basketball games

School Board Appreciation Month

January is school board appreciation month. The Board works diligently to ensure that our students receive the best possible education while also ensuring that our district operates in a fiscally responsible manner. Thank you for your dedication to our students!



Dr. Jane Battig
15 years of service

Mr. Ben Gibson
5 years of service

Mr. Tom Myers
1 year of service

Mr. Mike O'Keefe
6 years of service

Mr. Dan Pycraft
15 years of service

Your Opinion Matters!

Your input and feedback are important as we constantly work to improve our school district. Please reach out to me via phone (965.5821) or by email (mvongunten@firelandsschools.org) to share a positive story, ask a question, or express a concern.

Happy New Year!

Mike Von Gunten
Superintendent
FHS Class of 1995

NEWS FROM S A M S

Last day before break.... Mrs. Gomez surprised the kids by being an Elf on the Shelf... we hosted a "festive sweater contest" and the three winners are in the picture..... and we had a staff vs students volleyball game to wrap up our day! Excellent and fun day at SAMS!



NOTICE

The Board has a duty to protect and promote the health and well-being of all students and staff. To that end, The Board of Education passed a resolution prohibiting the use of all forms of tobacco, including electronic cigarettes, from being used at any time on school grounds, athletics facilities, or parking lot.

Parents and Guardians

...SAVE the DATE!

A free Student Safety Night will be held on **Thursday, March 23, 2017 at SAMS**

Information will be shared with our community on the everyday dangers that face our students. Some of the topics to be discussed include:

- ⇒ drug prevention and awareness
- ⇒ healthy relationships (teen dating)
- ⇒ online security
- ⇒ SOS program (school-based depression awareness and suicide prevention program)
- ⇒ mental health awareness

Watch for additional information coming soon!
Join us for dinner on March 23rd as we discuss ways to keep our kids safe.

NEWS FROM FHS

HATS OFF TO FHS STUDENTS FOR SERVICE

FHS students have performed a tremendous amount of community service both in and outside of the FHS community. Here is a list of some of the service that has been provided by the students of FHS.

Senior Citizen Concert and Brunch - Through a coordinated effort, FHS Students in the Select Choir and Jazz Band entertained our senior citizen friends while they enjoyed a holiday brunch just before winter break. As a bonus, Macie Butchko and Nathan Hammond warmed up the crowd with performances, while the 4th Grade Choir from FES completed a wonderful morning, as more than 120 of our senior citizen guests kicked off the holiday season in fashion.

FHS Select Choir - The FHS Select Choir performed in many different venues for various community groups, again spreading cheer to many of our community members in different settings.

TLC (Teen Leadership Corps) - The TLC group, led by Ms. Kolarik, has served many different needs in the community. From developing a sharing closet for FHS students in need, serving and escorting our senior citizen friends at the holiday concert, or organizing a future blood drive at FHS, TLC students have done a wonderful job serving several needs in the community.

FFA Leads Food Drive - The Firelands FFA again led the Thanksgiving Food Drive which collected almost 2000 lbs. of food to donate to local pantries to help those in need during the holiday season. Mrs. Finnegan and her students are leaders in Lorain County service, also providing a student seminar on food sources at the Lorain County Fairgrounds, and shopping for XMAS items for less fortunate community members. The Firelands FFA students are a fantastic community resource.

Finally, an Art Camp developed by Grace and Sophia Pohorence, with the guidance of Art Teacher Laura Tawil, and various fundraising activities continue to demonstrate that FHS Students are leaders in giving back to the Firelands Community and beyond.

FIRST SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE AVAILABLE ON-LINE AND IN FAST

Students received their First Semester Exam schedules in FAST on Tuesday afternoon, January 3rd. First Semester Exams will be held from Tuesday - Thursday, January 17 - 19. FHS will be under an Exam Schedule, which allows our students 90 minutes for their exams, and does not schedule more than three exams in one day. These days are shortened days, and students who must take the bus to and from school will have transportation available at regular times on these days. (Please go to: <http://www.firelandsschools.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=63BYUUB&dasi=4G0P2>) to access the First Semester Exam Schedule on-line.

PLAN NOW FOR YOUR ACADEMIC FUTURE

- Prior to Winter Break, FHS encouraged all of our students to assess where they are academically as we head into the final weeks of the first semester. Now is a great time to plan for your academic future, from final plans for seniors to looking at the next three years for freshman.

Seniors should meet with their counselors to finalize post-graduation plans. Whether you are entering college, the military, or the career field, ensure your progress is the best one for you as you meet with your counselors.

Underclassmen - Juniors and Sophomores should be aware of College Testing dates and that you have met with your counselors to talk about and plan your college and career futures. Please go to the FHS School Counseling Website for many different resources, including ACT and SAT testing dates. The website address is <http://www.firelandsschools.org/guidance0876.aspx>.

Schedule planning for all underclassmen and course selection will begin soon after the second semester begins. Our counselors are a great resource in planning your future and we would like you to be proactive as you progress toward graduation and beyond. Please contact your school counselor at school or parents may reach them by email or by calling 440-965-5335.

Win a Car!!!

\$20 per ticket

4 winners of a \$100 Gas Card!



The Firelands Athletic Boosters Club AND Joe Firment Chevrolet

Are Raffleing a 2017 Chevy Cruze!



Winning ticket to be drawn at halftime of the Football Game vs. Vermilion on September 8th.

Tickets Are Only \$20 Each !

Tickets may be purchased at the High School Athletic Director's office, Deichler's Tire Center, or any of our fantastic coaches, Booster Club members, and student athletes in the district!

CURRICULUM NEWS

As I am always looking at ways of cultivating a culture of reading within the Firelands School District, I want to build a literacy environment that helps transform learning and a love for reading! Firelands Elementary School will soon have a new reading resource for students and teachers. MyON is designed to provide a student-centered, personalized literacy environment that offers unlimited access to thousands of enhanced digital books, dynamically matched to each individual learner's interests and Lexile reading level, along with literacy tools that motivate and engage our students in their reading

achievement. Mr. Von Gunten and I wrote a grant to support the reading instructional resource that will start in January at FES. Upon receiving the grant, the teachers will have professional development to provide training to use the new resource effectively in the classroom to monitor student growth in reading and deliver daily instruction using differentiation to meet all student needs. Look for more information to come home from your child's teacher explaining the new resource and instructions on how to access the resource at home. Thank you for your continued support!

SAVE THE DATE

March 4th

2nd Annual Celebrate Firelands Event

at German's Villa, 3330 Liberty Ave. Vermilion

All proceeds will benefit the positive promotion of the Firelands Local School District

Not Forgotten Box collection

Thank you to all of the Firelands families who donated toys for the Not Forgotten Box collection. The toys helped make a bright Christmas for many area children!



FHS Counseling Corner

Seniors: The majority of the senior class has applied to college using their Family Connection/Naviance account. The site provides a wealth of information regarding the college application process including a list of college representatives that will be coming on campus, scholarship search information, and the Financial Aid Process. Parents, >FHS> Counseling Office>open the Naviance/Family connection tab.

The application for the Firelands Schools Endowment Scholarships are available online through Naviance. Once students log on to their Naviance accounts, select the college tab> select the scholarship list tab near the bottom of the page> select list category - endowment to access all the local scholarship information. Students can download the local scholarship base application and complete one for all the endowment scholarships. They can also complete the Amherst Rotary, Firelands Education Association, Band Booster, Mr. Muth, Michelle Brand, and Norwalk Music Festival Scholarships and turn them into the counseling office on February 17th. In addition, Mrs. Hozalski has added lots of other scholarships to Naviance for which students are eligible and all the information is online. Families should check out the scholarships through Lorain County Community Foundation, Cleveland Foundation, and College Now. Continue to check Naviance for other scholarship opportunities, college applications, and other important announcements.

The College Financial Process is in full swing. **College Now Representative, Dave Newman**, will be at Firelands High School on Tuesdays, **January 17th and 31st** to assist college bound students and families on the financial aid process. Contact shozalski@firelandsschools.org to set up an appointment. Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to start your application today and for your FAFSA ID.

Parents and students new to College Credit Plus please attend the **College Credit Plus** parent meeting **February 23rd**, conference night, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. This will be the kick off of the application process for the 2017-2018 school year.

Juniors: Based on new state requirements, we will be giving the ACT to all the juniors on March 21st. This is a great opportunity to take the test and use the results for the college application process. Students will be working on college and career readiness with Mrs. Zimmer the last week of this month prior to scheduling for their senior year.

Sophomores: Sophomores interested in applying to the JVS will be attending a half day field trip on **Thursday, January 26th**. This trip will allow them to observe the various career programs available to them. The JVS Open House will be **Sunday, January 29th, from 1:30 to 3:30p.m.** Applications will need to be submitted end of February through <http://application.lcjvs.com/>. Sophomores will also begin scheduling in February for the 2017-2018 school year. They will go over course options on **Monday, February 6th**, and submit course requests **Friday, February 10th**.

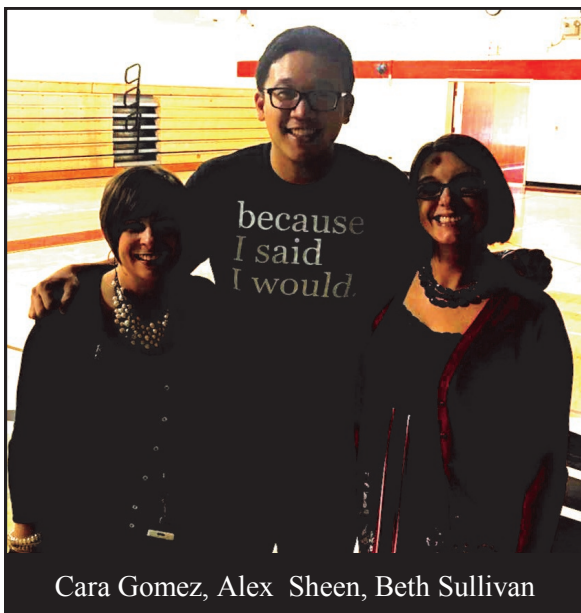
Freshmen: Freshmen will begin scheduling for the 2017-2018 school year **February 13th, 14th, and 17th**. They will also have the opportunity to meet with Ross Whitson, our College Credit Plus representative through LCCC, to go over the application process for next school year.

Incoming Freshmen: Current 8th grade students and parents are invited to the FHS Upcoming Freshmen parent meeting on **Thursday, February 23rd, at 6:00 p.m.** in the SAMS Gym.

SAMS Guest Speaker-Alex Sheen

On November 16th, SAMS staff and students had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Alex Sheen to join us for an hour long all-school assembly. He spoke with our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students focusing on the "Because I said I would" concept. His social movement and non-profit organization is dedicated to the betterment of humanity. He challenged each and every SAMS student and staff member to create and keep ten promises to build character, strength and peace among ourselves, family and community. His message was clear and our students were amazed by his passion, determination and caring nature towards making our world a better place one promise at a time. While he took time to share his personal story and focused on the seven elements of honor, he clearly related to our students as they remained engaged and inspired to make changes in their own lives. Students will be creating a Promise Wall here at SAMS where all promises will be displayed to prove the importance we feel when stating our values and to continue to make a sincere attempt to live by them. For more information, please go to Alex's website: becauseisaidiwould.com.

Submitted by,
Beth Sullivan-SAMS School Counselor



Cara Gomez, Alex Sheen, Beth Sullivan

Academic Challenge Teams at SAMS and FES.

Congratulations to our Academic Challenge teams at SAMS and FES. Our 5th/6th and 7th/8th grade teams both finished in first place December 6th. The competition was the first of its kind for Lorain County. The finals were held at the ESC of Lorain County -- organized by Debbie Hunt and supported by Lorain County Superintendent Greg Ring.

2016 Academic Challenge Participants:

5th GRADE

Jocelyn Bednar
Garrett Schlecter
Grace Tansey
Trenton Jones

6th GRADE

Thomas Ives
James Yorke
Joe Formholtz
Julianna Deremer

7th GRADE

Gemma Hager
Daniel Ohle
Maggie Edwards

8th Grade

Rene Clippinger
Amaris Madding-Bush
Spencer Deremer
Sam Solowiej
James Steindl



BUS DRIVER RECOGNIZED

On November 3rd Firelands driver Robin Horning was recognized for her years of service.

Robin has been working for Firelands for 16 Yrs. She is the mother of two, daughter Jenna, son Cory, very proud grandmother of three.

Throughout her years at Firelands she has worked in several different capacities. She worked as a clerk middle school and bus aid before driving, and currently is a driver and cafeteria/recess monitor between routes.

Robin first contacted me because, yes she was one of those that was complaining about her daughter's bus driver (that was picking on her of course), and somewhere along the line I asked her if she would be interested in a job. She started off as a bus monitor, then trained in 2003 to be a driver. She did not sub long, (maybe because she got lost listening to kids directions, ending up at an intersection that did not even exist, almost to Western Reserve Schools or maybe she just ap-

plied at the right time) and has driven since. And yes, years later she told me her daughter did finally admit that her and her friends knew what buttons to push to get the drivers attention... and maybe they were not all that innocent!

Thanks Robin for your years of service to the Firelands District.



Firelands Artist Continues Legacy in 2017 Cleveland Clinic eXpressions Art Competition

The FHS Art Department continues its legacy with inclusion in the esteemed Cleveland Clinic eXpressions competition this year. Sophomore **Sarah Drury** earned a blue ribbon for her mixed media photo-mobile "*Help*" illustrating the statistical relationship between ethnic groups suffering from depression and anxiety. Sarah joins a list of 13 Firelands artists who have been honored in this exhibition since 2008. In a field of 25 winning high schools, dominated by AAA schools, Drury's work is *the only winner from Lorain County*. Of the nearly 1,500 works entered, less than 4% are accepted for exhibition. Of the 62 works selected, only 14 earned blue ribbons. That's less than 1% of all entries. It is from among the pool of blue ribbon winners that a "Best in Show" will be selected.

The Cleveland Clinic Office of Civic Education hosts the annual *eXpressions: An Intersection of Art and Science*. Art students from high schools from around the country interpreted research conducted by Cleveland Clinic high school summer interns. Nearly 1,500 works were submitted this year. The process includes research and writing to gain understanding of the topic. All 53 Art 2, Art 3, Art 4 and Advanced Art students selected their own studies to illustrate from a list of 74 summer projects. The art students read for understanding, orally presented, conceptually illustrated and composed brief artist statements for their entries. The students are very proud of their work and they are on display in the high school showcases for you to see.

A panel of art educators, medical researchers, medical illustrators, photographers, media and public health professionals evaluate each submission on interpretation, creativity, presentation, and initiative. The judges awarded four levels of special recognition. In descending order they are: Blue Ribbon, Red Ribbon, White Ribbon, and Honorable Mention. Blue Ribbon winners receive \$100. Red Ribbon winners receive \$75; White Ribbon winners, \$50; and Honorable Mention winners, \$25. The Firelands Art Department will also receive a \$100 educational grant for producing a winning entry in art.

The participating art classes hosted a reception on Dec. 6 in the FHS library to celebrate the completion of the project and share their works with family and friends while they awaited the results. This was the first opportunity the students could see what the other classes made in this comprehensive display. Students voted for "best in class" projects and the reception guests selected "People's Choice" honors. All honors were announced at this well attended event.

Exhibition and Catalog

All of the award-winning submissions, including Sarah's work, will be featured in a full-color *eXpressions* catalog of the exhibition, which will open with a reception and dedication on Thur. Feb. 9, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Global Center for Health Innovation (Medical Mart), Cleveland. The exhibition continues through mid-March. The exhibit is open to the public during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30am – 5pm.

For more information about the eXpressions program and to view the virtual gallery of past exhibits, visit:

<http://civiceducation.clevelandclinic.org/School-Based-Programs/Our-Programs/eXpressions.aspx>

Sarah Drury, grade 10, Blue Ribbon "Help" Mixed media photo-mobile



Sarah Drury's artist's statement:

"My representation of the study consists of 99 photographs, 61 of Caucasian, 32 of African American, and 6 photos of Asians. This is because the data from the study is in percent form. All photos that represent depression are black and white. This is because when someone is depressed, their world becomes faded and dull. The photos that represent anxiety are in color. This is because a person experiencing anxiety has enhanced senses, so their world is more vibrant. When viewed from a specific angle, the photos spell out 'HELP', as the #1 recommendation for patients is to seek help."

Sarah Drury's technique statement:

"To create this project, I had to find people willing to be photographed, which was surprisingly difficult. I then had them pose in positions that alluded to anxiety/depression. I then applied any necessary filters to my photographs. Once completed, I printed out my photographs, laminated them, and cut them out. I then made a large frame out of chicken wire and wooden poles. After assembling my photographs into triangular prisms, I attached them to the frame using fishing line to spell out the word 'HELP'. One challenge I faced was being able to problem solve and use mathematical skills."



Sarah with art teacher Laura Tawil at the FHS eXpressions reception Dec. 6 upon learning the results.

NEWS FROM F E S

COSI

(Center of Science and Industry)

Our FES PTG brought COSI on Wheels to our students on November 17 and 18. COSI on Wheels introduced the dynamic science topic of "Exploring Ecology" to all of our boys and girls. Children attended a 45 minute assembly that was followed by hands-on activities that enhance science inquiry skills and encourage continued learning. There were many volunteers who helped the students with each of the hands on centers where children explored the outdoors of prairies, forests, rivers, and wetlands. Children were able to investigate animal adaptations, life cycles, and learn how parts of an ecosystem are connected.

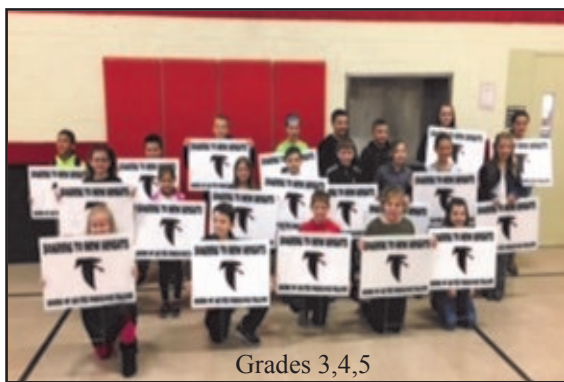


Fabulous Falcon Breakfast

FES held our very first Fabulous Falcon Breakfast for students and families on November 16. We recognized 39 students who were selected by teachers for displaying respectful behaviors. Over 120 family members and students were in attendance to celebrate our children's amazing ability to demonstrate this character trait. We are all very proud of our boys and girls.



Grades K, 1, 2



Grades 3,4,5

Academic Challenge Team

Congratulations are in order for our Academic Challenge Team members; Jocelyn Bednar, Trenton Jones, Garrett Schlechter, and Grace Tansey who won first place in the county competition. The team prepared themselves by giving up their recess time two times a week to practice their skills under Mrs. Valerie Schuster's supervision. They earned their first place through hard work!



Holiday Celebrations

Holiday celebrations at FES kept our boys and girls very busy during the months of November and December. Our second grade students hosted a Grandparents' Day while making gingerbread houses. Our third grade students honored the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade tradition with self-designed balloons while learning about the history of the parade. Our fourth grade students helped to get everyone in holiday spirit through the holiday concert for boys and girls during their dress rehearsal and for families during an evening performance. Mrs. Julene Woods prepared our fourth grade students to present a spectacular show for everyone.

Giving from the Guard

By: Sydney Novak

Under the Friday night lights, during the Mighty Falcon Marching Band's halftime performance, you may see nine sparkling dots running around with flags in their hands. These dots are known as the Firelands High School Color Guard and they are impacting the Falcon community in a "flag"tastic way. This group of glittered covered gals are giving back to the community by adding a little sparkle to someone's holiday. Throughout the year, the girls went through rigorous training each week using canned food in place of ordinary weights. The cans contain vegetables, fruit and other necessities. All girls contributed two new cans each week and by the end of their season, had boxes full of food to give to local families in need this holiday season. The canned goods, along with potatoes, fresh apples, rolls and a turkey, will be delivered to several Firelands families this holiday season. Sophomore, Halli Kromer states, "Giving from the guard means a lot to me because it gives me a chance to give back to the families of the people that I am around everyday". The idea, originally created by first year head coach Donna Boucher, was praised by all girls involved. The chance to give back to the small community meant a great deal to each participant; doing what they love just made the idea even better. It is no secret that Giving from the Guard will carry on for many marching seasons to come.



MIGHTY FALCON MARCHING BAND'S 2016 - 2017 SPONSORS

D&A Towing
Vaughn's Auto Repair & 24
Hour Towing
Lorain County Community
College
South Amherst Fireman's
Association
Gyros & More
The Cuyahoga Group
Mowry Photography LLC
Larry's Driving School
Kohl's Cares
Florence Township Fire Dept.

Born 2 Laser
Deichler Tire
Cedarside Animal Hospital
Bettcher Industries
Alan Januzzi, CPA
Amherst Eagles
Firelands School District
Firelands Administration
Mighty Falcon Parents
Mighty Falcon Volunteers
Mighty Falcon Fans
Miller Orchards
Swier's Family

Emergency Alert Notifications

Should situations arise that necessitate district personnel to communicate information to you regarding school closings, delays or other non-routine or emergency situations, the district will notify parents/guardians in the following ways:

- ◆ district all-call system
- ◆ online at www.firelandsschools.org
- ◆ via Twitter at @Falcon_update
- ◆ Facebook at iAmFirelands

Should parental/guardian contact information change over the year, please remember to update your information.

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2nd Annual

Celebrate Firelands Event
March 4th

at German's Villa

3330 Liberty Ave. Vermilion

All proceeds will benefit the
positive promotion of the
Firelands Local School
District

FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL MIGHTY FALCON MARCHING BAND'S General Membership Meeting Dates



Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. in the FHS Band Room.

Looking for a Place to Walk?

Firelands High School will be open for community members to walk during the winter months (December- March), Monday through Friday, from 6:15 am to 7:10 am.



Introducing Alumni News & Notes!

Share your news with the Firelands Community! We'd love to know about academic standings, military updates, marriages, births, etc!

Please email your news to:

jbutchko@firelandsschools.org and we will include it in our new Alumni section on our website and our school blog!

50 Year Reunion!

The class of 1967 will be holding a reunion on September 29th and 30th, 2017! The class will have a tour of Firelands High School on the 29th at 6:00 pm and then will stay to watch the Homecoming football game. On the 30th, members of the class of 1967 will gather at the recently renovated Brownhelm school (located on North Ridge Road) for dinner.

In order to include everyone, we need your help in locating the following people:

Mr. Gordon M. Brown

Mr. Richard David Bures

Ms. Cindy Gerstacker Wickham

Ms. Norma Krosen Miller

Ms. Marlene Simmons Harmond

Mr. Don Van Meter

If you have any information on these classmates please contact Jim Tansey at (419) 706-8458 or jmtanse@aol.com (subject line: class of 1967).

Thanks for your help and Go Falcons!

ALL YOU CAN EAT

FRENCH TOAST, PANCAKE, & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017

WAKEMAN MASONIC LODGE - 34 PLEASANT ST.

TIME: 9:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

South Amherst Firemen's

Association

Annual Steak Fry Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 4, 2017

Dinner - 5:00pm - 7:30pm/Dancing -
8:00pm - 11:00pm

The Lodge (New Russia Twp. Hall)

46300 Butternut Ridge Rd. Oberlin, OH
44074

Donation \$20.00

NO REFUNDS

21 YEARS AND OLDER ONLY

Dinner includes a 14-16 ounce porter house
steak, baked potato, roll, side salad.

Beer, Pop, Water, Ice will be provided.

BRING YOUR OWN BOOZE.

Raffles: 50/50, Paddle Wheel, Chinese,
bingo pull tabs.

All proceeds benefit the South Amherst
Firemen's Association.

For Tickets/info - contact the South
Amherst Fire Station at (440) 986-5901 and
leave a message.

Firelands High School
Parents for a Safe After Prom Environment
(PSAPE) Class of 2017
"Night at the Races"
Saturday, February 4th, 2017
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; Racing Commences at 7:00 p.m.
New Russia Township Hall
46300 Butternut Ridge Road, Oberlin



Name/Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

★ PURCHASE A TABLE \$200.00

Includes 8 admission tickets, dinner, beverages & dessert, horse,
advertisement in program & table advertisement

Name of Horse: _____

★ PURCHASE A TICKET \$20.00: # _____ x \$20.00 \$ _____

Includes dinner, beverages & dessert

★ PURCHASE A HORSE \$20.00

Includes a chance to win \$50 Name of Horse: _____

★ PURCHASE AN AD IN PROGRAM ***Include a copy of your ad or business card!

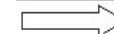
Full Page \$100.00 _____ Half Page \$50.00 _____

Business Card \$25.00 _____

★ SPONSOR A RACE \$50.00

Includes advertisement in program & recognition at the time of the race

Make Checks Payable to:



PSAPE
C/O Carol Lyons
1051 Coopers Run
Amherst, Ohio 44001

Questions? Contact:

Sonia Bowyer 440-823-5364 or Michele Reynolds 440-610-0344

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Save the Date!

Fan Appreciation Night Friday, February 3rd!

Join us at the boys JV & Varsity Basketball
game on February 3rd! The first 50 students
will receive a spirit pom! The
Firelands Booster Club will
be giving away prizes and the
Band Boosters will be offering
a special dollar menu!



FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU FOR FEBRUARY

Breakfast - \$1.50 Reduced breakfast - .30 Lunch - \$2.65 Reduced lunch - .40

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Turkey ham & cheese on w/g hawaiian bun Seasoned green beans Sliced cucumbers Chilled pineapple	2 Taco salad Lettuce & cheese Seasoned refried beans Fresh fruit Salsa Tortilla chips	3 Bosco sticks Romaine garden salad Grape tomatoes Chilled mandarin oranges Marinara sauce Tray treat
6 Popcorn chicken Hashbrown patty Bbq baked beans Chilled peaches	7 Pizza Hut Or school pepper pizza Cascade carrot blend Sliced red peppers Chilled fruit	8 Chicken strips Seasoned broccoli Baby carrots w/dip Chilled pineapple Chez it crackers	9 Hamburger w/bun Smiley fries Coleslaw Chilled pears Sliced pickles	10 Pizza Day Seasoned corn Sliced cucumbers Chilled applesauce
13 Roasted hot dog/ bun Bbq baked beans Match stick carrots Chilled pears	14 Domino's Pizza Or school pepper pizza Seasoned peas Celery sticks 100% fruit smoothie	15 General Tso's Chicken Stir Fry Veggies Seasoned Rice Chilled pineapple tidbits Fortune cookie	16 Soft beef taco Ultra grain wrap Shredded lettuce & cheese Seasoned corn Fresh fruit Salsa cup	17 Cheesy bread Romaine garden salad Grape Tomatoes Chilled mandarin oranges
20 PRESIDENT'S DAY NO SCHOOL	21 Pizza Hut Or school pepper pizza Seasoned broccoli Baby carrots Chilled fruit	22 Baked chicken fries Tatar stanz Bbq baked beans Chilled pears Dipping sauce	23 Pepperoni Calzone Seasoned green beans Sliced cucumbers Fresh fruit	24 NON- INSTRUCTION DAY NO SCHOOL
27 Baked chicken nuggets Sweet tots Celery sticks Chilled applesauce Whole grain roll Dipping sauce	28 Domino's Pizza Or school pepper pizza Seasoned Corn Baby carrots 100% fruit smoothie			

FIRELANDS ACCEPTING

OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS
FOR THE 2017 - 2018 SCHOOL YEAR!

The Firelands Local School District will be accepting open enrollment applications for the 2017 - 2018 school year beginning on Monday, March 6, 2017 from 7:30 am - 3:00 pm at the Board of Education Office, 112 North Lake St., South Amherst.

YOUR CHILD'S LAST REPORT CARD OR TRANSCRIPT AND CURRENT IEP, IF APPLICABLE.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Parents from ANY DISTRICT in Ohio are welcome to apply for their child/children. Space is limited and will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.

IF YOU CURRENTLY HAVE STUDENTS OPEN ENROLLED AND WILL BE ENROLLING A KINDERGARTENER FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR, YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE AN OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATION FOR YOUR KINDERGARTNER AT THE BOE BEGINNING ON 3/6/17.

Deadline to apply is
August 1, 2017

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING WITH YOU:

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SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU FOR FEBRUARY

Breakfast - \$1.50 Reduced breakfast - .30 Lunch - \$2.85 Reduced lunch - .40

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Taco salad or Walking Tacos, cheese Shredded iceberg lettuce Seasoned refried beans Grape tomatoes Chilled peaches Salsa / sour cream	2 Spicy chicken wrap w/lettuce & cheese Or Chicken strips w/roll Crispy tator tots Seasoned broccoli Fresh fruit	3 Toasted cheese sandwich Or Cheesy garlic bread Seasoned peas Tomato soup Chilled mandarin oranges
6 Bbq pulled pork w/bun Honey crunch w/corn dog Baked beans Celery sticks Coleslaw Chilled peaches	7 Pizza hut pizza or stuffed crust pepper Seasoned broccoli Baby carrots w/dip Chilled Fruit Mini rice krispie square	8 Chesaburger / bun Or Hamburger / bun Oven baked rice Romaine garden salad Chilled mandarin oranges	9 General Tso's chicken Stir fry vegetable Carrot vegetable blend Seasoned rice Fresh fruit Fortune Cookie	10 Ham & cheese calzone Or Cheese quesadilla Roasted seasoned sweet potatoes cubes Red pepper strips Chilled pears
13 Salisbury steak or breaded pork chop Whipped potatoes Seasoned corn Chilled peaches Whole grain roll	14 Domino's pizza or stuffed crust pepper Seasoned broccoli Celery sticks w/dip Chilled Fruit NAM Cookie	15 Chipotle day Fajita chicken or steak beef Shredded iceberg Black bean & corn salsa Seasoned rice Chilled mandarin orange	16 Chicken nuggets Or spicy chicken strips Baby carrots Seasoned green beans Warm breadstick	17 Loaded potatoes (taco meat, cheese) Mandarin oranges Warm breadstick Tray treat
20 PRESIDENT'S DAY NO SCHOOL	21 Pizza hut pizza or stuffed crust pizza Seasoned Broccoli Grape tomatoes Chilled Fruit or 100% fruit smoothie	22 Taco salad or soft taco wrap, cheese Shredded iceberg lettuce Seasoned refried beans Chilled applesauce Tortilla chips Salsa / sour cream	23 Spicy chicken patty/bun or chicken patty w/bun Parsley potatoes Seasoned corn Fresh fruit Goldfish graham	24 NON- INSTRUCTION DAY NO SCHOOL
27 Pepperoni calzone Or French bread pizza Seasoned cauliflower Celery sticks w/pb Chilled applesauce	28 Domino's pizza or stuffed crust pepper Romaine garden salad Grape tomatoes Chilled Fruit Chocolate chip cookie			

FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU FOR FEBRUARY

Breakfast - \$1.50 Reduced breakfast - .30 Lunch - \$2.85 Reduced lunch - .40

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Spicy chicken wrap w/lettuce & cheese Or Chicken strips w/roll Crispy tator tots Seasoned corn Fresh fruit Strawberry shortcake cookie	2 Beef & cheese nachos Or Taco Fries w/cheese Refried beans w/cheese Romaine garden salad Chilled applesauce Whole grain roll	3 Toasted cheese sandwich Or Cheese garlic bread Seasoned Steamers broccoli Tomato soup Chilled mandarin oranges
6 Bbq pulled pork w/bun Or Philly steak & cheese w/roasted peppers & onions Bbq baked beans Crunchy Coleslaw Chilled peaches	7 Pizza hut pizza or stuffed crust pepperoni Seasoned steamed broccoli Baby carrots Chilled pears 100% fruit smoothie	8 General Tso's chicken Stir fry vegetable Carrot vegetable blend Seasoned rice Fresh fruit Fortune Cookie	9 Chicken Alfredo with a twist Or Popcorn chicken Warm garlic breadstick Romaine garden salad Cucumber slices Chilled applesauce	10 Hot ham & cheese sandwich Or Mozzarella cheese sticks w/marinara cup Seasoned baked fries Capri vegetable blend Chilled mandarin oranges
13 Salisbury steak or breaded pork chop Whipped potatoes Seasoned corn Chilled peaches Whole grain roll	14 Domino's pizza or stuffed crust pepperoni Seasoned steamed broccoli Steamed parsnip carrots Chilled Fruit Mini rice krispie treat	15 Wg Cheese quesadilla Or Chicken nuggets w/roll California blend vegetables Roasted sweet potato cubes Fresh fruit Chocolate chip cookie	16 Chipotle day- Beef or chicken- Wg wrap Shredded iceberg, Corn & black bean fiesta blend Seasoned pinto beans, Seasoned rice Mandarin oranges	17 Turkey deli sub bar or Burger bar w/cheese, lettuce, tomato, pepperoni, banana pepper, black olives Italian vegetable blend Chilled pineapple
20 PRESIDENT'S DAY NO SCHOOL	21 Pizza hut pizza or stuffed crust pepperoni Carrot vegetable blend Grape tomatoes Chilled pears Mini rice krispie treat	22 Chicken strips w/roll Chicken patty w/bun Baked fries Bbq baked beans Fresh fruit Padding cup	23 Taco salad w/tortilla chips, or Walking taco or soft taco meat, cheese, salsa cup) Shredded iceberg lettuce Seasoned corn Chilled applesauce Whole grain roll, sour cream	24 NON- INSTRUCTION DAY NO SCHOOL
27 Pepperoni stuffed calzone Or French bread pizza Bbq baked beans Steamed cinnamon carrots Chilled Applesauce	28 Domino's pizza or stuffed crust pepperoni Seasoned green beans Romaine garden salad Chilled mandarin oranges 100% fruit smoothie			

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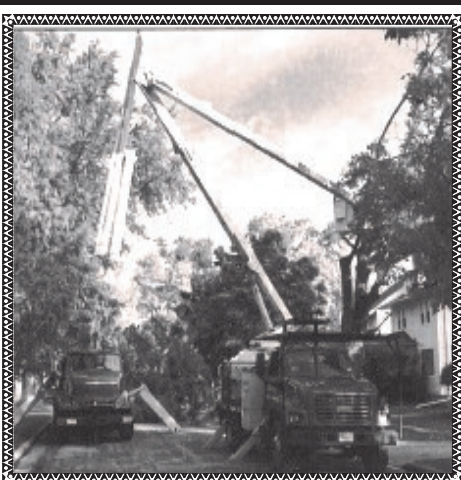


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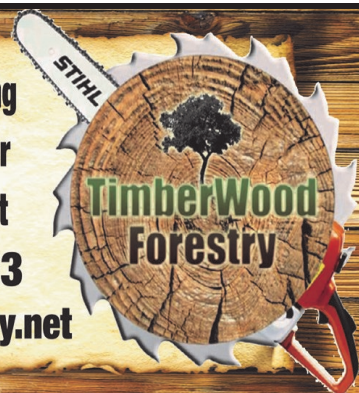


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