

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Along with pursuing educational excellence, we work with our students to develop Character, Competence and Commitment. During the holidays, it is especially wonderful to see our students and staff assisting our community in the following ways:

Firelands Elementary School
FES: Not Forgotten Box



FES students supported the Chronicle Telegram’s Not Forgotten Box. They collected 600 new toys, books, games, stuffed animals, and art supplies for babies, children, and teens of all ages.

FES: Food Drive



FES collected and donated over 2000 pounds of foods to Second Harvest Food Bank. This donation will provide 1850 meals for local families.

FES: Ornament Raffle



Art Teacher, Mrs. Proehl, once again created handmade ornaments that were raffled off at the December winter concert at FES. Money raised will be used to benefit local children in need.

South Amherst Middle School
SAMS: Troop Drive



The Falcon Leadership and Character students collected 2,558 items for our troops stationed overseas this holiday season. This drive was a way to celebrate our troops and the memory of FHS graduate, Staff Sgt. James P. Hunter. James died while on patrol in Afghanistan in 2010.

In addition to the items collected, students and staff sent many handwritten cards and letters of appreciation and support with the packages.

SAMS: Toy Drive



The National Jr. Honor Society members sponsored a toy drive at SAMS with a goal of 200 toys and received over double the goal with over 400 toys. Items were donated to the Not-Forgotten Box in Lorain County.

SAMS: Winter Clothing Drive



The students in the Falcon Leadership Class organized and ran a winter clothing drive. Students collected hats, gloves, coats, boots,

pants and shirts for students in need in our district and beyond.

SAMS: Thanksgiving Baskets



The Firelands FFA Students shared information on hunger with 6th grade students to kick off the 8th annual Thanksgiving Service Project. This was the first part of the 6th Grade Service Project that does a small part to help raise awareness for hunger in our district. The sixth grade students along with local families, churches and businesses provided the food for the baskets. More than 30 Thanksgiving Food Baskets were delivered in November.

FHS: TLC Toy Drive



The Teen Leadership Committee ran a toy drive to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Pictured above are TLC students with just some of the donated toys.

FFA: Adopt a Family



For over four decades, FFA members have

sponsored families in need in our district and purchased gifts for Christmas for the children of those families. Multiple children received both gifts of needs and wants for Christmas.

FFA: Christmas Cards



FFA members wrote Christmas cards with messages of gratitude to our local first responders.

FHS: Tri-M Music Honor Society



Tri-M Music Society members graced Kendal residents in Oberlin with singing and playing of carols. In addition, students brought in over 500 can goods that were given to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

FHS: Art Society



The Art Society members met in early December to hang ornaments, bird feeders, and ribbons on the trees in the Memorial Garden to spread holiday cheer and visual joy to the school.

FHS Select Choir



The FHS Select Choir prepared a music library that was shared at many venues throughout December. The choir was able to share the gift of music at a walk through nativity, private clubs, senior citizen gatherings, churches, public shopping areas and so much more.

FHS Boys Basketball



The boys' varsity basketball team supported five area students this holiday season. They raised money and picked out items that were both wanted and needed.

I would like to thank each student and staff member that participated in the multiple service learning projects. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. As we begin the New Year, let's remember not only how we came together in 2018, but let's commit to bringing the same kindhearted spirit into all of 2019.

Mike Von Gunten
Superintendent
FHS Class of 1995
@FLSDSuper

FIRELANDS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCEPTING OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2019 - 2020 SCHOOL YEAR

The Firelands Local School District will be accepting open enrollment applications for the **2019 - 2020** school year beginning on **Monday, February 4, 2019** and ending on **July 1, 2019**. The doors will open at **7:30 am** at the Board of Education Office, 112 North Lake St., South Amherst, for parents to complete the Open Enrollment application/s. Firelands Open Enrollment is tuition free, however parents are responsible for their child's school fees.

Parents from ANY SCHOOL 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.**

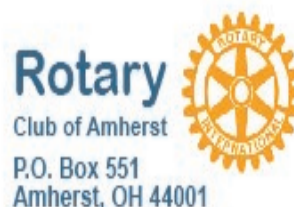
If a grade level closes, we still encourage parents to complete the open enrollment application, and those children are placed on a "waiting list", until those seats are made available.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING WITH YOU:
YOUR CHILD'S LAST REPORT CARD OR TRANSCRIPT
(ONLY APPLIES FOR STUDENT'S IN GRADES 9 - 12)
CURRENT IEP, WEP, OR 504 PLAN IF APPLICABLE

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 440-965-5821 OR

EMAIL: LSEMAN@FIRELANDSSCHOOLS.ORG

Please join us on
Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 7pm
Amherst VFW
165 Cleveland Avenue, Amherst
for the 15th Annual
Amherst Rotary Wine Tasting Fundraiser.



Experience 20 different wines and craft beers, food from local restaurants, exciting live and silent auctions, candy bar raffle and more!

Purchase tickets in advance at The Amherst Party Shop or Giuseppe's Wine Cellar in downtown Amherst.

Pre-sale tickets: \$30. At the door: \$35.

Thank you to our corporate sponsor.



Celebrate Firelands Fundraising Dinner

Basket Raffles

Live Band

50/50 Raffle

Games

Saturday
March 9, 2019



6 - 11pm

New Russia Township Hall
46300 Butternut Ridge Rd
Oberlin, OH 44074

\$25/Person
Buffet Style Dinner from 6:00-7:30
Beer Included
(21 & over ONLY)

For more information call (440) 320-3198
or e-mail Friendsoffirelands@gmail.com

Supporting Firelands Students & Community

SAMS NEWS

Welcome to 2019!!!

Our Robotics team competed in their first meet in Elyria on January 12th. They have been working really hard to prepare for this tournament.

High school scheduling is coming up in February. It's hard to believe our 8th graders are preparing to make the transition to HS already. The middle school master schedule is under construction and planning for next year is underway.

We have a school assembly on January 18th. Shawn Harper is a former NFL player, entrepreneur, from outside of Columbus. He is a motivational speaker who will speaking to the middle school and the high school as well as working with some of our at-risk kids. This is being paid for through an endowment grant written by Beth Monyak.

As a reminder parent-teacher conferences are on Thursday, February 21st.

Assistance is Available

Short-term or long-term breakfast and lunch assistance is available, with application, for FLSD families.

Firelands Schools has implemented an online portal for meal assistance. Parents/Guardians can quickly and easily fill out free and reduced meal applications in a secure, step-by-step portal. You may apply any time after July 1 or during the school year. The step by step instructions are listed below. You will need the student I.D. to register (same student number as PowerSchool). You will be asked to complete the following steps:

- Click register
- Select parent
 - Enter your first and last name along with a password you create
- Complete the required information
- Click finish
- It will take you back to the Log-in screen

You can now complete the necessary information to complete the application process.

Paper applications will be available in each school office or can be found here:

<http://www.firelandsschools.org/Downloads/18-19%20Meal%20application%20Use%20this.pdf>

Online meal application / Preferred Method – Visit this link: <https://firelands.payschools.com/>

Step by Step Instructions can be found here: <http://filecabinet.eschoolview.com/F4C84C50-30F3-40EF-9617-FA792282DD6C/onlineappstepbystepinstructions.pdf>

For additional assistance, contact FLSD Food Service Director, Mrs. Judy Baumann at (440) 965-5821 ext. 1011 or by email at jbaumann@firelandsschools.org.

Kindergarten Registration

Firelands Local Schools will be utilizing our online registration system for all new Kindergarten students starting on March 4th. Kindergarten families can register using our online system, Firelands OneView, by accessing the Firelands website at www.firelandsschools.org.

Click on the “Student Registration” tab found on the left side of the home page. Then, click the “Firelands OneView Portal” link located above the diagram. Click the “Create a New Account” button to get started. The set-up process includes you creating your own username and password to log in to the system. The district does not provide that information.

Beginning March 4th, you can complete the registration at home by using the link above, or you may attend one of the following registration events at the Firelands Board of Education, located at 112 North Lake Street in South Amherst to complete the registration process:

Monday, March 4th
8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Tuesday, March 5th
1:00 PM–5:00 PM

Wednesday, March 6th
3:30 PM–7:30 PM

If you are planning to attend one of the registration events listed above at the Firelands Board of Education, please bring your child's birth certificate, 2 proofs of residency, parent/guardian photo id, shot records, and custody papers (if they apply).

If you have any questions about the registration process, please contact the elementary school office at 440-965-5381.

Firelands Local Schools Construction Update:

In November 2018, the community passed a 4.28 mil bond issue that calls for the construction of a new 9-12 grade high school. The existing high school will be re-purposed as the middle school and Board of Education. The new building will be built on district owned property, just North of the existing high school.

In December 2018, 9.9 million dollars of notes for this project were sold and the beginning phases of site work scheduled.

Work being done in January includes:

- Phase 1 Environmental Assessment
- Wetland Delineation
- Geotechnical Report
- Site Survey



Geotechnical testing begins

Dangers of E-Cigarettes/Juul

As we all know, e-cigarette use among teens and pre-teens is on the rise. One of the most popular e-cigarette devices, called a Juul, is rapidly becoming the go-to device. What you may not know, however, is that all Juul e-cigarettes have a high level of nicotine. **A single Juul pod contains as much nicotine as a pack of (20) regular cigarettes.**

Juul's are shaped like a USB Flash Drive to help teens hide

the product. This design element was quickly copied by other manufactures for additional products, including marijuana.

As a reminder, Firelands Local School is proud to be 100% tobacco-free. The use of any tobacco product and/or any type of e-cigarette, is strictly prohibited anywhere on school grounds.

For the health of our children, please see the following information regarding e-cigarettes and watch for these devices.

To learn more about the dangers of E-cigarettes, please log on to: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/electronic-cigarettes-e-cigarettes>.

Mark your calendars!

Falcon Showcase

The night will focus on students demonstrating their accomplishments



March 7, 2019
FHS
6:30 - 8:00 pm

Mobile Dentist Announcement

The Smiles Program/Mobile Dentists will be at Firelands Elementary on Friday, February 15, 2019, to serve our elementary school students. A local, licensed Dentist and Hygienist will provide a comprehensive dental exam which includes: X-rays, cleaning, fluoride, sealants, fillings, baby tooth extractions, pulpotomy and stainless steel crowns - all this in just a short time away from the classroom. *Parents are not required to be present, but are certainly welcomed and encouraged to be there.* Most insurance plans, including Medicaid, cover 100% of the services that are provided. If you do not have insurance, you may still be able to participate in the program at reduced rates or no charge. **Permission forms were sent home with students on Thursday, January 10, 2019. They must be completed and returned to the school by Thursday, February 7, 2019, or parents may go online at www.myschooldentist.com to make an appointment for their child.**

School Board Appreciation Month

January is school board appreciation month. Our 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!

Mike O'Keefe, President - 8 years of service

Tom Myers, Vice-President - 3 years of service

Ben Gibson - 7 years of service

Bob Danicki -1 year of service

Dan Pycraft - 17 years of service



2019-2020 Board Members

From left to right, Bob Danicki, member; Dan Pycraft, member; Tom Myers, Vice-President; Mike O'Keefe, President; and Ben Gibson, member.

5th/6th Grade Academic Challenge Team

Congratulations to the 5th/6th grade Academic Challenge Team for winning first place in the Lorain County Academic Challenge finals. The finals were held at McCormick Middle School and included: Firelands, Avon Lake, Oberlin, and Wellington. Teams were invited to participate in the finals after qualifying at an earlier competition held in November. The Mighty Falcons reigned victorious with a powerful victory and demonstrated poise and preparedness.

A special thanks goes out to the parents and family members that attended the finals. Your support was a wonderful addition to the atmosphere of the competition.



SPEAK UP

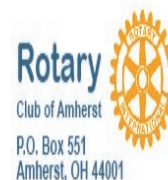
SAVE LIVES

Your Eyes & Ears Could Save Lives!

YOU can anonymously report anything that is suspicious or endangering you, your friends or your school.

Text or Call
1-844-SAFEROH

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Do you know how to receive information from FLSD in the event of bad weather or unforeseen circumstances?

In the event that a change occurs to a normal school day, information can be obtained from multiple sources. The District uses an all-call system, emails, multiple Twitter accounts, Facebook, text alerts, and web page banners to share important information. We recommend that parents/guardians choose at least **(2) two** methods to receive information from the Firelands Local Schools.

Our communication tools include the following:

All Call Alert System:

If your telephone number or custodial information has changed, please update your contact information through our online oneview parent portal at: <https://firelands.esvportal.com>. You can access this through our Student Registration tab on our website, www.firelandsschools.org.

- If you have made a change to your phone number, our database must be updated in order for parent calls to be initiated.

Twitter Accounts:

Follow these Twitter accounts for up-to-the-minute information!

- @FLSDSuper (Superintendent Mike Von Gunten)
- @Falcon_update (Public Relations, Jennifer Butchko)
- @Firelandstrans (Transportation Coordinator Milt Sayler)

Facebook:

We have created The Official Facebook page for Firelands! Like us at **The Firelands Falcons**. Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/TheFirelandsFalcons> to stay connected.

Text Alert System:

Parents have the option of utilizing our text alert system as well. In order to enroll in this program, simply go to our home page at FirelandsFalcons.org and click on the social media tab. Follow the newsletter icon and create an account. You will receive text messages regarding school cancellations, delays or special circumstances once enrolled.

Web Page Notifications:

Alerts will be posted on our web pages in the event that our school day will be altered.

Email

Email notification will be sent through School Messenger. Please update email addresses through the online portal at: <https://firelands.esvportal.com>.

Information will also be shared to traditional news sources. If you have any questions or need assistance in setting up account please contact Jennifer at (440) 965-5821 ext 1015.

Looking for Community Information

Firelands publishes a weekly blog on all community activity. If you have a group that is active in the Firelands district, we are happy to post information regarding events, fundraisers, open houses, etc. You can visit the blog page at <https://ffalcons.wordpress.com> and look for Community Updates.

In addition to the Community Updates, a monthly article is published regarding our Falcon Alumni. Topics covered include graduations, engagements, career changes, new businesses, birth announcements and more.

The above information is also shared on Twitter, @Falcon_update, and on our new Facebook page, The Firelands Falcons.

To submit information please contact Jennifer at (440) 965-5821 ext. 1015 or at: jbutchko@firelandsschools.org

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2018 - 2019

It is now time to update your child's immunizations. If your child will be entering school for the first time, or after attending school elsewhere, please be sure to check that he/she is in compliance with State of Ohio immunization requirements:

Kindergarten – once your child has reached age 4, s/he can complete all required immunizations for diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus (DPT), polio (IPV), hepatitis B (HBV), measles mumps, rubella (MMR), and varicella (chickenpox).

- ♦ **Grades 1-6** – same requirements as for Kindergarten
- ♦ **Grades 7-9** – Grades K-6 requirements plus Tdap (DPT booster) and MCV (meningococcal vaccine)
- ♦ **Grades 10-11** – Grades K-6 requirements plus Tdap (received in 7th grade or later)
- ♦ **Grade 12** – Grades 10-11 requirements plus MCV (must be received at age 16 or older)

Remember to bring your child's immunization records with you when you go to your healthcare provider or clinic. Please send a copy of the immunization record to the school nurse in your child's building, being sure your child's name is on it. Don't forget to keep a copy for yourself!

Lorain County Public Health, 9880 S. Murray Ridge Rd., Elyria, OH 44035 is now offering immunizations (also known as vaccines) Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, with evening hours throughout the month. A full vaccine clinic schedule is available at www.LorainCountyHealth.com. Appointments are encouraged, although walk-ins are accepted. Call **440-284-3206** for information or to make an appointment for both children and adults. Bring all immunization records, insurance cards, and cash or check; although some children may be eligible for discounts under the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. All children under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Note: Ask your provider about additional vaccines that are recommended for children ages 11-19 such as 2nd dose of varicella (chickenpox), hepatitis A and human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines.

Emergency Alert Notification

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 & email contact
- ◆ online at www.firelandsschools.org
- ◆ via Twitter at @Falcon_update
- ◆ Facebook at The Firelands Falcons

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



Firelands Band Boosters

2nd Annual Wine Tasting at Paper Moon Vineyard

Saturday, February 9th, 6:30 – 9:30 PM
Come join us for a taste of Paper Moon's Best Wines,
Heavy Hors d'oeuvres,
50/50 Raffle, Basket Raffles and More!
Cost is \$25 for Admission and includes tickets for 8 tastings

When: Saturday, February 9th, 6:30 – 9:30 PM

Where: Paper Moon Vineyards, 2008 State Road (Rt 60), Vermilion OH. 44089

All proceeds will go to supporting the High School Music Department's 2019 Trip to Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Must be 21 or Older to Participate!!!



Firelands Band Boosters

General Membership Meetings

Firelands Band Boosters meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school band room. Our mission is to provide support for the Firelands Instrumental Music Program. The dates for the 2018-2019 school year are as follows:

FEBRUARY 19, 2019

MARCH 19, 2019

APRIL 16, 2019

MAY 21, 2019

JUNE 18, 2019



Firelands Instrumental Music Program Upcoming Events

February 6, 2019 – Fifth Grade Band Concert at FES at 7:00 p.m.
 February 13, 2019—High School Band Concert at FHS at 7:00 p.m.
 February 20, 2019—Middle School Band Concert at SAMS at 7:00 p.m.
 February 23, 2019 – Lorain County Solo and Ensemble Contest at FHS
 March 1, 2019—High School Band performs at Kent State University

FIRELANDS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS CURRENTLY SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS, KITCHEN, AND CUSTODIAL HELP

If you are interested in applying for any of these positions, please visit our website at: www.firelandsschools.org and click on the employment tab. Find the position you would like to substitute for, then complete and submit an application. You will need to complete a FBI & BCI criminal background check at your own expense, with clear results before you would be considered for any substitute positions. Contact Linda Seman at 440-965-5821 for the Criminal Background Check application to make an appointment at the Educational Service Center of Lorain County, or if you have any questions.

FES NEWS

FOURTH GRADE VISITS THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

The fourth grade went to The Natural History Museum in Cleveland on Monday, December 3rd. The students saw a program called "Indian Star Stories" and were able to explore the museum, see dinosaur bones, see artifacts from Ohio's ancient people, learn about the flight of birds, and much more. The fourth grade would like to thank the PTG for providing the busing and the bus drivers for driving them, so they could attend the museum and have this wonderful experience.



MOCK TRIAL EXPERIENCE

On December 6th, Mrs. Dempsey's 5th grade gifted reading class participated in a Mock Trial experience sponsored by the Educational Service Center of Lorain County. The event was held at the Lorain County Justice Center in Elyria, where gifted classes in grades 5 through 8 from area school districts met to try their cases in real courtrooms, with real judges and attorneys who were willing to share their time and expertise with the students.

Students worked hard to prepare for mock trial. Critical thinking was crucial to studying the case as they discovered facts and evidence used to question witnesses. Learning courtroom terminology, witness examination, forming objections, and creating opening and closing statements were all challenging, but exciting parts of the process. Magistrate Adam Bryda of the Lorain County Court System visited the classroom to work closely with the students and offer advice about the trial process.

On the day of the field trip, the class stepped into the courtroom as 5 young defense attorneys. They prepared opening and closing statements, as well as questions for direct and cross exam of 6 witnesses. The defense attorneys confidently played their parts, which demanded listening closely for details and demonstrated their ability to think on their feet. One student was thrilled to have his objection sustained! Other students served as jurors on criminal cases tried by other participating schools, and a few students even

participated as sketch artists in each courtroom. What a rewarding way to learn about our judicial system and also about future career possibilities!



NOT FORGOTTEN BOX

Thank you to the Firelands Elementary community for donating over 600 toys for the Chronicle Telegram's Not Forgotten Box collection! The toys were delivered to the Salvation Army and have been distributed to area families. A heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of love and generosity!



MINUTE TO WIN IT

On December 20th students in all grade levels had the opportunity to spend Falcon Bucks to play one Minute to Win It games in front of their peers. Students were grouped as K-1, 2-3 and 4-5. There were a total of 75 students that participated. The game they played was



Your Nose, and Marshmallow World. Participants

were awarded Falcon Bucks for playing and winning. Many laughs were had! To learn more, check with your student.

3rd Graders and Dolphins



Students in Mrs. Ollis' and Mrs. Ott's 3rd grade reading classes spent a couple of weeks in December reading a Storyworks article written by Lauren Tarshis about Saving Dolphins. In their reading, students discovered that dolphins are being harmed in many different ways such as excessive tuna fishing with nets and dolphin hunts in Japan. During their extended research, they came across a website run by the Oceanic Society in which dolphins are available for adoption. Each class decided to donate money to adopt a dolphin from the Oceanic Society. Mrs. Ott's reading classes adopted a 10 year old female dolphin named Cleo and Mrs. Ollis' reading classes adopted a 4 year female dolphin named Chance. The students enjoyed learning through their research and are excited to receive more information on their newly adopted friends in the coming weeks!



PTG

FES continues to benefit from our involved PTG (Parent Teacher Group). Their monthly meetings are one way to find out what is going on in the building and how parents can volunteer and assist. The next PTG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 7th at 4 PM. FES would like to thank the PTG for their continued support!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fundraiser begins on January 23 and ends February 6. Band concert is February 6. Yearbook orders are due February 8. Valentine's Day classroom parties will be on February 14.

FES NEWS

Aimsweb Benchmark

Aimsweb Reading Benchmarks were just completed this week. We are delighted to see many students who are showing growth. The benchmark information was also used as one of the ways to identify students who many need the small group intervention time.

Grade 3 Conferences

Our third grade teachers are meeting with families for students who are struggling with reading skills based on the fall state reading test. During the meeting, teachers will interpret both state test and Aimsweb benchmark information for our parents. In addition, they will share classroom observations and more importantly our plans to help the children grow in their reading skills.

Book Collection for Ritter Library

Through collaboration with our PTG members, FES is collecting books for Friends of Ritter Library. We have had generous donations pile in for the past week. We are always grateful for our family and community members for their giving hearts. We are also grateful for the opportunity to share the love of reading with others.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◇ **February 21st - Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-12)**
- ◇ **Spring Break will be from Friday, April 19th thru Friday April 26th.**
- ◇ **School resumes on Monday April 29th.**
- ◇ **May 24th - Graduation - 7:00 p.m.**
- ◇ **May 27th - No School for Student and Staff**
- ◇ **May 30th - Last Day for Students**

FHS NEWS

SECOND SEMESTER BEGINS—MONDAY JANUARY 14TH—The Second Semester of the 2018-19 school year is already upon us, as students should follow their second semester schedule beginning on Monday, January 14th. Most schedules will not change, but for students who are enrolled in Semester only classes, your schedule will most likely change somewhat. Please contact your school counselor for further information.

FAST EXEMPT—2ND SEMESTER—Students who desire FAST Exempt status for the 2nd Semester must apply through Mrs. Keener in the Main Office. Some sophomores may also be eligible for this status. Please note that FAST Exempt is not approved until Mrs. Keener approves your application.

GRADES AVAILABLE—First semester grades will be available in your Power School account on or about Thursday, January 17th. Please ensure your log-in capabilities for Power School.

PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR - As the calendar moves into the Second Semester of 2019, it is time for students to begin preparations for the 2019-20 school year, and for Seniors to finalize post Firelands plans, as Graduation Day, 2019, is rapidly approaching.

SENIORS—You should be meeting with Ms. Cozza to finalize your plans for college, the military, or career options. Students should be applying for scholarships and grants for the 2019-20 school year. Seniors need to be pro-active as they look for ways to help them finance their futures.

UNDERCLASS—The 2019-20 Course of Study is available on the Firelands website. Students will be meeting with their counselors in late January and early February to request courses for the 2019-20 school year. Students interested in attending the LCJVS will have opportunities for a visit in late January. Juniors will be taking a FREE SAT College Entrance test on Wednesday, March 6th. More information will be available for students as the day comes closer. All JVS Juniors will test at FHS on that date.

ACT and SAT DATES – Dates are posted on the Firelands School Counselors website. Access them at <http://www.firelandsschools.org/guidance0876.aspx>.

ALL YOU CAN EAT FRENCH TOAST, PANCAKE, & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Wakeman Masonic Lodge

24 Pleasant St.

Wakeman, OH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019

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

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Effective Leadership Academy Camp LEAD: Fish Tank Registration Now Live Locations across Greater Cleveland

Cleveland's best camp for youth leadership development is back. Registration for Effective Leadership Academy's 2019 Camp LEAD is now open at effectivela.org.

Camp LEAD, for 5th-8th graders, is offered at various school and community locations across Greater Cleveland and in Annapolis, Maryland. ELA's week-long day camp is full of custom designed activities, allowing campers to work on their social-emotional skills and leadership development. A new curriculum every year provides a unique, fulfilling experience for new and returning campers.

Camp LEAD: Fish Tank, the theme for 2019 inspired by the hit TV series Shark Tank, will utilize games and outdoor team activities to encourage healthy competition and collaboration. Campers will be given daily challenges that will help them learn to pitch ideas and negotiate for success. Campers will be encouraged to focus on goal setting, creativity, networking, critical thinking, presentation skills, effective communication and the art of self-leadership.

Camp LEAD runs Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. With more dates and locations to come, registration is currently open for the following: CAMP LOCATION DATES REGISTER South Amherst Middle (Firelands) SOUTH AMHERST June 3-7 REGISTER (\$100 ONLY)*

Midview Middle School GRAFTON June 10-14 REGISTER

Lake Ridge Academy NORTH RIDGEVILLE July 15-19 REGISTER

Hawken School LYNDHURST July 22-26 REGISTER @ HAWKEN.EDU

*South Amherst Middle Camp LEAD tuition is \$100; remainder of original cost (\$295) covered by ELA grant.

Register today to join us for a week of fun! Camp challenges will stretch personal limits, educate, empower and equip campers to take away the critical success skills needed to become a leader in today's world. Visit effectivela.org or call 216.292.8775.

MORE ABOUT EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY ELA is a youth leadership and personal growth organization that helps young people turn potential into performance by developing their most valuable assets - themselves. ELA is the "missing ingredient" in the educational environment. ELA promotes positive leadership by teaching students to think outside the box, have an open mind, and embrace change. ELA will also work with students on professional skills, such as making a good first impression, communicating effectively, learning how to network, along with other essential 21st Century leadership skills. effectivela.org

Firelands Falcons Softball Clinic



Saturday, March 16th at South Amherst Middle School

Grades: K-7 Cost: \$35 Time: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

**Camp will focus on basic fundamental skills needed at all levels of the game: fielding, hitting, throwing and more!

**The clinic will be ran by the coaching staff and the varsity softball team.

**Checks made payable to Team Firelands.

**Any questions?? Contact Coach Dostall at: sdostall01@gmail.com

**Please send payment and form to:

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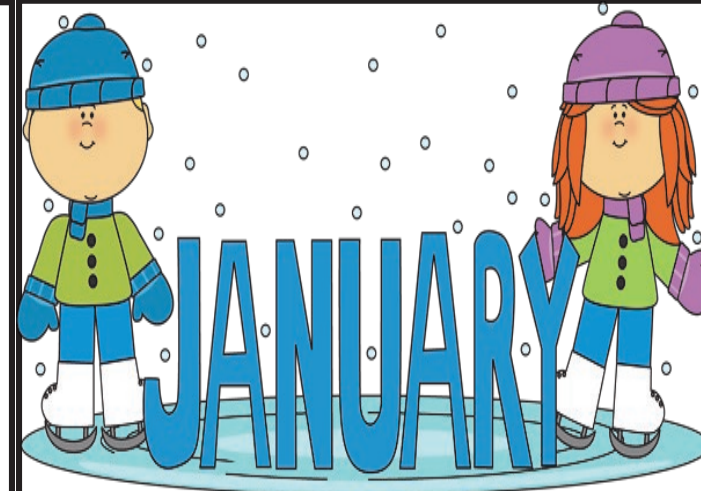
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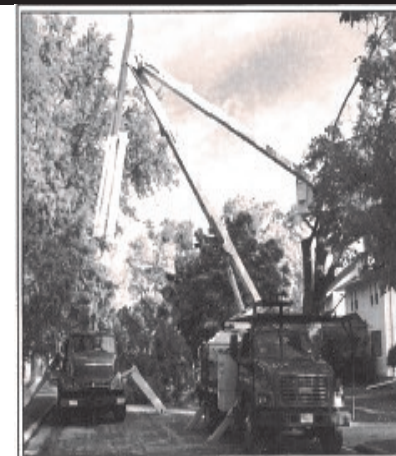


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