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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



School Facilities:

In the last few weeks the Board of Education has met several times to review possible solutions to our district facility concerns. While no formal action has been taken to place a bond issue on the ballot, the Board has been reviewing plans, including one that would build a 9-12 high school and move the middle school students to the current high school after construction of the new building. As a reminder, this is the plan our building advisory committee recommended to the Board of Education for consideration.

Firelands is a Purple Star District:

It has been our goal to provide additional support to our military families who are currently serving our Country. Military families face unique needs and I am proud to announce that each of our schools has achieved Purple Star Status. In addition, Firelands is now recognized as a Purple Star District-one of only two districts recognized with this distinction in the State of Ohio!

The Ohio Department of Education, in conjunction with Higher Education, Veterans Services and the Adjutant General, award this designation to individual school buildings that meet specific qualifications. As a district, Firelands:

- Established specialized contact personal at each building
- Created a dedicated web page featuring resources for military families
- Provided opportunities for professional development for staff
- Passed a resolution stating our support for military families
- Hosted various military friendly events at each building level

Firelands Local School District and Head Start Create Partnership:

Head Start, a federally funded program that reaches out to the youngest children, will now be offered at Firelands Elementary School. Head Start provides early childhood education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement support, at no cost, to those at the highest risk. This is a yearlong program that follows the school day calendar.

A Head Start classroom will be available (to 20 students) at Firelands Elementary School beginning in the 2018-2019 school year. Questions regarding enrollment should be directed to Stefanie Drew at (440) 204-3162.

Kindergarten Registration Continues:

All incoming in-district kindergarten families can now register for the 2018-2019 school year using our new online system, Firelands OneView at <https://firelands.esvportal.com>. You can complete the entire registration process at home by using the link above or you may schedule an appointment by calling the Board Office at (440) 965-5821. Your help in enrolling your student now for this fall is appreciated.

GO FALCONS!
Mike Von Gunten
Superintendent
FHS Class of 1995
@FLSDSuper

FIRELANDS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCEPTING OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2018 - 2019 SCHOOL YEAR

The Firelands Local School District will be accepting open enrollment applications for the 2018 - 2019 school year beginning on **Monday, April 9, 2018**. The doors will open at **7:00 am** at the Board of Education Office, 112 North Lake St., South Amherst, for parents to complete the Open Enrollment application. Firelands Open Enrollment is **tuition free**, however parents are responsible for their child's school fees.

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 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.

Deadline to apply is August 1, 2018

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING WITH YOU:
YOUR CHILD'S LAST REPORT CARD OR
TRANSCRIPT(ONLY APPLIES FOR 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**

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Firelands Artists Unstoppable in 2018 Cleveland Clinic eXpressions Exhibition



Blue Ribbon Isabel Solowiej,
Red Ribbon Devon McGinnis,
Honorable Mention Tim Street

The FHS Art Department continues its legacy with inclusion in the esteemed Cleveland Clinic eXpressions competition again this year. Three juniors have earned a place in the exhibition. **Timothy Street** takes an “honorable mention” for his wood sculpture of trees titled *Severing Life* illustrating whole leg and trans metatarsal amputation. **Devon McGinnis** takes a “red ribbon” for his mixed media sculpture about the viability of crygenically preserved tissue titled *Calidtas Melody*. **Isabel Solowiej** earned a blue ribbon for her mixed media work *Mutated Jeans* illustrating the risk of coronary artery disease a single nucleotide displacement causes in African-Americans. They join a legacy of 14 Firelands artists who have been honored in this exhibition since 2008. In a field

of 31 winning high schools, dominated by AAA schools, theirs is *the only winning work from Lorain County*. Of the nearly 1,700 works entered, less than 4% are accepted for exhibition. Of the 76 works selected, only 17 earned blue ribbons. That’s 1% of all entries.

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. The process includes research and writing to gain understanding of the topic. All 38 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.

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 recognition. 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. Voted Best in Class in Art 2 is **Mia Kuncel**. Voted Best in Class for Art 3 is **Emily Pluta**. Voted Best in Class in Art 4 is **Isabel Solowiej**. The 1st place People’s Choice award went to **Savanah Murray**.

Exhibition and Catalog

All of the award-winning submissions are featured in a full-color *eXpressions* catalog of the exhibition, which will open with a reception and dedication on Thur. Feb. 15 at the Global Center for Health Innovation in 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>



Tribe Scholars From SAMS



Students who met the requirements for academics and attendance

Sixth Grade Teachers, Mrs Budweg, Miss Bowman, Mr. Grude, Mrs. Liljegen, Mrs. Muth, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Rosso, teamed up with our hometown Cleveland Indians to recognize some of our very own All-stars. The following students met and/or exceeded the requirements set forth by the Cleveland MLB organization in the area of Math, Reading and Attendance. These students achieved the required criteria for the grading period spanning from late October through early January. Students who met the criteria for academics received a Cleveland Indians Pen, while those students who met the requirements for academics AND attendance received a Cleveland Indians Pen, a notebook, a baseball card and a magnet. All students who met these criteria received a signed certificate from the official Cleveland Indians organization.

In addition to this list of outstanding scholars **Joshua Kovach** received the designated **Tribe Scholar Role Model award**. This is a prestigious award that is given to a middle school student who displays character traits that are recognized by their peers as well as the teaching staff.



Parents Becky & Steve Kovach and brother Jacob.

Congratulations to all of SAMS’s Tribe Scholars from the first semester: Colin Adkins, Logan Bass, Jocelyn Bednar, Angela Beno, Nathan Bodak, Olivia Bonomlo, Machaela Clark, Jack Copley, Amanda DeWitt, Nathan Draga, Nathaniel Duke, Tyler Ebert, Reagan Evans, Olivia Flanagan, Ava Fontaine, Jada Fortier, William Frederick, Logan Galagan, Amy Gerber, Nikolas Gotsis, Xavier Harper, Roberta Harrison, Brielle Hayslett, Chloe Hilton, Alexander Kalassay, Trace Karolak, Marley Klekota, Joshua Kovach, Wes Krafcik, Kalley Leimbach, Lucas Lowe, John Matthewson, Benjamin Medina, Grace Mills, Dyllon Partin, Lauren Phillips, Christopher Radman, Rileigh Roule, Zoie Scheuer, Hannah Sigsworth, Ginevra Smith, Katrina Steindl, Allison Stewart, Mia Sutorius, KaraLynn Sweinhagen, Grace Tansey, Allison Tuggle, Logan Urban, Cole VonGunten, Jorja Weber, Madilyn Weller, Michael Widener.



Students who met the criteria for academics

FHS NEWS

FHS MOVING TO SAT IN 2018-19 – Firelands High School will be offering the SAT for Juniors, pending ODE continuation of this program, in the Spring of 2019. Data has shown, over the last two years that the FHS students' grades, especially in English-Language Arts, correlate more directly to performance on the SAT and PSAT. Combined with offering the PSAT to our Freshman, Sophomores, and select Juniors in 2018-19, the Class of 2020 will have available to them, at no cost, an online SAT preparation program which is tailored to their past PSAT scores through Khan Academy. SAT will also be coming to FHS next fall to present an overview of the PSAT/SAT program to students and parents. Student SAT accounts will give them a tie-in to college and career readiness materials through the College Board website and their SAT account. Look for more information on this new opportunity for the students of FHS as we grow closer to the start of the 2018-19 school year. The SAT is an accepted college entrance test throughout the United States and will be the free college entrance test that Firelands High School offers its' Junior class next year, pending continuation of the free College Entrance test provided by the Ohio Department of Education.

SENIOR BOOKLET FOR THE CLASS OF 2018 – The Senior Booklet of Information for the Class of 2018 will be available the week of March 19th in Counseling Services, and on-line on the Firelands High School website. This booklet will spell out the last two months of activities for the Class of 2018, including information about prom, senior finals, and graduation. Please look for the booklet in the Counseling Services office.

FHS STUDENT GROUPS SHINE – Congratulations to the Band and Choir for qualifying to the State OMEA Competitions in late April. Also, congratulations to our Academic Challenge team, who remain undefeated in PAC competition and take on Avon later in the month with a chance to move onto Semi-Final County competition in the High School Quiz Bowl.

BURGDORF AND LIPCOMB SHINE IN COLUMBUS – Congratulations to Payton Burgdorf and Sean Lipscomb for qualifying to the State Wrestling Championships in Columbus the weekend of March 8-10. Burgdorf, a two-time state qualifier at 106 lbs, won his first two matches to move onto the State Semi-Finals. Lipscomb also won his first match at 285 lbs and has moved onto to the State Quarterfinals, but dropped a tough pin in the third period to fall into the Consolation Bracket. Burgdorf also fell into the Consolation Bracket after a tough Semi-Final loss. Both wrestlers finished sixth in the tournament in their weight class, good enough to qualify as All-Ohio Wrestlers, helping Firelands set a record for state placers (2) and total state points (20).

APRIL AND MAY – STATE END-OF-COURSE (EOC) TESTING – Students and Parents should look for a letter to be sent home from Firelands High School by March 19th, detailing State End-of-Course testing for students currently taking English I, English II, Algebra, Geometry, US History, Biology, and American Government. Students must accumulate 18 points on these tests to be eligible to graduate, or qualify by earning a non-remediation score on the ACT or SAT College Entrance test. This letter will also give details on how to access a student's current EOC accumulated points, and if they have met the Ohio State requirement of 18 points on these seven tested areas.

SAMS NEWS

A group of selected students joined together to form a local history group. This group gathered together to do research about the local history of our Firelands community and bordering areas. They then put together a slide show and display board of their findings for our Firelands Showcase Night. This was the first year for the group and they did a great job putting it all into a wonderful presentation. The members of the group were:

6TH GRADE MEMBERS

Led by Mrs. Palmer

Grace Tansey
Mia Sutorius
Allison Tuggle
Kate Steindl
Cohl Greene
Riley Roule
Jocelyn Bednar

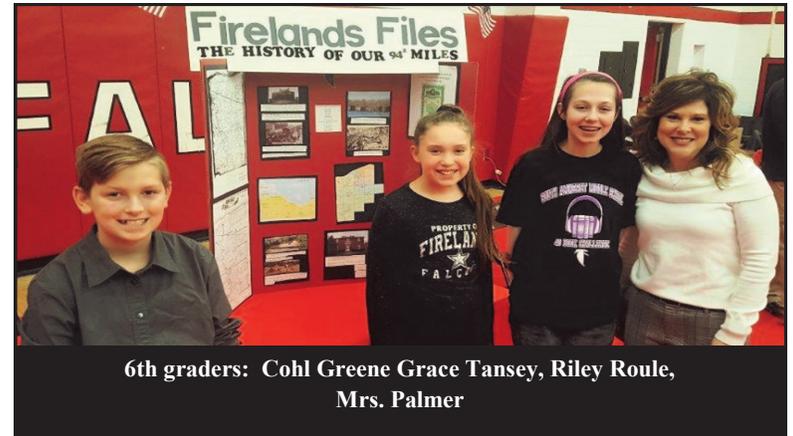
7TH GRADE

MEMBERS:
Mrs. Liljegren's
Social Studies
students:
3rd period class

8TH GRADE MEMBERS

Led by Mr. Carlock

Violet Daley
Rachael Rennie
Macalan Mitchell
Gemma Hager



6th graders: Cohl Greene Grace Tansey, Riley Roule, Mrs. Palmer

SAMS FIELD TRIPS

6th grade: Beulah Beach

- Deposits due by February 15
- Balance due by April 12
- Trip May 21-23

7th Grade: Put-In- Bay

- Information will be available in February
- Money due mid-April
- Trip May 24

8th grade: Philadelphia

- March 23: Medical Emergency form, Medication paperwork, roommate request form and cell phone registration form due.
- April 11: Final Payment for students due
- April 11: Prescriptions and over-the-counter meds due in office (3 day supply, in original container, must be brought in by adult)
- April 27: Final Payment for chaperones due
- Trip May 9-11

Save the Date

LUNCH AND A SHOW FOR
OUR RETIRED STAFF AND
COMMUNITY SENIOR
CITIZENS

SOUTH AMHERST
MIDDLE SCHOOL

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018

LUNCH & A SPECIAL SHOWING OF THE
SPRING MUSICAL, PETER PAN: A MUSICAL
ADVENTURE, PRESENTED BY THE 7TH AND
8TH GRADE CHOIR STUDENTS.



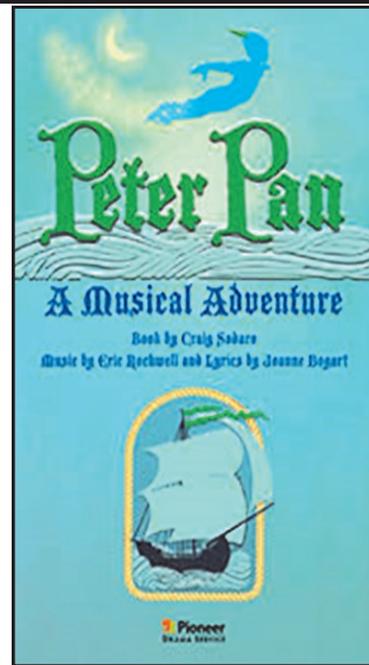
South Amherst 7th and 8th Grade Musical

Peter Pan

A Musical Adventure

by Craig Sodaro

Come one, Come all to the 24th annual South Amherst Musical. The 7th and 8th grade choir members will be presenting on the SAMS stage, *Peter Pan, a Musical Adventure*. Come and see many familiar characters and even some new ones perform at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 27 and Wednesday, March 28. Tickets are on sale now during school hours. Reserved floor seats are \$5.00 and General bleacher seats are \$3.00. You may also purchase tickets on the nights of the performances. Come support the arts!!



Ian Valerius Tops State in Jr. Duck Stamp Contest

It has been a career goal for senior Ian Valerius to take first place in the state of Ohio for the National Jr. Duck Stamp competition and this year his dream come true. Ian's oil painting on panel of a Green-Winged Teal won "Best in Show" in the state and is now representing Ohio in the national competition.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service started a student version of the National Duck Stamp contest in 1993. Over 27,300 students enter across all 50 states, districts and territories annually. One national winning art work

is produced on a \$5 postage stamp sought after by collectors. All of the proceeds from the sale of this stamp goes directly into the art competition and environmental education activities for student participants.

National jurying continues in April in Bismarck, North Dakota where all 50+ finalists' works are assembled. In addition to his state "Best in Show" awards, Ian is in the running for scholarships if he is among the top three nationally. If Ian's work is selected as the national winner, it will serve as the official design for the 2018 Junior Duck Stamp. He and one parent will be hosted at the official "first day of sale" ceremony this summer. Ian's original painting will circulate in a national tour of "Best in Show" for one year.

Ian began this painting in November 2017 by studying and selecting an indigenous duck of North America. He picked the Green-Winged Teal because he loved the colors and thought it would be a challenge to paint. He worked to the deadline at school and at home, allowing time for the delicate oil paints to cure before shipping his painting to Oak Harbor for state jurying. Last year Ian won an "Honorable Mention" for the state which encouraged and motivated him this year. This is a *Firelands First* and the first time in over 20 years that any Lorain County art student won "Best in Show" for the state in this competition.



Ian Valerius, Green-Winged Teal,

Sixth Annual Day With a Prince and Princess Pancake Breakfast



Come dressed as your favorite prince or princess (optional)
for an

All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast

Saturday March 24th, 2018 from 9:00 am- 11:30 am
at South Amherst Middle School located at 152 West Main
(State Route 113)

Cost of the breakfast is your generous donation at the door.
All are welcome the morning of the event but there is a prize
for any children who preregisters (see below)

Enjoy face-painting, crown-making, a nail polish station, and
make-and-take swords. Create an autograph book to have
all the Princes and Princesses sign.

Enjoy singing and dancing by our senior Select Choir
members dressed in costume.

Pictures and raffle basket tickets available for a nominal
charge.

Please RSVP by March 21st via voicemail or text to Drema
Bolen 440-387-9006. Please include the number of adults
attending and the number and names of any children
attending.

FES NEWS

First Grade Serving Those that Serve

During the holidays, FES 1st graders helped Eaton Grange donate to Project Rudolph. Students decorated bags and Grange members filled them with hard candies and homemade ornaments. These gifts were then sent to service men and women that were deployed over the holidays. We are so proud of how our staff and students continue to demonstrate their kindness.

Second Graders Learning about Flight

A member of The OSU extension program for Lorain County visited all of the second grade classrooms at FES. She provided a fun and engaging afternoon of science for our students. The students learned about the different forces of flight and had the opportunity to test airplanes inside the classroom. We made two different models of airplanes that we were able to create together and take home after the lesson. For more information and science based activities to do at home, please visit their website. www.ohio4-H.org/10-minute-science



Second Graders Reading Directions to Make Something Fun

Strawberries, angel food cake, and whip topping, oh my... Equals energetic and focused second graders. Recently second graders in Miss Schuster and Mrs. Hignett's class put their reading into action and followed technical procedures that they read about during guided reading groups to create some deliciousness. The students made strawberry shortcake, grilled cheese sandwiches, and a pine cone bird feeder during their reading centers time. Second graders are learning how to describe connections between a series of historical events, scientific ideas, and steps in technical procedures in a text that pertains to time, sequence, and cause and effect. All students enjoyed the fruit of their labor!



Verb Ballet Performance

On February 12, students in grades K-2 were able to see a ballet performance of "Peter and the Wolf." This opportunity was provided by ORMACO (Ohio Regional Music Arts and Cultural Outreach). It was a wonderful performance and the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Third and Fourth Grade Spelling Bee

Our 3rd and 4th grade Spelling Bee was held on Wednesday, March 7. A great job was done by all. Participants included: Preston Kirschner, Justin Wagner, Dylan Rehak, Evan Meszaros, Ashton Lutz, Nina Rendeiro, Dilynn Copley, Jack Shepherd, Cara Thomas, Kylie Sutorius, Logan Holt, Matt Bednar, Jordyn Copley, Jordyn Simpson, Kayla Aslaksen, Daniel Trimble, Alex Dieckhoner and Alexis Schrader. The top finishers were as follows: 1st place went to Jack Shepherd; 2nd place to Alex Dieckhoner; 3rd place to Justin Wagner; and 4th place to Daniel Trimble. The four finalists will go on to compete at the Lorain County Spelling Bee on Friday, May 4th at Midview Middle School. Congratulations to all of the participants and good luck to our top four who move on!



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, April 12 at 4:00 pm in the FES library. We look forward to your attendance to provide input for upcoming events. A few of the events will be the Father/Daughter Dance, Mother/Son Dance, and Field Day. Order forms and payment for the Mama Jo's pie and gift card fundraiser are due back to the school by Tuesday, March 20th.

Pies and gift cards will be available for pickup on Thursday, March 29 from 3:45 to 6 PM in the cafeteria. Thank you for supporting our PTG!

Additional Safety Procedures

FES will be taking additional safety procedures to finish out the 17-18 school year. First, we will take steps in the office when visitors buzz at the front door. Before the office staff open the doors to allow entry into the building, we will be asking the visitor "Please state your name and purpose of the visit." All visitors will continue to go be checked in through the Raptor using a driver's license. When students are picked up, we will be confirming the identity of any individual picking up a student by requesting a photo ID and checking the EMA form for list of adults.

Preschool

Firelands Schools has entered a partnership with Head Start to have a preschool housed at FES during the 2018-19 school year. Head Start will begin advertising and sending out information in the near future. Their staff will also attempt to be present at events (Parent Teacher Conferences, Firelands Showcase, and Kindergarten Registration) to answer questions by community members. Please feel free to contact Stefanie Drew, Family Health & Community Services Specialist at 440-204-3162 or sdrew@lcaa.net if you would like more information.

Kindergarten Registration

Our kindergarten registration has started, please use the link provided to start the registration process. Please know that when you register, you will also be asked to schedule a time for kindergarten screening which will be held on May 23. Please schedule soon in order to find a convenient time for your screening appointment. We are excited to meet our newest Falcons.

<https://firelands.esvportal.com/CreateAccount.aspx>

Upcoming Events

The magazine and cookie dough fundraiser pick up will be Monday, March 26 from 3:45-5:30. Pick up for the Mama Jo's fundraiser through the PTG will be Thursday, March 29 from 3:45 to 6. Thank you for your support with these fundraisers. The spelling bee for 5th graders from FES and 6th graders from SAMS will be on Monday, March 19 at 4:30. This will be held at SAMS. Spring Break begins with no school on Friday, March 30. We will return to class on Monday, April 9. We hope you all enjoy time with your loved ones.

April 9 at 7 PM is the BOE meeting at the Board Office.

Three SAMS students competed in the preliminary round of the Chronicle-Telegram Lorain County Spelling Bee on March 9th among 27 students from 10 different schools. Joseph Formholtz, Amber Orlandi, and Madisyn Jessel qualified by competing in the SAMS 7th/8th grade spelling bee in February where Joe came in 1st place, Amber in 2nd, and Madisyn in 3rd. All three students did a great job representing SAMS at the county bee; Joe and Amber qualified for the final round on March 23rd at Avon Middle School for a chance to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. later this year. Good Luck Joe and Amber!



Joe Formholtz

Finalist in county spelling bee
3rd place in preliminary round;
Champion of SAMS 7th/8th spelling bee



Amber Orlandi

Finalist in county spelling bee; 2nd place in SAMS 7th/8th spelling bee



Madisyn Jessel

Participant in county spelling bee;
3rd place in SAMS 7th/8th spelling bee

Falcon Fuel

Mrs. Ammar's class at South Amherst Middle School has started a coffee shop called Falcon Fuel. The coffee shop was able to start thanks to the Friends of Firelands Grant and the Jim and Gail Meinke Grant. The class made a grocery list for everything needed for the coffee shop and then took a trip to Wal-Mart to shop for the items. The teachers and staff within the middle school and the Board of Education order their iced tea or iced coffee through our Falcon Fuel Ordering Form. The students then each have a designated job; Order Taker, Barista, Barista Assistant, and Product Manager. The Order Taker reads the order forms and makes a designated label. The Barista will brew the iced coffee or the iced tea. The Barista Assistant then reads the label and adds the designated creamers, sugars, or flavored syrups. The Product Manager finishes the drinks by topping it off with ice, stirring the drink, and then placing a lid on top. Once all drinks are finished the class delivers the drinks to the classrooms or offices. The students will greet the customers, collect their money, and give

change back if needed. Through this experience the students have been able to learn the skills they will need when holding a real job. The students have learned and grown so much! The funds that have been raised with be split in between an event for the students at the end of the year and invested in the continuation of the coffee shop. The Falcon Fuel Shop was also presented at the Firelands Showcase. The students had the chance to tell community members about their experience. Falcon Fuel would love to say thank you to the teachers and staff who have participated in the coffee shop and for helping the students learn through the steps as well.



Firelands FFA Held a School-Wide Hunger Breakfast Simulation

Oberlin, OH - The Firelands FFA designed and executed a student-lead hunger simulation on February 6th in the high school cafeteria. Freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior student-leaders from the school were invited to attend as participating members of society with a fake identity and financial standing. Each invited individual was given mock-money and assigned an economic class; such as upper class, middle class, lower class, and homeless. Throughout the demonstration, the high schoolers were given a menu of breakfast foods with prices and asked to plan to their purchases and spendings based on the amount of mock-money they were given in the beginning. Homeless start-

ed with no money, lower class had a few dollars, middle class had a fair amount, and upper class had more money than they needed. Pretend tax-collectors and real world situations such as divorce or injury, commonly resulted in individuals losing a few dollars here and there; which made it even harder for the majority of people to buy the food. Harvest obstacles occurred as well, such as spoiled crops and flooding; which affected the price of food and made it difficult to finance buying more expensive (but healthier) protein; and led to most paying for cheap carbohydrates and less filling food.

The Business Management class wrote the plan and designed the simulation. The officers of the FFA chapter and Business Management Class ran this mock demonstration that included common economic trends and

hardships that majority of citizens face every day. Just as the simulation left some students hungry in the end, many local families and children go to bed hungry every night. The more affordable breakfast foods were processed or composed of sugars and fat that didn't give long lasting energy; similar to fast and processed foods that food-insecure families eat every day. The demonstration brought attention to the harsh reality that many people in your own community face the challenge of not knowing where their next meal is coming from, and if it will supply a healthy amount of nutrients to keep them full. The chapter invited a speaker from Second Harvest Food Bank to present current statistics and information to the students after the demonstration was over. Throughout the entire presentation, there was an abundance of information shared about productive ways to help the people in your community; such as time donation, nutritious food donations, spreading knowledge about the issue, and much more. Overall, the students involved with the demonstration learned a great deal about the challenges that families face and the facts that hungry people deal with every single day; including not knowing if there will be food on their plates the next day.

To help your local food bank, contact Second Harvest at [\(440\) 960-2265](tel:440-960-2265)

Respectfully submitted,
Macey Butchko 17-18
Reporter



CURRICULUM NEWS

OhioMeansJobs.com

The OhioMeansJobs is a partnership with local organizations that deliver a comprehensive system of high quality, customer friendly services designed to meet your education, training, employment and supportive needs. OhioMeansJobs offers services for employers and job seekers. OhioMeansJobs.com is free, and serves all Ohioans.

The OhioMeansJobs can help with all of your employment, education and training needs. The OhioMeansJobs system goes beyond helping you hire to ensure you are able to retain and develop a strong employment base that meets the demands of the ever changing workplace.

OhioMeansJobs K-12 can help even young students find careers that match their interests. They can learn what it takes to find a job they love, get help with their resumes, learn about internships and part-time jobs if they're old enough, and plan the kind of life they want to have.

OhioMeansJobs K-12 is a one-stop shop for students, teachers and parents. Check out the website for more information.

Firelands Adopts a New Math and Social Studies Curriculum

Firelands will adopt a new HMH series in Math (K-8) and Social Studies (6-12) starting in August 2018. The teacher teams met several times during January and February with different vendors to select the best resource for our district. The teacher teams met with their grade levels/departments to discuss the pros and cons of each resource. The overall decision of the district was to go with both the HMH Math and Social Studies series which meets the alignment of standards, a rigorous curriculum and a good understanding of depth of knowledge per subject area. Thank you to everyone who participated on those teacher teams.

Firelands Online Registration is a Success

The district held its first online registration at the board office on March 5th, 6th and 7th. It was a good turnout of parents registering their kindergartener for school in the fall. If you missed the registration dates, please go online and register or call Jackie Swiers (440-965-5821 x1024) to set up an appointment at the board office. Registration for next school year (grades 1-12) begins May 1st. Please go online to complete the registration process or call for an appointment.

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, multiple Twitter accounts, Facebook, text alerts, and web page banners to share important information. We recommend that parents/guardians choose at least **two** methods to receive information from the Firelands Local Schools.

Our communication tools include the following:

1) All Call Alert System: If your telephone number or custodial information has changed, please contact your building secretary to notify her of the change(s). **If you have made a change to your phone number, our database must be updated in order for parent calls to be initiated.** Please see the information below to contact the appropriate building to make phone number (or custody) updates:

- Firelands Elementary School: (440) 965-5381
- South Amherst Middle School: (440) 986-7021
- Firelands High School: (440) 965-4255

2) 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 Saylor)

3) Facebook: We have created The Official Facebook page for Firelands! Like us at **The Firelands Falcons**

Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/TheFirelandsFalcons>. <https://www.facebook.com/TheFirelandsFalcons> to stay connected.

4) 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.

5) Web Page Notifications:

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

6) Blog

Click our Blog tab & sign up for inbound blog posts @ <https://ffalcons.nordpress.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!

Friends of Firelands Membership Drive 2017-2018

Friends of Firelands is a 503c non-profit organization that's sole purpose is to positively support the staff, students, and communities that make up Firelands Local Schools.

Please consider being a part of our organization by taking part in our 2017-2018 membership drive. Memberships will be \$20.00 each, and with that membership you will receive a one-of-a kind free T-shirt available in adult sizes small – 2X with the design below.



Any Questions? Feel free to contact FoF President, Ellen Gundersen at friendsoffirelands@gmail.com.

Attention: Girls going into 3rd-6th grade

Firelands Youth Cheerleading Squad

In association with the Firelands Youth Football League



Informational Parent Meeting

When: Monday, May 21st

Where: Firelands Elementary Gym

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$150 (includes uniform, pom-poms, hoodie, and t-shirt) for new members

*Please bring your daughter for sizing to the meeting

*Details for the season will be provided at the meeting

Questions: Please call Jackie Ziegler at (440) 315-5178 or email at jaquelineziegler@mrcs.k12.oh.us

*Please bring payment to the parent meeting ©

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

THANK YOU!!!

To all of the FLSD staff, volunteers, donors, sponsors, and especially our guests who attended the 3rd annual FOF Fundraising event Saturday March 10, 2018 at German's Villa.

Words cannot express the pride and respect this educational community exhibits when everyone pulls together to create something good for kids! It is such an honor to serve this school district and community.

Please be sure to look for any upcoming events sponsored by FOF during the upcoming year, for without all of your support, these programs could not be provided.

Respectfully,
Ellen Gundersen
FOF President 2015-2018

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7th Grade Teachers	Cleveland Cinemas-Apollo Oberlin	Firelands Country Store	Maver, Bob	Post
8th Grade Teachers	Cleveland Metro Parks Zoo & Rainforest	Five Star Nails	Memphis Kiddie Park	Schaffer, Cheryl
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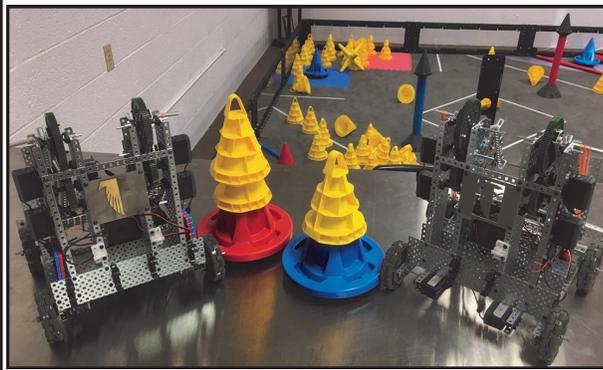
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Firelands Robotics Team

The Firelands Robotics Team recently wrapped up its second season competing in VEX robotics competitions. This year's game was called In the Zone and involved scoring points for stacking cones and moving goals autonomously and with driver control. Changes this season included adding two additional competitions bringing the total to three traveling to Norwalk, Elyria, and Lorain. This year's team put in many long hours from September through February designing, building, and programming a more complex, customized robot. Their efforts were especially evident at Norwalk and Elyria where they qualified high enough to participate in the tournament portion of the competition and made it to the final round at Elyria. Looking to next season, members of the Firelands Robotics Team are excited in anticipation of the new VEX game set to be released on April 28th with a new technologically advanced VEX V5 control system that will offer more programming capabilities. The robotics season resumes this fall when applications will be accepted for next year's teams. Thank you to all parents, sponsors, and community members for supporting the students of the Firelands Robotics Team.



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Location: Firelands High School Band Room
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: 3rd Tuesday of Each Month

Date/Time	Event	Topic for Discussion
10/17/17 7:00	General Business Meeting	Basketball Concessions Parade of Bands Marching Season Updates
11/21/17 7:00	General Business Meeting	Christmas Concert Basketball Concessions
1/16/18 7:00	General Business Meeting	Spring Trip Mattress Sale/Mulch Sale Basketball Concessions
2/20/18 7:00	General Business Meeting	OMEA Competition Spring Trip
3/21/18 7:00	General Business Meeting	Pancake Breakfast Mulch Sale Band Banquet
4/18/18 7:00	General Business Meeting	Parades Nomination of Officers Band Banquet
5/16/18 7:00	General Business Meeting	Election of Officers Band Camps

For more information, please contact us via email at firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com

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Cheerleader Name & Info: (As it appears on Birth Certificate) Please complete ALL information

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Grade 2018-2019
School Year

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Parent / Guardian Info:

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Father's Name _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

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Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ date _____

Insurance Information Insurance Co.: _____

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Signature _____ Relationship _____ Date _____

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