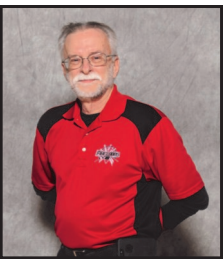


FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

In this month's edition of the Firelands Express, I am pleased to highlight just a few of the accomplishments of our dedicated staff. Our District is truly fortunate to have such wonderful, caring people work with our students.



Steve Lias has been employed with Firelands since 1999 as a high school science teacher. On March 24th, Mr. Lias was inducted into the Lorain County Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame during the Boys All-Star games at Avon Lake High School. Coach Lias was the Head Boys Basketball Coach at Firelands for 12 years, as well as serving as a former Athletic Director at Firelands High School. Coach Lias started his career as the Head Coach at Elyria Catholic, where he led the Panthers to a Division II Regional berth, before coming to Firelands in 1999. Coach Lias led the Falcons to a Sectional Final game in 2002 against LeBron James and Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary and later led the Falcons to Lorain County Conference titles in both 2003 and 2005. Coach Lias remains the Head Track Coach, Assistant Cross-Country Coach, and teaches Science at FHS, including the Lorain County Community College Anatomy and Physiology courses. Congratulation Coach Lias on this much deserved honor.



Coach Ken Davis has been the Falcon's bowling coach for the majority of the program's existence, beginning with the 2001 season. Coach Davis recently received the 2019 North Shore Bowling Conference Coach of the Year Award. Although Coach Davis announced he is resigning after 18 years, he has committed to returning next year to help with the



transition to a new coach. Thanks to coach Davis for being a wonderful role model for our student athletes.



Service best describes the life of Mrs. Annie Knoble. Mrs. Knoble has retired after keeping the official book for Firelands Boys Basketball for 27 years. In addition, Mrs. Knoble volunteered in the boosters concession stand for 18 years and was a 4H advisor for 35 years. In recognition of her years of service, Mrs. Knoble was the recipient of the 2019 Service Award at this year's Athletic Administrator's Association Dinner. Thank you, Mrs. Knoble, for your many years of service to our students and community.



Mrs. Bonnie Saltis will be retiring in April from Firelands Local School District after 35 years of dedicated service as a bus driver. Mrs. Saltis started her employment as a driver for the South Amherst School District in June of 1984 and is the last employee of Firelands that was originally hired by the South Amherst School District. Mrs. Saltis has driven approximately 504,000 miles with no at fault accidents in her career! In addition to driving, Mrs. Saltis has also served as the secretary for the transportation department since 2000. Best wishes to you, Mrs. Saltis, on a much deserved retirement.



Mrs. Laura Tawil currently has her own artwork on display at Lorain County Community College. Current and retired art teachers in grades 7-12 from Lorain, Erie and Huron counties who have participated in the Lorain County Region Scholastic Art Awards program with their students' work were invited to the group exhibitions. "Teaching the Future in the Past and Present" is organized and hosted by the Beth K. Stocker Gallery of the Lorain County Community College. The exhibit runs through April 5th. Congratulations to Mrs. Tawil on having five of her pieces on display.



Congratulations to FHS Head Girls' Basketball Coach Dave Kudela on being named the Lorain County Division II Coach of the Year. The Firelands Girls' finished third place in the Patriot Athletic Conference this past season. Congratulations to Coach Kudela on completing his 17TH season as the Lady Falcons basketball coach.

Mike Von Gunten
Superintendent
FHS Class of 1995
@FLSDSuper

Curriculum News:

Kindergarten Registration is a Success

The district held our online kindergarten registration at the board office on March 4th 5th and 6th. Many families participated in the registration process at the board office. If you missed the registration dates, please go to our online system-OneView-to begin the registration process. Please use this link <https://firelands.esvportal.com/> to access our online registration system. If you prefer to come to the board office and register, please contact Jackie Swiers (440-965-5821 x 1024) or jswiers@firelandsschools.org to set up an appointment.

Firelands Student Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year

Registration can begin for all students in our online registration system, OneView, at <https://firelands.esvportal.com/>. You can complete the registration at home by using the link above. Please click on the "Student Registration" tab of the Firelands home page for additional information. Computers are available at the Firelands Board of Education, located at 112 North Lake Street in South Amherst.

The following documents can either be uploaded in OneView, emailed to Jackie Swiers at jswiers@firelandsschools.org, or brought in to the Firelands Board of Education:

- ⇒ your child's birth certificate
- ⇒ 2 proofs of residency
- ⇒ parent/guardian photo id
- ⇒ immunization record
- ⇒ custody papers if they apply

If you have any other general questions about the registration process, please call or email Jackie using the information provided above.

AIR State Testing

Firelands Local School District will begin state assessments in March and April. The students will be assessed in different subject areas per grade. The teachers and students have worked hard in preparation for these assessments.

Refer to the district's website at www.firelandsschools.org/DirectorofAcademicServices.aspx, for our testing schedule.

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 news-letter 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.

SAMS NEWS

This is the time of year that some things are wrapping up, and others are getting really exciting. Winter sports have ended and track is beginning. Robotics just finished along with the steel drum band.

Our FAST and Zap groups are working hard before and after school. Thank you to the dedicated parents who bring students and the teachers for always being willing to participate in any way to help our kids.

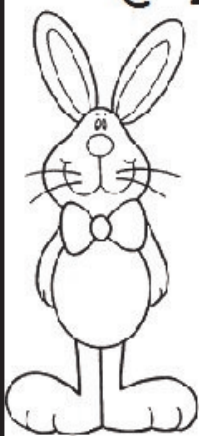
The students are working hard on the musical that will take place at the end of March. We will be working on preparing for our NJHS induction coming up in April.

We had our first Family Skate Night which was held on March 12th, at Lorain Skate World.

We are preparing for state testing, both with review lessons in classrooms and with the technology department.

It is hard to believe the year is wrapping up. It seems to go faster each year.

Join The Sanctuary in the hunt for
10,000 eggs!
Saturday, April 20, 2019
@ 11AM - 3 PM



- FREE to community
- SAMS Soccer Field rain or shine event
- Ages 0 - 10
- Facepainting, Petting Zoo, Photo Booth, Games, Balloons, Music...

IF YOU ARE ABLE - We're accepting donations of baby diapers (all sizes) for Cornerstone Pregnancy Center.

Easter Eggstravaganza

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.

A Night of One Acts at FHS

Firelands High School Drama Production for 2019



Production Date and Time: April 11th at 7:00pm in the Firelands High School Gymnasium.

Admission: This production is FREE for all to attend.

Composed of: The night will be composed of three one-act plays.

Play 1: The first play to be performed is “The 9 Worst Breakups of All Time” by Ian McWethy.

Description: You think your breakup was bad? Eve Tonsil, an employee of the nonprofit company “Relationships for a Better Tomorrow” is here to take you on a tour of the nine worst breakups of all time, from the Cro-Magnon era to the Civil War, to a smattering of modern-day breakups. A comedy that proves that no matter how hard someone has stomped on your heart...it could always be worse.

Play 2: The second play to be performed is “10 Reasons You Should Have Stayed Home Sick Today” by E.M. Bell.

Description: Nostalgic for your high school days? Then you haven't been there lately. Take a tour of high school's everyday horrors, from the dreaded surprise test to the battle for a bus seat, courtesy of an ensemble of students who play everyone from the tone-deaf choir kid to the teacher who talks at a snail's pace. Yeah, you're definitely gonna wish you took a sick day.

Play 3: The third play to be performed is “Oz” by Don Zolidis.

Description: Reeling from her sister's death, Beth suddenly finds herself journeying through a world suspiciously resembling the film The Wizard of Oz. But with the yellow brick road sold to foreign investors after a financial meltdown, the Scarecrow reveling in his ignorant bliss, the Cowardly Lion acting like a paranoid sociopath, and the Tin Man embracing his emotional numbness, Beth wonders what role she plays in this classic story gone awry. A hilarious and heart-wrenching exploration of grief and perseverance on the road to acceptance.

Any other drama productions? This is the last drama production for the remainder of the 2018/2019 school year. This is Mrs. Callahan's final production for her career at Firelands High School.

Teacher: Mrs. Callahan

Directed by: Mrs. Anne Callahan

2nd period Cast and Crew: Boetticher, Lexi Boose, Lauren Deidrick, Sidney Dempsey, Mary Denney, Evin Dickel, Jadeyn Guillemot, Kevin Gurchik, Jayden Johnson, Breanna Kelly, Josh Kraus, Nate Lima, Danny Loyd, Kaya Schmitz Abbey Sherban, Emma Striker, Gillian Wotton, Cole Yost, Josh

4th period Cast and Crew: Bower, Alexis Burgdorf, Payton Davis, Aurora Hess, Siera Hogan, Jacquie Kitts, Tim Kopocs, Morgan Phillips, Peyton Prideaux, Veronica Reyna, Lorenzo Roland, Rachel Smith, Alex Smith, Angie Stark, Colin Tennant, Mad-dy Thomas, Brooke Thompson, Kendall Thompson, Nathan

5/6th period Cast and Crew: Balas, Matthew Bartish, Anne Berry, Kaitlin Borton, Ian Clawson, Hunter Crawford, Ashley Jessel, Steven Landreth, Julia McClintock, Noah Mitchell, Macalan Moore, Madison Ortnier, Ryan Smith, Eiryn

Don't miss this special night of One-Act Plays!



Second Graders and Strawberry Shortcake

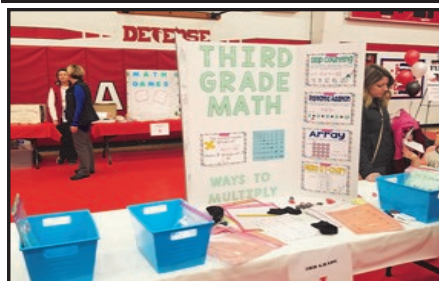
Have you ever learned how to make strawberry shortcake? The 2nd Graders in Miss Andorka's, Mrs. Hignett's, and Miss Schuster's classrooms came together to make strawberry shortcake after completing a procedural texts unit in ELA. The students put their awesome reading and listening skills to the test as they read about how to follow technical procedures in their guided reading groups.

The second graders also made connections between series of historical events, scientific ideas, and steps in a technical procedure in a text that pertains to time, sequence, and cause and effect. They made connections with reading about how to make a grilled cheese, how to make a bird feeder, the causes and effects of earthquakes, the history and timeline of M&M's, and the history and timeline of Ohio.



3rd and 4th Grade Spelling Bee

Twenty-two students competed on March 14th in our 3rd and 4th grade Spelling Bee. Congratulations to all student participants! Our top 5 spellers are: 5th place: Layla McGuire; 4th place: Garrison Lee; 3rd place: Ella Rivera; 2nd place: AJ Herbas; and our top speller—two years in a row—is Jack Shepherd. The top 4 spellers will compete in the County Spelling Bee on May 2nd.



Firelands Showcase

On March 7, community members were able to visit FHS to learn about many of the learning opportunities that occur each and every day at FES. All grade levels, art, Mr. Krieger's Tinker Space class, and Mrs. Dempsey's Gifted and Talented program were all well represented. Our Title 1 staff also delivered an event packed literacy night that included games and sno-cones. We couldn't be more proud of all that goes on each day!



SpherOlympics

Young mathematicians in Mrs. Dempsey's 4th and 5th grade math class have become experts at "on-the-spot" coding when it comes to a robot named Sphero. Each year the Educational Service Center of Lorain County hosts a STEAM competition (science, technology, engineering, art, & math) for the gifted math classes from several area school districts. This year's event was entitled "SpherOlympics." Complete with a clever "opening ceremony" and awards in the form of gold, silver and bronze medals, this was a creative, fun, and challenging event. There were 67 events in all, including our contributions of figure skating,

slalom skiing, barrel racing, golf, and basketball. Congratulations to our 4th grade team for their first place gold medal, and to our 5th grade team for their 3rd place bronze medal!



Visiting Artists Share Their Talents with Students at FES

Throughout this school year, visiting artists from the Center for Arts Inspired Learning are sharing their talents with students at Firelands Elementary School. This arts programming is made possible through a grant from the Firelands Endowment Fund, which has been graciously awarded to the children of FES for many consecutive years. At the end of February, Jim Gill presented to our 3rd-5th grade students who will be participating in Young Authors. During the month of March, 5th grade learned about the science of sound through music with Hal Walker, kindergarten learned about music and recycling through a performance with musical instruments made completely from recycled materials, and 2nd graders were able to participate in a presentation called Folk, Fun and Fairy Tales. More artists and musicians are scheduled to visit through the end of the school year!



Local Author Visits to Share Writing Expertise

Andrea Kryszak, a Lorain County lawyer and resident of the Firelands School District, recently took time from her busy life to speak with students in the gifted reading classes. Andrea and these students have something in common- they are writers! As students finished their Young Authors book writing, illustrating, and publishing, Andrea came to offer advice and inspiration. The reason for this is that she has just written and published her first book! *My Name is Curly* is a children's book about Andrea's rescue dog, Curly, and his adventures before being adopted by Andrea and her husband. The book's illustrator, Grace Schlea, who is from Westlake, also came for the visit and shared a wealth of information about the illustrating process. Thank you to both of these talented women for sharing their expertise with us!

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 April 4 at 4 pm in the FES Cafeteria. Upcoming events include the Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Dances in May. They are also currently planning other events for the end of the school year.

Upcoming Events

The BOE meeting is Monday, April 8. Students will have the opportunity to participate in Minute to Win It activities on Thursday, April 18. Students will pay (using Falcon Bucks) to play. Spring Break begins with no school on Friday, April 19. School resumes on Monday, April 29. In May, we will be hosting a Connect 4 Championship in grades K-2 and a Checkers Championship for grades 3-5. Again, students will pay (with Falcon Bucks) to enter the tournament. Please ask your FES child for more information.

2019 FIRELANDS FALCONS

BASKETBALL CAMP

JUNE 3 THROUGH JUNE 6, 2019 AT SAMS

MORNING SESSION 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS ENTERING 3RD THROUGH 6TH GRADES

AFTERNOON SESSION 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

BOYS ENTERING 7TH THROUGH 9TH GRADES

THE FALCON BASKETBALL CAMP PHILOSOPHY

The Falcon basketball camp is designed to teach young players the necessary fundamentals of the game. The skills learned at this camp combined with our skills development program can produce a successful player at the high school level. More importantly, the camp strives to teach discipline, teamwork, leadership, humility, toughness passion and compassion to help mold character and values in each camper.

EACH CAMPER WILL RECEIVE:

- Individual instruction from Firelands high school coaching staff;
- The “FALCON YOUTH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM”
- Reversible practice jersey.

THE FALCON BOY'S BASKETBALL CAMP INCLUDES:

- Daily sets of teaching stations where fundamental skills will be taught;
- One-on-one, shooting & free throw competitions & competitive team games;
- Mini lectures that develop character and mental aspects for young players;
- Camp awards ceremony (LAST HALF HOUR ON LAST DAY OF CAMP)

FALCON BASKETBALL CAMP 2019 REGISTRATION FORM

CAMPER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

GRADE NEXT YEAR _____ SCHOOL _____

SHIRT SIZE (CIRCLE) YM, AS, AM, AL, AXL

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

I HEREBY WAIVE AND RELEASE FIRELANDS SCHOOLS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR INJURIES OR ILLNESS INCURRED WHILE AT CAMP AND GIVE COACHES CONSENT TO APPLY FIRST AID AND SECURE MEDICAL CARE AS DEEMED NECESSARY

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

REGISTRATION FEE \$75 PAYABLE TO “FIRELANDS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS”

PLEASE EMAIL COACH JANUZZI AT coachjanuzzi@centurytel.net WITH CAMPER NAME, GRADE NEXT YEAR AND SHIRT SIZE (IMMEDIATE FAMILY MAX IS \$125.00) **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT – IF REGISTER BY MAY 1, 2019 PAY ONLY \$65 (\$100 FAMILY MAX)**

MAIL TO FIRELANDS H.S. ATT: COACH JANUZZI 10643 VERMILION RD, OBERLIN, OHIO 44074. FORMS CAN ALSO BE GIVEN TO COACH GRUDE AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND MR. KRIEGER AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OR JUST EMAIL COACH JANUZZI AND BRING FORM TO CAMP ON THE 3rd.

Upcoming events for the Firelands Instrumental Music Program

Special Events

April 7th Annual Pancake Breakfast at South Amherst Fire Station

May 15th Band banquet at the New Russia Township Hall

May 17th-19th 7th Grade trip to Kings Island for Music in the Parks. Good Luck and Have Fun!

Concerts

May 3rd or 4th OMEA State large group adjudicated event for the High School Band (specific date, time, and location to be determined)

May 8th High School Band Concert at FHS at 7:00 p.m.

May 22nd Middle School Band Concert at SAMS 7:00 p.m.

May 29th 5th grade band concert at FES at 7:00 p.m.

Marching Band Camp Information

June 6th and 7th Freshman Band Camp

June 10-14th Band Camp #1 for all band members

August 5th-9th Band Camp #2 for all band members



Firelands Community Youth Basketball

would like to thank the following Sponsors and Volunteers.
Without you we would not have such a great program.

Coaches

Aaron Bemmet

Candace Beury

Ben Blatt

Jim Coggins

Matt & Austin Copen

Chelsey Copley

Paul Copley

Matt DeFilippo

Andy Fortner

Patrick Finnegan

Shanna Finnegan

Lori Jameyson

Stephan Jordan

Kevin Kelley

Jason Lee

Roger Miller

Brentyn Newman

Chad Pawlik

FCYB



Coaches

Jeff Reichert

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

Text or Call
1-844-SAFEROH

WANTED

ClayBusters Youth Shooting Team



We are looking for school age youth who want to learn the sport of trap shooting.

We are **ClayBusters Youth Shooting Team**. We average about 30 youth from the Lorain, Erie, Cuyahoga and Medina Counties. We currently have 6 NRA certified coaches who will teach your child first and most importantly gun safety. We will also teach the sport of trap shooting and team camaraderie all while having fun.

OPEN HOUSE

March 30th 2 pm.-4pm.

Come out and meet the coaches and some of our current team members. If you have a gun, please bring it. All guns will be checked for safety before allowing any shooting.

We will be doing some shooting.

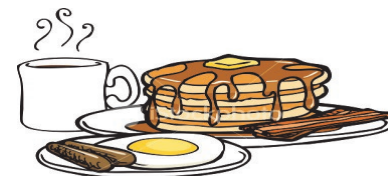
WE PRACTICE AT KIPTON SPORTSMENS CLUB - 14980 GIFFORD ROAD, OBERLIN OH 44074

For more info please call 440-320-6841 or email: claybustersohio@gmail.com



Firelands Band Boosters

Proudly Presents the Annual PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Come on out and let Band do the Cooking!

50/50 Raffle, Basket Raffles!

When: Sunday, April 7th, 8 AM – 1 PM

Where: South Amherst Fire Station

All proceeds will go to supporting the Firelands Instrumental Music Department

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

The Firelands Local School District is now accepting open enrollment applications for the **2019 - 2020** school year beginning on **Monday, February 4, 2019** and ending on **July 1, 2019**. 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:

**(FOR GRADES 9 - 12 ONLY) LAST REPORT CARD
OR TRANSCRIPT**

CURRENT IEP, WEP, OR 504 PLAN IF APPLICABLE

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

EMAIL: LSEMAN@FIRELANDSSCHOOLS.ORG

School Immunization Requirements for 2019-2020

Attention: If your child will be entering 12th grade, 7th grade or any grade for the first time -- it is now time to update immunizations. If entering school for the first time, or after attending school elsewhere, please be sure to check that your child 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). If possible, have them done and bring a copy of the record to Kindergarten screening in May.

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

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:

April 16, 2019

May 21, 2019

June 18, 2019

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TENTS: 20 x 20 = \$50, 20 x 30 = \$75, 20 x 40 = \$100

Tent Set Up Available \$40

PACKAGE: 20 x 20 Tent, 64 Chairs,
8 Tables & 2 sides for Tent for \$125

Pick Up - OR - Delivery Available

**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, then make an appointment at the Educational Service Center of Lorain County at: 440-324-5777 to make an appointment for your fingerprinting.

FHS NEWS

FEEL THE LOVE FOOD DRIVE A HUGE SUCCESS

- Thank you to everyone that helped to make the Feel the Love Food Drive a big success. Firelands FFA, Firelands Alumni, & Firelands Schools is proud to announce the final statistics of the drive at FHS. The food will be weighed upon delivery but is estimated to weigh 2000 lbs. A ton of food has a retail value of about \$3,340 according to Feeding America. The donation from FHS will provide about 1700 meals to those in need in our community. Firelands Elementary donated nearly 1000 lbs, worth about \$1,670 that will provide over 830 meals. Congratulations to Mrs. Finnegan's class for bringing in 428 non-perishables. They will receive the Alumni sponsored breakfast at FHS! Congratulations to 2nd place-Mr. Kovi's class with 118 donations, 3rd place-Mr. Gulish's class with 111.5 donations, and 4th-Mrs. Tawil's class with 104! The FFA will be providing a donut party for each of these classes on March 13th! Mrs. Eibel's class was the top donating class at FES and will receive a breakfast party. A huge thank you to our FFA Students, and their advisor Mrs. Finnegan, for doing all of the heavy lifting and transporting of food for the Food Drive. In all, the students of the Firelands Local Schools donated over 2,500 meals, which have a retail value of over \$6,000, and the meals all stayed in the Firelands Community.

SAT FOR JUNIORS A SUCCESS - Juniors took the SAT at FHS on Wednesday, March 6th. 115 of 119 juniors took the free college entrance test, with the students who missed the test scheduled for a retest in late March. Representatives from College Board were also on-hand to support the digital platform that the students tested on. Students should receive their scores in the College Board accounts within about three weeks of the test date. Next year, FHS will again host SAT Digital testing for the Class of 2021, sometime in late winter, if the Ohio Department of Education continues their policy of providing one free college test for current juniors.

ATHLETIC RECOGNITION - Several congratulations go out this month to FHS Students and Staff. First of all, Junior Payton Burgdorf qualified for his third consecutive Division II Ohio State Wrestling Championships. Payton was a Sectional Champ, and finished as the District Runner-Up, dropping a tough match by a 7-6 count. Payton traveled to Columbus on March 6th, and will participate in the opening round of the State Tournament on March 7th. We wish Payton good luck as he battles for a chance at a State Title at 120 lbs.

Also, congratulations to FHS Head Girls' Basketball Coach Dave Kudela on being named the Lorain County Division II Coach of the Year. The Firelands Girls' finished a solid 9-7 in PAC play, good enough for third place, as the Falcons won their first Sectional game with a 52-48 win over Rocky River. Congratulations Coach K.

And finally, congratulations to FHS Science Teacher and Head Track Coach Steve Lias on his induction into the Lorain County Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. Coach Lias led the Falcons Boys Basketball team for 12 years, and was the Head Coach at Elyria Catholic for three years prior to coming to Firelands. Coach Lias will be inducted at the Lorain County All-Star games at Avon Lake on Sunday, March 24th.

FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Senior Josh Kelley on being named the February Firelands Lions Club Student of the Month. Josh was honored by the Lions Club at their monthly meeting on being named Student of the Month.

UPCOMING EVENTS - Good luck to our Choir and Band as they will compete in OMEA District Competition the weekend of March 15th and 16th. The Choir will be performing on March 15th at Elyria, while the Band travels to Westlake on March 16th. FHS Students will be performing and competing for a chance to qualify to OMEA State Competition in early May.

ART STUDENT WORK HEADED TO COLUMBUS

- Sat. Mar. 2 was the regional judging for the prestigious Governor's Youth Art Exhibition. It was held at the North Olmsted High School. This region is enormous, from Lorain County to the Pennsylvania line and collected well over 1400 entries from many high schools. This competition is more rigorous than the Lorain Co. Regional Scholastic show which is just 3 counties. From the over 1400 works entered, only 200 advanced to the "state playoff" round of judging in Columbus. There will be about 2800 works collected from all over the state competing for a shot at the 300 spots in the "state championship" exhibition - The official 2019 Governor's Youth Art Exhibition will be in April-May at the Rhodes Office Tower. Senior Bailey Borer, who is also an AP Art Studio student, has 2 photographs in the "playoffs"! Her works are headed to Columbus as Firelands is only one of three Lorain County schools to be sending works to Columbus. Congratulations Bailey.

Patriot's Pen Writing Contest Winners

Congratulations to senior, Breanna Dechant and 6th graders, Aiden Bokulich and Telaysia Kraus for their outstanding patriotic essays. They were finalists in the Patriot's Pen writing competition sponsored by the VFW which included other Lorain County schools. The students were honored with a dinner and awards ceremony where they were each awarded a framed certificate and cash prize at the Oberlin VFW Post 6273. Brianna won first place for her themed essay entitled "Why My Vote Matters". Telaysia was honored with first place and Aiden was honored with a tie for third place with themed essays entitled "Why I Honor the Flag". What an honor it was to see a few of Firelands finest writers respect their country and service heroes with their respectful expressions. Congratulations to all participating students with a special regard to our finalists.



Ohio Governor's Youth Regional Art Exhibition

The Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition, now in its forty-ninth year, is dedicated to the educational and artistic advancement of our talented young people in the state of Ohio. The exhibition is open to all of Ohio's 1,112 high schools, both public and private, or chartered by the State of Ohio Department of Education.

The process of selecting artworks for the state exhibition begins on a regional level. The state is divided into 14 regional locations, with high school students in each region invited to enter work in that regional judging. Firelands participates in a massive region that starts in Lorain County and extends eastward all the way to Pennsylvania encompassing all high schools in Cuyahoga, Lake, Summit, Geauga and Medina counties. Regional judging took place Mar. 2 at North Olmsted High School. Over 1600 works were submitted in this region alone. Only 200 works are selected from among the over 1600 entered at the region to advance to state judging. FHS senior Bailey Borer had two photographs

advance to represent our region; "Eyes" and "Pickaboo".

The state judging takes place in Columbus; however, the judges for this level of competition are chosen from all over the country and are generally professional artists, college level instructors, or both.

From the 11,500 regional entries from the 14 regions, approximately 2,500 are selected to enter the state judging. State jurors then select 300 for the actual exhibition, with 25 of the 300 chosen to receive the Governor's Award of Excellence. Scholarships are offered to seniors by over 30 universities and colleges of art. Although Bailey's photographs did not get selected for the state exhibition, she is honored with inclusion in the regional exhibition and recognition program held March 23 at North Olmsted High School. Congratulations Bailey!



Brownhelm Perfection & BB 4-H Club

Brownhelm Perfection and BB 4-H club had elections at their February 4th meeting, congratulations to Becca Harris for being nominated President, they know she'll do well. The club also voted in Elizabeth Zelnik as Vice President, Colin Adams as Secretary, & Kennedy Beursken as Treasurer. Congratulations again to the four main officers. The club wants to also recognize the additional office positions: Jenna Herchler/Historian, Maia Tennant/Health & Safety Leader, Madison Tennant/News

Reporter, & Melanie Jaskiewicz/Recreation Leader.

At the next meeting on February 18th, the club held its annual t-shirt design contest. All submissions were very well done, and they want to thank Jenna Herchler for her winning piece. It will be plastered on the 100th year shirt. Speaking of the clubs 100th year...! Mark your calendars folks, on July 14th Brownhelm Perfection will be hosting a party at the Brownhelm Church furthering the clubs title as the oldest club in Lorain County (More details yet to come). Make sure to attend the April meetings, April 1st and 15th, from 7-8 p.m. Submitted by: Madison Tennant



Firelands K-8 Summer Art Camp

June 17-21, 2019

9-11 am

Firelands Elementary School

Elementary and Middle School art students can spend 5 mornings creating art. Each day will introduce a new topic to inspire the hands-on art projects and activities. Students will draw, paint, print, craft and sculpt during the week, enriching their artistic skills and creative thinking.

Founded by senior Grace Pohorence for her 2016 Girl Scout Gold Award project, this program is facilitated by the Firelands High School Art Society students. Campers will be divided into four studios of completed-grades K-1, 2-3, 4-5 and 6-8 with two high school art students teaching each studio. High school art teacher Laura Tawil will be on-site with the students supervising the entire camp.

Camp Application

One application per student -PLEASE PRINT-

Child's name -	Age (at camp) _____	Grade completed May 2019 _____
FES/ SAMS homeroom teacher -	t-shirt size _____child or _____ adult	
Parent name -	Email _____	
Home address -	Phone _____	

Enclose Camp Fee of \$25 per child
Checks made payable to: Firelands Art Department

Enrollment closes May 17

Limited seats (15) in each studio class

Waiting list will be kept if needed

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Firelands High School Art Department
10643 Vermilion Rd.
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Laura Tawil, art teacher
<ltawil@firelandsschools.org>

National Art Honor Society Inducts 7, Awards 10 Honor Cords

The Firelands High School chapter 2212 of the National Art Honor Society proudly inducts seven students of the Art 3 class on April 9. Students must be of sophomore or greater, enrolled in Art 3, hold an "A" average in art since freshman year and an accumulative GPA of 2.51 or greater. Congratulations to these exceptional artists who join the national ranks; Kaya Loyd, Devon McGinnis, Delaney Overstreet, Kayla Palmer, Anthony Salib, Dylan Taylor and Brianna Toledo. Seniors who have earned four or more high school credits in visual art courses and maintained the induction requirements are bestowed a rainbow honor cord to wear with their graduation regalia. Congratulations to these ten distinguished seniors of the class of 2019; Elizabeth (Libby) Balas, Bailey Borer, Cora (Lynn) Born, Sarah Drury, Michael Durdak, Devon McGinnis, Kayla Palmer, Isabel Solowiej, Nicholas Street and Timothy Street.

The Fine Arts Festival BACK at Full Strength

The greatest K-12 event in the district is back at full strength this year at a new date and place. Saturday April 6 from noon until 4pm the Firelands High School gymnasium and cafeteria will be transformed into a celebration of visual art and vocal and instrumental music performances. Live music, a massive art exhibition, a student art bazaar, refreshments and hands-on activities are what you know and love about this great community event. Contact Laura Tawil (FHS art teacher) if your school-based group would like to be a refreshment vendor or for clean-up.

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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)*

***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

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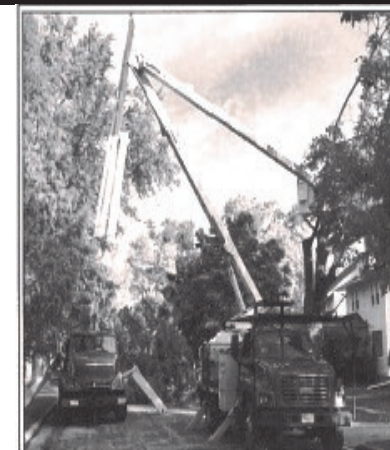
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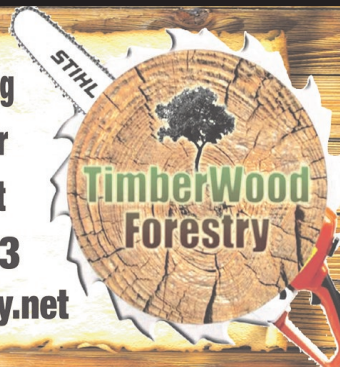
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