

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Frequently Asked Questions about the Firelands Local School Issue on the November Ballot

What is on the ballot this November for Firelands Local Schools?

In July, the Firelands Board of Education voted unanimously to place a 4.28 mill bond issue on the ballot to build a new high school and repurpose the current high school as the middle

school. At 108 years old, South Amherst Middle School is no longer effectively providing safe, secure, and productive spaces for teaching and learning.

We can no longer sit back and ignore the urgent need to address our facilities. Our middle school is 108 years old and continually causes educational and financial challenges. While challenges in our other facilities are not far behind, we know we have to start by addressing our greatest needs first and that's why we have put forth this plan.

This bond levy will be the first phase of a two-phase Master Plan to update all of our facilities. Voters will vote on each phase of the plan, years apart, to ensure the District remains accountable and transparent with residents.

What does the proposed bond issue call for?

The bond issue calls for the construction of a new 9-12 high school. It will be built on district owned property and will be connected to the current high school located on Vermillion Road in Henrietta Township.

Once completed our current high school will transition to a middle school, educating students in grades 6-8 and will also serve as our Board of Education. South Amherst Middle School and the Board of Education annex located behind the middle school will close once the new building is completed.

The new building will serve as the main entrance and administrative area for all students in grades 6-12 allowing us to enhance the safety and security of the existing high school. In addition, a central kitchen and cafeteria will be constructed to maximize resources and serve all middle and high school students. The building project does not include a new stadium, fieldhouse or auditorium. Rather its focus is on bringing our teaching and learning environments up-to-date and serving the needs of our students through enhancing classroom space for academics, arts, vocational agriculture, and physical education.

Will a permanent improvement levy be included to help maintain the public's investment?

Yes. Maintaining our schools is a top-priority and a requirement. School districts that participate in state-assisted school construction projects are required to provide the equivalent of 0.5 mills for the purpose of maintaining the completed school facilities. The 0.5 mill permanent improvement levy is included in the 4.28 mill issue approved by the Board of Education.

What is the timeline for completion?

With passage in November, site work will begin in late 2019 with construction continuing through early summer of 2021. The new high school will be open for the start of 2021-2022 school year.

How did Firelands Local Schools arrive at this plan?

A 40-person group composed of community residents, teachers, staff, and parents recommended the first phase of this plan to the Board of Education after a lengthy review process. The Building Advisory Committee (BAC), as it was called, was charged with reviewing extensive stakeholder feedback and data, and then recommending a plan. It assessed financial information, our school buildings conditions, and the state's recommendation over five meetings in the Fall/Winter of 2017.

Ultimately, this group brainstormed building plan options, and then voted overwhelmingly to recommend addressing the District's greatest needs first – building a new high school and moving students out of SAMS into the current high school.

6. What impact will the property tax reappraisal have on my property taxes?

It's important to first note that the property tax reappraisal is a good sign for our district's economy and the value of our communities. But there is not an easy response to this question as a property value increase of a certain percentage does not automatically translate to a corresponding increase in property taxes.

The easiest response regarding the Firelands bond issue is that if it is approved by voters this November, property owners in the district will owe about an additional \$12.48 a month per \$100,000 of home value based on the current assessed value of their home. A property owner's assessed value or taxable valuation is 35% of the market value of their home. For example, a home valued at \$100,000 would be assessed at \$35,000 for tax purposes. We've done the math for you to come up with the monthly cost for a home valued at \$100,000, but visit your county auditor's website to determine the total assessed value of your home.

The other important point that relates to this is a state law on the books, HB 920, passed in 1976, which prevents school districts and other local governments from receiving an increase in tax revenue as a result of increased valuation of property. This means that any voter-approved levies on the books cannot collect more than what was originally authorized by voters. As a result, when property values are increased, any voted millage will be reduced to a millage amount that will only bring in the same amount of revenue that was approved by the voters and each tax payer will pay a lower "effective" tax rate. That's why school districts across Ohio must continue to come back to voters with new or replacement levies, if an increase in revenue is a necessity.

7. What will happen to South Amherst Middle School?

The District and Village of South Amherst have met and plan to continue to meet to determine how the property will be used in the future. But it is important to understand, our District's priority is educating our students in a safe and productive learning environment. If the bond issue passes, the District is prepared to divest itself from the property. Accordingly, we have allocated funding within the Master Plan to abate and demolish the building, as it is not our hope to leave an abandoned building in one of our communities. However, if there is an interest by the Village or some other entity to purchase the property and fund the \$300,000 to replace the sewage plant, then we are more than willing to work with them to help make that happen.

8. When is the issue on the Ballot?

The Firelands Local Schools issue is on the November 6, 2018 ballot. Early voting in-person and by mail begins on Wednesday, October 10, 2018. On Election Day, polls are open from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM. For additional questions and answers, please visit the "about the district" tab at firelandsschools.org, by phone at 965.5821 or by email at mvongunten@firelandsschools.org.

You may view this issue online at: www.firelandsschools.org

The Communities we serve: Amherst, Amherst Twp, Birmingham, Brownhelm Twp, Camden Twp, Florence Twp, Henrietta Twp, Kipton Village, New Russia Twp, South Amherst Village, Vermilion and Vermilion Twp.

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CURRICULUM UPDATE

On behalf of the teachers and staff, I am excited to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year. Our students are already busy meeting grade level standards, and everyone seems to be off to a great start!

You may have heard from your student that the Board of Education with input from the teachers has adopted a new Math and Social Studies series starting this year. The students will be using both curriculums from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) in all three buildings. The teachers have completed training on both new series and everyone is excited about how these new resources will help our students meet grade level expectations.

On August 14th, 15th and 16th, the staff had the opportunity to engage in professional learning events for three days. The teachers had technology training where they learned how to utilize Google Apps for the classroom. They also had the opportunity to analyze data with their grade level/department to support student mastery of grade level standards. The teachers learned about differentiated instruction within their classrooms and a school safety training session was given to all staff. The three days were packed with professional growth opportunities for everyone.

Thank you for your patience with our new online registration system: OneView. As we continue to work with the system, we will work out all the issues to make it even better for next year.

Please continue to check the Firelands Local School District website for up-to-date information regarding your student. As more information becomes available from the district/schools, the page will be updated to reflect our districts' expectations.

Lori Roemer
Director of Educational Services

FHS Heading to Spain!

Current FHS sophomores and juniors who are students of Spanish language or upper-level Art are invited to join the EF Tour group to France for spring break 2020. An in-depth information meeting is being held for prospective travelers, both students and parents, on Wed. Sept. 26 from 6:30-7:30 in the FHS Art room, 104. The trip is being lead by art teacher Laura Tawil. Contact Mrs. Tawil to RSVP, questions or more information. ltawil@firelandsschools.org.

BOND ISSUE

COMMUNITY MEETING

Please join us at the South Amherst Middle School Cafeteria for the bond issue community meetings.

Tues., October 2nd and

Thurs., October 4th at 6:30 p.m.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

FHS NEWS

SMOOTH SCHOOL OPENING – 576 students, including 149 members of the Senior Class of 2019, and 150 students in the Freshman Class of 2022 opened school on Tuesday, August 28th. FHS opened smoothly, as the students quickly settled into their classes and routines. A huge thank you to the students, parents, and staff of FHS as we start the 2018-19 school year.

FHS FRESHMAN/NEW STUDENT ICE CREAM SOCIAL – Thanks to the work of counselors Diane Zimmer and Jenelle Cozza, along with Assistant Principal Cathy Keener, almost 100 freshman turned out for a fun afternoon of activities and ice cream on Monday, August 27th, the day before school began. Freshman were able to connect with older students and learn about the building and the nuances of FHS. A special thank you goes out to our upperclassmen who helped make this day a great success, one that FHS will build on moving forward.

PICTURE DAY – Was held on Thursday, September 6th, as students received picture forms during the first week of school, and parents were notified through email that picture day was coming. All underclassmen were photographed that day. All Seniors who had not yet had a head shot through Ripcho, also had their pictures taken that day, so that it can appear in both the yearbook and Senior Composite picture. Make-up picture day is on Monday, October 22nd from 8 am – 11 am. We will also take Group club pictures that day. Forms for make-up pictures will be available on the FHS homepage, as well as in the main office. Seniors can also get a head shot for the yearbook and senior composite that day as well.

ONE VIEW PARENT FORMS – FHS continues to collect and encourage all parents to submit student forms electronically through OneView, which migrates their current data right into our Student Information Database. These forms will save parents time, as they only need to update forms when information changes, and these forms can also be used for extra-curricular activities, as well as field trips, and student medical authorizations. FHS will continue to email and call parents to encourage them to complete their student form submissions through OneView.

WEEKLY FLYER EMAILS – Parents will now receive the weekly Falcon Flyer right into their email mailbox on Sunday evenings (or Monday if Holiday). This will allow parents and guardians another way to receive communications and updates from FHS.

FHS RENOVATED LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER, COMPUTER LABS – A huge thank you and great job to Mr. Park, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Galloway, and the entire crew of workers and student workers for getting FHS to open its doors for the 64th year. The Library Media Center (LMC) has been reconfigured with Chrome Books and more collaboration space, so teachers can come down to utilize materials and spaces in the LMC. The Computer Labs have also been repurposed, as the back lab has added some more powerful computers for courses in PLTW, Music Studio, and other courses where a stronger computing unit is needed. The front lab has also been repurposed with Chrome Books.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING – FHS would like to welcome the following staff members for the 2018-19 school year.
Maci Budzik – Science Teacher
Kelsey Clemons – Mathematics Teacher
Doris Woodward-Davila – District Social Worker
Cody Norheim – Lorain County Sheriff School Resource Officer (and FHS Alumnus)

FFA NAMES FHS A NATIONAL GOLD CHAPTER – Congratulations are in order for the FHS FFA Chapter, who have again been designated an FFA National Gold Chapter. The FFA students and Mrs. Finnegan deserve a tremendous round of applause for this great accomplishment, which is the second time in three years that this is happened.

FHS WEBSITE, TWITTER, AND CALENDAR – Please check our FHS website and Twitter (@FHSFalconPrin) for date changes on schedule availability and other FHS news as we head into the 2018-19 school year. The website calendar for FHS has been upgraded to a Google Calendar, allowing people to view events at different venues both in and outside of the Firelands School District.

ATHLETIC UPDATES – Follow Mr. Stillman on the web at the FHS Athletic website (<http://www.firelandsathletics.org>) or on Twitter (@FirelandsFalcon). Also, follow the Firelands Athletic Boosters on Twitter (@FirelandsSports)

Have a great September.

FOOD SERVICE NEWS

New this year is the online portal for applying for meal assistance. Go to www.firelands.payschools.com and click on register, follow the required steps then you can log in with the user name and password you created. A new application must be filled out each school year if assistance is needed. The meal status from last year will roll over until September 30 unless an updated form is received before this date. The meal status will change to denied if no application is received.

Check out the Foodservice tab on the school website for Foodservice information. There is a link for the meal application if you prefer a paper copy or you can get a copy in each school office.

- * Online meal applications – www.firelands.payschools.com
- * Online payment system – www.payschoolscentral.com formally pay for it
- * Online menus w/nutritionals – www.myschoolmenus.com enter district – enter school
- * Download the free mobile menu app- My school menus



Contact Judy Baumann, Foodservice Director with any questions
440-965-5821 ext. 1011



**Veteran's
Recognition will be
held on October 12th
at the Falcon
Stadium. All
Veterans will be
guests of the FLSD
and will be asked to
stand and be
recognized at the
game.**



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**

Safety Town was held July 9-11. Thank you to everyone that helped out with this event. This could not have happened without all the FHS and SAMS students that helped out.

Thank You!!

- Deputy Kovach from the Lorain County Sheriff's Department.
- The auxiliary officers that created all the child ID cards.
- Ohio/Kentucky Bricklayers for their generous t-shirt donations.
- Florence Twp. Fire dept. and crew for their demonstration, showing the students the fire truck and allowing them to spray the fire hose.
- Central Lorain County Ambulance for showing the students the ambulance and talking to them.
- The Nord center with their safe touch program.
- The 9-1-1 Agency for their demonstration.
- Mr. Sayler and Buster the Bus for their demonstration on bus safety.
- Mrs. Dewitt, Mrs. Holowenko, and Mrs. Sayler for taking the students on their buses and showing them how to enter and exit a bus safely.



FES NEWS

The school year is off to a great start at FES. Students and staff appeared to have enjoyed their summer and are getting back into the routines at FES. We were excited to welcome them all back, as well as our new students. Staff members are working hard to deliver instruction that is engaging and will meet the needs of all of our students. We are predicting a successful year with our young Falcons.

Preschool

The partnership between Firelands Schools and Head Start is underway. Head Start staff has been busy preparing for our littlest falcons to arrive. Head Start students arrived on Wednesday, Sept 12. We hope they have a great school year at FES. Please feel free to contact Stefanie Drew, Family Health & Community Services Specialist at 440-204-3162 or sdrew@lccaa.net if you would like more information.



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, October 4 at 4:00 pm in the FES Teacher's Lounge. We look forward to your attendance to provide input for upcoming events. The PTG will be sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair at FES from October 1 – October 5. The Fall Fundraiser will also begin on October 8. Thank you for supporting our PTG!

Upcoming Events

Picture Day at FES is September 28.
Parent Teacher Conferences will be held at FES on October 3 and October 11.

FOUR LEAF CLOVERS 4-H CLUB MEMBERS SUCCESSFUL AT OHIO STATE FAIR

Columbus, Ohio - In late July three Four Leaf Clovers 4-H Club members showed projects at the Ohio State. It is an honor and commitment to show at the state fair and some project areas require members to qualify to be able to show their projects.

Addison Beal competed in the Equine Communications contest with her poster about Horse Safety. Addison is a fifth grader at Firelands Elementary.

Callie Finnegan qualified and showed her miniature horse. She placed 9th in showmanship and was reserve champion in trail. She competed in ground roping. Callie won first place in Ohio in the 8 & 9 year old Horse Skillathon. Callie also competed in Horse Communications Contest. Callie is a fifth grader at Firelands Elementary.

Allison Tuggle showed sheep at the state fair. She participated in showmanship. Allison earned fourth place with her yearling ewe in her type class. Allison is a seventh grader at South Amherst Middle School.

Congratulations to the three hard working 4-H members that represented the club and Lorain County so well.



Addison Beal with her communication project poster



Allison Tuggle in sheep showmanship



Callie Finnegan reserve champion trail

SAMS NEWS

Welcome Back!!! The year started out HOT, HOT, HOT!!! We should be on a downward trend now with the temperatures so I know we are all looking forward to that. Sweatshirts and jeans sound absolutely divine right now.

We had a very smooth opening and all of our kiddos seemed to adjust very well the first week. The "Effective Leadership Academy" began their session with our 6th graders. Their purpose is to teach leadership skills and assist them with the transition to middle school. We are grateful for their assistance. They are being supported, in large part, by the Common View Collaborative that SAMS is involved in.

We had a wonderful turnout at new student orientation, 6th grade parent orientation as well as open house. It was so nice to meet so many of the parents, We were excited about seeing our students return and hear all about their summer experiences.

We are beginning our fall benchmarking assessments. This aides us in knowing where we need to focus with our students and which students need more concentrated aide. Think of it as lab work at the hospital. We wouldn't want to be treated equally in the emergency room when we all have different needs. This is similar to the purpose of benchmark testing.

SAMS athletics are happening and our teams are doing great! Clubs and activities should be getting started within a few weeks. We are very excited about what this year will bring for all of us!

As usual, stay tuned to see what happens next!!!

5 FHS Art Students Included in Statewide Art Exhibition

Five Firelands High School Art students have their work selected for a statewide art exhibition on display now through Oct. 20 in downtown Columbus. From over 230 submission, less than 130 works were selected the annual "Emerging Artist" exhibition. The focus of this exhibition is to feature advanced crafting skill and encourage the brightest potential among underclassmen. Sophomores Delaney Overstreet, Garrett Varndell and juniors Kaya Loyd, Emily Pluta and Brianna Toledo qualified for this exhibition with their works. Their works are

being juried a second time for best-in-category and best-in-show honors. Winners and all participants will be celebrated at a reception on Saturday Oct. 20 at the exhibition in Columbus. The Ohio Art Education Association, a non-profit professional organization of art educators, hosts this exhibition at the State Teachers Retirement System atrium on Broad Street in our state capital.

(Photo taken before media permission was given)

Artwork of Kaya Loyd, Brianna Toledo, Emily Pluta, Delaney Overstreet and Garrett Varndell



Local FFA Member Butchko selected as National FFA Talent Performer at 2018 National FFA Convention & Expo



INDIANAPOLIS (August 9, 2018/*National FFA Organization*) – Macey Butchko, a member of the Firelands FFA chapter in Oberlin, Ohio, will be on stage and in the spotlight Oct. 24-27 during the 2018 National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis.

Butchko, a senior and the daughter of Greg and Jennifer Butchko, has been selected to perform in the National FFA Talent Competition.

Butchko will perform on stage and bring excitement and spirit to the convention and expo. She submitted an application along with a recorded audition. Nearly 40 acts from throughout the country have been chosen to perform during general sessions, meal functions and receptions. During the convention and expo, all acts will have the chance to compete in three rounds and be judged on preparation, delivery, engagement, entertainment value and technical ability. The winner will receive \$250.

Mahindra USA, Tractor Supply Company and Wrangler sponsor National FFA Talent.

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 653,359 student members who belong to one of 8,568 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The organization is also supported by 344,239 alumni members in 2,051 alumni chapters throughout the U.S.

8/24 8/31 9/21 10/5 10/12

5th QUARTER

WHEN THE GAME'S OVER, THE FUN BEGINS!

Following each Firelands Falcons Home Game until Midnight

Free Food, Games, and Door Prizes

6th-12th grade Students

North Lake Missionary Baptist Church 323 N. Lake Street, South Amherst
1/4 mile North of the Baseball Fields

Firelands FFA at 2018 Lorain County Junior Fair By Taylor Kenska

Wellington - The Firelands FFA chapter dedicates a huge amount of time preparing for a successful week at the Lorain County Fair. Many students show their animals that they have raised for market and spent hours budgeting and recording data in preparation for fair week. They can enter a wide variety of projects such as animals, crops, and still-life shop projects and more. The chapter works very hard and dedicates a lot of their time to have a successful fair and proudly represent Firelands FFA Chapter as they compete in their project classes!

Ag. Shop and Crop Awards -

Zachary Born: Grand Champion Field Crop
Kyle Hill: Reserve Champion Lagrange Engine Club Large Restoration
Emily Holcomb: Champion FFA Horticulture Award
Bianca Inman: Reserve Champion Engineering
Matthew Kovach: Champion Lagrange Engine Club Large Restoration, Grand Champion Engineering Restoration
Taylor Ostrander: Grand Champion Poster
Gage Sauer: Reserve Champion Restoration
Ian Valerius: Champion Vegetable

Beef and Dairy Awards-

Logan Galloway: Reserve Champion Dairy Beef Steer
Olivia Galloway: 3rd Place in showmanship
Taylor Kenska: 4th Place in Lorain County BBR (Class Champion)

Pig Awards-

Keith Cornwell: Class Champion Barrow
Emily Holcomb: Reserve Class Champion Gilt

Fowl Awards-

Madison Flanagan: 3rd Place Beginner Turkey Showmanship

Sheep Awards-

Megan Brandich: 6th Place Carcass Lamb, Reserve Champion Sheep Showmanship

Rabbit Awards-

Kaitlyn Frazier: Grand Champion Doe & Litter, Second Place Senior Showmanship

Goat Awards-

Breanna Dechant: 0-6 Months Pygmy Doe Class Champion

Firelands FFA Member on Lorain County Junior Fair Board

2018 Junior Fair Board President : Sean Miller
Executive Members: Sam Ives and Garrett Lewis
Members:
Brenden Cooper
Keith Cornwell

Chance Coultrip
Breanna Dechant
Genalda Finley
Bianca Inman
Taylor Kenska
Morgan Nance

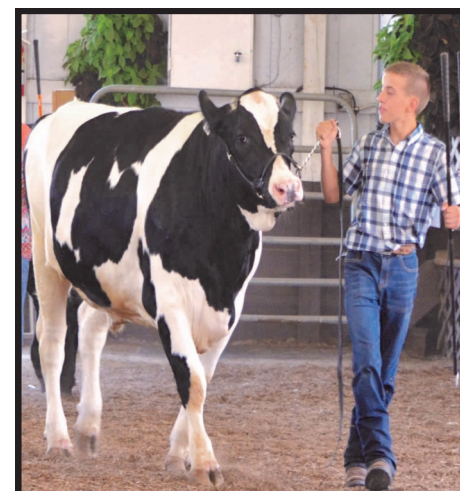
A special thank you to the buyers of Firelands FFA members' animals at fair:

Absolute Machine Tool
Harrison Ford
Kalt Manufacturing
Born's Machining
Born 2 Laser
Metzger Farms
Partners Seed Brand - Mike Buchs
Schlechter Brother's Country Harvest
Schlechter Brother's Construction
Fath Farms
Fath Construction
D & T Farms
L & K Construction
Country Tool Rental
Golden Harvest Seeds
Bon Appetit at Oberlin College
DRC Construction
Cairns Shorthorns
Fehlan Insurance
Chris Schiefer Insurance & Financial Services
High Society Stables
Miller's Registered Shorthorns

We would like to thank all of our parents and supporters of the Firelands FFA Chapter, all award sponsors and buyers for a successful year at the Lorain County Fair!



Donald Crawford



Noah Galloway



Emily Holcomb



Caden Bombback

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.

The first Freshmen class at Firelands High School (1955-1958) celebrated their 60th Year reunion on August 11, 2018. The event took place at Rebman's "On The Avenue", Oberlin Avenue, Lorain, OH.



60th Year Class Reunion

Classmates who were present are from left to right:

DeEtte Bruner Morris, Martha Henning Dickel, Margaret Parker Simmons, Sally Sugerik Vandengoorbergh, Carl Kopocs, Carole Bilby Cline, Donna Kinsley Hite, Nancy Kawasaki Rubensen, John Heyman, Sandy Bechstein Barckert, John Born, Marvin Fannin.

Picture of the Firelands alumni from 1955-1960 classes who attended the picnic at Mill

Hollow Park Bacon Woods Reservation on August 25, 2018.

Pictured from left to right:

Frank Scholl c56, DeEtte Bruner Morris c58, Jim Woodrum c56, Elenore Reising Dobis c57, Marvin Fannin c58, Judy Clark Fannin c60, Germaine Urig Matus c57, Bob Matus c55, Denny Wasem c57, Charles Manning c56, Lenore Reising Smart c57, Lois Pippert McQueen c55, Marge Springer Fehlner c55, Carole Bilby Cline c58, Carol Fletcher Norheim c56, Sally Camera Krause c56 Elaine Cajka Billingsley Maurer c56, Myron Becker c56, Dick Norheim c55, Clayton Cline c56.



Emergency Alert Notifications

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

- ◆ district all-call system & 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:

September 18, 2018

October 16, 2018

November 20, 2018

December 18, 2018

January 15, 2019

February 19, 2019

March 19, 2019

April 16, 2019

May 21, 2019

June 18, 2019



JOIN US FOR THE TAILGATE

BBQ

AT THE FALCON STADIUM

Proceeds will support the FFA Endowment Scholarships and the FFA program.

Tour the FFA Lab & see what the students are up to!

\$ 25.00 ticket includes catered BBQ, entertainment, and admission to the football game.

**October
5th
at 5 PM**



For tickets contact Mrs. Finnegan at sfinnegan@firelandsschools, Mrs. Butchko at 440-965-5821 or any FFA member.

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Firelands High School Parade of Bands

The 12th Annual Firelands High School Parade of Bands will be on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Falcon Stadium. This event is sure to be an exciting evening of musical entertainment that the whole family can enjoy! This year's participating bands are:

Open Door Christian School Marching Band

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We look forward to seeing you all there!



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



Attention Crafters and Vendors!

The Firelands Band Boosters are having a craft show and Breakfast with Santa on December 1, 2018 at South Amherst Middle School.

If you are interested in participating in this event, please email the Band Boosters at firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com

Four Leaf Clovers 4-H Club Year-in-Review

Brownhelm Twp, OH - The Four Leaf Clovers 4-H Club had a fabulous year filled with learning, hard-work, community services, and successes! The Four Leaf Clovers kicked off the year with business meetings and marching in the Birmingham Memorial Day Parade. We then volunteered at Second Harvest Food Bank and collected needed items for the Ronald McDonald House last fall. The members of the Four Leaf Clovers had a tremendous year and had an amazing amount of accomplishments!

Callie Finnegan is one of the younger members of the 4-H club but is highly decorated! Callie was the National Winner of TSC Good Neighbors Contest, Grand Champion Ohio State Fair Horse Skillathon, Reserve Champion Ohio State Fair Horse Trail in Hand, 9th place Ohio State Fair Mini Horse Showmanship, 1st place Lorain County Mini Horse Groom and Clean Team, Champion Lorain County Fair Mini Horse Trail in Hand, Reserve Champion Lorain County Fair Mini Horse Showmanship, Champion Lorain County Fair Saddle Horse Western Showmanship, Champion Lorain County Fair Saddle Horse English Showmanship, Reserve Champion Lorain County Fair Horse Skillathon, Lorain County Fair Horse Premier Exhibitor Overall, Champion Lorain County Fair Pig Skillathon, two Class Reserve Champions Lorain County Fair Market Hogs, Lorain County State Hippology Team member, Lorain County State Horse Bowl member (8th place team in state), and Lorain County State Horse Judging member. **Julia Finnegan** was Lorain County Fair Grand Champion in Lead Line Horsemanship. **Jennifer Keets** helped show the champion Hereford Cow and Calf pair at the Ohio Beef Expo. **Caleb Ross** received Grand Champion in Junior Fowl Showmanship. **Macy Paller** was also a member of the Lorain County State Horse Bowl team that received 8th place in Ohio. She also received Honorable Mention in First Year Horse Showmanship at the Lorain County Fair and Grand Champion Walk/Trot Trail at the Lorain County Fair. **Daniel Hartung** was top 5 with his pen of 3 meat rabbits at the Lorain County Fair. **Katelyn Konicek** received second place in Miniature Horse Halter at the Lorain County Fair and fourth in open Mini Horse Showmanship. **Grace Stanley** showed the Grand Champion Pen of 3 Meat Rabbits. **Katelyn, Macy, and Callie** all received a lot of ribbons at the saddle horse and mini horse fun day shows at the fair. **TJ Logan** won first place in his age division in the pedal tractor pull at the Lorain County Fair!

The members of the Four Leaf Clovers 4-H Club are absolutely amazing! There is no limit to what these kids can do! We look forward to the end-of-year Halloween Party where high point awards will be presented!

Submitted by: Heather Davis

The club is advised by Diane, Ruth, Kassie, and Heather Davis.



Jennifer Keets



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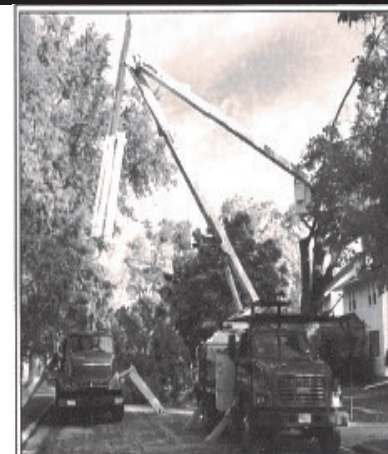
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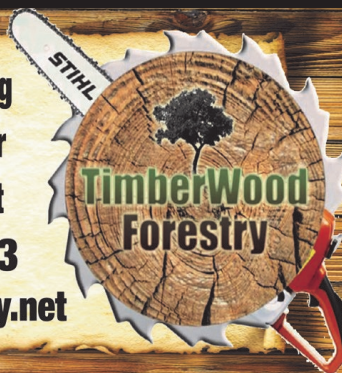
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