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From the Superintendent

State Sen. Manning Visits Feb. Board Meeting

Recently elected State Senator Gayle Manning attended the Feb. 14 Board Meeting to update the Board on recent legislative proposals and the funding crisis facing Ohio's schools. She also took questions from the Board and the audience.

"Our biggest concern right now is the \$8 billion deficit in the budget and a projected \$1.5 billion more the next year due to Medicaid costs. Cuts are planned for every area of the budget including education. Thoughts are the cuts could be as deep as 10-20%," shared Sen. Manning.

Governor Kasich must announce his proposed budget by March 15. "We are considering legislation to reduce some of the unfunded mandates on schools, hopefully that will help offset some of the projected cuts."

The state is not going to solve the Firelands school funding problem. Sen. Manning said, "You're better off to pass a levy here locally because every cent stays here in your community. If we raise taxes at the state level, most of the money goes to the poorer districts and Firelands isn't considered a poor district."

As a retired elementary teacher of 37 years, Sen. Manning knows the importance of good schools to the future of Ohio and our communities. "Please know that I will be reminding my fellow legislators that the more money we put into education, the less we will someday be spending on prisons and Medicare."

We thank Sen. Manning for visiting us. Maintaining open and regular lines of communication with our legislators is essential. We hope to have State Representatives Ramos and Boose attend a meeting in the next several months.

To view video excerpts of Sen. Manning's presentation, go to www.firelandsschools.org and click on the appropriate link.

Community Meeting

**State of the Schools Meeting
Monday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.
Firelands Elementary Gym**

Please attend this important meeting to find out about the schools' financial condition, ramifications of a failed May levy, and the district's accomplishments and its goals moving forward.

Childcare will be provided.

Greg Ring



Dinner and a Concert!
Proceeds will benefit the transportation costs for the Disney Trip in 2012.

**\$5
Per
Person**

Firelands Band Boosters Pasta Dinner

DATE: March 3, 2011
TIME: 4:30-6:30 PM

Your dinner destination will be the Firelands High School cafeteria followed by musical entertainment in the gym from our Symphonic Band. See a band member or email the Boosters for your dinner tickets.

Firelands Band Annual Pancake Breakfast

PLACE: Florence Township Fire Hall

DATE: Sunday, April 10, 2011

TIME: 8 a.m.—1:00 pm

Pancakes, Sausage, Beverages

Entertainment provided by the Jazz Band!

Please come and help support our ever growing music program! Raffles will be held.

Lady Falcons Fast-Pitch Clinic Sunday March 19, 2011 For Girls in Grades 1st - 8th

Location: South Amherst Middle School

Held in the Large & Small Gyms

Enrollment: Open to any girl in grades 1-8

Sessions: Session 1: Grade 1-4 (9:00 am- 11:30 am)

Session 2: Grades 5-8 (12:30 pm – 3:00 pm)

Purpose: To learn about, and practice the latest techniques in . . .Fielding, Throwing, Catching, Base Running, Bunting, Hitting & Pitching with the Firelands High School Varsity and JV Players and Coaches!

Registration Fee: The Clinic fee will be \$35.00 per player

(Payment due no later than March 5, 2011)

Fee will include a Lady Falcon Fast-Pitch T-Shirt.

Make Checks Payable to: TEAM FIRELANDS FUND

(Registration fee is non-refundable)

Any questions or concerns, please contact FHS Head Softball Coach Judy Dostall at 440/774-1248. Return this form by March 5, 2011 With payment to: TEAM FIRELANDS FUND
50269 State Route 20, Oberlin, Ohio 44074

My Daughter will attend session:

_____ Session 1: Grade 1-4 _____ Session 2: Grades 5-8
(9:00 am- 11:30 am) (12:30 pm – 3:00 pm)

Enclosed is the entry fee of \$35.00:

_____ CASH _____ Check # _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Emergency Phone: _____

Present Grade Level: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____ (child or adult)

I give my daughter permission to participate in the lady Falcon Fast-Pitch Clinic. I fully understand that anyone associated with the camp is not responsible for any accident/injury sustained to my daughter while participating at this camp. I will assume all responsibility for my daughter's participation.

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

—KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION—

If you have a child who will turn five on or before September 30, 2011, he/she is eligible for kindergarten for the 2011-2012 school year. Kindergarten registration will take place at Firelands Elementary School during the week of March 21 - 24 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. To shorten the actual registration time, registration packets will be available beginning March 14th. These packets contain all of the necessary forms to be completed and are a timesaver during registration week.

In addition to the information requested in the packets, parents should also bring the following documents on the day of registration:

1. Birth Certificate
2. Immunization Record
3. Proof of Residency
4. Applicable Custody Papers

Starting with 2011-2012 school year, kindergarten will be an all day program for all students. There will be no additional cost for all day kindergarten. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 440-965-5381.

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

You may view this issue on line at:
www.firelandsschools.org

FIRELANDS SPORTS UPDATE!

GIRLS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL—

February 11th 2011 The 9th Grade Girls Basketball Team currently has a record of 7-6 overall, and 5-5 in the West Shore Conference. The highlight of the season thus far is a 35-26 victory over Rocky River on January 26th. The strengths of the team are defense, hard work, and contributions from all 10 players. The girls work hard in practice and dedicate themselves to improving all facets of the game, and their play in each game reflects this work ethic. The 9th grade girls remaining games include Avon and Vermilion. The West Shore Conference Tournament will be held at Firelands High School beginning February 19th.

ROSTER

- 10 Tiffany Woods
- 12 Shareah Feizkhah
- 14 Nicole Rainey
- 20 Becky Myers
- 22 Alyssa Melendez
- 34 Sarah Carter
- 40 Summer Adkins
- 42 Chrissy Balint
- 44 Megan Wyckoff
- 50 Kelly Rennie

— FALCON INVITATION —

Firelands Wrestling team held the annual Falcon eight team wrestling Tournament on Saturday, January 22nd. On that day we saw 196 wrestling matches occur. Teams that participated were; Elyria Catholic, Oberlin, Midview, Maple Heights, Olmsted Falls, Cleveland Central Catholic, and Elyria High. Maple Heights won the tournament. The Falcons placed 7th.

—INDIVIDUAL PLACERS FOR THE FALCONS—

- Devin Wray at 102 placed 1st
- Angel Alexander at 125 placed 3rd
- Gage Widener at 152 placed 3rd
- Chuck Sees at 171 placed 4th
- Caton Wilson at 215 placed 4th

The event had a wonderful volunteer staff that organized and worked the hospitality room. We would like to extend a special thank you to the Dendorfer family for all of their hard work and support. They efforts go above and beyond allowing us to serve the coaches and officials better on a long day of wrestling.

We would like to also thank the following *Sponsor's* for their continued support and generous donations.

- Break & Brew Wellington
- Coca Cola Bottling Company
- Convenient Food Mart, Vermilion
- Drug Mart, Oberlin
- Dunkin Donuts
- Giant Eagle, Vermilion
- IGA, Oberlin
- Ma Ma Joes Pies

- Marco's Pizza, Liberty Ave., Vermilion
- Perkins Restaurant, Avon
- Pat Catans
- Panera Bread, Middle Ridge
- Sterks Catering
- Subway, Route 60, Vermilion
- Village Market, Wellington

FOLLOWING WRESTLERS PLACED AT VERMILION TOURNAMENT:

- Jeff Hembree at 119 placed 4th
- Angel Alexander at 125 placed 2nd
- Gage Widener at 152 placed 4th

—BOWLING—

Firelands bowlers have been busy. The North Shore Bowling Conference Tournament was held on Sunday. The girls team of Kaylynn Cuson, Erika Richardson, Emma Northeim, Haley Strong, Karlie Canfield & Emily Krieg finished a strong 4th out of the 13 teams competing. Erika's 210 was the high game on the team and Kaylynn's 165-192-187=544 was team high 3 game total. Karlie added a 165 game (her personal best for the season). The boys team finished in the middle of the 15 boys teams bowling. Nate Danko topped the team with a very nice 3 game series of 220-228-206 = 654. On Monday, we completed the regular season with a match against North Ridgeville. The girls varsity continued their hot bowling with a close 1767-1733 victory. Emily Krieg's 181-170 led the girls. This was the first time the Firelands girls have beaten North Ridgeville since high school bowling started 10 years ago. The victory also gave the girls 4th place (out of 13 teams) in the conference regular season. The boys varsity lost to a tough bowling NR team. Tom Vancs 221-236=457 (his personal season high) led the boys. Nate Danko's 203 & John Vancs 192 were the other top scores. Both jv teams were short-handed and lost. Teddy Chambers bowled a 152 & Tom Battig a 151.

—SPRING SPORTS—

The spring sports season is just around the corner. At the middle school, students may participate in track. Remember there are field event as well, which include long jump, high jump, pole vault, and the throws. At the high school, there is baseball, softball, and track and field. Some teams have already begun conditioning and practice to warm-up for the upcoming season. Students, if you are interested in participating in a spring sport this year, remember to listen to the morning announcements in your school for try-out and practice times or contact the coach.

—SPRING SPORT COACHES—

- SAMS: Track and field: Coach Grude Junior High Club Softball: Jessica Thoms
- FHS: Track and field: Coach Northeim
- Baseball: Coach Busch
- Softball: Coach Dostall

Mark your calendar for the annual Nelson Howe Track and Field Event. It will be held on **Friday, April 1, 2011**. Eight schools will be competing this year.

To the Firelands community, thank you for your continued support of Falcon athletics.

Go Falcons! Leo Spagnola

GUIDANCE CORNER

Current 8th grade students and parents are invited to the FHS Freshmen orientation on Monday, February 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the Firelands High School Gym.

SENIORS: Local scholarships are available on the Firelands High School Guidance website. Students have received applications in class. They can return completed forms to the FHS guidance office by March 11th. Seniors were instructed in their government classes on how they could utilize their career portfolio information to assist with scholarship completion.

JUNIORS: It is time to register to take the ACT this spring. You can register on-line at www.actstudent.org or pick up registration forms in the guidance office. The next ACT testing date is April 9, 2011, and the registration deadline is March 4, 2011; June 11, 2011 is the last testing date, and the registration deadline is May 6, 2011. The next SAT is May 7, 2011, and the registration deadline is April 8, 2011; June 6, 2011 is the last SAT testing date, and the registration deadline is May 7, 2011.

SOPHOMORES: Students interested in going to Lorain County JVS need to turn in their application to Mrs. Zimmer by Tuesday, February 22nd.

THE OHIO GRADUATION TEST will be March 14 – March 18. All sophomores are required to take and pass all five sections of the test in order to graduate. The sections are: Reading, Math, Writing, Science, and Social Studies. This will be their first opportunity to meet this graduation requirement.

Only Juniors and Seniors who have not passed all 5 sections of the OGT will need to participate. These students will be notified of test times by the Guidance Office.

ATTENTION STUDENTS AND PARENTS INTERESTED IN COLLEGE OPTIONS: A PSEO parent information night will be Thursday, March 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. The meeting will go over the criteria of the eligibility requirements and expectations of the program. We will also go over the Parent/Student Commitment Program.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: Conferences will be held Thursday, March 24, 2011 in the gym at FHS from 3:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Lorain County JVS Students Serve Their Communities



Lorain County JVS students in Erin Byrne's American Civics class recently had a very unique assignment. They were asked to donate four hours of their time to help someone in need or to benefit the community. Students from the Carpentry, Early Childhood Education, Heating & Air Conditioning, Industrial Electricity, Landscape & Greenhouse Management, Masonry Trades, and Plumbing & Pipefitting programs participated in a wide range of activities which included volunteering at nursing homes, senior centers, the Salvation Army, food banks, and after school latchkey and youth programs.

Many students chose to join Mrs. Byrne's efforts volunteering on a Habitat for Humanity construction project. These students worked on a house in Elyria being built for a mother and her four children.

"The students spent several Saturdays working on the home," stated Byrne. "JVS students have many technical skills. They assisted with building several of the exterior walls, siding, wiring, and drywall."

"This project is designed to encourage students to get involved in their community and see that they can make a difference in the lives of others," affirmed Byrne. "In America, citizens are the government; therefore we must take an active role in our communities."

Back/from left: Adam Morrow (Amherst), Zach Bucholz (Columbia), Brandon Pullins (Columbia), Leo Chandler (Firelands), Brandon Smith (Midview), Luke Fannin (Firelands), Steve Witt (North Ridgeville). Front/ from left: Kristin Smith (Brookside), Patricia Bowman (Midview), Ashley Butler (Midview), Cody Brown (Oberlin), Stephanie Hadsell (Elyria).

— Stained Glass Request for FHS Artists —

The FHS Art 3 students have begun, what we hope to be, an annual tradition. We have begun our stained glass window mosaics. Students researched the history and production of mosaics and stained glass windows and presented their findings to their classes. We are now building mosaics in stained glass on salvaged windows kindly donated by the school community. The students will display the finished projects in the high school library in March with a public reception and auction of select windows held in early April. The auction is to benefit an art class field trip to the Cleveland Museum of Art. (More details in the next issue.)

At this point, we are requesting scrap stained glass of any colors, but most especially blue. All sizes of stained glass, even scraps as small as a quarter, are valuable resources for the students. No amount is too small. Please contact Laura Tawil, the art teacher, at the high school to make arrangements at 440-965-4255 or ltawil@firelandsschools.org.

FHS Y4Y Teen Talks Hosted Johanna Orozco:

What a Remarkable Story of Courage and Perseverance!

Firelands High School Youth 4 Youth was honored to have Johanna Orozco speak on February 10th. She spoke about her personal story and how dating violence changed her life forever. Students were amazed at how much she's been through and that she survived. She explained to the audience the dangers and warning signs of dating violence. Johanna shared her remarkable story of survival with us, and we were very happy to have her. You could not even hear a pin drop during her presentation. It was a true learning experience filled with tragedy and triumph.

You can view more of Johanna's story and pictures on www.cleveland.com/johanna.

We will be hosting the Pasta for Pennies drive for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society the week of February 22nd to the 25th. Letters explaining the program will be going home with the students.

Senior Artists Exhibit in Congressional Show



The 28th annual 9th Congressional Art Invitational includes two Firelands High School seniors. Heather Borrelli and Kraig Holler, also Art 4 and National Art Honor Society members, have oil paintings selected for the show. The exhibition began in Toledo on January 31 and runs through February 20 at the Fifth Third Center Seagate Lobby in downtown Toledo. The show will arrive at

Oberlin College for display at the Science Center on Feb. 28 and remain displayed there until March 20. Heather and Kraig will be honored on Sunday March 13 at a public reception at the exhibit.

This program is organized annually nationwide through each Congressional District to recognize and encourage creative talent. The first place entry of the district will have his/ her artwork displayed on display in Washington D.C. for one year. The two runners-up will display his/ her artwork in Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur's office. Additional artworks will be chosen to receive other sponsored awards. All participants receive an official Congressional Certificate of recognition.

Photographed above is Kraig Holler and Heather Borrelli.

FIRELANDS ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB UPDATE:

The Boosters will finish the year meeting on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the FHS Library. It's not too late to join us! Come take part as we continue to support our athletes during the Winter Sport season and look to future projects to benefit All the coaches and Athletes.

Musical Moments

PARENTS!

Please make time to attend out monthly booster meetings. As our band grows, our need for parent involvement does also.

The bands website can now be accessed through the schools website. Please visit it for all pertinent information such as calendar of events and booster updates. Our website address is www.mfmb.org
The Booster's email address is firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com

—Calendar of Events—

March 3: Pasta Dinner
4:30-6:30 FHS

March 3: Spring Concert
March 18 or 19: OMEA
Large Group Competition

March 21: Booster
Meeting

Please contact a band member or email the boosters to purchase a coupon book called Our Town and All Around. Each book sold reduces each students monetary burden for their trip by \$10. These books are available at a cost of \$28 each. They are only available for a limited time.



JVS Students Compete at District 8 DECA Competition



Lorain County JVS Business Academy students received high honors in the DECA – An Association of Marketing Students District 8 Competitive Event hosted at the Nia Center at Kalahari Waterpark in Sandusky. Students from seven high schools showcased their knowledge and skills in marketing, merchandising, and management.

Angela Roos, a senior at Firelands, took 4th Place in the Food Marketing Event (photographed on the left).

Angela Roos and Justin Bockmore will advance to state in the Chapter of the Year Project. The event will be held March 18-19 in Columbus.

Students faced various real-world scenarios in which they had to provide explanations on how to effectively manage the

situation in a mock presentation. Students also took a written examination. DECA-An Association of Marketing Students is a national organization dedicated to enhancing educational and career opportunities for high school and college students within the areas of marketing, management and entrepreneurship. Since its founding in 1946, the organization has remained on the cutting edge of educational innovation, working with the business community to integrate academic achievement with career and technical skills.

SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE SCHOOL—NEWS!

SAMS 7th/8th Grade Winter Formal

The South Amherst Middle School 7th and 8th graders are having their annual winter formal dinner/dance Saturday February 26th. The evening will begin with a red-carpet entrance in the north hallway (parents and family are welcome to come a little early and line the red carpet for pictures). The students will then enter the cafeteria where they will be served a pasta dinner with salad, dinner roll, and pop or water. From 7-9 pm the students will have a DJ in the small gym to enjoy dancing. Also during the entire evening there will be a room set up where the students can play Wii and also a photo booth where students can take turns taking unlimited pictures with their friends. The students are expected to dress in nice clothing wear, no jeans permitted. PTG will have a concession stand. Tickets are \$8.00 pre-sale and can be purchased at lunch by your student council reps, or they can be purchased at the door for \$10. Parents are encouraged to contact Mrs. Gundersen by email at: egundersen@firelandsschools.org to volunteer to join the fun and help with dinner, the special events, and the dance. Parents will also help with selecting some fun awards such as best dressed, best hair, best dancer, and king and queen.

8th Grade Orientation at FHS

Current 8th graders and their parents/guardians are invited to attend the High School Orientation on Monday, February 28, 2011 at 6:30PM in the High School Gym. Any questions please contact the FHS Guidance Department at 440.965.4255.

Student Performance on the Rise!

The students at SAMS continue to meet the high expectations set before them! I am continually impressed with the achievement of the students and the dedication of our staff to our students. Below is a list of accomplishments this quarter compared to first quarter.

33% of our students increased their GPA!

50% of our students have a GPA of over 3.0!

5% Increase in students with a GPA of 4.0!

Average GPA increased to nearly 3.0 at 2.99!

32% Decrease in the number of F's earned!

Most of these are at 10% to 20% better than last year!

Thank You Lion's Club!

Many thanks go out to the Firelands Lion's Club for helping some of the South Amherst Middle School families have a wonderful Christmas season. Through the generosity of the Firelands Lion's Club, three families, including a total of seven children received gift cards to provide food, clothing and presents for the holidays. We are so grateful to have this partnership between Firelands Lion's Club and the Firelands Schools!!

Questions/Concerns?

Please feel welcome to call or come into SAMS if you have any questions or concerns. The sooner they are brought to my attention the quicker the issue can be resolved. We are a TEAM and I want everyone to feel welcome to express their opinions. We are here for the success of the students and if you have any questions or concerns please call Principal Dave Brand at 440-986-7021.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Firelands community for supporting the

Class of 2013 and Class of 2014 Calendar Raffle Fundraiser! We sold over 260 calendars!

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Also, thank you to the Firelands community members and businesses that helped make our 1st Annual Calendar Raffle Fundraiser possible:

Bob Matus, Bettcher Industries, Amherst Eagles, Star Builders, The Mermaids Tale, Valvoline Oil, DePalma State Farm Insurance, Market Day, Smokin' Joes/Country Breeze, Petitti Garden, A David Anthony Salon, Mary Kay (Kelly Miller), Pampered Chef (Shari Wasem), Puffer's Floral, Regal Cinema, Matus Winery, Stampin' Up (Kathy Gulish), Dunkin' Donuts, Januzzi Shoes For You, Miller Ferry, Cleveland Zoo, and Swan Creek.
GO FALCONS!

Winners of the Falcon Character Wall of Fame for 2010-11



Character Education at SAMS

"Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Watch your words, for they become actions. Watch your actions, for they become habits. Watch your habits, for they become character. Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny."

~Anonymous

There were over 40 students who were caught exhibiting extraordinary character last quarter earning the Fabulous Falcon Award. The students at SAMS have high character, but these students and the nearly 30 students from first quarter showed something above and beyond. Sorry to those students who we missed, but thank you for having character and making SAMS a better place to learn for all!

SAMS Character Wall of Fame 2010-11 Winners!

6TH GRADE

Aaron Alston
Maley Foster
Brenndan Frankish
Millie Harris
Lexie Holowenko
Selena Kilby
Nathan Kovach
Colin M.
Sophia Pohorence
Karlee Rollins
Madison Sims
Elizabeth Skolnik
Jacob Smith
Jerica Spangler
Megan Vaughn

7TH GRADE

Dylan Davis
Devin Dumke
Leslie Johnson
Gabrielle Klingman
Matt Lee
Rachel Minek
Brandon Ramsey
Phillip Saylor
Erica Wasem
Rylee Wheaton
8TH GRADE
Jessica Adams
Lauren Bansek
Maisie Bonnett
Nikki Crawford

Faith Dempsey
Josh Mallet
Garrett Mckinney
Brianna Mele
Giorgia Nicolaou
Abby Petrey
Brittany Reising
Derek Reynolds
Adrian Rios
Adam Smyth
Arrianne Szakal
Gus Tapper
Zackary Tollett
Mikayla Walbom
Madison Widener

Congratulations to the winners of the SAMS Character Wall of Fame for showing outstanding Character!

6th grade: Joe Socha, Grace Pohorence, Sarah Slack, Maley Foster & Isabelle Cruz 7th grade: Logan Danicki, Gabby Klingman, Jerrod Horwedel,

Attention Families and Friends of Firelands Community Day School!

Firelands Community Day School has been providing daycare and pre-school services by Krystal Scott within the Firelands School District since 1982. Due to the condition of the building this is shared with the Board of Education office, relocation is necessary. We are asking that you keep your eyes and ears open and help us to search for a new home. We are all looking at this challenge as a positive and exciting step towards our future! We are dedicated to remaining open and we would like to thank you in advance for your thoughts, support, prayers, and any service that you think will help us in our endeavor! If you have any questions or ideas please feel free to call and talk to us!! 440/965-7677

Miss Michelle, Miss Susan & Miss Pam

Firelands' Staff Present at Technology Conference

TJ Houston and Dave Brand were privileged to represent Firelands Local Schools as presenters at The 2011 E-Tech Ohio Conference. They presented on the topic of creating a school district's own video site similar to YouTube. This allows teachers to share review material and new material to their students 24/7. It also allows the district to showcase student work and build a library for professional development. There are other options, but many of them are cluttered and difficult for students and parents to manage because of the sheer mass of content.

The presentation went very well and the session was well attended. The attendance surpassed their goal and the evaluations were very positive. Mr. Brand believes, "As a team TJ and I represented Firelands well and other districts will mimic our concept. We have already gotten requests for more information and for us to run professional development for districts that want to do this as well."

SAMS - FABULOUS FALCONS!



Falcon Tube

Do you struggle to help your child with their homework? Does your child understand what to do in class, but they have a hard time at home? Well, we hope we have developed something to help! In the next couple weeks you might hear some buzz surrounding a new technology that we have made available at Firelands Local Schools, Falcontube. Falcontube is a place for our teachers to post lessons so our students and parents can have access to the content whenever they want / need it. FalconTube will also be used to communicate with the community, showcase student work, and improve our professional development for our faculty. Click on the FalconTube tab on the left hand side of the Firelands website to view or go to www.falcontube.net.

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP) FOR FAMILIES

Important contacts for families in need of assistance Home energy assistance program (HEAP) and (PIP) 440/204-3122. Help with heating or electric Lorain County Job & Family services 440/323-5726.

- Program overview
- OWF (Ohio Works First)
- Medicaid
- PRC—emergency assistance
- Food Assistance (SNAP)
- Child care
- Child support

The Ohio benefit bank 1/800-648-1176 or <http://obb.ohio.gov>.

► MATCHCOUNTS Program at SAMS ◀

Congratulations to Firelands Local Schools and South Amherst Middle School for achieving Silver Level Status in the MATHCOUNTS Program this year! For their efforts, SAMS will receive certificates for their students, a trophy and the opportunity to receive a \$250 gift card for their math department!

South Amherst Middle School will now have the opportunity to achieve Gold Level Status, and more prizes. MATHCOUNTS was designed to secure America's global competitiveness, it inspires excellence, confidence and curiosity in US middle school students through fun and challenging math programs. MATHCOUNTS is celebrating its 27th anniversary, over 6 million students have participated in the MATHCOUNTS programs. South Amherst Middle School is proud to now be apart of that elite club.

Way to go to the over 75 MATHCOUNTS Students, Mr. Carlock, & Ms. Hartman for working so hard to achieve such an honor!

Theater Grant Inspires SAMS 6th Graders



Some of SAMS 6th graders enjoyed a week of classes outside of the regular textbook. Thanks to a grant, the middle school was able to participate in a school residency program for three days with the Great Lakes Theater Festival. The sixth graders were able to practice and role play scenes from *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *A Raisin in the Sun*. The students were then able to reflect and discuss characterization, conflict, and setting from these two dramatic pieces. It was a great extension of the regular curriculum and the students did a GREAT job in their dramatic roles.

FREE ADULT CLASSES Firelands Community Academy - FCA

Firelands Local Schools is proud to announce the beginning of the Firelands Community Academy (FCA).

FCA will offer a variety of classes for Firelands residents for **FREE!** Classes will range from resume building to technology help.

Classes will be the **first Saturday of every month** at South Amherst Middle School. Classes will start at 5:00 PM and run until 7:00 PM.

To sign up for classes or if you have questions please visit www.firelandsschools.org for the sign-up form or call 440/647-8038.

Schedule of Events:

March 5th: Resumes, Interviewing, & Job Seeking

April 2nd: Computer Basics

May 7th: Social Networks 101

(Times & Classes are subject to change, but it will be communicated clearly)

HONOR ROLL

12TH GRADE

Emily Arlington*
Heather Arndt
Adam Beckler*
Erika Beursken*
Heather Borrelli
Jacob Butchko
Matthew Colby*
Randy Daniels
Rachel Daub
Lucas Fannin
Alexandra Gillen
Robert Groot
Brennen Hofecker*
James Hozalski*
Kayla Huffman
Taylor Keating
Garrett Kelling*
Jacob Klingman
Todd Krieg
Rachel Krumwiede
Michael Larson
Ashley Lugo
Morgan Mastellone
Angela Mayer
Charles Miller*
Chelsea Mills
Brittany Opaliski
Dessa Orama
Ambur Overstreet*
Kaitlynn Pratt
Christine Rennie
Rolli, Claire
Genevieve Rush
Hallie Schmidt
Mariah Simonovich
Renee Taylor
Kayleigh Vogel
Rebecca Wheaton
Jake Wood
Jessica Wright
Ashlynn Yost
11TH GRADE
Hailey Akers
Megan Alvarez
Steven Bajcer
Meghan Butler*
Brandon Camp*
Marisa Carreon*
Nathan Danko*
Nicholas Donofrio*
Taylor Fuge
Samantha Golden*
Anna Hagstrom*
Joshua Hann
Gage Hylton
Jayme Jones*
Laine Kaiser
Daniel Kinsley
Rebecca Kozlowski
Emily Kyser*
Carl Larson
Sara Laughlin*
Joel Miller
Christopher Neal
Mary Petz
Jordan Potts
Logan Rathge
Angela Romero-Rodriguez
Breanna Schultz
Cory Smith
Lauren Smyth*
David Socha
Hope Tansey
Emily Teaman
Hayley Walther
Gage Widener
Emily Williams
Matthew Witte*
Emily Woody*
Jamie Wossilek*
Morgan Wransky
10TH GRADE
Thomas Battig
Nicholas Bauer
Thomas Biery III
Hannah Branz*
Sarah Brennan
Gina Brunetto
Randi Bukovac
Dannin Butchko
Karlie Canfield
Kennedy Carrier
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—FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BREAKFAST NEWS—
We began serving breakfast at Firelands Elementary school on September 13, 2010. Today the breakfast program is still going strong. From September 13th 2010 to December 31st, we have served 12,026 breakfasts over 66 days, averaging 182 breakfasts per day. Wow, this is awesome! Breakfast is available to all students or adults. For those students that qualify for a free or reduced lunch, also qualify the same for breakfast. The cost is \$1.35 for students and .30 for reduced students. We serve a grab and go breakfast, the students then take it back to their classroom. I would like to thank the kitchen staff, teachers and administrators for helping to make the program a success....this truly is “Team Work”. Any questions or concerns, please contact Judy Baumann, Food service director at 440/965-5821.



LUNCH MENUS



FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Regular Lunch \$2.00 (Milk included with all meals) Milk only .50¢
<u>FEBRUARY 21ST – FEBRUARY 25TH</u> MONDAY: “PRESIDENTS DAY” “NO SCHOOL” TUESDAY: Domino’s pepperoni pizza or School pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Cookie WEDNESDAY: Toasted cheese sandwich, Tomato soup/crackers, Peas, Pears THURSDAY: Stuffed crust cheese pizza, Tossed salad w/carrots, Mandarin oranges FRIDAY: Chicken Fries, Hashbrown patty, Peaches, Whole grain roll <u>FEBRUARY 28TH – MARCH 4TH</u> MONDAY: Hamburger w/bun, Baked fries, Pears TUESDAY: Domino’s pepperoni pizza or School pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Cookie WEDNESDAY: Beef Ravioli, String cheese, tossed salad w/carrots, Pears THURSDAY: Taco salad w/meat, Lettuce & cheese, Grapes, Tortilla chips FRIDAY: Chicken nuggets, Tator tots, Peaches, Whole grain roll <u>MARCH 7TH – MARCH 11TH</u> MONDAY: Sausage Links, French toast sticks, Cheesy potatoes, Orange juice TUESDAY: Domino’s pepperoni pizza or School pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Cookie WEDNESDAY: Cheese Quesadilla, Baby carrots w/dip, Diced pears “Ash Wednesday” THURSDAY: Chicken strips, Baked french fries, Sherbet, Whole grain roll FRIDAY: Macaroni & Cheese, Seasoned Peas, Applesauce, Breadstick <u>MARCH 14TH – MARCH 18TH</u> MONDAY: Mini corn dogs, Green beans, Seasoned Rice, Mandarin oranges TUESDAY: Domino’s pepperoni pizza or School pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Cookie WEDNESDAY: Salisbury steak, Whipped potatoes w/gravy, Corn, Applesauce, Whole grain roll THURSDAY: Chicken fries, Broccoli, Seasoned Rice, Sherbet FRIDAY: Stuffed crust cheese pizza, Baby Carrots w/dip, Pineapple

SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE SCHOOL
Regular Lunch \$2.25 (Milk included with all meals) Milk only .50¢
<u>FEBRUARY 21ST – FEBRUARY 25TH</u> MONDAY: PRESIDENTS DAY “NO SCHOOL” TUESDAY: Dominoes pepperoni pizza or stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Dessert WEDNESDAY: Italian grilled cheese, Tomato soup w/crackers, Peas, Mixed fruit THURSDAY: Mashed potato bowl...Potatoes...Corn...Popcorn chicken...Gravy...Cheese, Pears, Whole grain roll FRIDAY: Beef & cheese nachos or Taco fries w/cheese, Tossed salad, Fruit, Whole grain roll <u>FEBRUARY 28TH – MARCH 4TH</u> MONDAY: Baked potato w/ broccoli, cheese & yogurt cup or Cheeseburger w/bun, Broccoli & cheese, Pears TUESDAY: Dominoes pepperoni pizza or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Cake WEDNESDAY: Taco salad or soft taco, Lettuce & cheese, Pears, Tortilla chips, Breadstick THURSDAY: Chicken Strips w/roll or Southwest pizza, Italian blend vegetables, Peaches FRIDAY: Goldfish cinna graham, Falcon double burger, w/bun, cheese, lettuce, ranch dressing, Baked fries, Peaches <u>MARCH 7TH – MARCH 11TH</u> MONDAY: Egg & cheese bagel or biscuit sandwich, Cheesy potatoes, Orange juice cup TUESDAY: Dominoes pepperoni pizza or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Cookie WEDNESDAY: Beef Ravioli w/roll or cheese stuffed, breadstick, Peas & carrots, Strawberry cup “Ash Wednesday” THURSDAY: General Tso’s chicken, Stir fry vegetables, Mandarin oranges, Seasoned rice, Whole grain roll FRIDAY: Italian grilled cheese, Tomato soup, Seasoned Peas, Pears <u>MARCH 14TH – MARCH 18TH</u> MONDAY: Hot dog w/ bun or kielbasa w/bun, Baked beans, Pineapple, Fritos TUESDAY: Dominoes pepperoni pizza or Stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Dessert WEDNESAY: Chicken parmesan w/roll or chicken patty / bun, Spaghetti w/sauce, Tossed salad w/carrots, Applesauce THURSDAY: Breaded chicken wrap w/lettuce & cheese or Chicken strips w/roll, California blend veggie, Peaches, jello FRIDAY: Baked potato W/broccoli & cheese or whole grain corn dog, Broccoli w/ cheese, Peaches

FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL
Regular Lunch \$2.40 (Milk included with all meals) Milk only .50¢
<u>FEBRUARY 21ST – FEBRUARY 25TH</u> MONDAY: “NO SCHOOL” PRESIDENTS DAY TUESDAY: Dominoes peppro pizza or stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Dessert WEDNESDAY: Taco salad w/meat or soft taco, Lettuce & cheese, Corn, Tortilla chips / banana THURSDAY: Macaroni & Cheese w/breadstick or Steak-um hoagie w/bun, Tossed salad w/carrots, Applesauce FRIDAY: Steak-um w/cheese or Southwest pizza, Broccoli w/cheese, Pears <u>FEBRUARY 28TH – MARCH 4TH</u> MONDAY: General tso’s chicken or Chicken patty w/bun, Stir fry vegetables, Seasoned rice, Mandarin oranges TUESDAY: Dominoes peppro pizza or stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Cookie WEDNESDAY: Chipotle Day-build it!!! Chicken or Beef/tortilla, Choices of shredded lettuce, cheese, black beans, salsa, guacamole, sour cream, Apple THURSDAY: Chicken Alfredo..grilled chicken, alfredo sauce, over pasta or Grilled chicken breast w/bun, Glazed carrots/Pears, Whole grain Roll FRIDAY: Falcon double cheeseburger w/lettuce & ranch dressing or Cheeseburger w/bun, Baked beans, Mandarin oranges <u>MARCH 7TH – MARCH 11TH</u> MONDAY: BBQ shredded chicken w/bun or Chicken strips w roll, Cheesy potatoes, Peaches TUESDAY: Dominoes pepperoni pizza or stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Dessert WEDNESAY: Cheese stuffed breadsticks or rib a que w/bun, California blend veggie, Mandarin oranges “Ash Wednesday” THURSDAY: Chef salad or Turkey wrap w/lettuce & cheese, Celery & peanut butter, Whole grain roll, Pears FRIDAY: Cheese Quesadilla or BBQ shredded Pork, Glazed Carrots, Pears, Goldfish cinnamon graham <u>MARCH 14TH – MARCH 18TH</u> MONDAY: Mashed potato bowl...potatoes, corn, popcorn chicken, gravy & cheese, Mandarin oranges, Whole grain roll TUESDAY: Dominoes pepperoni pizza or stuffed crust pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, Cookie WEDNESDAY: Pasta bar w/meatballs w/whole grain roll or Meatball sub, Tossed salad w/carrots, Applesauce THURSDAY: Hot dog w/ bun or Kielbasa w/bun, Baked beans, Pears, Cinnamon graham FRIDAY: Italian grilled cheese or Chicken strips w/roll, Tomato Soup, Green beans w/carrots, Peaches

— Farm Credit Scholarship Deadline Nears —

Farm Credit Services of Mid-America (FCS) member-customer scholarship program deadline is February 28, 2011. FCS, a \$17.5 billion agricultural lending cooperative serving farmers, agribusinesses and rural residents in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Tennessee, is offering scholarships to college students enrolled in agricultural and business programs. Thirty-six scholarships – ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$1,500 – will be awarded. “Scholarships are a great way to invest in our community’s future,” said Ed Yanos, chair of the FCS board. “Our scholarships provide support for those pursuing careers in agriculture. As agriculture continues to grow and evolve, we want students to be at the forefront of the industry, and grow with it.” The scholarships are available to members, their dependents and spouses of the ag lending cooperative. Scholarships will be awarded in April based on academic record, leadership qualities, and community involvement. To apply, go online to www.e-farmercredit.com and select Community, then Scholarships. Or call 1-800-444-3276 to talk the closest office about obtaining an application. Farm Credit also awards over \$60,000 in scholarships to students attending universities with ag colleges as well as the 4-H and FFA. Information on those scholarships can also be found on the organization’s website or by calling the universities or the state offices of the 4-H and FFA.

Farm Credit Salutes the FFA during National FFA Week

During 2010, Ag Lending Cooperative Farm Credit Services of Mid-America contributed almost \$140,000 to FFA projects and programs in Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee. This includes two major initiatives to help with camp improvements at state facilities in Indiana (Trafalger) and Ohio (Camp Muskingum). “Whether sponsoring local competitions, state degrees, or assisting with building projects, we can think of no better way to support today’s youth than through initiatives such as these,” said Brittany Nemeth, Financial services officer with the Oberlin FCS office. On a local level, the Oberlin office supported the Willard FFA Chapter with financial assistance to help afford them the opportunity to attend the National Convention. “With National FFA week starting on February 19, we wanted to take a moment to congratulate the youth who participate in this quality youth organization,” she said.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

—FEBRUARY—

- 21 President's Day - NO SCHOOL
- 21 Band Boosters Meeting at FHS, 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Spelling Bee at FES, Grades 3 and 4, 9:00 a.m.
- 25 Varsity Boys Basketball (home) vs Vermilion, 7:30 p.m.
- 26 SAMS Winter Formal Dance, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 28 8th Grade Orientation at FHS, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Market Day Pickup at FES, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

—MARCH—

- 1 Choir Concert at FHS, 7:00 p.m.
- 2 FES PTG Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in Teacher Lunchroom
- 3 FHS Spring Band Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 7-11 2nd Grade Terra Nova Testing
- 9 SAMS Band Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 4th & 5th Grade Choir - 5th Grade Band Concert, 6:00 p.m.
- 14 Kindergarten Packets Available at FES
- 14-18 OGT Test Week at FHS
- 14 Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 18-19 OMEA Large Group District Contest

Nemeth went on to say that contributions to programs such as FFA demonstrate how cooperatives can do best by supporting youth interested in agriculture and the betterment of rural America. “Our FFA leaders and vocation ag teachers who support these programs are ensuring our youth have positive experiences. They are helping today’s youth develop character and build strong leadership standards, and we appreciate their efforts.” Support to programs like FFA represents Farm Credit’s commitment to allocate stewardship dollars to programs that build leadership and encourage teamwork in rural America’s youth. Farm Credit Services, headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, gives back to local communities through its FCS Support for Agriculture Stewardship Program. The program targets funds to agricultural projects and educational initiatives, giving priority to youth and young farmers.

BROWNHelm HISTORICAL MEETING

The Brownhelm Historical Association will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, at the Carriage Barn at Mill Hollow. Following the business meeting there will be a short time for refreshments followed by the program which will be a show and tell time. Bring one or two antique items you would like to share with the group. Our meetings are open to the public and we'd like to see what family things you have to share. See you at the meeting.

Campaign to Remember Jim Solomon!

Please mail your favorite stories that you remember. I am compiling them in hopes of writing a book. Mail to P.O. Box 140 Green Road, Birmingham, OH 44816 or email: jamesrsolomon@centurytel.net. Also please remember the Jim Solomon Memorial Scholarship Fund, 11970 Vermilion Road, Oberlin OH 44074

— Henrietta Country Dreamers 4-H UPDATE —

Our second year of 4H started off with election new officers for 2011. President, Anna Dugovich; Vice President, Brianna Bunt; Secretary, Rachael Bean, Treasurer; Emily Krieg; News Reporter Kimberly Pinkerton and Historian, Brianna Krieg. Meeting was called to order by the President and eight members present. Pledge of allegiance was lead by Kimberly Pinkerton and 4H pledge by Kayla Huffman. Snack was brought by Brianna Bunt. Many ribbons and trophies were won by everyone at the Lorain County Fair and our club won cleanest barn award. Future events will be the horse camp, horse shows and many other activities. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at the Henrietta Township Hall at 6 o'clock except for February. Our next meeting is March 3rd and new members are welcome. Once again we would like to thank the many people who helped and supported our Club. The members would also like to thank our Advisors Heather Mili-ron and Tracy Huffman for all their time and dedication in making our first year so much fun and very successful.

By: Kimberly Pinkerton

Pitchfork Pals 4-H UPDATE!

On January 9th, the Pitchfork Pals had their first meeting of the year. The Clover buds were taught the 4-H pledge and the meaning of 4-H. They also frosted clover shaped cookies and planted seedlings. Cloverbud advisors are Megan Kudela and Cassie Muniga.

New officers were elected for the year

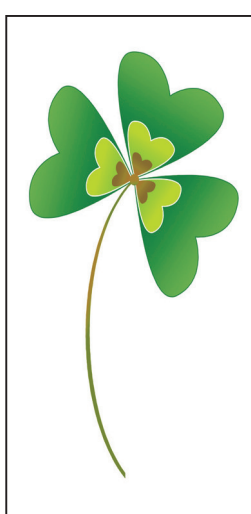
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Vice President—John Knoble; Secretary—Megan Kudela; Treasurer—Cassie Muniga; Health & Safety Leader—Cora Born; News Reporter—Elizabeth Schofield; Recreation Officers—Ryan Ortnier and Alex Steindl;

Community Service Projects

This month's community service was donating hats and mittens to The Blessing House. The next Pitchfork Pals meeting will be February 13th at the Henrietta Township Hall. Cloverbuds will meet at 3:15 p.m. and the regular meeting will start at 4:00 p.m.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Pitchfork Pals go to www.pitchforkpals.webs.com.

By: Elizabeth Schofield, News Reporter



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