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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

SCHOOL FUNDING IN OHIO

With the recent release of Governor Kasich's new school funding model, the debate over how we fund Ohio schools reemerged to the forefront of news media coverage. When coupling the new formula with recent headlines referencing the \$37.9 million that state schools will share with new Casino revenues, residents of school districts around the state and here in the Firelands community may believe there is reason to rejoice!

However, I caution this optimism and I am compelled to address several facts that paint a somewhat different picture about our financial future. In the 2009-2010 school year, the state of Ohio funded a portion of the school foundation payment with federal stimulus dollars, which in short, "replaced" the use of state dollars with federal dollars to fund our schools.

The use of stimulus dollars continued in the 2010-2011 school year with a higher percentage of state dollars replaced by federal stimulus dollars. In addition, school districts received direct stimulus funding to fund certain instructional positions. Mind you, this was a one-time federal payment aimed to help our nation's ailing economy.

Fast-forward to the 2011-2012 school year. Stimulus funding did not return to school districts and the state of Ohio chose not to return the funding that it replaced with federal stimulus dollars to our schools. The net effect of this action to the Firelands Schools was a reduction of funding in excess of \$800,000 per year. In light of this loss of revenue, it is difficult for me to see the "windfall" of revenue in a casino payment of \$37,455.75.

As Western Reserve School District treasurer Brett Robson points out in a recent article, I am neither critical nor unappreciative of the new casino revenue stream. However, I am compelled to paint a complete picture for our community regarding school funding in the state of Ohio and I too suspect that the casino payment may follow the path of the "windfall" of revenue that the Ohio Lottery was supposed to bring to schools.

As I alluded to in my opening paragraph, an additional piece of the funding puzzle is Governor Kasich's new school funding formula. The new formula is complex and focuses on several key concepts that have appeared in previous funding formulas. In short, schools will receive "Core Opportunity Aid" (base aid) and Tier 2 Aid. The base aid portion of the

formula is supposed to ensure that every school district receives a base amount of revenue per pupil under the assumption of a base tax rate of 20 mills applied to a per pupil valuation of \$250,000. This funding model is known as an "equal yield formula" and it is the same construct that Ohio utilized in the late 1970s.

On February 6, the Governor released preliminary funding amounts based on the new formula. Much to my surprise and chagrin, Firelands was "flat funded." In other words, we expect to receive the same amount of funding that we currently receive for the next two fiscal years. Further adding to our dismay is the concept of a "guarantee" of \$2,288,326 that is considered part of our state funding. In short, a "guarantee" is an amount of money provided by the state that ensures we receive the same amount of funding that we received in the previous year. However, there is a catch...the Governor was clear in his message to state superintendent's that the "guarantee" must go away because it is unfair to growing districts.

To complicate matters further, if the "guarantee" is eliminated we will need to find a way to trim \$2 million plus from the budget in each of the next two years. Mind you, this assumption asks us to trim \$2.2 million per year from a district that in fiscal year 2012, continued to act to reduce costs with the elimination of classified, certified, and administrative positions. In fiscal year 2012, 16 positions were eliminated through attrition and reductions-in-force. The technology department was outsourced for cost savings and performance improvement. Federal education jobs funds not spent in fiscal year 2011 were used to preserve cash flow in fiscal year 2012. Another five positions were reduced for fiscal year 2013 to offset the total loss of all federal stimulus funds and reductions in federal Title funding. All of the aforementioned items were done in an effort to operate efficiently and to serve the needs of our students.

In addition to the \$2.2 million in cuts, the Governor plans to reduce revenues to our county educational services centers by 25% in each of the next two fiscal years. A reduction in funding to our ESC's equates to additional dollars that we must allocate as a district to purchase the services provide by the ESC. This serves as an interesting paradigm for a funding plan that aims to eliminate "unfunded mandates" and reliance on property tax.

I find it a difficult pill to swallow that based on the just released calculations, we are widening the gap between the

"haves" and the "have-nots." Governor Kasich was clear in his assertion that you can argue with neither the formula, nor the results. However, the impact of the formula as released could be devastating to the future of many schools in the state. The formula essentially forces districts to go back to the local taxpayers to continue to provide high levels of education.

An examination of the funding data shows that of the lowest 43 wealth districts based on per pupil valuation, twenty-five or 58% are receiving no increase in funding. There are thirty-one counties represented by these forty-three Districts. In addition, the following summary of districts projected to be on a guarantee in fiscal year 2014 by typology is as follows:

Poor rural — 79/97 (81.4%)
Rural — 137/161 (85.1%)
Rural small town — 71/81 (87.7%)
Urban — 27/102 (26.5%)
Major urban — 4/15 (26.7%)
Suburban — 53/107 (49.5%)
Wealthy suburban — 22/46 (47.8%)

Call me a cynic, but I fail to see how the Governor has removed politics from school funding based on the aforementioned data. How can so many districts with high per pupil property wealth and high levels of income receive large increases in state funding, while smaller rural districts with average land wealth and income are "frozen" for the next two fiscal years at their current level and are now on the "guarantee?"

I must warn our public that we are once again in a political battle with the Governor regarding our fiscal ability to educate our students. If the funding proposal goes through as currently written, I believe we are falling back to the unsustainable funding formula of the 1970's. Further, local districts will continue to rely on the unconstitutional property tax base to fund our schools. As voters in the state of Ohio, I urge you to contact your state senators and representatives to pose the following question: "How is the Governor's funding proposal any different than past proposals and how does the new formula move away from a reliance on the property tax and the creation of the 'haves' and the 'have-nots'?"

Go Falcons!
Yours in Education,
Dr. Robert F. Hill
Superintendent

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STATE OF THE SCHOOLS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2013 - SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE SCHOOL - IN THE GYM - 7:00 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2013 - FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - IN THE GYM - 7:00 PM

UPDATES ON DISTRICT FINANCES, CURRICULUM AND FACILITIES

TLC & Pasta for Pennies Drive

Firelands High School Teen Leadership Corps class would like to thank everyone who donated to the Pasta for Pennies Drive this year for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We have raised \$1948 to help find a cure for blood cancers. The drive was held from February 4th to 8th. This year Mr. Busch's class will be enjoying the Olive Garden Lunch by bringing in \$27.58 per student. Mrs. Purcell's class was in second place with \$17.80 per student. Mrs. Callahan's took third with \$15.88 per student. Mr. Whaley's class placed fourth with \$15.39 per student. The following classes deserve honorable mentions: Mr. Gulish's, Mr. Miller's, Mrs. Notarberardino's, Mr. Smith's, and the main office staff and aides. The TLC group had a blast collecting and counting change. Thanks again to all who participated and helped make this year's drive a success.



UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS FOR FIRELANDS ATHLETIC TEAMS

BOWLING

The Boys and Girls Sectional bowling tournament will be held on Sunday February 17th at Rebman Lanes.

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

The Boys Division II District Basketball Tournament will be held at Westlake High School. The Falcons earned the #4 seed and will play #5 Vermilion in the opening round of tournament play. The game will be held on Wednesday February 27th 6pm at Westlake High School. If the Falcons win they will play Rocky River on Saturday March 2nd 730pm at Westlake High School. When this article went to print, the Falcons are in 1st place of the Patriot Athletic Conference Stars Division with two conference games left in conference play. If the team wins at least one of those games they will clinch a share of the conference championship.

BOYS FRESHMEN BASKETBALL

The Freshmen Boys Basketball Tournament will be held at Fairview High School. The Falcons earned the #4 seed and will play #5 Buckeye on Saturday February 16th 10am at Fairview High School. If the Falcons win they will play on Monday February 18th 430pm against the winner of Clearview/Keystone.

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

The Girls Division II District Basketball Tournament will be held at Elyria High School. The Falcons earned the #2 seed and will play the winner of the #6 Padua/#12 Keystone game in the opening round of the tournament. The game will be held on Saturday February 23rd 6pm at Elyria High School. If the Falcons win they will play again on Thursday February 28th 730pm at Elyria High School.

**Congratulations on the
2012-13 Firelands High
School Varsity Girls
Basketball Team on
clinching the Patriot
Athletic Conference Stars
Division Championship.**

CELEBRATE OUR SPORTS TEAMS!

The Firelands Athletic Boosters invite you to join us as we celebrate great our Falcon athletic programs. We have a spunky community that love to watch their kids, grand kids, and friends kids play "their" game! Join us on March 23rd as we host our Spring Steak Fry at the Amherst Eagles. \$20 gets you a wonderful 14 oz. Strip Steak with all the trimmings. Draft beer, pop, munchies, and desserts will also be included. We have a night of fun with raffles, and some other surprises to switch things up a bit planned for you. Everyone is welcome!

Please call the school for tickets or you may contact - Gerry @ 440-724-4198, Becky @ 440-823-9633, or Kathy @ 225-9775.

THANKS - and see you the 23rd!!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION MARCH 25 - MARCH 28 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

If you have a child who will turn five years old on or before August 1, 2013, he/she is eligible for Kindergarten for the 2013-2014 school year. Kindergarten Registration will take place at Firelands Elementary School during the week of March 25 - March 28 from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. School will be closed on Friday, March 29th in observance of Good Friday. To shorten the actual registration time, registration packets will be available beginning March 18th at FES. These packets contain all of the necessary forms to be completed and are a time-saver during registration week.

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

Birth Certificate ~ Immunization Record ~ Proof of Residency ~ Applicable Custody Papers

KINDERGARTEN IS AN ALL DAY PROGRAM

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 440-965-5381.

GUIDANCE CORNER

Current 8th grade students and parents are invited to the FHS Freshmen orientation on Wednesday, February 20th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Firelands High School Gym.

There will be a PSEO parent meeting February 28th, conference night, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

Freshman Class:

Project Lead the Way

This class is offered to Sophomores. Project Lead the Way (PLTW) offers a dynamic high school program that provides students with real-world learning and hands-on experience. The PLTW curriculum allows students to see how the lessons they learn in the classroom are valuable tools to be applied in their everyday lives.

Sophomore Class:

Students interested in attending the JVS for the 2013-2014 academic school year must apply online at lcjvs.com/high-school/how-to-apply.shtml by February 27th.

The Ohio Graduation Test will be March 11th – 15th. All sophomores are required to take and pass all 5 portions (Reading, Math, Writing, Science, and Social Studies) in order to graduate. This will be their first opportunity to meet this graduation requirement.

Junior Class:

It is time to register to take the ACT this spring. You can register on-line at www.actstudent.org or pick up a registration packet from the guidance office.

Senior Class:

The application for the endowment scholarships is now available online.

Visit the Firelands website at:

www.firelandsschools.org, click the high school>guidance>financial aid and college/scholarship resources and view the Scholarship information. Here you can download the local scholarship application.

Rudolph Chavez, a college financial advisor, will be assisting families with the financial aid process. You can email him at rchavez@collegenowgc.org or call him at 216-241-5587 with any questions you may have.

College Goal Sunday will be Sunday, February 10th, at 2:00 p.m. at LCCC or BGSU-Firelands in Huron. To register, go to www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org or call 1-877-428-8246.

Another helpful website to assist with finding money for college is www.fafsa.gov. You can apply for your pin for financial aid today.

WINTER SAFETY TIPS

Now that winter has finally arrived, here are some tips to keep everyone safe all year long. Remember with bad road conditions the Bus may be late. Please do not call the Bus Garage as it can create a lot of radio conversation that can be distracting to all the drivers when the roadways are bad. **PLEASE BE PATIENT.**

Have the students at the Bus Stop and ready to board before the Bus arrives, (five minutes suggested), Board Policy. Please do not wait in your house or your car until the bus stops. The students need to be lined up and ready to board the bus when the bus arrives at the stop.

Have the students wait back from the edge of the road approximately ten feet and wait until the Bus has stopped and the door has opened or signaled by the driver to cross the road or approach the bus.

When crossing the road use the proper procedures, wait for driver to signal, stop at the center of the road and check traffic on their own before crossing to their home side, proceeding to their place of safety, again about ten feet from the edge of the road, and wait until the bus leaves before proceeding home.

Clear a path to the bus stop, sidewalk or yard.

Have the students dressed for the weather; boots, coats, gloves.

THE DRIVERS HAVE AN AWESOME RESPONSIBILITY TO GET THE STUDENTS TO AND FROM SCHOOL SAFELY AND YOUR HELP IS ESSENTIAL!

FHS and SAMS Art Students Break District Record in the 2013 Regional Scholastic Art Show

The Lorain County Regional Scholastic Art Exhibition has been providing a program to recognize, exhibit and honor excellence in visual art from 7-12 grade students for over 45 years. The 2013 exhibition kicked off Jan. 8 and includes artwork from a record-breaking 23 Firelands High School students and 2 South Amherst Middle School students.

The Scholastic Art Awards program is the largest annual art competition in the country. Students in schools across the United States and Canada create the 150,000 entries each year. The Lorain County region includes public and private middle and high schools from Lorain, Erie and Huron counties. Art teachers Tamara Chippi and Laura Tawil entered a variety of 2-dimensional works this year. The high school students are competing together, grades 9-12, at the "varsity level" within various media categories. Grades 7 and 8 compete together at the "junior high" level. Students earn third place "honorable mention", second place "silver key" and

the top award of "gold key". Placing in this show is like placing in "districts" in sports. Those works earning a regional "gold key" advance to national jurying in New York City in the spring.

South Amherst Middle School artists Mikayla Mains, gr. 8 and Gavyn Kreider, gr. 7 both earned "gold key" awards for their oil pastel and mixed media works.

FHS Art Fundamentals students Emily Williams, gr. 9, Emily Foster, gr. 10 and Ashley Walker, gr. 11 all earned "honorable mention" for their work.

Art 1 freshmen Molly Hales, Victoria Krejci, Natalie Crawford and Vitoria Russo, and sophomore Kayla Morris each earned "honorable mention" for their oil pastel pet portraits. Freshmen Jerrod Horwedel earned a "silver key" for his pet portrait and Julia Ohle earned a "silver key" for her ink design.

Art 2 senior Erika Richardson earned an "honorable mention" for her watercolor landscape painting.

Art 2 Freshman Olivia Mowry earned an "honorable mention" for her relief print, as did sophomore Mikayla Walbom. Mikayla adds a "silver key" for her watercolor landscape and sophomore Emily Herchler earned the same for her relief print portrait. Sophomore Rebecca Jackson has earned a "gold key" for her relief print portrait and will advance to national judging.

Senior Carlie Elek earned 3 "honorable mentions" for work she completed last spring as an Art 3 student.

The Art 4 and Advanced Art students brought in more honors for the department. Junior Lauren Holcomb earned an incredible school-record of 8 "honorable mentions" for her drawings, prints, painting and mixed media work, with an additional "silver key" for drawing. Juniors Daniel Truitt earned 3 and Chayce Hall earned 1 "honorable mentions" for prints. Seniors Kelsey Mullins and Lindsey Kasper each earned 2 "honorable mentions" for

prints. They each earned a "silver keys" for a print and a photograph, respectively. Carlie Elek adds another "honorable mention" and "silver key" for 2 more prints made this year. Senior Advanced Art student Erika Hornyak earned and "honorable mention", 2 "silver keys" for prints and 2 "gold keys" for her drawing and painting. Erika's "gold key" work will advance to New York City for national judging.

The exhibit is hosted at the Stocker Center gallery on the campus of Lorain County Community College and funded by Nordson Corporation Foundation, C. Paul Stocker Arts Foundation and Lorain County Com-

munity College. The exhibit runs from Jan. 8 – Feb. 3 and is open to the public. A special reception was held for all artists on Jan. 13. A closing awards ceremony and reception will be held on Feb. 3 for the Gold Key winners. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. 10:30-2:30 with Tues., Wed., and Thurs. evenings 5-7pm and Sundays 1-5. The gallery is also open during Stocker Center performances.



SAMS winning artists - Gavyn Kreider, gr. 7 and Mikayla Mains, gr. 8

Great Lakes Theater Visits 6th Grade Classroom



Some of our sixth graders had the opportunity to participate in four days of drama instruction from the Great Lakes Theater Group. Thanks to a grant provided by various donors, students were able to explore some serious issues of Civil Rights through the exploration of theatrical performance. Each day the class discussed, rehearsed and performed a scene from the following plays: "Diary of Anne Frank", "A Raisin in the Sun" and "Romeo and Juliet". In addition to the three plays, students read the poem "A Dream Deferred" by Langston Hughes and did a little dreaming of their own!

FABULOUS FALCON - JANUARY 23, 2013

Students and parents attended a breakfast to spotlight many of SAMS students that demonstrated traits connected with character and responsibility throughout the second nine weeks of school. It was an absolute honor to be able to recognize our students that were “caught” doing something positive in the building. Themes from the staff nominations included many distinctive traits tied to good character and being responsible. Buzz words from the staff’s written nominations included leadership, positive role modeling, helping others, goal setting, caring, kindness, hard work, and doing the right thing the first time. To all the students that were honored as being Fabulous Falcons, thank you for being character leaders and making South Amherst Middle School a great place to learn! The students that were Fabulous Falcons are as following:

<u>8TH Grade</u>	<u>7TH Grade</u>	<u>6TH Grade</u>
Vjollca Amidi	Tyler Bennett	Cora Born
Evan Born	Jacob Campbell	Estelle Bowling
Stephanie Brady	Averi Cleary	Sawyer Bayus
Karli Bukovac	Michael Douzos	Macey Butchko
Maley Foster	Alaina Kempf	Anna Denes
Adeline Grame	Casey Koepf	Sarah Drury
Chloe Hewlett	Ariel Langer	Michael Durdak
Daniel Hribal	David Nary	Joshua Kelly
Hailey Koster	Faith Rico	Brandon Mele
Noah Kosztyo	Angelina Rivera	Ryan Ortner
Sylvia Krejci	Jacob Selent	Taylor Ostrander
Connor Price	Colin Ransom	Isaac Sultzer
Kyle Riggs	Brian Smith	Rachel Taddeo
Jacob Smith		
Joseph Socha		
Louis Ward		



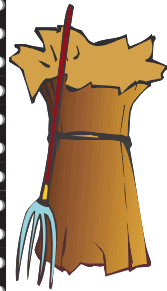
Attention: Parent/Guardian of current 6th grade student:

Because of outbreaks of pertussis (whooping cough), the State of Ohio is now requiring students to have a diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis booster (DTP or Tdap) by the end of 6th grade. If one was done in October 2008 or later, your child does not need to get an additional shot but you need to send the record in. If there has NOT been one since October 2008, your child will need to get it. You can go to your regular healthcare provider, or to one of the health department walk-in child immunization clinics; check <http://www.loraincountyhealth.com/immunizations#children> for dates, times, locations, or call 440-322-6367.

NO ONE IS TURNED AWAY FROM A HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLINIC BECAUSE OF INABILITY TO PAY.

Please send a copy of the updated immunization record to the school nurse, Mrs. Matus, being sure your child’s name is on it. Don’t forget to keep a copy for yourself!

PITCHFORK PALS CLUB NEWS



On February 10th, 2013, we had our 2nd meeting at the Henrietta Township Hall. Rachel Metzger, Spencer Deremer, Kyra McKissick and Thomas Ives all brought in demonstrations to share. We also did Valentine's Day crafts. On January 30th we organized a group and went to Second Harvest Food Bank to package food for the less fortunate.

News Reporter: Gabby Zadorozny

Gimme 5 Trait of the Month: Honesty/Responsibility

Teaching Honesty by Example

Teaching honesty by example is very effective. “Do-as-I-do” is a better motto than the proverbial, “Do-as-I-say, not-as-I-do.” Be honest with children at a level that they can understand.

Teaching by example means that you conduct your own personal and business affairs in an honest and ethical manner. By doing so you will be demonstrating the self-respect that accompanies ethical behavior.

Excerpted from **Healthy Parenting Tip Sheet – Teaching Kids Honesty** - By Bette Freedson, MSW, LICSW, LCSW, CGP

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“Math Mania” Competition

FES students in fourth and fifth grade participated in the Lorain County “Math Mania” competition at the Spitzer Conference Center at LCCC. I’m so proud of all of the children who competed today against 8 other districts in our consortium. The competition is broken up into two parts: The 24 Game—a fast-paced computation game played by individual students, and Techno-Math—a standards-based multiple choice quiz game in which children use Turning-Point technology to respond to questions as fast and accurately as they can. Scores for Techno-Math are based on district teams. I’m thrilled to announce we had winners in both categories! Here are our results:



Techno-Math

Fourth grade won First Place, beating 5 other districts! Fifth grade won Fourth Place, ahead of 4 other districts!

24 Game

Fifth grader Brooklyn Ollis won Third Place OVERALL out of over 140 competitors!

Fifth graders Logan Hall, Robert Rose, Danny Hager, and Marybeth Petrey were awarded medals for achieving scores in the top 16 of the second round!

Fourth grader James Steindl was awarded a medal for achieving a score in the top 16 of the third and fourth grade competition out of nearly 200 competitors!

I’m so proud not only for their achievements, but also for the way that they represented our district in their excellent behavior, positive attitude, and good sportsmanship.

I would like to thank Terri Watson for her assistance and support for the contests, and Susan Scalli with her help in preparing some of the participants.

Mrs. Jennifer Snyder - Gifted Intervention Specialist - Firelands Elementary School

FES Yearbook Cover Contest Winners



Congratulations to Chayce Baldwin (4th grade) and Christopher Jackson (5th grade) for winning the annual yearbook cover contest. This annual contest is open to all students in the 4th and 5th grades. There were many accomplished entries this year, but only two could be chosen. Chayce's artwork was chosen for the yearbook cover and Christopher's artwork was chosen for the back cover. Good job!

Falcon Café



The Falcon Café opened to rave reviews on Tuesday, December 18th. Because of the number of Gimme 5 tickets they'd accrued, the following students were able to enjoy lunch at the VIP Lunchroom: Ethan Meszaros (K), Olivia Flanagan, Christopher Cleary, Alyssa Pennington, David Rivera, Amy Gerber, Branden Rowley, Peyton Vanderpool, Cole VonGunten, Wes Krafcik (1st), Leah Schmittle and Brooke Thomas (3rd). Congratulations to these students!

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNITION MONTH



In recognition of Board of Education Month, a group of 4th grade students used their recess time to create small bouquets of duct tape flowers for our Firelands Board of Education members. These flowers turned out beautifully and were presented at the January meeting. Involved in "flower production" were: Shawny Hess, Madison Hammond, Sam Solowiej, Chayce Baldwin and Shyanne Milas.

Attention: Parents/Guardians of Children Entering Kindergarten in Fall 2013:



If your child is 4 years or older, he/she can complete the immunizations required for school entry. You may go to your usual health care provider, or attend one of the health department walk-in clinics. In either case, be sure to have your child's immunization record with you when you go.

You can go to your regular healthcare provider, or to one of the health department walk-in child immunization clinics; check <http://www.loraincountyhealth.com/immunizations#children> for dates, times, locations, or call 440-322-6367.

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Please send a copy of the updated immunization record to the school nurse, Mrs. Osborne, being sure your child's name is on it. Don't forget to keep a copy for yourself!

If possible, please have them completed before kindergarten registration which is held week of March 25th at FES.

LUNCH MENUS

<p>FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY Regular Lunch \$2.30—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>	<p>SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE Regular Lunch \$2.70—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>	<p>FIRELANDS HIGH Regular Lunch \$2.70—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 18 - FEBRUARY 22</p> <p>MONDAY - "NO SCHOOL" PRESIDENTS DAY TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned corn, Celery sticks, Chilled fruit WEDNESDAY - Chicken patty sandwich, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pineapple THURSDAY - Taco Salad, Shredded lettuce & cheese, Seasoned beans & cheese, Fresh fruit, Tortilla chips FRIDAY - Macaroni & cheese, Seasoned peas, Cucumber slices, Chilled pears, Whole grain roll</p> <p>FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 1</p> <p>MONDAY - Hamburger w/bun, Pickle slices, Bbq baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled mandarin orgs TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Mixed vegetables, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit WEDNESDAY - Baked chicken nuggets, Sweet fries, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce THURSDAY - Salisbury steak, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll FRIDAY - NON-INSTRUCTION DAY - NO SCHOOL</p> <p>MARCH 4 - MARCH 8</p> <p>MONDAY - Hot dog w/bun, Baked beans, Tomato Juice, Chilled peaches TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Green beans, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit WEDNESDAY - General Tso's Chicken, Stir Fry Veggies, Seasoned Rice, Chilled pineapple tidbits, Fortune cookie THURSDAY - Soft taco, Shredded lettuce & cheese, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit FRIDAY - Cheese stuffed breadstick, Pizza sauce, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled mandarin orgs</p> <p>MARCH 11 - MARCH 15</p> <p>MONDAY - Sausage links, French toast sticks, Hashbrown potatoes, Celery sticks, Orange juice cup, Syrup cup TUESDAY - Dominoes smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned broccoli & carrots, Chilled fruit, Whole grain gram gripz WEDNESDAY - Baked chicken fries, Baked french fries, Green beans, Chilled pears, Dipping sauce THURSDAY - Whole grain corn dog, Bbq baked beans, Sliced cucumbers, Fresh fruit FRIDAY - Toasted cheese, Tomato soup, Saltines, Seasoned peas, Chilled peaches</p> <p>MARCH 18 - MARCH 22</p> <p>MONDAY - Baked chicken nuggets, Black beans & rice, Celery sticks, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll TUESDAY - Dipping sauce, Domino's smart slice, Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned peas, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit, Tray treat WEDNESDAY - Baked chicken strips, Smiley fries, Chilled pears, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce THURSDAY - Spaghetti w/meat, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Whole grain roll, Fresh fruit FRIDAY - Fish trout treasures, Steamed cauliflower w/</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 18 - FEBRUARY 22</p> <p>MONDAY - "NO SCHOOL" PRESIDENTS DAY TUESDAY - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pears WEDNESDAY - Taco salad or soft taco wrap, shredded iceberg cheese, seasoned refried beans /chez, Chilled applesauce, Tortilla chips THURSDAY - Chicken strips w/roll, chicken patty w/bun, Parsley potatoes, Fresh fruit FRIDAY - Macaroni & cheese or rib a cue w/bun, Seasoned broccoli, Cucumber slices, Chilled pears</p> <p>FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 1</p> <p>MONDAY - Pepperoni calzone Or southwest pizza, Green bean & carrots, Applesauce TUESDAY - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Romaine /spinach salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled mandarin orgs WEDNESDAY - Falcon single burger w/whole grain bun, w/ iceberg lettuce, cheese, 2T sauce, bbq baked beans, Sweet thing fries, Chilled pears THURSDAY - Falcon chicken bowl w/gravy, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll FRIDAY - NON-INSTRUCTION DAY - NO SCHOOL</p> <p>MARCH 4 - MARCH 8</p> <p>MONDAY - Chicken parm w/wg roll, or chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Green beans, Chilled peaches TUESDAY - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pears WEDNESDAY - Beef & cheese nachos, or Taco fries w/ cheese, Refried beans w/cheese Romaine salad, Chilled applesauce THURSDAY - Chicken wrap w/cheese, Chicken strips w/ roll, Shredded lettuce, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit FRIDAY - Toasted cheese, Or cheezy bread /garlic, Steamed broccoli, Tomato soup, Chilled mandarin orgs</p> <p>MARCH 11 - MARCH 15</p> <p>MONDAY - Bbq pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches TUESDAY - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled pears WEDNESDAY - 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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Feb-18 PRESIDENT'S DAY – NO SCHOOL

Feb-18 Freshmen Boys Basketball @ Fairview (PAC Tournament Semi-Finals) TBA

Feb-19 Varsity Boys Basketball @ Brookside 7:30pm

Feb-19 Freshmen Boys Basketball @ Brookside 4:30pm

Feb-20 SAMS - PTG Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Feb-20 Interim Reports

Feb-20 Freshmen Boys Basketball @ Fairview (PAC Tournament Championship) TBA

Feb-21 FHS – Band Concert at FHS – 7:00 p.m.

Feb-23 FHS – Lorain County Solo & Ensemble at Firelands High School

Feb-23 SAMS – 7th & 8th Grade - Winter Formal Dance

Feb-23 Varsity Girls Basketball @ Elyria OHSAA Tournament

Feb-26 FHS - Choir Concert at FHS - 7:00 p.m.

Feb-27 Varsity Boys Basketball @ Westlake (OHSAA Tournament) 6:00pm

Feb-28 FHS- SAMS-FES- Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences – Grades K - 12

MARCH

Mar-1 NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY – NO SCHOOL

Mar-4 FHS – New Student Orientation (8th graders) at FHS – 6:30 pm.

Mar-4 FES - Market Day Pickup - 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Mar-4 - 8 SAMS – PTG Mama Jo Pie Sale

Mar-5 FES - PTG Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in Library

Mar-11 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Mar-11 - 15 FHS - OGT Test Week @ FHS

Mar-18 FES - Kindergarten Packets Available at FES

Mar-20 SAMS – PTG Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Mar-22 *** End of 3rd Grading Period *******

Mar-25 - 29 FES - Kindergarten Registration at FES

Mar-26 & 27 SAMS - 8th Grade Musical at SAMS

Mar-27 FES – Report Cards Sent Home

Mar-?? FHS – FFA Banquet at FHS – 6:30 p.m.

Mar-28 SAMS - Spring Pictures

Mar-29 SPRING BREAK BEGINS – NO SCHOOL

Apr-8 School Resumes

BROWNHELM PERFECTION & BB CLUB

It's that time of year again!!! The Brownhelm Perfection & BB Club is starting their meetings for 2013 on Monday, February 4th, at The Brownhelm Congregational Church in Brownhelm Twp.

We meet the first and third Mondays of every month at 7:00 p.m..

The club is accepting new members which includes cloverbuds, age 5 AND in kindergarten as of 1/1/13. Regular members must be a minimum of age 8 AND in third grade as of 1/1/13.

We're looking forward to another fun and exciting year in 4-H! The club is planning interesting speakers for our meetings and fun activities outside of our regular meeting times. We also participate in community events.

4-H has a large variety of interests for children to participate in, so please feel free to call for more information and/or attend one of our meetings to find out what all 4-H has to offer your child!

Please contact Head Advisor Jennifer Westover at # 440-574-1310 or Advisor Lisa Thrasher at # 440-213-6180 for more information.

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Please make checks out to FHS Choir Boosters.

Questions-Call (440) 714-1419

Firemen's Association Annual Steak Fry Dinner Dance

South Amherst Firemen's Association Annual Steak Fry Dinner Dance will be held **March 2, 2013** at UAW Hall on Baumhart Rd, Lorain. Cost \$20 per ticket. Live Band (Naked Monkeys), for more info call John at 440-986-5901 and leave message, or on facebook, South Amherst Firemen's Association.



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MARCH 7, 2013

FES-7:00PM

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