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Kindergarten Registration Starts March 1st

Fall 2023 kindergarten registration begins March 1st for district residents. Families can prepare for this process by having ready the following documents.

1. Parent or guardian identification cards
2. Birth certificate of kindergarten student
3. Up to date immunization list for kindergarten student
4. Two proof of residency documents, such as utility bills

Other documents that may be needed include any custody papers, special needs documentation, or residency affidavits for renters. Starting March 1st, district families can begin online registration using Final Forms. This is an online portal where all registration forms are completed and documents are uploaded.

Step 1, go to www.firelands-oh/finalforms.com.

Step 2, create or log into your parent account.

Step 3, create a new student account for your kindergartner.

Step 4, upload documents when prompted.

Step 5, complete each form by typing your name at the bottom and hitting "submit."

The board office will be open to assist with registration on March 1st from 8:00-3:00 and March 2nd from 3:30-7:00. You can find all of these instructions and more on our website at www.firelandsschools.org and click "Enroll Now."

Girls Bowling Goes to District



Our varsity bowlers have wrapped up their regular season matches and are transitioning into tournament play. The Boys finished the season 9-8, and the Girls finished 16-1.

Both teams competed on a challenging sport pattern in the North Shore Bowling Conference Finals Tournament. This tournament doubled as the LC8 tournament as well.

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Falcon Success at Mental Math Tournament!

The 24 Game is a mental math fluency game that builds strong mental math power. The fourth, fifth, and sixth grade advanced math classes have been practicing this game recently in order to prepare for their upcoming tournament. Preliminary rounds were held within each of the participating local districts. These initial rounds determined who would move on to the semi-finals and finals competition at the Educational Service Center on February 8th. This math competition included several local districts' top mental math competitors.

Students who participated in the semi-finals and finals rounds included Sebastian Citak, Luka Zagar, Kendal Ramirez, Mariah Rodriguez, Gavin Dziubek, Peyton Finnegan, Emerson Simmons, Charlee Stillman, Callen Cooley, Faith Born, Claire Royster, and Drew Draga. Top awards were earned by Sebastian, Kendal, Luka, Peyton, and Gavin.

FES students shared this field trip with nine FMS and FHS students who previously competed in this tournament in past years, and who volunteered to serve as proctors at the tournament. All the students enjoyed lunch and camaraderie together after the competition. Congratulations to all students who worked hard for this achievement!

*submitted by Mrs. Teresa Dempsey
Gifted Specialist*



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Traffic Concerns Raised to ODOT

When the new school was built, much care went into the campus design to try to elevate traffic concerns. A turning lane was installed on Vermilion Road and a long driveway was included as part of the school design at FHS to keep the majority of traffic out of the main roads. FES drop off and pick up were adjusted in order to create the best possible solution.

In 1998, Firelands began working on a permanent solution by requesting a traffic signal on the corner of State Route 113 and Vermilion Road. The district had a formal resolution created (99-263) on November 15, 1999, acknowledging the immediate need for a light to be installed.

Prior to construction of the high school, a new traffic study was completed and unfortunately prior, during and presently ODOT refuses to support our concern.

We have worked with and fought against every level of government and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) since that date for the safety of our students, staff, and community members. The district has also reached out to Representative Miller for his support, which was given, but also not recognized by ODOT.

ODOT continues to tell us that traffic issues in the morning and afternoon do not qualify for their attention. In order to have a light installed they would have to see traffic issues all hours of the day.

As evident by the installation of the round-a-bout at Baumhardt Road and State Route 113 and the removal of the stop light at State Route 60 and State Route 113, ODOT is removing stop lights throughout

the state. Our request goes against their current removal of traffic signals, no matter the importance, which the district has offered to fund completely.

At this time, we feel that our community could potentially help us establish an awareness for this issue. Would you help support our efforts by contacting our local government officials and ODOT and let them know of your concerns? You can find contact information for Ms. Julie Cichello below. Calls and emails can only help raise awareness.

Julie A. Cichello, P.E.
District Traffic Engineer
ODOT District 3
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Ashland, Ohio 44805
419-207-7168
transportation.ohio.gov

FHS Choir Princess Pancake Breakfast Returns

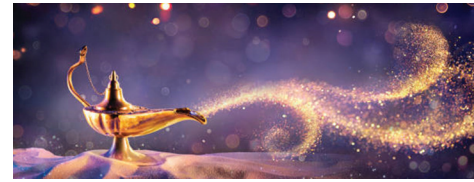


The highly anticipated FHS Choir Prince and Princess Pancake Breakfast is BACK!

It will be held on Saturday March 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Firelands High School, 10521 Vermilion Road in Oberlin.

Dress as your favorite prince or princess (optional) for an All-

Alladin Tickets on Sale Now!



Aladdin and His Wonderful Magical Lamp

Come one, come all to the 29th Annual Firelands Middle School Musical! The 7th and 8th grade choir members will be presenting *Aladdin* on the new high school stage. Come and see many familiar characters (and even some new ones) perform at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28 and Wednesday, March 29. Tickets are on sale now during school hours. Reserved seats are \$5.00 each. You may also purchase tickets on the nights of the performances. Come support the arts!

*submitted by Mrs. Wendy Johnson
FMS/FHS Choir & Musical Director*

Enrollment Timeline

Due by February 28th

- Online confirmation of open enrollment status for returning students. This annual process is required for all open enrolled students after the first year.

March 1st

- Registration through Final Forms opens for kindergarten. Process can be completed online. This includes BOTH district residents and open enrollment applicants.
- Registration for accepted open enrollment students, Grades 1-12, will begin through Final Forms.

March 1st & 2nd

- The Board Office in South Amherst is open and staffed to assist kindergarten parents if needed. Times are 8:00-3:00 on March 1st, and 3:30-7:00 on March 2nd.

April 3rd

- Status notifications for kindergarten open enrollment applications are sent from the Superintendent's Office.

May 17th

- Kindergarten Screening at FES. (Required). Your screening time slot will be scheduled during March registration.

If you have questions about enrollment, please contact the board office at 440-965-5821.

We are looking for alumni news to share with the community! If you or someone you know has news that you wish to share, email it to sschaefer@firelandsschools.org.

Bowling, from page 1

The boys finished in 3rd place behind Clearview and Lutheran West. Top bowlers were, Andrew Brown-Carroll with a 600 series, Jacob Bolyard with a 589 series and Thomas Ulrich with a 574 series. Congratulations to the Lady Falcons as they took the tournament finishing 400 pins ahead of Lutheran West. This crowned them as the NSBC & LC8 champions. The girls put up a great team effort, Katie Smith

had a 516 series, Lesi Leskovska 472 series, Hailey Hilton 463, Ashlee Deremiah 430 series. The girls also bowled a very impressive 247 Baker game as a team. Great job to all of the bowlers.

The Girls took 2nd at the OHSAA sectional tournament on Feb. 12th and advance to districts! The Boys will compete in the OHSAA sectional tournament on February 19th.

*submitted by Mr. Ty Stillman
Athletic Director*

Class Sells Dog Treats for APL



The FHS Life Skills class worked on a community service learning project to help animals at the Friendship Animal Protective League. Students learned how to make and sell homemade dog treats. The treats were made with all natural ingredients such as fruit, vegetables, and peanut butter.

Proceeds from their sales will go towards food, toys, and supplies for the FAPL.

The class is already planning future sales of human treats featuring puppy chow, chocolate bark, fetch sticks (chocolate dipped pretzel rods), and sugar cookies.

submitted by Mrs. Jennifer Urbansky



FFA Tack Swap on March 12

On March 12th, the Firelands FFA is hosting this great public event at FHS! It is meant to allow FFA members, 4H members, and ANYONE of any age and experience that is interested in livestock or horses to come sell, shop, and learn in one convenient place!

\$2 door admission gets you into all of the educational clinics & into the shopping area! Examples of educational clinics include shoeing and hoof care; pig selection; rabbit selection, showing and breeding; beef fitting clinic; beef showmanship clinic; dairy goat clinic; and poultry care clinic. More clinics will be added.

There will also be basket raffles and a silent auction. The

event is hosted by Firelands FFA with all proceeds benefiting Firelands FFA.

Go to the website by scanning the QR code below or by going to <https://tinyurl.com/r7tek6hp> to see the most up-to-date information.

submitted by Mrs. Shanna Finnegan



Scholarship Applications Due March 2

The Lorain County Community Foundation Scholarship process is open until March 2nd. Students from Lorain County can apply for scholarships to pursue higher education or trade school!

Visit peoplewhocare.org/apply/scholarships to learn more!

If you have questions, contact the Scholarship Manager, Angela Lee, at 440.984.7390 or email scholarships@peoplewhocare.org.

Resource Fair on March 14

Lorain County is holding a resource fair on March 14th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the LCCC Spitzer Conference Center.

This in-person, indoor event also offers a drive-up grab and go option to pick up information. There will be resources from

Falcon Showcase on March 9

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the annual Falcon Showcase that will take place on Thursday, March 9th from 6:30-8:00 at FHS.

The Showcase is a student-focused event where any student with an existing business is welcome to display and sell their product.

Tables and designated areas will be set up for students to display/demonstrate their accomplishments.

over 60 local service providers for families with concerns about their youth (ages birth-22) in Lorain County and surrounding communities.

For more information on how to register, go to <https://www.connectingforkids.org/lorain-resource-fair>.

Firelands Middle School News & Updates

Our staff and students have been very busy at FMS. Our boys' basketball teams have been playing well and have provided many nail-biting games. They are very competitive and work very well together as a team!

We recently completed our Winter benchmark testing through MAP (measure of academic progress). We are so proud of our student's growth and progress. Hard work and perseverance pay off!

Our teachers have been working on Project Based Learning. The students in Mr. Sewald's class were tasked with building a homemade cooler, using repurposed items from around their house and turning them into a functioning cooler. The cooler needed to keep items cold for a minimum of 2 hours. The lesson in the classroom focused on thermal transfer (conduction, convection, and radiation). Their designs for the cooler had to meet size specifications and be easy to transport. In Mrs. Mahon's class they created board games around a novel they are reading

in class. Students have been enjoying learning through inquiry and hands on experiences.

Mrs. McCarty and Mrs. Finnegan held an 8th grade fun night for students interested in FFA. We had a great turn out and it was fun to watch families compete at the "name that tool" game, visit and enjoy the petting zoo, and try their hand at welding. This was a fabulous event, and I am looking forward to seeing it gain momentum.

We held our band concert on February 15th and Parent Teacher conferences on February 16th.

Mr. Sewald and the robotics crew are working to rebuild the robotics program after Covid. Students have been working and researching the competitive team aspect. We are hoping to get back into the competition loop mid to late next year.

In conjunction with our Parent Teacher Group (PTG), we have a few dances coming up in the spring and some fun family events. We are so grateful for our extremely supportive PTG who works so hard to provide extra support for our teachers

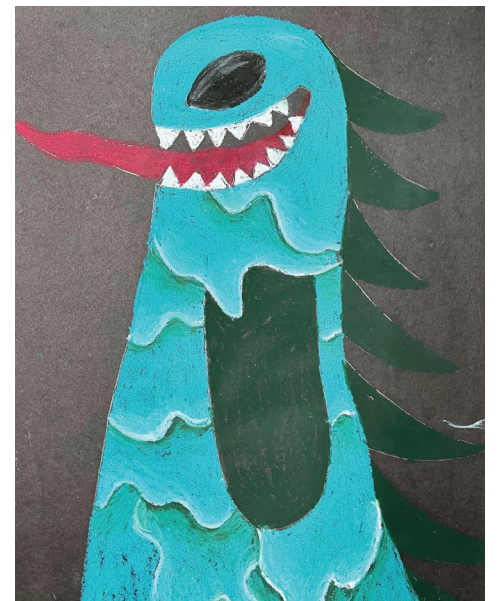
and students. We are having a fundraiser kick off on February 27th that will lead to our second annual "Day of Awesomeness."

Our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) has continued to recognize students each week for being caught doing positive actions. We also have had our monthly Fabulous Falcon pizza with the principal. It is so nice to see students recognized for doing all the right things. We love spending time with our students and being able to get to know them.

Our after-school program through Open Doors Academy is continuing its success. We were able to have representatives from the Mad Factory come in and work with our students on some acting activities.

Middle school students have been able to pair with high school students through a Big Brothers/Big Sisters program overseen by our social workers. We are so grateful to have such caring and hard-working social workers in our district.

*submitted by Mrs. Cara Hutchinson
FMS Principal*



Amelia Branco, Grade 6



Leah Mason, Grade 6



Ernie Meszaros, Grade 6

Power of the Pen Team Competes at Tournament

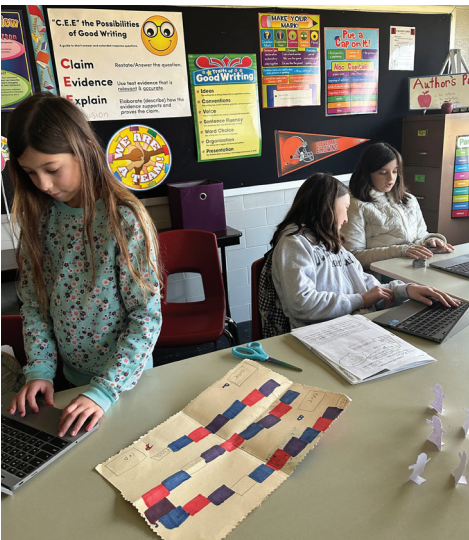
The 7th Grade Power of the Pen team competed on January 21st in the Power of the Pen Northern District Tournament at Columbia Middle School. These fantastic writers created unique and creative stories during three writing sessions. The participating writers, pictured at left, were Mollie Akers, Clint Casada, Austin Ludwig, Scarlett Smith and they were coached by Mrs. Makenzie Lahoud. Mollie Akers advanced to the Northern Regional Tournament at Baldwin Wallace University on March 11th. Congratulations writers!

submitted by Mrs. Makenzie Lahoud

The Power of the Pen is an Ohio-wide interscholastic writing program which empowers young people to find and develop their own unique creative voice.



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Enjoy these pictures from the middle school! Fabulous Falcons, Weekly PBIS award winners, Math 24 Champ Sebastian Citak, FFA Fun Night, Mr. Sewald's class with homemade coolers, and Mrs. Mahon's class working on their board games.



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Firelands High School News & Updates



On February 8th, ThinkFast Interactive came to the high school to educate students about safe driving. Students participated in trivia games, a dance contest, and role-playing. They had a great time and learned a lot. The grand prize winner was Conner Rogers, who won the dance competition, earning him a spot in the finals where he competed against three other classmates to win the grand prize of \$100 in Amazon gift cards. Special thanks to the Lorain County Public Health Department and Trooper Lance Deshuk for bringing this program to us.

Student Council hosted a Winter Formal dance on February 11th. This was the first Winter Formal that we have had in several years. We are excited that this tradition is coming back.

Student Council also hosted a Dodgeball Tournament on February 10th. Students

participated in games throughout the day, with the semifinals, finals, and the staff versus student game during a pep rally at the end of the day. The cost of participating in the tournament was a donation to Blessing House, which provides help for families in crisis in Lorain County.

FFA hosted a Food Drive the week of February 6th as part of the Harvest for America Food Drive. All donations went to the South Amherst United Methodist Church food pantry, which helps members of the Firelands community.

FHS Student Services held a College Credit Plus (CCP) information night on January 31st for any student that is interested in taking college courses next school year. We have a total of 84 credit hours that we offer through our partnership with Lorain County Community College. Courses include personal finance, US history,

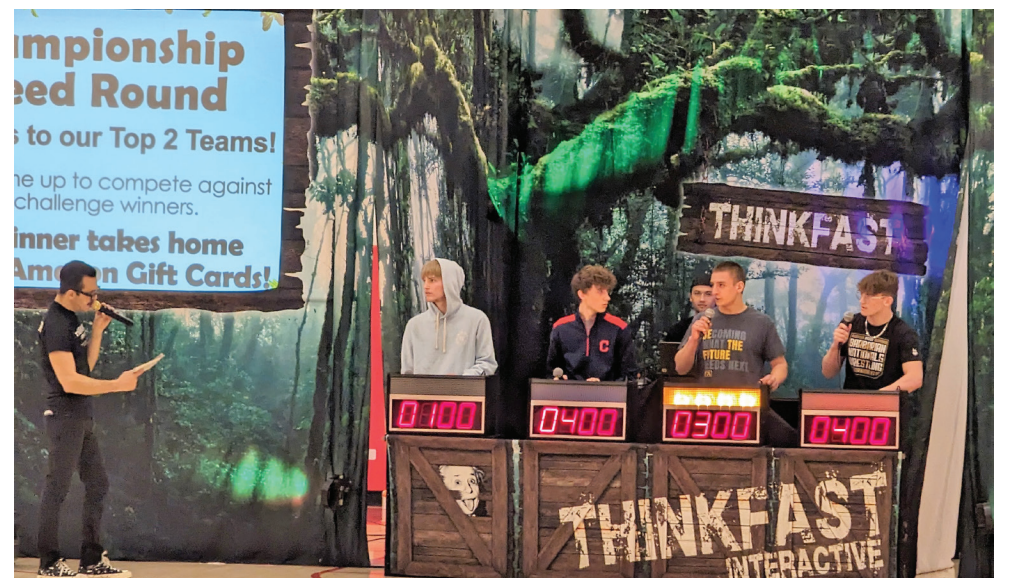
college composition, humanities, statistics, college algebra, pre-calculus, government, anatomy and physiology, sustainable agriculture and plant propagation.

We are getting ready for SAT testing on March 1st. The Ohio Department of Education provides the SAT to all juniors, free of charge. Juniors that are at the LCJVS and students that attend the college full time will be

testing on March 1st at FHS. This is a wonderful opportunity for all our juniors to take a college prep exam for free!

*submitted by Mrs. Cathy Keener
FHS Principal*

The artwork above, from left to right, was created by Zachary Zimmerman (Grade 9), Hazel Littleton (Grade 9), Troy Nikolette (Grade 11), Maggie Tansey (Grade 8), Sydney Robinson (Grade 10), and Ayden Fortner (Grade 9).



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All-Ohio Accolades for Stitchick, Strader, Galligan

This fall the Falcons football team moved into uncharted territory as they moved up a division to division III in the OHSAA State Play-off bracket. That would mean, bigger schools, tougher competition and bigger and better players. That didn't stop the Falcons from having their best year in regards to post season awards in school history. You would have to go back to 2015 when Brad Thrasher and Aaron Miller both received 1st Team All-Ohio accolades for their terrific football season. Having two 1st Team All-Ohio players is great, but adding a 3rd Team All-Ohio to the bunch makes it truly spectacular.

Shane Stitchick has been a force in the trenches for the past 4 years for the Falcons and as a senior was named 1st Team All- Conference, 1st Team All- Lorain County and 1st Team All- District. Shane paved the way for the Firelands all time rusher in a season in Weston Strader as well as a host of prolific ball carriers such as Evan Tester, Josh Kovach, Timmy Phillips and Colin Scott. Moving the ball on short yardage big chunks of yards where no problem for the Falcons thanks to Shane and the rest of the big guys up front.

Weston Strader has made the record books at Firelands for the most rushing yards in a

game (406 yards vs Keystone) and rushing yards in a season (2009 yards). Weston also had a great season year with awards as he was named 1st Team All- Conference, 1st Team All- Lorain County, 1st Team All- District and finally named the Division III Offensive Player of the Year in the District.

Logan Galligan came out of no where as he was a force to be reckoned with as a sophomore as a JV player on Saturday morning raking up a defensive stats. He took that mentality and applied it to his opportunity on the varsity field and never looked back. The Tasmanian devil was all over the field this fall and all over the post season award lists racking up 1st Team All- Conference, 1st Team All Lorain County, and 1st Team All- District. Logan will be back for the Falcons in 2023 looking to pick up where he left off as the high energy tone setter for the Falcon defense.

*submitted by Mr. Ty Stillman
Athletic Director*

Simmons Gets All-Ohio Status



Bella Simmons finished off her high school soccer career by accomplishing something only 4 others have done in the history of Firelands High School when she was named 2nd team All-Ohio this past fall. Bella also earned first team all-conference, first team all-county and first team all-district along the way. Bella is now the 9th Falcon (5 girls and 4 boys) to reach All-Ohio status in soccer. Congratulations Bella on a tremendous soccer, athletic and academic career.

*submitted by Mr. Ty Stillman
Athletic Director*

Archers Move on to Sectionals

Two Firelands students placed in the top 3 of their classes at the Ohio Archers Associations 2023 Vegas 600 Shoot. Logan Urban, a junior, placed 1st in Young Adult Male Freestyle and Elsie Rector, who is also a junior, placed 2nd in

Young Adult Female Freestyle Limited Recurve.

Both athletes will be shooting the NFAA Great Lake Sectionals in February and the OAA State 300 Round Shoot and the NFAA Indoor Nationals in Kentucky in March!



Academic Challenge Airs 3/18



Watch the FHS Academic Challenge team compete against Glen Oak and Western Reserve on Saturday, March 18th at 11:30 a.m. on Channel 5 WEWS. Students on the team, pictured above, are Aiden Bokulich (Gr. 10), Joe Formholtz (Gr. 12), and Telaysia Kraus (Gr. 10).

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Firelands Elementary School News & Updates

Fifth Grade Band

89 fifth grade students are part of the 5th grade band. Mr. Wiley and Mr. Brawley are thrilled with all of the progress that the students have made. Their first concert was Wednesday, February 8. Family members were able to enjoy hearing all that they have learned and practiced. (Pictured at right - practicing for a recent concert.)



SHINE Program

In the fall, volunteers from Henrietta United Methodist Church (HUMC) continued the SHINE program at FES. SHINE stands for S= Supporting, H=Helping, I= Inspiring, N=Nurturing, and E=Empowering students through one-on-one reading. These volunteers have been coming weekly to read with first grade students. Mrs. Essex shared that the volunteers "have been very dedicated folks and do a fantastic job fostering the love of learning and support each and every week." A student participant shared that he likes reading books about animals with his volunteer. This student also likes his time in the library

with the volunteer because it is fun. Mrs. Wymer shared that she likes "that he looks forward to his reading time with his volunteer and he always comes back from the library happy and excited to talk about the story they read." Mrs. Moore shared that, "My student enjoys participating in the SHINE program each week. My student gets excited when they can pick a new book out to take home and read! We appreciate the volunteers who donate their time to build relationships with our students and foster a love for reading." The teachers and administrators are grateful for this partnership.

Parent Teacher Group

Firelands Elementary is very lucky to have an active PTG (Parent Teacher Group). Parents of FES students are encouraged to become involved with this group. They meet monthly and find ways to further enrich the FES environment for all of our students. They are actively planning events for the students. Feel free to reach out to them to see how you can assist. You can find them on Facebook (Firelands Elementary School PTG). Their scheduled meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 in the FES Library.



Checkout our Positive Falcon! ElizaMae spent her earned Falcon Bucks to get her name on the sign!

The
Falcon Showcase
March 9, 2023
6:30 - 8:00 pm at FHS
Kindergarten - Grade 12

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****The Nothing Bundt Cake Fundraiser will run from March 8-22. Pick up will be April 6.****

Dates to Remember

March 1.....PTG Meeting
March 13..... BOE Meeting
March 8-22..... PTG Fundraiser
March 9.....Falcon Showcase at FHS
March 24..... End of 3rd Quarter
April 6.....PTG Fundraiser Pick-up

*submitted by Mrs. Laura Groboske
FES Assistant Principal*

UPDATE YOUR FIRELANDS APP!

The Firelands Local Schools App has an update available. Please follow the notice that is available in the current version of the app. Once you update the app you will need to rechoose the buildings that you want to follow. We recommend following your child's building plus the main district page, Firelands Local Schools.

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Max Kennedy

JVS Students Weld Lockers for Amherst Fire Department

Lorain County JVS Welding and Fabrication students accepted the challenge to make specialized storage lockers for the Amherst Fire Department.

"The Amherst Fire Department is in the process of switching from a basic life support provider (BLS) to an advanced life support provider (ALS)," shared Assistant Fire Chief, Brandon Dimacchia. "One part of the process of becoming an ALS provider is being able to carry life-support drugs, which are also narcotics, and these must be locked by State standards. Lockers like these are used in ambulances and some fire trucks."

Welding and Fabrication senior, Max Kennedy from Firelands, explained the process of getting the lockers built. "It was a little bit more difficult than I thought it would be because it looks just like a rectangle with a door, but when you get into the project you have to make sure that the hole for the keypad is cut out right, and when you're making two, you have to make sure they look the same."

Dimacchia said the lockers are exactly what they were looking for. "We needed something with a code and latch, it needed to be solid, and can't be broken into. These look great."

Making something that will be used in the community made Kennedy feel good about his work. "We build a lot of things in our lab, but it is stuff for here, so to have something we've made be used out in the real world is cool."

Lorain County JVS is now accepting applications for the 2023/2024 school year. Learn more and apply today at www.lcjvs.com.

*Submitted by Cheryl Fridenstine
LCJVS PR/Marketing Coordinator*



Assistant Fire Chief, Brandon Dimacchia, Max Kennedy, and Fire Chief, Jim Wilhelm stand with the lockers in the LCJVS Welding and Fabrication lab.

What's the Kindness Closet?

Did you know that FLSD has a Kindness Closet? It is located in the middle school, but it serves all of our students. Some of the items on hand include backpacks, coats, shoes, socks, hats, gloves, clothing and toiletries.

If your child is in need of items, please email Deanna Watts, FLSD Social Worker at dwatts@firelandsschools.org. There is no charge associated with the Kindness Closet. If you would like to donate **NEW** items, please contact Deanna first to see what the highest need is. Thank you to all who have helped support this initiative!

Board of Education January Meeting Highlights

The board held their annual organizational meeting on January 9, 2023. Mike O'Keefe remains board president and Tom Myers as vice-president. All board committee members remained the same and all meeting dates were established (a full list can be found on our website or app).

The regular board meeting opened with a fantastic presentation by six 5th graders from Mrs. Dempsey's gifted ELA class, detailing their various roles and experiences from their visit to the Lorain County Justice Center in Elyria.

January is School Board Appreciation Month and the

board was given certificates and treated with cake to celebrate after the meeting.

Construction Update: The building committee is continuing to work towards selecting the replacement tiles (red) in the hallways and the classrooms at FHS. This is at no cost to the district. The alumni boards are resolving some technical issues and should be working at 100% by March. The new gym floor's finish will be repaired over spring break. This is also at no cost to the district but covered by the warranty.

We are looking at improving the communication with the JVS, and we are also looking at

possibly holding a board meeting at the JVS with a possible tour.

As always, the board appreciates all of the kind members of our community that support various groups and programs through donations.

The following donors were acknowledged at the January meeting: Amherst Eagles Aerie #1442, Firelands Athletic Booster Club, Brian and Lisa Keets, Laura Cornwell, Alex Tuggle, Katy Tuggle, Marisa and Curtis Tuggle, Steven Jessel, Donny Crawford, Noah Galloway, Morgan DiCesare, Madison Chenoweth, Florence Township Firefighters Association, South Amherst Firefighters Association,

Kyle's Excavating, and Joe Menges.

Personnel: We welcome the following new staff members to our team. Michael Coultrip and Brooke Thomas join us as cleaners. Gloria Criss is working as an assistant cook. Crystal Motyka is a special needs paraprofessional.

The board moved to go into executive session to discuss upcoming negotiations with the teacher's association. No further action was taken.

Next Meeting: March 13, 2023.

*Submitted by Mrs. Ellen Gundersen
Board Member*

Food Service Information

Meal applications can be completed anytime during the school year. If you have an income change or loss of job, you can complete an application.

Direct Certification letters: If you received a letter saying your child qualified for free meals, it is very important you return the letter for instructional fees to be waived. Fees are not automatically waived.

Negative Meal Accounts: We have many accounts that have gone into the negative. Please reach out if you need help. Complete a meal assistance application even if you are unsure if your children would qualify. It is very important that accounts have a positive balance.

Menus: Download the Falcon App for easy access to *my school menus*. You can also go to www.myschoolmenus.com. Click on a menu item to see the nutritional information for that item. Menus are subject to change daily due to unforeseen circumstances.

We offer **ala carte** items at all schools. Ala carte items can be purchased in addition to a school meal or by themselves. The prices vary.

Pay Schools Central www.payschoolscentral.com allows you to complete a meal application, make online payments to your child's account, and use the reporting system to see purchases and balances.

Account payments can be made with cash, check or online. Make checks payable to Firelands Local School (Food Service in memo). For FES only, please send payment in a zip lock baggie or envelope with the student's name.

We need subs! If you are interested in subbing in our kitchens, please contact Sue Schaefer for information.

Questions?

Contact Mrs. Judy Baumann,
Food Service Director
440-965-4255 ext. 3097

Stop the Presses-This Just In!

As we were going to press we heard that some Congratulations were in order:

To the the **FHS Choir students** who participated in OMEA Solo and Ensemble! They received 6 Superior ratings and 2 Excellent ratings! Way to go!

To the **Firelands Band students** who participated in Solo and Ensemble! We had 11 Superior ratings, 6 Excellent Ratings and 3 Good ratings! Amazing accomplishments!

To the **Falcons Wrestling Team** for finishing 2nd in the LC8 conference. The following team members placed 1st in their weight classes: Kameron Williams 126#, Kevin Williams, 138#, and Conner Rogers, 175#. Congratulations!

Good luck to both the girls and boys basketball teams who will host in the first round of the OHSAA DII Sectional Basketball Tournament.

The girls will host Clearview on Wednesday February 15th, while the boys will host Buckeye on February 21st.

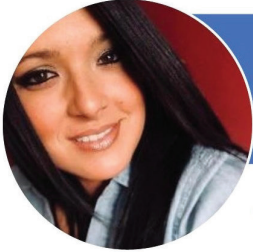
Firelands Falcons Athletic Schedules and Information www.firelandsathletics.org

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ClayBusters Youth Trapshooting Team Informational Meeting

March 19th 2023 @ 12pm

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