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## FHS Seniors Honored at Annual Awards Ceremony

The annual Senior Awards ceremony was held on April 27th at Firelands High School. It was an honor to spend the evening recognizing these outstanding students! Congratulations to all of our seniors who received scholarships and/or recognition at the Senior Awards Night.

Recognition for Academic Excellence is awarded based on grade point averages. The seniors graduating with Cum Laude honors (3.5 - 3.749 GPA) were as follows: Ann Bartish, Chandler Brotko, Leanna Francis, Joshua Gallo, Shawny Hess, Frank Janezic, Daniel Lima, Andria Mains, Tyler Ruth, Garrick Sebolt, Madison Sutton, Megan Sutton, and Paiton Widener.

Magna Cum Laude honors (3.75 - 3.999 GPA) were bestowed upon Matthew Balas, Cole Bober, Zachary Brill, Christian Brotko, Emily Campbell, Gwyneth Conibear, Julia Douzos, Kelsey Hardwick, Emma Hicks, Casey Kelley, Madison New, Patience Rafter, Rebekah Selent, and Aaron Urban.

Finally, Summa Cum Laude honors (4.0+ GPA) were given to Alexander Angle, Keegan Bibb, Brianna Bonomolo, Hattie Born, Renee Clippinger, Ashley Crawford, Kristin DeWitt, Eduardo Diaz, Grace Edwards, Gabriella Keith, Julia Krynak, Emilia Lewis, Audrey Lyons, Emma McCrann, Samantha Novak, Delaney Overstreet, Seth Robinette, Grace Sherban, Samuel Solowiej, and Evan Zidar.

The top 5 seniors in the Class of 2021 are Renee Clippinger, Emilia Lewis, Delaney Overstreet, Grace Edwards and Evan Zidar.

The Firelands Endowment Trustees have awarded 354 scholarships valued at \$354,000.00 to graduating seniors to date. The Firelands Endowment Fund is supported by the Community Foundation of Lorain County. Locally, we have Endowment Trustees who oversee the accounts managed for The Firelands Local School District. This year \$27,500 was awarded to the following students:

The Milad & Fanny Abraham Scholarship of \$2,000 each went to five seniors: Chayce Baldwin, Caden Bomback, Renee Clippinger, Kristin DeWitt and Delaney Overstreet. The Susan Beecheler Scholarship for Future Teachers of \$1,000 went to Kelsey Hardwick. The Debbie Cook Fine Arts Scholarship of \$750 was awarded to Chayce Baldwin.

The Firelands Community Scholarships of \$1,000 went to Donald Crawford and Julia Douzos. The South Amherst Rotary Scholarship of \$1,000 went to Samantha Novak. The Falcon Heroes

Video Scholarship of \$1,000 each went to Hattie Born and Joshua Gallo.

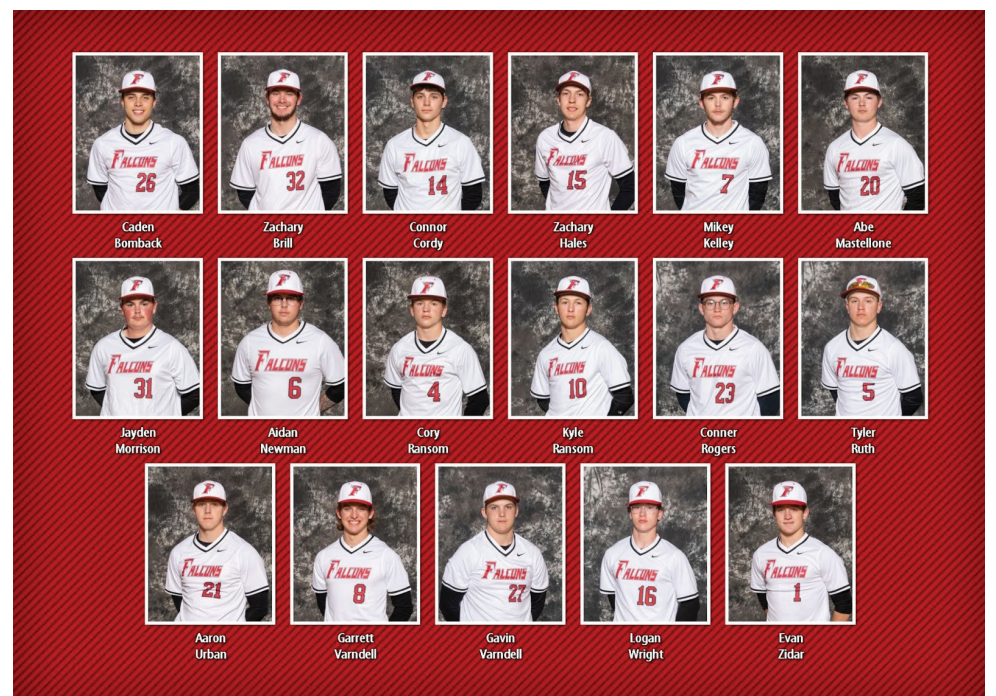
Delaney Overstreet was awarded the Cameron Greene Memorial Scholarship of \$750. The John Hostetler Scholarship of \$1,000 went to Emilia Lewis. Evan Zidar received the \$1,000 Jim Solomon Memorial Scholarship. The John and Ethel Lupe Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 went to Andre Mooney.

Two former students, Kaylee Boggs and Ashley Strauss, received the Bechtel Family Scholarship of \$2,000 each. This scholarship is specifically for 2nd year college students.

Donald Crawford received the \$1,000 Steve and Courtney Ortnier Family FFA Scholarship. The H.A. Born Scholarship of \$1,000 went to Mitchell Hodges. Samantha Novak received the \$1,000 Marilyn Immler Memorial Scholarship.

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## Baseball Team Wins LC8 Championship



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## Awards, from page 1

Every year, the Firelands Education Association Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a senior that sees a problem occurring in today's world, and how they would personally solve the problem. This year, there were 2 seniors who saw an important problem and have already taken steps to try and solve the problem. The first student saw a world with racial inequality, and created a shirt to help spread awareness. The second student saw poverty in her community, and has helped with distributing food to those in need. The FEA Memorial Scholarship winners are Caden Bomback and Delaney Overstreet.

The Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Scholarship was awarded to Renee Clippinger.

The Firelands Athletic Booster Scholarship went to Sam Solowiej. The Brownhelm Historical Scholarship was presented to Grace Sherman.

The Traci Johnston Lighthouse Scholarship went to Emilia Lewis. The Michelle Brand Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Julia Krynak. The Mr. Muth Memorial Scholarship was presented to Renee Clippinger.

The Firelands Positive People Scholarship went to Eiryn Smith. Kelsey Hardwick received the Kyle Zukowski Memorial Scholarship.

The Firelands Band Boosters awarded scholarships to the following seniors: Samantha Novak, Joshua Gallo and Grace Sherban. Rebecca Yost and Logan Angney received the Strive scholarship. Finally, Delaney Overstreet was

presented with the College Now scholarship.

All students with a 3.7 or higher were awarded the LCCC Trustee Scholarship and all Students with a 3.4 to a 3.69 were awarded the LCCC Presidential Scholarship. Not all students will attend LCCC and accept the scholarship, and some are currently undecided. In addition, LCCC is offering 9 credit hours free to graduating seniors this summer!

Congratulations to all of our scholarships winners and our sincere thank you to all of the donors who make these scholarships possible.

*Note: At the time we went to press on May 26th, this is the scholarship information that was available. Additional awards may have been decided after that time.*



**Seniors Joshua Gallo and Hattie Born show their award letters at the FHS ceremony.**

## From the Athletic Director: Spring Sports Wrap-Up

Softball finished the 2021 season with a big win as they defeated Columbia in the final LC8 match up of the year. The girls were also able to get a tournament win this year in the OHSAA Sectional Semi-Finals vs. Hathaway Brown. They were knocked out of the tournament in the next game by Keystone.

Overall, the girls played well, but struggled to close games throughout the year, losing more than a handful of games in the final two innings. It was not a typical 15-20 win season for the girls, but with so many great players graduating in 2020 and a year off due to COVID, getting their traction just took longer than we hoped. Their attitude and effort throughout the season was never in question. With the addition of a strong 8<sup>th</sup> grade class coming in 2022, we look forward to a great season next spring.

The Middle School track teams showcased a lot of talent

during the spring season as well as at the LC8 Championships. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls ran away with the team title scoring well over 100 points. The boys also scored over 100 points, but unfortunately so did Keystone and the boys left as runner-up. With none of our MS Track athletes ever running track before, I would say they came along way in a short time. We have a ton of young exciting talent in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade in both the boys and girls teams and I'm looking forward to watching them continue to grow over the next few years.

High school track finished the regular season with 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes from both the boys and girls team at the LC8 Championships that were held here at Firelands. Both were nice accomplishments, as the girls have not had that high of a finish in over 8 years. There were a high number of elite senior runners that lead the way and

we will miss them next spring, but the young talent will be ready to take the baton next year, no pun intended.

Both the boys and girls teams will compete at the OHSAA District Track meet at Orrville on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> with the top four finishers in all events moving onto the OHSAA Regional meet at Austintown Fitch on May 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. The Falcons are primed to have more than a few compete at the Regional meet in late May and look to send a few of those qualifiers to the OHSAA State Meet on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

Baseball has had a tremendous season and continued victoriously down the stretch, winning the final 11 regular season games and finishing 22-5. They beat Woodridge in the Sectional Final game at Firelands and advance to North Ridgeville and the OHSAA District Tournament. The boys were LC8 Champions with

a 13-1 record in the conference and are ranked the #10 team in the State of Ohio for Division II. Let's hope they are hitting their stride at the right time and they are able to have a nice run into the post season. I'm very proud of these boys and coaches for all they have accomplished thus far in 2021.

*Submitted by Ty Stillman  
Firelands Athletic Director*

*Note: This issue went to the printer on May 26th, so we hope you've heard more great Falcon sports updates since then!*

**ATTENTION ANY HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENT INTERESTED IN PLAYING  
GOLF FOR THE 2021 SEASON-  
PRACTICE BEGINS ON AUGUST 2ND  
AND THE SEASON ENDS THE LAST WEEK  
OF SEPTEMBER. IF INTERESTED AND  
WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE  
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## Congratulations Firelands High School Class of 2021

**Firelands Alma Mater**  
For Firelands, our Alma Mater  
The Falcon will fly high;

Our Faith in you will stand strong,  
Will guide us on our way,  
For Firelands High School Honor

We always will be true;  
Allegiance we will pledge thee  
For all our lifetime through



**Alexander  
Angle**



**Logan  
Angney**



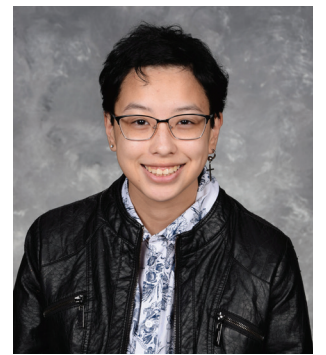
**Amelia  
Bacs**



**Matthew  
Balas**



**Chayce  
Baldwin**



**Anne  
Bartish**



**Ryan  
Baxter**



**Stella  
Baxter**



**Jay  
Beckett**



**Austin  
Bentley**



**Keegan  
Bibb**



**Cole  
Bober**



**Caden  
Boetticher**



**Caden  
Bomback**



**Brianna  
Bonomolo**



**Lauren  
Boose**



**Hattie  
Born**



**Nathaniel  
Boucher**



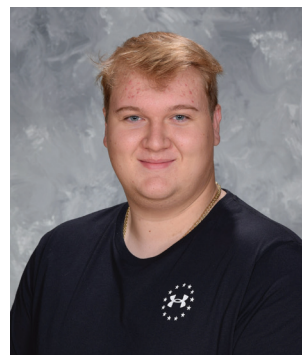
**Zachary  
Brill**



**Chandler  
Brotko**



**Christian  
Brotko**



**Gavon  
Brown**



**James  
Buckner**



**Austin  
Buga**



## FFA State Convention Recognizes Firelands Students

Congratulations to the Firelands FFA members who were recognized at the 93rd Ohio FFA Convention! With the help of the Firelands Technology Department, students were able to view the convention and simulate the experience as if it were live in Columbus.

Please help us congratulate our students that were honored at the convention. The State FFA Degree is the highest degree in each state. Only about 2% of all FFA members will earn this degree. FFA State Degree recipients include:

Donald Crawford (2020)

Olivia Galloway (2021)

Kelsey Hardwick (2020)

Steven Jessel (2020)

Katelyn Konicek (2020)

Krystal Scheeres (2021)

Gold Metal Chapters must qualify for the superior chapter award and complete a required form. Chapters use the form to report goals, plans of action and results/evaluation on three activities for each division. State judges rank the chapters as gold, silver or bronze based on the rubric. Chapters receive a multi-year plaque and yearly plaque inserts, commonly known as spurs, specifying the level achieved each year.

Firelands has qualified to submit their application at the national level this summer for national ranking.



State Gold Rated FFA Officers include Kelsey Hardwick, Secretary 2020 & 2021 and Katelyn Konicek, Treasurer 2020 & 2021.

Agricultural Proficiency Awards honor FFA members who, through supervised agricultural experiences, have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward their future careers.

Katelyn Konicek earned Equine Science Placement 3rd in state in 2020 & 3rd in state 2021, and 1st in district (2019, 2020, 2021). Katelyn worked for two horse farms. Her excellent record keeping and exceptional application helped her earn top four in state. In March she interviewed with evaluators to determine final placing.

The Charitable Giving acknowledgement recognizes FFA chapters who have donated \$500 or more in charitable donations. Congratulations Firelands FFA for once again supporting our community and beyond! Through various projects, Firelands FFA donated over \$2500 in 2020 to local organizations and families in need.

The nationally recognized Firelands FFA program is under the leadership of FHS alumna and agricultural education instructor, Mrs. Shanna Finnegan. The chapter has 76 active AET students!



## Barnyard Olympics Held for Firelands Special Athletes



Due to the pandemic, the Special Olympics for Ohio was once again cancelled. Mrs. Urbansky, Special Olympics coordinator for FLSD, worked with Mrs. Finnegan, FHS Agricultural Education teacher, to organize the students so that they could work together and plan an in-house event in lieu of the regular games.

After some discussion, the FFA Ag Business Class decided to hold a Barnyard Olympics for the Special Athletes here at Firelands. Our FFA students were excited to give fellow Falcons the opportunity to compete locally! FFA members created multiple farm themed games and competitions for everyone to participate in. Several activities also included time on the winners podium and medals were awarded. All Falcons participated in the following games:

- Straw Bale Toss
- Who Left the Gate Open
- Feedsack Race
- Egg and Spoon Race
- Bale Wrap
- Capture the Chicken

Prior to the games, the athletes

had an opportunity to interact with the FFA students. The FLSD Special Education department used revenue from the Falcon Fuel fund (the in-house coffee shop) for their students to purchase pizza, make Rice Krispy treats and lemonade to serve the FFA students as a thank you for creating the Barnyard Olympics. After the athletes served the meal, all students had an opportunity to sit together and socialize.

When the games were over, the younger students were treated to ice cream sundaes and once again our older athletes wore their Falcon Fuel Aprons and gloves and served the younger students lemonade. Our older students showed kindness through serving FFA members and fellow athletes during the whole process.

Thank you to our Firelands FFA Ag Business Class and to the FHS MD class for working so hard to make this a great event. Our students worked together to plan the event and the day of the actual Barnyard Olympics was wonderful!



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## Congratulations Firelands High School Class of 2021!

**Firelands High School Fight Song:**  
O come on Firelands "fite" for Victory  
O come on Falcons you're the team for me  
Fight for victory, "fite" for Fame and glory

"Fite" for Falcons Red and White.  
We're with you now  
and every game you play, boys  
Whether it's home or far away

So come on Red and White  
Show us your Firelands "fite"  
O come on Firelands Falcons - "Fite"!



**Emily  
Campbell**



**Hunter  
Clawson**



**Renee  
Clippinger**



**Gwyneth  
Conibear**



**Sarah  
Conn**



**Christian  
Cornwell**



**Hope  
Craig**



**Ashley  
Crawford**



**Donald  
Crawford**



**Aryan  
Crouch**



**Michael  
Danforth**



**Sidney  
Deidrick**



**Clayton  
Deshuk**



**Kristin  
DeWitt**



**Eduardo  
Diaz**



**Julia  
Douzos**



**Jared  
Drury**



**Grace  
Edwards**



**Jillian  
Fitz**



**Leanna  
Francis**



**Joshua  
Gallo**



**Logan  
Galloway**



**Olivia  
Galloway**



**Liberty  
Gonia**



## FHS Students Commit to Military Service



Pictured from left to right: Anne Bartish (Army National Guard), Grace Francis (U.S. Army), Hope Craig (U.S. Army), Logan Galloway (Army National Guard), Dustin Hall (U.S. Marines) and Alex Smith (U.S. Air Force). Not pictured: Dylan Koba-Nelson (U.S. Air Force) and Jeremiah Leon (U.S. Marines).

On May 12th, Firelands High School held its first annual Military Commitment Ceremony in the gymnasium. It was our honor to be able to recognize FHS students that have made the decision to serve our country. Each student that enlisted in the United States Armed Forces was able to invite guests to this private event.

Please help us congratulate, and thank, the following Falcons on their decision:

Anne Bartish and Logan Galloway: Army National Guard.

Hope Craig and Grace Francis: U.S. Army.

Dustin Hall and Jeremiah Leon: U.S. Marines.

Alex Smith and Dylan Koba-Nelson: U.S. Air Force.

FHS Assistant Principal Mr. Robert Clarico stated, "It was my honor to celebrate these seniors and their commitment to serve our country. They will be great representatives of the entire Firelands community. I was especially moved by the remarks from their recruiters that gave a personal touch to the overall ceremony."

We thank these seniors and wish them the best as they begin their new careers!

## Firelands High School News & Updates

We held our Tri-M induction ceremony on Monday, May 3rd. There were eleven new students inducted and eight continuing members. Students that were inducted received pink cords that will be worn at graduation.

Congratulations to our newest members of Tri-M: Jocelyn Bednar, Nathan Bodak, Xavier Harper, Ivory Jackson, Alex Kallasey, Libby Naro, Natalie Novak, Rileigh Roule, Lukas Shumaker, Macey Taddeo, and Allison Tuggle.

Congratulations also to our continuing members: Mary Dempsey, Gemma Hager, Ashley Johnson, Amber Orlandi, Leah Pena, Rachael Rennie, Olivia Selent, and Lauren Soltis.

Our NHS induction ceremony was a virtual presentation that premiered on May 11th at 6:30 pm. We had a total of 52 seniors that met the requirements for membership. The induction for juniors will be held at a later date. The seniors that have been inducted will receive an honor cord that can be worn at graduation. Congratulations to our newest NHS members:

Alexander Angle, Matthew Balas, Chayce Baldwin, Anne Bartish, Keegan Bibb, Cole Bober, Brianna Bonomolo, Hattie Born, Nathaniel Boucher, Zachary Brill, Chandler Brotko, Christian Brotko, Emily Campbell, Renee Clippinger, Gwyneth Conibear, Ashley Crawford, Kristin DeWitt, Eduardo Diaz, Julia Douzos, Grace Edwards, Leanna Francis, Joshua Gallo, Kelsey Hardwick, Shawny Hess, Emma Hicks, Frank Janezic, Gabriella Keith, Casey Kelley, Julia Krynak, Emilia Lewis, Daniel Lima, William Lockhart, Audrey Lyons, Andria Mains, Emma McCrann, Dale Milde, Madison New, Samantha Novak, Delaney Overstreet, Patience Rafter, Seth Robinette, Jasmin Schuler, Garrick Sebolt, Rebekah Selent, Grace Sherban, Samuel Solowiej, Madison Sutton, Megan Sutton, Dylan Taylor, Aaron Urban, Paiton Widener, and Evan Zidar.

Prom was held on Saturday, May 8th at 7:00 at New Russia Township. We sold 216 tickets. Students had a nice dinner followed by dancing. We were very excited to be able to hold this event for our students, in particular our seniors. Alexander Angle and Emilia Lewis were crowned Prom King and Queen.

We held an ice cream social for our students that made the honor roll all three quarters this year. This event replaces the Honors Banquet typically held at New Russia Township hall. We held the event in the stadium and students received an ice cream treat as well as their academic letter or pin. Congratulations to all the students that earned their academic letter or pin.

We held our athletic signing day on Friday, May 14th for a total of 6 seniors that are choosing to play a sport at the collegiate level. Students invited their families and friends to the event.

Finally, congratulations to Eduardo Diaz (below) for winning 1st place at the regional and state level of the Computer Security contest through the Lorain County JVS. Eduardo was our student technology intern.

submitted by Cathy Keener  
FHS Principal





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**John  
Gonzales**



**Brandon  
Guignette**



**Kevin  
Guillemot**



**Zachary  
Guzik**



**Elijah  
Haas**



**Zachary  
Hales**



**Dustin  
Hall**



**Kelsey  
Hardwick**



**Abigayle  
Haynes**



**Shawny  
Hess**



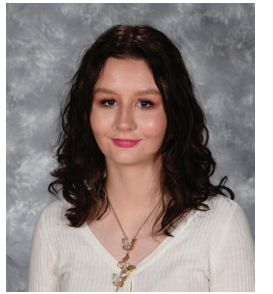
**Edwin  
Hicks**



**Emma  
Hicks**



**Savannah  
Hildebrant**



**Alona  
Hinkle**



**Mitchell  
Hodges**



**Jacquelynn  
Hogan**



**Mark  
Holt**



**Damien  
Hughey**



**Jared  
Ives**



**Frank  
Janezic**



**Steven  
Jessel**



**Breanna  
Johnson**



**Shelby  
Jones**



**Matthew  
Kaczor**



**Jaidyn  
Keene**



**Gabriella  
Keith**



**Nathan  
Keith**



**Casey  
Kelley**



**Michael  
Kelley**



**Abigail  
Kerby**



**Phoenix  
Kieswetter**



**Timothy  
Kitts**



**Dylan  
Koba Nelson**



**Katelyn  
Konicek**

*Best Wishes to  
every graduating  
senior from the  
Firelands Board  
of Education staff.  
We're proud to call  
you alumni!*



## Firelands Elementary School News & Art Gallery

### Lorain County Spelling Bee

Leah Mason, Julia Widener, Finn McMullen and Lilah Jordan represented Firelands Local School District on May 6th at the 3rd and 4th Grade Lorain County Spelling Bee. The students competed at a socially distanced spelling bee at Avon Middle School with 37 students total. All students made it past the first round. They did a fantastic job representing FES at the Spelling Bee.

Preston Kirschner, Jeremy Ortiz, Austin Ludwig, and Natalie Smith represented Firelands Local School District on May 13th at the 5th and 6th Grade Lorain County Spelling Bee. Austin and Jeremy made it through the first two rounds, Natalie made it to round 4, and Preston came in 2nd place! We are so proud of them! (3rd & 4th grade pictured below.)

### PBIS Rewards

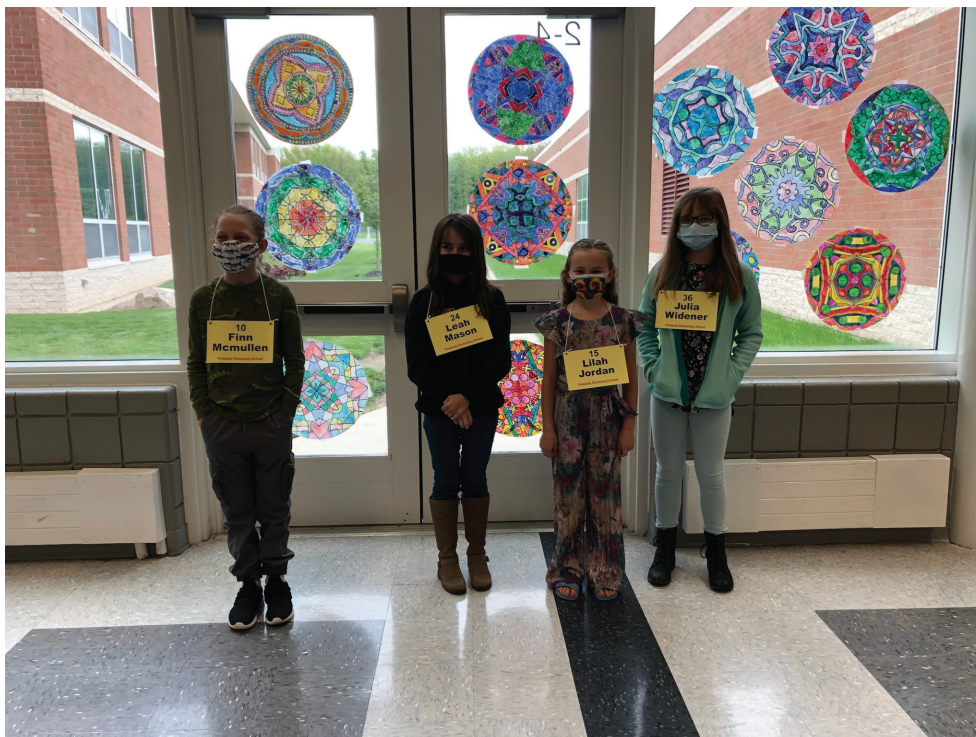
Students at FES continue to earn Class Dojo points when demonstrating positive behavior within the classroom. They earn various rewards for their points.

Rewards are distributed monthly. We are very proud of all of our students! Many were able to earn multiple rewards throughout the school year. The year wrapped up with another Crazy Hair Day, students wearing pajamas and winners of raffles. If you know an FES Falcon, please ask them what rewards they earned! We are looking forward to another positive school year starting in the fall of 2021.

### End of 2020-2021 School Year

The staff and students at FES ended the year with some traditions! We were able to offer field day activities for all of our students. They were able to participate in 5-6 different activities with their classmates during the last week of school. We were also able to provide our 5th grade students with a bridging ceremony with their individual homerooms. They were recognized as DARE graduates and congratulated for their efforts as FES students. We wish them the best of luck in 6th grade.

*submitted by Laura Groboske  
FES Assistant Principal*



Top: Album Art by Khloe Meinke, Grade 5. Bottom left: Radial Painting by Addison Gossett, Kindergarten. Bottom right: Tree of Life by Julia Widener, 4th Grade.

If you're missing Firelands Falcon art this summer, please visit our website and online galleries located on each building's web pages.

Also access the incredible resources listed on the Art Department's website.

<https://www.firelandsschools.org/ARTDEPARTMENT.aspx>



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**Donovan  
Kormish**



**Julia  
Krynak**



**Abigail  
Landreth**



**Dominic  
Lee**



**Jeremiah  
Leon**



**Nathaniel  
Lester**



**Emilia  
Lewis**



**Alyssa  
Lilak**



**Daniel  
Lima**



**William  
Lockhart**



**Audrey  
Lyons**



**Andria  
Mains**



**Christian  
Malicki**



**Logan  
Mayer**



**Noah  
McClintock**



**Emma  
McCrann**



**Gypsy  
McDougale**



**Ashlee  
McGuire**



**Dale  
Milde**



**Andre  
Mooney**



**Karis  
Morales**



**Madison  
New**



**Samantha  
Novak**



**Delaney  
Overstreet**



**Benjamin  
Pruitt**



**Patience  
Rafter**



**Seth  
Robinette**



**Kayla  
Rogers**



**Logan  
Rush**



**Tyler  
Ruth**



**Bridget  
Rutkowski**



**Gage  
Sauer**



**Krystal  
Scheeres**



**Jasmin  
Schuler**



**Garrick  
Sebolt**



## SAMS Project Lead the Way: Green Architecture

*Note: Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is an innovative project-based learning program that incorporates science, technology, engineering, and math. PLTW empowers students to develop and apply in-demand, transportable skills by exploring real-world challenges in an exciting and engaging way.*

7th graders in the PLTW course Green Architecture at SAMS are getting a unique opportunity to apply STEM skills related to the construction of the new high school. During a preliminary design meeting, it was realized that some of the software being used in the design of the school is the same software the students are using in class.

Students use a CAD (Computer Aided Design) program called Revit which is made by the software company

Autodesk. This program is specifically used to create 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional floor plans of commercial and residential buildings. After students learn how to use an architectural ruler to design floor plans in various scales with paper and pencil, they take their designs and recreate them using Revit.

One of their class projects is the design of a shipping container home made from four 8' by 20' containers on a single level. Millions of shipping containers are piling up at our harbors and recycling them into homes helps solve this problem. Students use the engineering design process to come up with the best design. They start off filling out a Design Brief that identifies their client. To make the project more meaningful

and realistic, students are allowed to select their own client such as a relative, famous sports figure, singer, actor, or organization such as the Red Cross. This document also clarifies the client's current problem that could be solved by the design and construction of the home. After brainstorming and researching several ideas, the next step involves sketching at least 3 different designs. The best design is selected using a Decision Matrix that has students identify the best of their designs based on specific criteria.

After their final design is selected, a final copy of their floor plan is made using architectural rulers and professional templates to draw their design with doors, windows, furniture, and dimensions in 1/4" scale. Finally, using Revit, 2D

and 3D floor plans are generated along with virtual walkthroughs if time permits.

Through the design process students practice critical-thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills that will prepare them for future careers. Engineering and technology related careers are also encouraged throughout the project. As the new school construction progresses, one goal is to acquire some of the plans to share with students helping them continue bridging what they are learning in class with real-world projects.

*Submitted by Chuck Latto  
SAMS Teacher*

*Pictured below: Micah Lee's 3D shipping container architectural floor plan and Stephen Francis' 2D shipping container architectural floor plan.*

## Food Service News

### Free meals extended

The United States Department of Agriculture is extending free meals to all students through the 2021-2022 school year. We encourage your child/children to take advantage of this wonderful benefit. They can take all components offered at breakfast and lunch at no cost. If your child would like to purchase anything extra, they must pay full price for any ala cart purchases, including extra milk.

### Instructional fees

Your child's instructional fees will not automatically be waived. You must provide proof of income and fall within the income limits for free meals in order to have school fees waived. More information to come as we receive guidance from USDA and the State.

### Meals served to online students

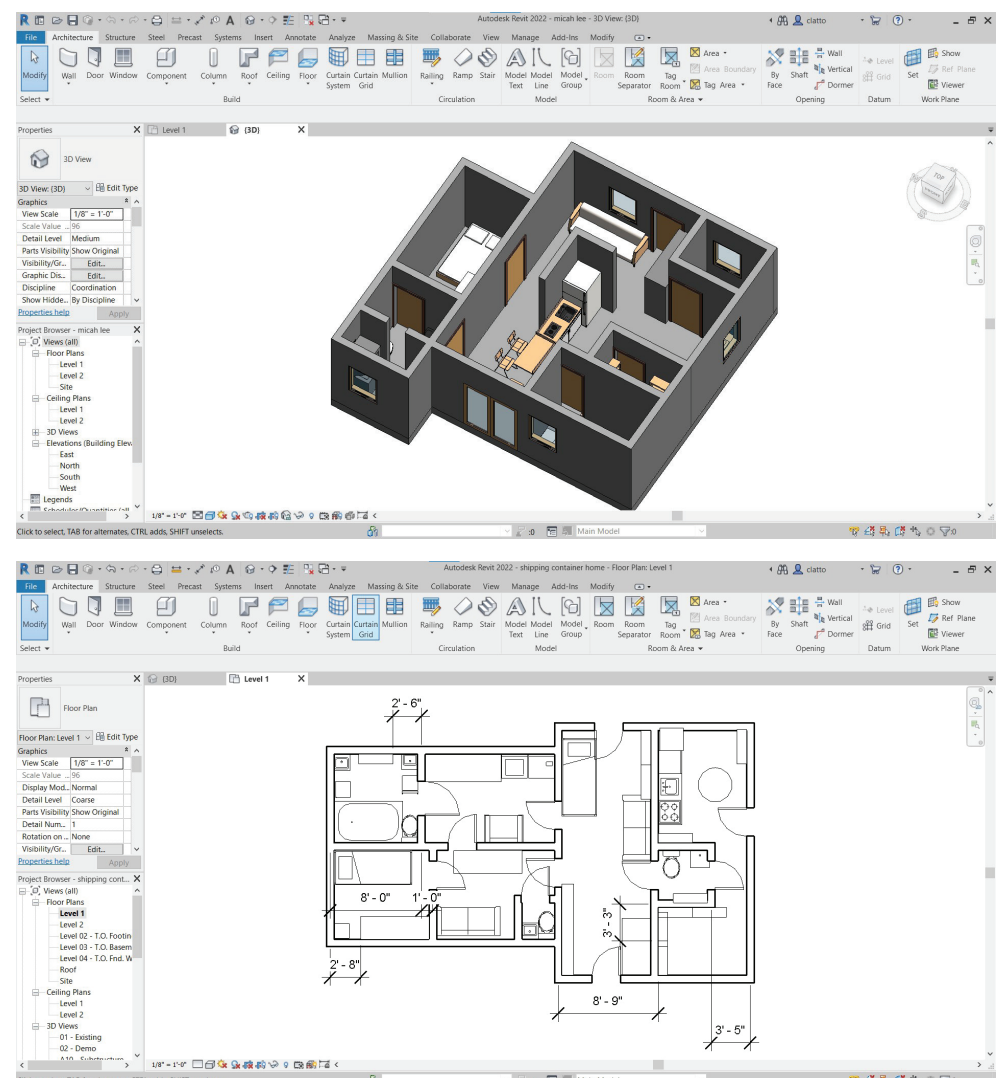
The Food Service staff provided over 45,000 meals to our online students since the start of the school year. We appreciate each family that picked up weekly. It was an honor to serve and meet each and every one of you.

### Money remaining on accounts

Any money remaining on accounts will roll over to the next school year. If you have multiple children and would like to move money from one child to another, please contact me at [jbaumann@firelandsschools.org](mailto:jbaumann@firelandsschools.org) or 440-965-5821 ext. 1011.

You can also find resources and links on the Food Service page of our website:

<https://www.firelandsschools.org/FoodService.aspx>





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**Rebekah  
Selent**



**Grace  
Sherban**



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**Eiryn  
Smith**



**Kaci  
Smith**



**Rune  
Smith**



**Samuel  
Solowiej**



**Michael  
Sorrell**



**Carley  
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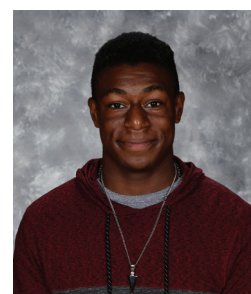
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The Firelands Band Boosters would like to offer their congratulations to the Class of 2021. It has been a pleasure to be a part of your middle and high school band experience. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors!





## 3rd Grade Studies Hamburgers vs. Tacos

If you had the choice of a free hamburger or taco, which one would you choose? This year's in-person 3rd graders had that big decision to face.

As a reprieve and celebration after finishing state testing, teachers created an entire unit focused around two of the most popular food choices in America. Students began by studying the history of hamburgers and tacos and compared/contrasted these items. 3rd graders then made their decision of which food they would focus on for the remainder of their studies. They continued their authentic learning experience by doing online research to discover popular toppings, healthy options for their food, local availability

and price. They also took orders from different menus and were learning how to make change!

Students then used this research to open up their own food truck business selling either hamburgers or tacos. Using math skills such as perimeter, area and geometry, students built a 3-D food truck as a model of their business. Next students had to create a menu for their business and decide what kind of shells/buns, meat options, toppings and condiments they would have available. (We are happy to report that there were many vegan and gluten free options available!) Additionally, the children continued their research by looking at Taco Bell and McDonald's advertisements

and went on to design their own poster advertisements complete with logos, slogans, bright colors and enticing offers. To wrap up their hard work, students then got to do some virtual ordering from each other's restaurants. Students were placed in pairs in breakout rooms on Zoom and took orders from each other's menus online. It was an adorable site to see students wearing their headphones, welcoming customers, taking their orders, figuring out totals and taking virtual payments for their orders!

To culminate our studies, these happy 3rd graders loved being able to "taste their success" with 2 free soft tacos donated by Taco Bell in Vermilion to each student that chose tacos and a discounted hamburger provided by McDonald's in Vermilion to each student that chose hamburgers. The 3rd grade team would like to thank these two businesses for working so cooperatively with us for our students! We hope our community continues to support these two generous local businesses!

Wondering which food was the most popular? Find an FES 3rd grader and let them tell you all about it :)

*submitted by Shannon Ollis  
3rd Grade Teacher*

## FES Gifted Student News

### Mock Trial

The 5th grade gifted ELA class participated in Mock Trial in a virtual courtroom with Lorain County Magistrate Melissa Kobasher as the presiding judge. In their case, they acted as the plaintiff team against the defendants, a sixth grade class at Perkins Schools.

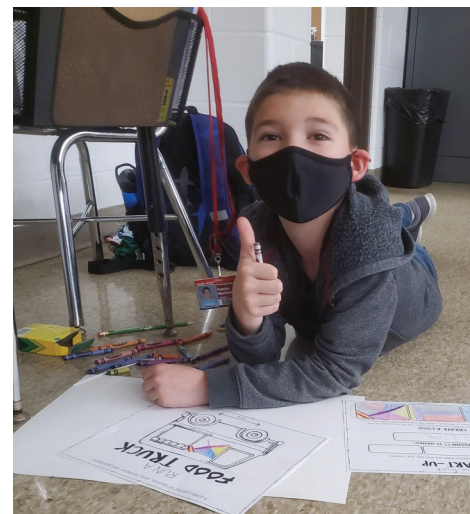
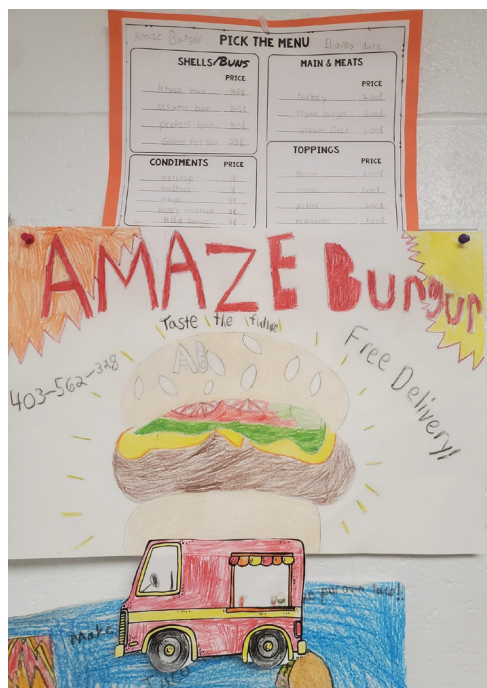
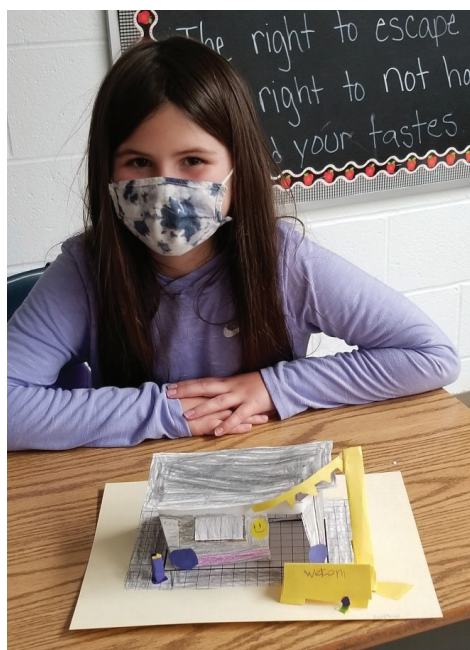
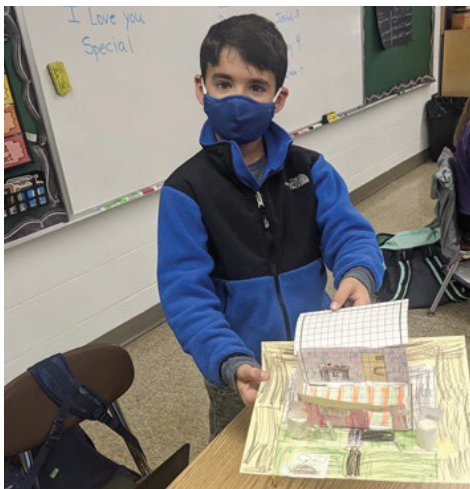
### Math Brain Games

On May 14th, the 4th and 5th grade gifted math students competed against another school in a Math Brain Games competition sponsored by the Lorain County ESC. The FES math students earned the 1st place trophy with their skill in problem solving, logic, and calculations!

### Young Authors

This spring 43 third, fourth, and fifth graders worked hard to write, revise, edit, illustrate, and publish Young Authors books. At a virtual conference, the young writers heard two guest speakers, a local artist and a local author. FES students competed against students from six area schools, winning in the following categories: Best of Show Writer 3rd Grade: Samuel Stephens, Best of Show Writer 5th Grade: Everleigh Robinson, Best of Show Artist 4th Grade: Regan Viocck, and Best of Show Artist 5th Grade: Layla McGuire. Congratulations to all students who worked hard to complete this project!

*submitted by Teresa Dempsey  
FES Gifted Specialist*





## Firelands Student Artworks at Akron Children's Hospital

Akron Children's Hospital art collection began in 1993. The hospital leverages the power of art to create a comforting and uplifting environment for patients and families through work from all ages. Each new Akron Children's Hospital location collects student works directly from that community.

Firelands K-12 art students were invited to present work for consideration for purchase and selections were made from each building. These pieces will become part of the permanent collection held by the hospital system, which is currently made up of 4700 art works from local artists, community groups and student artists. Firelands students will have their pieces professionally matted and framed. Students who had work selected will be compensated for their work with \$25 and \$50 gift cards. Once completed, these works will be displayed permanently in the new Akron Children's Hospital Health Center that is being built in Amherst.

**From FES:** Cloe Reitz, 2nd, Reagan Feigi, 3rd; Kenzey Robinson, 3rd; Lily Spicer, 3rd; and Layla McGuire, 5th.

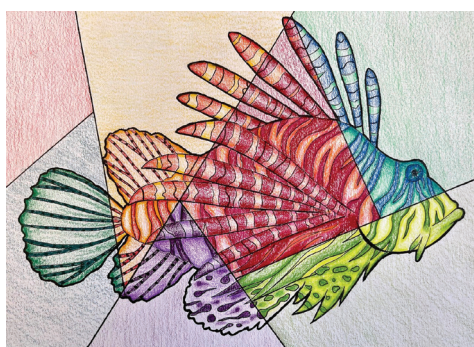
**From SAMS:** Aiden Bokulich, 8th; Caitlyn Buchanan, 8th; Daren Askaksen, ; Mya Lopez, 7th; Brody Parrish, 8th; Joseph Brooke, 8th; Asher Widener, 8th; and Kyleigh Klingshurn, 8th.

**From FHS:** Collin Adkins, 9th; Jocelyn Bednar, 9th; Preston Cairns, 9th; Reagan Evans, 9th; Breanna Johnson, 12th; Saige Loyd, 9th; and Amanda Mitchell, 11th.

Pictured at right are three of the students' works, that also double as SAMS Art Gallery for this issue.

Below: Kyleigh Klingshurn, Bird, Media: Colored Pencil. Mya Lopez, Rainy Day, Media: Marker. Aiden Bokulich, Colorful Fish, Media: Colored Pencil.

Congratulations to our Firelands artists - we are so proud of them!



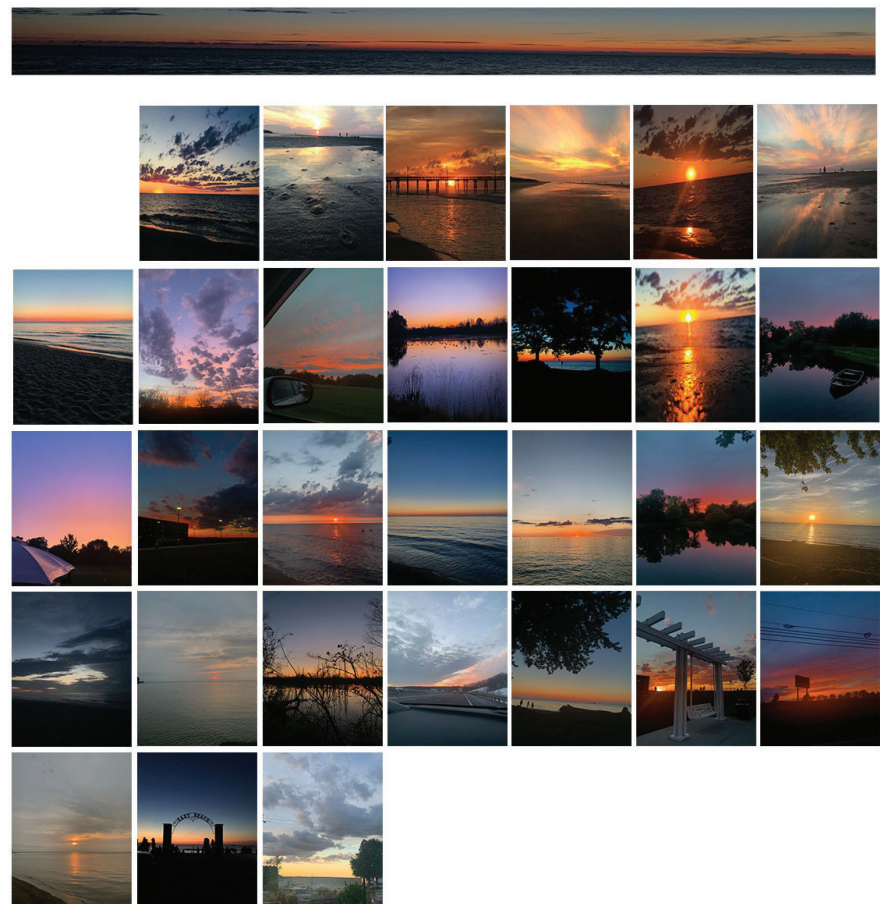
## FHS Senior AP Art Gallery

At left, Dylan Taylor, "Saints", grade 12, AP Art & Design, acrylic paint on canvas.

Below, Delaney Overstreet, "A Month of Sunsets", grade 12, AP Art & Design, digital image.

Bottom right, Andria Mains, "Three Day Still Life", grade 12, AP Art & Design, pencil and colored pencil on paper.

We will miss all of our senior artists' work!





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## "Through the Looking Glass" Presented at SAMS



On May 18th and 19th, the South Amherst 7th & 8th Grade Choirs presented a wild and wacky version of the classic story *Through the Looking Glass* by Lewis Carroll.

With 9 different musical numbers, the cast and crew showcased their singing, dancing, acting and set design abilities. Choir director Wendy Johnson pulled off another

amazing performance with the help of many students, parents, teachers and staff.

Congratulations to all involved on a wonderful production!



The Firelands Band Boosters would like to thank the families, volunteers, and donors for all of their time, efforts, and generosity this school year. With many challenges that occurred this year, your support has been crucial in enhancing the students' musical experience. We appreciate all that you have done to support the program, directors, and students.

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 October 17<sup>th</sup>: Wakeman Elevator  
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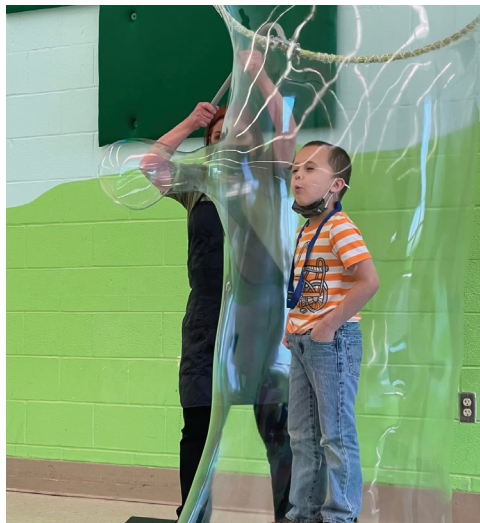


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## Bubble Lady Visits Head Start

The Firelands Head Start students enjoyed a visit from Sue Durante, better known as "The Bubble Lady." They learned that many household items, like string, fly swatters, and plastic fruit cartons can be used as bubble wands. At the end of the presentation each student got to be encased in a bubble.

The Head Start students are enjoying an extra couple of weeks of school, thanks to an extension by the agency. Their last day is now June 3rd. Christa Battle, Head Start Family Service Worker, is currently working on enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year. Call (440) 965-6130 for more information.



## Golf with Friends of Firelands

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