



# The Firelands Express



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## Open Doors Academy at Firelands Middle School

Did you know that Firelands Middle School offers more than just after school care? The Open Doors Academy (ODA) program at FMS is an after-school enrichment program that is designed to support our students through providing academic support, social-emotional learning, and college and career readiness. This free program began in 1992 as a drop-in latchkey program in Cleveland. It has developed into the independent non-profit program that provides wrap-around services to kids and families. All of our staff members have been trained in the ODA's philosophy which includes:

**Shared Responsibility** – Together, ODA and FMS, along with the community, and parents/guardians share the responsibility for raising each youth in a safe and supportive environment that challenges them to reach their full potential.

**Life Long Learning** – ODA believes that learning is not confined to childhood or the classroom alone, but takes place throughout life and in a wide range of situations.

**Civility** – ODA seeks to create an environment that supports and encourages care, respect, and empathy while acknowledging the culture and humanity of others.

**Perseverance** – ODA challenges all youth to defy the status quo in breaking through the glass ceiling to reach their dreams.

**Culture of Excellence** – ODA staff, students, and parents reflect the desire to function at the highest levels possible in academics, relationships, character, and citizenship.

FMS ODA director Mrs. Nakita Doane states, “the program offers our students a spot to hang out after school. During the time that students are with us, we have dedicated homework time, snacks, and general fun! The students have enjoyed having Mrs. Johnson join us for some Boom Wacker musical fun. In a few weeks we will work with the kids and a group from the MAD Factory!” Limited space is available in the program. ODA is offered on a first-come, first-served basis for students in grades 6-8. The program operates M-F when school is in session until 5:15 pm.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please call the middle school main office at 440-965-4255 x 410002 for more information on how to apply.

Mrs. Jennifer Butchko  
Public Relations/Social Media

## SHINE Volunteers Support Elementary Readers

The SHINE program at Firelands Elementary School is underway! This outreach program is a collaboration between local volunteers and Firelands Elementary School (FES). In 2019, district administration discussed how volunteers could best support our young students. At the same time, congregation members at Henrietta United Methodist Church (HUMC) were looking for a way to support local children. The district recognized that students would benefit from individual one-on-one time with an organized volunteer organization and the program was born.

This team effort has led to the creation of the SHINE. program. SHINE stands for Supporting, Helping, Inspiring, Nurturing and Empowering students through one-on-one reading.

This year, the program kicked off on November 2<sup>nd</sup> with a light breakfast and time for our volunteers to meet their students and for the students to pick out their first book!

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## SHINE, from p. 1

Once a week the volunteers will meet their student to read the child's book of choice *with* the child rather than just reading the book *to* the child. Engaging the child with open ended questions encourages children to think and talk about what they are reading. Active reading improves a child's language skills, vocabulary, and the ability to understand what they read on their own. After the book is read three times, the student will be able to take the book home with them!

All the HUMC volunteers have had in-depth background checks and parents/guardians have been informed. An initial training session was held for volunteers to further understand the expectations of the program. FES Assistant Principal Mrs. Laura Groboske led the training and stated, "Our students are lucky to be able to spend this time with willing volunteers that want to share in the growth of our Falcons".

With deep appreciation we thank the following community members for their ongoing commitment to our students: Ms. Laura Watson, Mr. Fred Hoffman, Ms. Cincy Oleksa, Mrs. Sara Schlechter, Mrs. Marge Statler, Mrs. Kathy Littleton, Mr. Michael Littleton, Ms. Kathy Grote, Mrs. Natalie Born, and Mrs. Judy Baumann.

The time that these dedicated volunteers have committed to our students is greatly appreciated. We are thankful for this community collaboration, and we are excited that our students will be able to participate in this enrichment opportunity!

*submitted by Jennifer Butchko  
from the Firelands Blog*



## Falcon Fall Sports Wrap Up



What a fall to be a Falcon! Starting back in June and July our high school fall sport teams began to train, while the coaches started to formulate their game plan for having a successful season in 2022. Now that all of the dust has settled on the Fall 2022 campaign, it is easy to see that hard work and dedication to their craft paid off in a big way.

The girls' soccer team won the conference championship for the first time in school history by going undefeated in the conference at a perfect 10-0. They scored 30 goals against league opponents while only giving up 4 total goals to conference foes. The girls didn't stop there as they then

won a OHSAA DII Sectional Championship defeating Pepper Pike Orange 8-1. The girls eventually lost in the DII District Semi-Finals in overtime to Padua.

Many Falcons received multiple Conference, County and District accolades, but those accolades were highlighted when senior Bella Simmons received 2nd Team All-Ohio and became only the 5th girl in Firelands history to reach All-State status. Congratulations to all the girls who made this season such a memorable one.

The boys' soccer team continued their domination in the conference as they won their 4th straight Lorain County

League title this past fall. Coach Zurcher and Coach Yakunovich have never lost the league since its inception, and we hope that trend continues in 2023.

The boys were a perfect 8-0 in the conference with 24 goals scored against the league and only 6 given up. The boys also won the OHSAA DII Sectional Championship defeating Cleveland Benedictine 4-1. They eventually lost in the District Semi-Final game to #1 ranked Revere High School. We are looking forward to watching the younger boys in the program take the next steps for the Falcons. They will have to do it without a great group of seniors that led so well and grew up so much over the past four years.

The Volleyball team is trying to do their best to follow in the footsteps of the great Sue Pete coached teams of years past. They went undefeated in the conference with a perfect 14-0 only losing 2 sets and winning 42. This is now their 2nd straight Lorain County League Championship and they look to add to that in the years to come. The girls lost in the sectional finals to a talented Tallmadge team, but with all but two girls returning to the team next year, the Falcons look for big things in 2023.

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## Fall Wrap Up, continued

Football also had their share of success. After starting off the year with a loss to Edison they then rattled off 7 wins in a row and qualified for the play-offs for only the fourth time in school history. Along the way Coach Ryan O'Rourke became the winningest football coach in Firelands School history with 36 total wins. The next closet coach had 32 wins.

With big wins against Rocky River, Vermilion and Keystone, the boys achieved many of their goals. With a double overtime loss to Columbia, 29-28, they

were not able to capture Coach O'Rourke's first ever Conference Championship. Weston Strader was a big part of the team's success as he broke a few school records: rushing yards in



a game (406 vs Keystone), and rushing yards in a season (2009 total yards.) Thank you to all the athletes, coaches, parents, and community members that made the 2022 Fall Sports Season such a great time to be a Falcon. Looking forward to a

terrific winter sport season and reaching new heights.

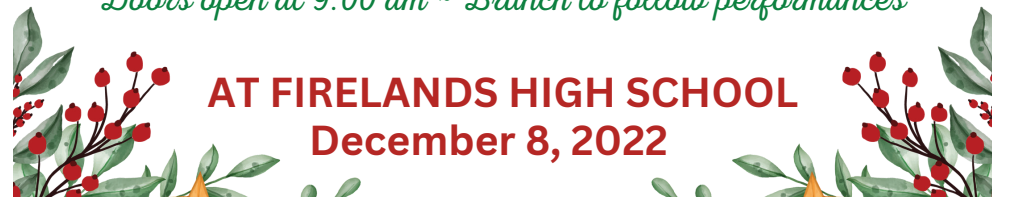
*submitted by Mr. Ty Stillman  
Athletic Director*

## The Holiday Preview is Back!



## Holiday Preview and Brunch

*Honoring our senior citizens & retired FLSJ Staff  
Doors open at 9:00 am ~ Brunch to follow performances*



**AT FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL  
December 8, 2022**

The Holiday Preview is returning to the new Firelands High School! This district event on December 8, 2022 is a great kick-off to the holiday season! Don't miss the performance from FES, FMS and FHS students.

Our Retired Firelands staff members and senior citizens have been wonderful role models for our students. Please join us on December 8th so that we may say thank you for guiding these young men and women.

Entertainment is provided at this free event by our students

in appreciation of your time and dedication to our community and our children. Please use the rear entrance (east side of the building) for parking and entering/exiting the building. We will have student volunteers in the parking lot to assist our guests. **Please RSVP** to Jennifer at [jbutchko@firelandsschools.org](mailto:jbutchko@firelandsschools.org) or (440) 965-5821 ext 1015 by November 28, 2022, if you would like to attend. Special thanks to our sponsor, The Friends of Firelands, for supporting this special event.

## Cross Country Teams Succeed

The Firelands Middle School Girls Cross Country Team won the Lorain County League Championship race. Dilynn Copley placed 4<sup>th</sup> and Reese Robinson placed 6<sup>th</sup> both were First Team All Conference. Also, Ava Houston, Cecelia Howells, Violet Howells, Heidi Williams and Harmony Horn contributed to the victory.

Cross Country athlete Rylan Copen was Second Team Lorain County 8 League Conference. Rylan was the Chronicle Telegram Runner of the Week and was the teams top runner at the awards ceremony. Other special award recipients were

Dane Vanderpool, Falcon Award and Ethan Boggs, Coaches Award. Zoe Gifford was Second Team Lorain County 8 League Conference and Gianna Camera was Honorable Mention. At the awards ceremony Zoe Gifford was the teams top runner. Other special award winners were Gianna Camera, Falcon Award and Rileigh Roule received the Coaches Award.

A special shout out to Seniors Ethan Boggs, Zach Crawford, and Caleb Ross for their 6 year commitment to the Firelands Cross Country program.

*submitted by Coach Bob Donelson*





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## Firelands Middle School Thrives in New Building

Firelands Middle School, in conjunction with our fabulous PTG, hosted a Fall/ Halloween dance on October 28. Just over three hundred of our students attended and were treated to a night of dancing, a photo booth, air brushing station, game room, snack room, games, and prizes. Students had a wonderful time, and we are looking forward to having more events like this to provide them with a great middle school experience.

Many of our clubs have started up and students are excited to join. We are thrilled about the number of new clubs and activities formed this year and thank our amazing staff for being willing to do what is best for our students!

Our after-school program through Open Doors Academy began in October. Many of our students have signed up

and have been attending daily. Students have created some fun items during the craft portion of the program.

(see article on cover page)

Our teachers have been recognizing students who are following our Falcon Code by giving out pride cards. Once a student is recognized, they scan a QR code, entering them into a weekly drawing. Students win a prize if their name is drawn.

Each month, each teacher nominates one student who really stood out for being an outstanding Falcon that month. Those students were rewarded with pizza with the principal on November 11, 2022. Congratulations to our Fabulous Falcons.

We held data discussions after our first benchmarking assessment (MAP) and created focus groups for Intervention



Above: Just some of the Firelands Middle School weekly winners for PBIS.  
Below: Some of the great costumes from the Fall/Halloween dance.

and Title groups. Schedules have been changed to allow for students to have access to targeted instruction and interventions.

Winter Sports are beginning, and we congratulate those

making the teams and wish them the best of luck this season. Show that FALCON PRIDE! Keep up the great work Falcons!!!

Submitted by Mrs. Cara M. Hutchinson  
FMS Principal





## Professional Development Includes Safety Drills

While students were enjoying a long weekend, FLSD staff members participated in professional development (PD) on campus. The more professional development that teachers/staff receive; the more likely students are to succeed. PD options include workshops, meetings, training sessions, peer collaboration, and much more.

November 7<sup>th</sup> was part of the scheduled time that staff had to receive training though multiple outreaches. Prior training sessions were held in late August before students arrived on campus.

Kindergarten through 2nd grade teachers spent the morning in sessions with Heggerty/Fundations (systematic programs focusing on foundational literacy skills).

3rd-5th grade teachers, specialists, occupational therapists and speech pathologists worked on vertical alignment (what the student should be learning in their grade level and also the grades above and below) in writing with all content areas.

FMS and FHS teachers worked in their departments or individually to create or continue work on project-based learning lessons (students learn by actively engaging in real-world and meaningful projects). Content departments worked with Michael Triska, Technology and Integration Specialist, from the Lorain County Educational Service Center. In addition, teachers received informational sessions on multi-tiered systems of support (a process to help identify struggling students early and provide intervention quickly) with Dr. Amanda Price.

School Counselors, social workers and psychologists all worked on various topics

including mental health, school counselor themes, social emotional learning and finished with student career planning with the Ohio Department of Education.

During the afternoon, staff members gathered for a joint safety briefing and prepared for a campus wide active shooter drill. No students participated in this drill. School Resource Officer (SRO) Deputy Norheim led the drill with assistance from the Lorain County Sheriff's Department and SWAT team.

The realistic drills encompassed multiple scenarios that all included an armed perpetrator entering our facilities during school hours. The intruder fired simulation rounds, which sounds and smells like live ammunition, in each building. These shots rang through the hallways and allowed our staff members the opportunity to better their reaction in preparation of an actual emergency. During the drills, staff members called lockdowns, closed and barricaded their doors as the intruder made their way through the buildings. During the first drill, our SRO was first on scene and had to apprehend the intruder without initial support.

During the second drill, responding officers arrived on campus and immediately worked to apprehend the intruder, clear the building of any additional threats, and supported the SRO or commander as they would in a real situation.



While difficult to participate in active shooting drills, we are encouraged with how well our local law enforcement is prepared for such a situation. Their dedication to our community was evident in their approach to these life saving drills.

Our staff members responded extremely well! Quick acting employees assisted law enforcement when possible and created barricades that the responding departments couldn't access.

We are committed to understanding and learning how to be best prepared in the event of an emergency on our campus. While these drills are difficult in many ways, they are necessary to better our response to an unthinkable situation. We truly appreciate the partnership with our law enforcement and our staff members that all work extremely hard to create the safest environment possible at Firelands.



### What Can You Do To Help?

Talk openly and honestly with your child. Ask open ended questions that require more than just a yes or no answer.

The National Association of School Psychologists have gathered information that provides talking points for parents/guardians at (<https://tinyurl.com/y54kenc6>).

In addition, Encourage them to "See Something, Say Something" at home or at school. Our FLSD counselors are an additional resource, if needed.

You are welcome to utilize the SaferSchools Ohio tipline 24/7 (text or call) at 1-844-SAFEROH or contact a building principal with any concerns:

FES Principal [Mrs. Sun Choe](#)  
(440) 965-5381

FMS Principal [Mrs. Cara Hutchinson](#)  
(440) 965-4255

FHS Principal [Ms. Cathay Keener](#)  
(440) 965-4255





## Firelands Elementary School News & Updates

### Forever a Falcon

On October 21st, Mrs. Hile's and Mrs. Fejedelem's classes completed our "Forever a Falcon" project. In 3rd grade, students learned all about the importance of primary sources and how local communities can change over time. We combined these standards to provide an authentic dive into the evolution of our wonderful school district.

We prepared for this project by looking at pictures of the older schools in our district's past. We then completed a series of drawings of the facilities within the district throughout history. We assembled these drawings on a timeline to show the evolution over time.

On October 21st, we spent the day learning from retired teachers. We had the opportunity to hear from the following teachers: Mrs. Thoms, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Gundersen, Miss Barr and Mrs. Keressi. With a combined total of over 160 years of teaching and unending impact on our community, we learned so much from them! Current students loved hearing all their stories about working in the older buildings, how a day at school has evolved, and the students



that have "stuck" with them over the years.

Later in the day, we had the privilege of meeting up with Mrs. Keener at the NEW High School. We got a personal, guided tour of the building and got to see all the amazing work that went into such a great space! We left with a better understanding of our past, so excited to attend such a beautiful, new school for our future and so proud to be FALCONS!

*Submitted by Mrs. Dana Fejedelem*

### Ready to Write

Mrs. Eberhardt's kindergarten students have finished their



illustrator unit and are ready to become writers!!

*submitted by Mrs. Nancy Mitchell*

### Pumpkin Experiments

The FES first grade classes had an opportunity to participate in math and science experiments with pumpkins donated by Schlechter Brothers Country Harvest. The Schlechter family has generously donated pumpkins for every first-grade student for the past several years, providing students with hands-on learning experiences. Schlechter Brothers Country

Harvest is located on 51593 State Route 113 in Amherst. Hay and straw are available year-round, and pumpkins and produce are available seasonally. The students appreciated the pumpkins and learning opportunities.

*submitted by Mrs. Dawn Essex*

### Red Ribbon Week

Firelands Elementary celebrated Red Ribbon Week October 23-28 with the theme "I have the POWER to be drug-free". This is a time when schools across the country focus on learning about making healthy choices. Falcon Leaders lent a hand to provide information to the students via posters and announcements. They also helped to ensure that Red Ribbon Week materials were distributed to the teachers. Many students also participated in the daily dress up themes. The week ended with fall parties in each classroom, with each grade level dressing up in costumes according to a theme! It was great to see the participation.

*submitted by Mrs. Valerie Schuster*

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## FHS Artists Exhibit in 40th Annual Lorain County Show

Ten Art students are honored with selection for the 40th annual 2022 Lorain County High School Exhibition. This annual exhibition, organized by the Educational Service Center and hosted at the Elyria West River Branch Library, invited participants from all high schools in Lorain County. Twelve high schools entered over 130 works that filled the circulation atrium of the library.

Works range from drawing, painting, mixed media, wood and ceramic sculpture and more. This is the first finished work of the school year and a preview of what's to come in other regional exhibitions.

Representing Firelands are Art Fundamentals student Peyton Reaser; Art 1 students Jordyn Copley and Brooke Widener; Honors Art 3 students Aiden Bokulich, Mandy DeWitt, Bella Meier and Liam Varndell; Honors

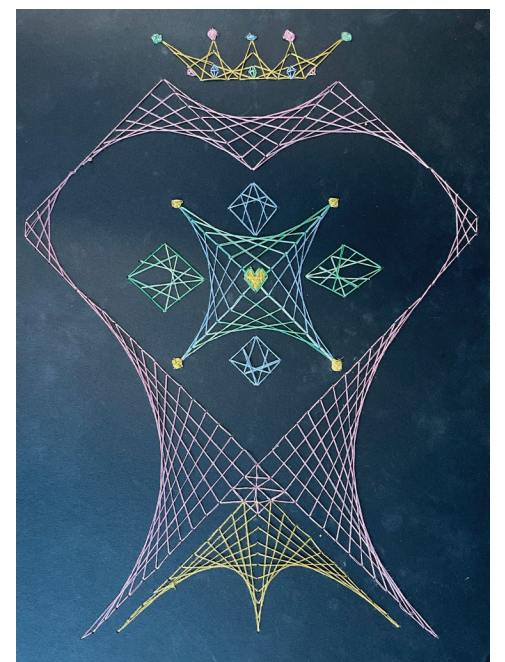
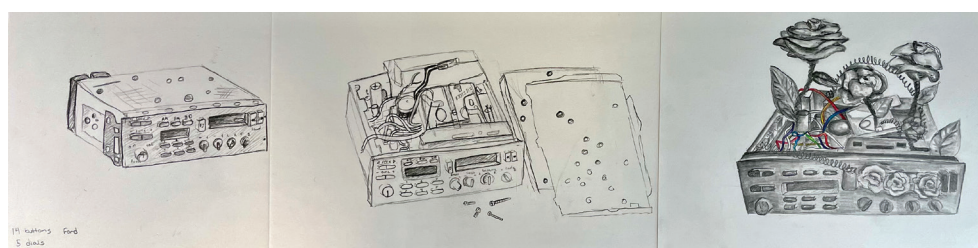
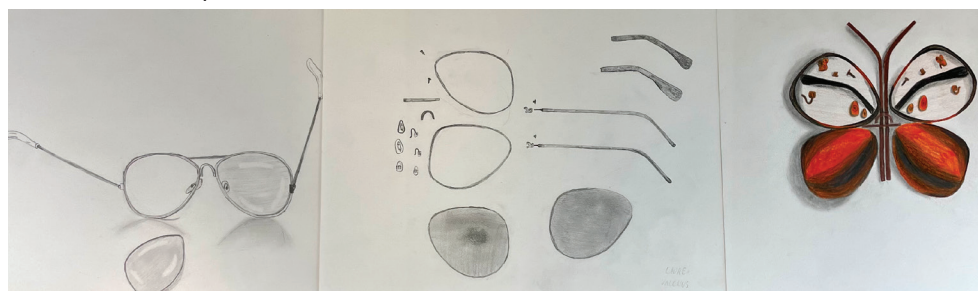
Art 4 student Saige Loyd and AP Art & Design students Lydia Dougan and Lauren Valerius.

The exhibition ran from November 1-18. Students are competing for "Best in Show" and "People's Choice" awards.

*submitted by Mrs. Laura Tawil  
FHS Art Teacher*



Left, top to bottom: Bella Meier, Mariposa; Mandy DeWitt, Goofy Puppy; and Jordyn Copley, Cool Blocks. Center, top to bottom: Lydia Dougan, Wired Waves; Lauren Valerius, Sunny Sights; Aiden Bokulich, Conkle's Hollow; and Saige Loyd, Audio Blooms. Right, top to bottom: Liam Varndell, Summer Sunset; Peyton Reaser, Love & Loyalty; and Brooke Widener, Cubescape.





## New Clubs & Other FHS News

Congratulations to all of our fall athletes for a great season! Now it is on to winter sports as our basketball, bowling, and wrestling teams get things going. The 2nd annual Powderpuff football game was played on November 2nd. The seniors took home a very controversial win. Our first annual Powderpuff volleyball game will be on November 18th. This event will culminate in the winning team playing the staff.

We have some new clubs starting up. The FHS Photography Club is well underway. We will be hanging these pictures up around the school as they are developed. We are working on starting an Intramural Sports Club and a Chess Club as well.

Mr. Torbert from Jostens visited with the sophomores and seniors to discuss class rings and cap and gown purchases. He met with the students as class and then came back later in the week to take orders in person.

Congratulations to Saige Loyd on her artwork being selected for display in the State House. She was given an official commendation by Representative Joe Miller on

## France Trip in Spring 2024

Firelands High School students will have the opportunity to travel to France over Spring Break 2024! If you will be a junior or a senior in 2024 and you are enrolled in or have completed one of the following classes: French 2, Art 3, or Art History, then you are eligible to sign up for the trip. Please email Madame Rice at [jrice@firelandsschools.org](mailto:jrice@firelandsschools.org) for more information.

Friday, October 13th.

Midweek Mindfulness is going very well. We have a yoga instructor that comes out every other week to work with our students on self-regulation and mindfulness. The students are really excited to participate, and we are hoping for this to have long term positive effects on their mental health and well-being.

We did our annual PSAT test for all freshman, sophomores, and the top scoring juniors on October 12th. The PSAT test is designed to help students prepare for the SAT, college, and careers. Studies show that students that take the PSAT do better on the SAT. Data from the PSAT can be used to help students prepare for the SAT test (taken in the spring of junior year) by giving students and families specific information about individual student strengths and weaknesses. Students can create individualized study plans through Khan Academy that are based on these results and use those plans to prepare for the SAT.

*submitted by Ms. Cathy Keener  
FHS Principal*

## FFA Judges at AAQHC



The world's largest single-breed horse show, the All American Quarter Horse Congress, is an annual month-long show held in Columbus, Ohio. It is home to the best of the best, with nearly \$3.5 million dollars worth of prizes and a multitude of events for all disciplines of Quarter Horses. One of such is the Youth and Collegiate Horse Judging Competition, featuring teams from all across the nation. Only one 4-H & one FFA team can represent each state. Breed associations also can send a representative team to compete.

Madison Chenoweth, Kyleigh Klingshirn, Ava Fontaine, & Morgan DiCesare members of

the Firelands FFA, were the team selected to represent Ohio FFA (pictured at left). In April, their teamwork secured them 5th in the state in FFA horse judging, earning them the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to judge at Congress in October.

In the competition, the four were tasked with judging twelve different classes and presenting four sets of oral reasons about why they placed a class a certain way. Some of these classes included trail, hunter hack, western pleasure, halter classes, and many more. At the awards ceremony, the announcer explained that this youth judging contest was the toughest and most competitive of all the national invitationals. The team from Firelands, representing Ohio, earned 16th in the nation. Although they may not have come home with the win, the chance to compete at such a level and attend an event like this was an amazing experience for all four.

*submitted by  
Kyleigh Klingshirn & Ava Fontaine*

## FES, from p. 6

### FES 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. 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.

### Dates to Remember

Fall Break (No School) is coming up November 23-25! The PTG Santa Shop will run from December 5-9. PTG meetings will be held on December 7



and January 4. On December 9, PTG will host a Movie Night. Upcoming Board of Education meetings will be held December 12 and January 9.

The 4th grade Winter Concert is December 14 and will be held in the FHS Auxilary Gym. Picture retakes will be held on December 16.

Winter Break (No School) starts on December 22 and goes through January 2. Finally, there will be no school on January 16, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

*Submitted by Mrs. Laura Groboske  
FES Assistant Principal*



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## Manufacturing in Action Field Trip



Last month, high school students from Mrs. London's Business class and Mr. Latto's Automation and Robotics class attended the Manufacturing in Action field trip at Lorain Community College. Students engaged in hands-on experiences to learn about career pathways in areas such as electronics, computer aided machining, and automation.

During the Microelectromechanical System (MEMS) presentation, students were able to see up close how to solder and build circuit boards under a microscope while learning about the program's career opportunities. It was shared that students from this program learn valuable skills that transfer directly to employment opportunities at

companies such as the new Intel plant in Columbus and Ford Motor Company in Avon Lake that recently received a large grant to begin building electric vehicles. In the electrical engineering session, Firelands students practiced using Arduino microcontrollers and breadboards to prototype electronic circuits including LED lights. In one of their final

sessions, students learned how to use a computer controlled laser engraver to create metal name tags.

At the end of the program, students had an opportunity to eat lunch with industry leaders to discuss employment opportunities and have their picture taken with the humanoid robot Pepper.

*submitted by Mr. Chuck Latto*

## Firelands Students Find Their Path at Lorain County JVS

They all came to Lorain County JVS at different points in their high school careers, and for different reasons, but now they find themselves to be classmates and even friends.

Nevaeh Blevins, Camden Corbin, Emily Miller, and James Wagner from Firelands, are juniors in the Lorain County JVS Masonry Trades program and are enjoying the hands-on learning they receive daily.

"I came to Lorain County JVS my sophomore year because I wanted to try something new," shared Miller. For Wagner, coming to LCJVS as a junior has been a good fit. "I came here because I knew I wanted to learn a trade that could take me through my life. I fit in and really like it."

Corbin knew he wanted to be in the masonry field, even as a freshman. "I know that it is a good, well-paying career. I'm doing well here, and I really like the program."

Blevins explains how the diversity of the students at Lorain County JVS made her feel at home. "There are so many different students here from all over, and I like that. You meet people not only from your own home school but from a lot of other schools too. I've been going here since my freshmen year, and I absolutely love it."

Lorain County JVS is now accepting applications for 2023/2024. Learn more and apply today at [www.lcjvs.com](http://www.lcjvs.com).

*submitted by Ms. Cheryl Fridenstine  
PR/Marketing Coordinator, LCJVS*



*Nevaeh Blevins, Emily Miller, James Wagner, and Camden Corbin smile in their Lorain County JVS Masonry Trades lab.*

### FIRELANDS KINSHIP NETWORK

MEETING DECEMBER 9, 2022 AT THE BOARD OFFICE IN SOUTH AMHERST

For more info contact [dwatts@firelandsschools.org](mailto:dwatts@firelandsschools.org)



## Food Service Information

### What is PaySchools Central?

It is a central site that is used for many different things such as online meal assistance application, online payment system and reporting system. With the reporting system you can set low balance reminders, auto-replenish accounts, and see what has been purchased from your child's account. You set the parameters.

To get started, go to [www.payschoolscentral.com](http://www.payschoolscentral.com). First time users must register first, then follow directions. You can use computer or mobile device.

### Payments on Account

Payments can be made online or by cash or a check made out to Firelands LSD. Please write the students name in the memo line. For elementary students, please place cash or check in an envelope with the student's name on it. Money is given to the homeroom teacher.

Negative meal accounts are allowed only for complete meals, NO ALACART CHARGING. The negative accounts must be taken care of in a timely matter. This is each student and parent's responsibility.

Free and Reduced Meals may be an option for you. If you are unsure if your child/children qualify for meal assistance, please contact Judy Baumann.

We are self-supporting and use federal money to operate, so no local tax money is used. The Food Service department is reimbursed by the federal government for each breakfast and lunch that is sold.

Encourage your children to eat at school!

### Menus/My School Menus

Download the free Firelands app. Click on menu, select school, select menu. Click on any menu item to see the nutritional information. Click on the top 3 lines on top right of menu to see a sidebar with prices.

We offer a wide variety of choices for students. Pictured below are some of the great choices our students have when they purchase a meal at the High or Middle School. Students can choose up to 2 fruits and 2 vegetables depending on the main item they choose. If they choose one of our freshly made salads, that entree already has the vegetable offering but they can select 2 fruits and a milk.

Please contact me if you have any questions!

*Food Service Director*

*Judy Baumann*

440-965-4255 Ext 3097

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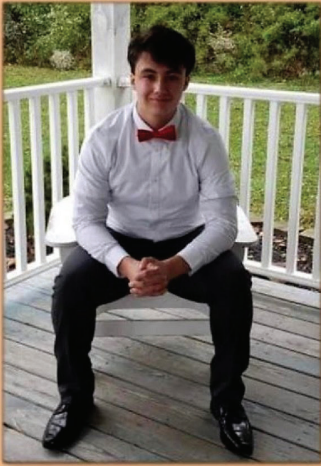


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2022/23 school year!  
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## Vince "Vinny" Morales Jr. Fundraiser



November 27, 2022 @ 12pm

**German's Villa**

3330 Liberty Ave  
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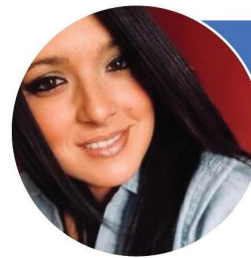
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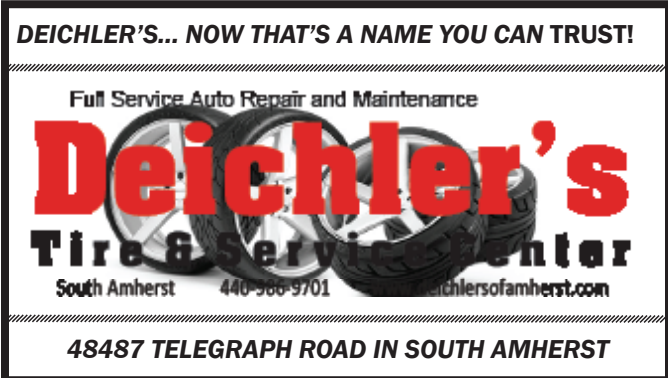


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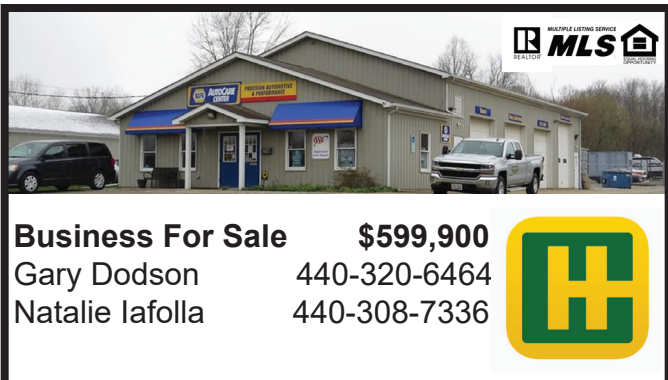


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