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Issue 16

Substitute Levy - Not a Tax Increase

Firelands Schools is on the ballot with an important substitute levy, Issue 16. **This substitute levy will not increase taxes, and instead consolidates and replaces our two existing emergency levies – both set to expire in 2021 – into a single levy.** This unified levy is listed on the ballot as a 5.98 mil, 10-year substitute levy.

Here are important details about this levy:

- The substitute levy keeps taxes as they are for current property owners.
- It ensures our District can continue to provide the high-quality programs we offer in academics, athletics, and the arts.
- It maintains existing, necessary funding for day-to-day school operations, including classroom materials, technology, transportation, and teachers and student support staff.

After the first year, District revenue would increase only from new homes that are built in the district - which would be taxed at the same rate as current property owners.

Without the substitute levy, Issue 16, the District would lose \$2,320,000 in existing annual funding. It would force the District to make reductions, impacting our education and programs.

Want to know more? Visit our website, www.firelandsschools.org/SubstituteLevy2020.aspx, or call Superintendent Mike Von Gunten (440-965-5821).

See Issue 16 Frequently Asked Questions on page 7

Construction Crew Digs In

Work on the “building pad” has been completed. This is a flat, stable base from which the actual construction of the building will occur. The contractor is currently excavating soil for the new parking lot and the detention basin. The detention basin is a large shallow dry pond that holds water on the site during heavy rainstorms to prevent flooding the school’s neighboring property.

Progress on the building design continues. The architects have been meeting with various teachers and other district staff to finalize many of the details of each learning space.

One exciting feature is the “Extended Learning Areas” or ELAs. These are specialized, open and flexible learning areas spaced throughout the building. The ELAs are designed to accommodate a wide variety of teacher instructional practices. These spaces will provide students with an exciting new alternative place to collaborate with their peers in all subject areas. The ELAs will help to ensure that our new high school supports whatever the future holds for our students!



Keep up to date with construction progress by signing up for the Firelands Local Schools Blog to get weekly e-mails (<https://ffalcons.wordpress.com/>) or going to our Construction Update page at <https://www.firelandsschools.org/ConstructionUpdate.aspx>.

Pumpkin Contest Promotes Creativity & Community



Mrs. Watson's 5th Grade online students with their creations. See Pumpkin article on page 2.

You may view this issue online at:
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Head Start

Firelands Head Start is up and running with 8 in-class students and 8 virtual learners. We are taking safety precautions but still delivering the same high-quality program as before. Toe taps and air high fives have replaced hugs for now, but we are still the same school family we have always been. Just look close at Paycen's pancakes to see how she feels about school!

*submitted by Pamela Caruso
Site Administrator/Practice-Based Coach
LCCAA Firelands Head Start*



Middle School Update

It certainly has been a year of firsts, but our students have not disappointed. They have proven to be flexible and resilient. I could not be more proud of their dedication to getting the job done. I am amazed every day at how our students have taken every change, every inconvenience in stride.

Volleyball and Football are wrapping up in the next few weeks and our athletes have demonstrated class under tough conditions.

Our Academic Challenge teams are forming and are planning on competing this fall.

We successfully completed picture day for both in school and online students. We also coordinated online pictures with our Oral Reading Fluency test so that parents only had to come

once for those two events.

We have also administered our AIMSWEB Plus benchmark assessments to nearly all of our students both in school and online. We will begin diving into the data to determine where we show student gaps in learning.

It feels like we found a rhythm and are operating to our fullest within our current "normal."

I cannot say enough about our amazing staff, parents and most of all students that have been taking every day in stride and focusing on learning.

We also held our first virtual conferences. I received a lot of positive feedback regarding the virtual conferences. Many want that option moving forward when things are back to "normal."

Bravo!!

submitted by Cara M. Gomez, principal

Firelands Endowment Fund

Hundreds of alumni, parents, teachers and others have built the Endowment since it was established in 1991. The Endowment Trustees are grateful for their contributions, and we encourage you to join them. Gifts to the Endowment are never spent. They are invested through the Community Foundation of Lorain County. The income from those investments is used to support grants to teachers, scholarships, and other educational opportunities year after year. Making a gift to the Endowment Fund will continue to touch the lives of Fireland's school children for generations to come.

You may make a contribution of any size to any one of our existing funds through the Community Foundation's secure website: www.peoplewhocare.org, or you may choose to establish a new fund, which

may be designated for a specific purpose.

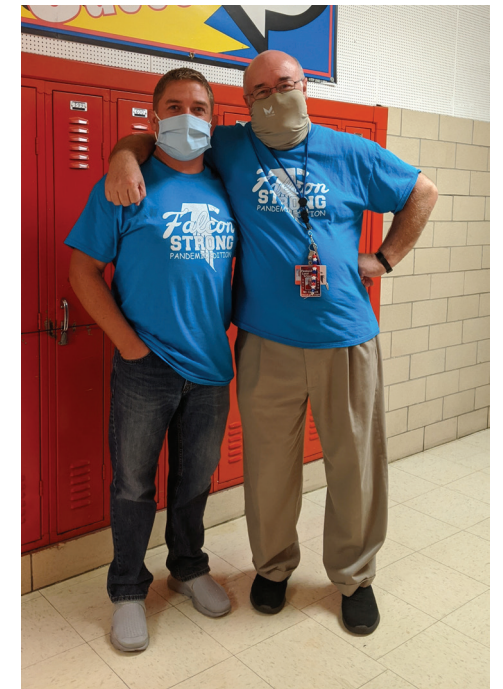
There are many ways to make a gift to the Firelands Endowment. Checks, credit card through the Community Foundation, appreciated stock and other securities are also accepted. There are also opportunities for donors to make deferred gifts through their estate plans. Gifts of any size or option is much appreciated, because they all impact the students of Firelands Local Schools.

If you have a question or need additional information, you can contact the board office at 440-965-5821 or one of the Endowment Trustees listed: Barb Bechtel, Jerry Born, Ann Buchs, Bob Danicki, Amy Hignett, Scott Norheim, Kristi Palmer, Dan Pycraft, Tammy Schultz or Kathy Whitmore.

submitted by Ann Buchs

Falcon Strong!

As part of a fundraiser to support the Issue 16 Levy Committee, Falcon Strong (pandemic version) t-shirts were sold in bright blue and orange. Pictured below are Mr. Yakunovich and Mr. Carlock at SAMS.



Pumpkins continued from p. 1

Mrs. Watson's 5th grade distant learning class had a pumpkin decorating contest to help build a sense of community in the classroom. The results were amazing!

Each student was given an opportunity to decorate a pumpkin. They used real pumpkins, plastic pumpkins or hand-drawn pumpkins. The creative minds of the children was greater than anticipated.

Congratulations to the following contest winners. Brayden Plumley won "Far Out" with his galaxy pumkin. The most beautiful pumpkin was Savannah Seeley's unicorn. Peyton Gibson won for most creative nose, using the stem for her witch's nose. The scariest pumpkin went to Zachary Radman, followed by the silliest pumpkin from Spencer Meyer.

Elementary School News

Kindergarteners & Bus Safety

Mr. Sayler spoke to the Kindergarten classes about the importance of bus safety. He reviewed how to sit in the seats, how to get on and off the bus, and how to cross the road safely. The students should wait for the bus driver to give the signal to cross (the driver's raised hand will lower). He stressed the importance of getting to your bus stop on time and being careful while waiting for the bus. He showed the students how to take 10 giant steps to be clear and safely out of the "danger zone." After getting off the bus, students should remember to walk to their designated place of safety and then go directly home. Thank you, Mr. Sayler!

Class Dojo Rewards

In place of Falcon Bucks, FES students are earning Class Dojo points for demonstrating positive behavior in their learning environment. They will receive rewards for every 50 points earned. Teachers have shared with students the different rewards that have been determined. The first reward is a bouncy ball. By October 1st, more than 200 of our students had earned 50 or more points. We are excited to see how many points our students can earn for demonstrating positive behavior. If you live with an FES Falcon, ask them the reward they are most looking forward to.

FES Upcoming Dates

There are a few dates to remember for FES parents. Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated October 26-30. Teachers will provide and share information with the students. November 6 is the end of the first quarter of the school year. Online students will schedule appointments for

pictures on November 23. More information will be shared by Mrs. Choe with those families. In person students will be able to have picture retakes on November 23. Pick-up for the PTG Fall Fundraiser will be on November 23. November 25-27 there is no school.

PTG Fall Fundraiser

The PTG Fall Fundraiser began on Wednesday, October 7 and will end Wednesday, October 28. Students were provided with catalogs and were able to watch a virtual assembly to kick-off the fundraiser. Please know that all ordering will be online. Buyers have the option of paying a shipping charge to have their items sent directly to their home. There will also be a limited contact pickup option on Monday, November 23 with more details to follow. This is the PTG's biggest and most important annual fundraiser - and while some aspects of the sale are different this year, your participation is as important as ever!

Parent Teacher Group (PTG)

Firelands Elementary is very lucky to have an active PTG. 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. The next meeting will be November 5 at 6:30 via Zoom. A link will be shared as the meeting date approaches. Feel free to reach out and see how you can assist and hear more about how you can be involved during the 20-21 school year! You can find them on Facebook (Firelands Elementary School PTG) or on Twitter (@FESPTG).

*submitted by Laura Groboske
Assistant Principal, FES*

Food Service News

Good News, extended free meals for all:

USDA continues to offer free breakfast and free lunch to all students regardless of need. This extended benefit for free meals, is to help families financially during these difficult times. This extension helps our families/students as well as the Food Service department. Our department gets Federal reimbursements for each meal that is sold, so please encourage your child/children to take advantage of this great opportunity.

Free meals for online students: We continue to offer free meals to our online students. If you signed up for meals, PLEASE pick up. If you cannot pick up, please contact Judy Baumann at 440-965-5821 ext. 1011 or jbaumann@firelandsschools.org. I send a weekly reminder call and an email to those families that signed up. If you have missed a pick up and did not notify me, I will assume you would like to be

removed from the list.

Instructional fees:

Instructional fees are only waived if you qualify for free meals based off the information provided on a meal application or if your child was approved through Direct Certification. If you received a Direct Certification notice, this would have been mid-August and mid-September, please sign and return the form. This is the only way the fees can be waived.

Meal assistance

applications: At some point USDA will no longer offer the free meals to all. If you feel your child will qualify for assistance, complete an application so it is in place for when the free meals for all students is over. Go to www.payschoolscentral.com

Thank You! I would like to thank the Food Service staff for their commitment to feeding students safely and efficiently during these times.

*submitted by Judy Baumann
Food Service Director*



Mr. Milt Sayler visits Kindergarten classes to discuss Bus Safety.

Firelands High School: Homecoming Highlights & More

The FHS Homecoming game was on October 2nd. We celebrated with a pep rally outside in the stadium. For those students that were not present, it was live streamed on Twitter. We began and ended with the Mighty Falcon Marching Band playing while the cheerleaders cheered. At the pep rally, we recognized the members of the Homecoming Court and announced the most spirited members of each class as voted on by their peers. The most spirited members of the class

each received a free ticket to the Homecoming game that evening and also participated in the passing game on the field during the pep rally. The most spirited students are:

- Seniors: Anne Bartish and Zack Brill
- Juniors: Tori Coggins and Corey Newman
- Sophomores: Ashlee Deremiah and Ty Griebe
- Freshman: Adalyn Justice and Collin Adkins

The members of the Homecoming Court for 2020 are:

- Freshman: Angela Beno and Timmy Phillips
- Sophomores: Sylvia Cogar and Abel Coultrip
- Juniors: Lyza Riccardi and Gary Uhler
- Senior Girls: Renee Clippinger, Katelyn Konicek, Abigail Landreth, Samantha Novak, and Queen: Madison Sutton
- Senior Boys: Caden Bomback, Nathaniel Boucher, Donald Crawford, Casey Kelley, and King: Jack Valerius

A good time was had by all. Fall athletics are wrapping up and our football team won the first ever playoff game in Firelands history!

We held picture day on September 30th and all online students and JVS students were invited in to be photographed by Ripcho. Retakes will be scheduled once pictures are processed. Jostens was in on

September 29th to meet with sophomores and seniors in small groups and then returned later in the week to take orders. Each student was supplied with a packet of information about ordering class rings or graduation materials. We are working to deliver the remainder of the packets to our online students.

We hosted parent teacher conferences on October 7th and 8th virtually. This allowed parents the opportunity to meet with teachers safely and in a convenient manner. During conferences, the school counseling department held two parent meetings on October 8th. These were virtual meetings as well and dealt with the college application process and how to apply for financial aid. Any parent that missed the meetings is encouraged to reach out to the school counselor for information.

*submitted by Cathy Keener
Principal, FHS*

Falcon Girls Soccer Celebrates

Pictured below are the senior members of the girls soccer team after beating Columbia with a final score of 4-0. Three of those goals were scored by Bella

Simmons, and Morgan Janicek scored one as well. Assists were made by Julia Douzos, Amanda Mitchell and Dylan Koba-Nelson. Congrats Team!



Please see our event page on Facebook at:
https://www.facebook.com/events/786234128812965?active_tab=about
for further details about registering for this event.
As always, thank you for supporting the instrumental music program!

THE MIGHTY FALCON MARCHING BAND

BAND ON THE RUN VIRTUAL 5K

OCTOBER 31, 2020

RUN, WALK, HIKE, BIKE, OR MARCH YOUR WAY TO A 5K!

REGISTER ON THE FIRELANDS BAND FANS FACEBOOK PAGE

\$35 REGISTRATION

EACH REGISTRATION INCLUDES A T-SHIRT

Homecoming Snapshots

Photo credits: Jackie Flaczynski



County Fair a Success for Four Leaf Clovers

The Four Leaf Clovers definitely had a different experience this year! All poster projects and some animal projects were judged by Zoom interview. The Lorain County Fair was for junior fair animal projects only with no still life or dog projects exhibited live. Club members were grateful for the opportunity to show either at the shortened fair or by Zoom interview. Our club still had lots of success and still learned lots of new information while working on their projects. Big congratulations to:

Amelia Abraham, who showed her rabbit and won 2nd place rabbit mixed breed, 3rd place rabbit 11-12 showmanship and her dog poster won Outstanding Project Award.

Addison Beal took her pygmy goat to fair and recieved Grand Champion Pygmy Goat, 1st Place Junior Showmanship, Reserve Grand Champion Pygmy Showmanship, 1st Place Pygmy 0-6 months, and 2nd Place Harness Goat. With her cat she got Grand Champion Cat and 1st Place Junior Showmanship.

Elise Bednar in Vet Science 1 earned the Outstanding Project Award. Jocelyn Bednar showed her rabbit and got 2nd place Mini

Rex Sr Doe, Honorable Mention Beginner Rabbit Showmanship and her Creative Costume got Outstanding Project Award.



Callie Finnegan showed her Dog Obedience & Performance Poster Project with her dog Lucy and she earned Outstanding Project Award. With her pigs she earned 4th place Junior Showmanship with Clara Bell and 3rd place barrow in his weight class Mickey. At the Miniature Horse show with WCS Cinnamon Golden Kid they were Overall Supreme Showman, Champion Junior Showmanship, Reserve Champion Trail in Hand, Champion Hunter Jumper, Champion Pleasure Driving and with her saddle horse Heza

Major Leaguer they earned Overall Supreme Showman, Champion Junior Western Showmanship, Champion Junior English Showmanship, Reserve Champion Trail.

Jennifer Keets in her cooking project earned Outstanding Project Award, with her pig Minnie she earned Class Champion. She and her Modern Beef Steer named Milo earned Reserve Class Champion Beginner Beef Showmanship 13 and under and 5th Overall Beginner Beef Showmanship.

Macy Paller earned Reserve Champion Junior Western Saddle Horse Showmanship, Reserve Champion Western Pleasure, and Honorable Mention in Trail with her saddle horse R.T.

We are proud of all of our members that completed their projects and proud of those that won special awards. Thank you to the award sponsors and all of our livestock buyers and Bidder's World Final Drive add-on donors.

The club is advised by Diane Davis, Ruth Davis, Kassie Davis, and Heather Croushore.

submitted by Callie Finnegan

Pictured above, Amelia Abraham; bottom left, Callie Finnegan; bottom right, Jennifer Keets.



Art Galleries Launched

Making visible the artistic accomplishments of our K-12 art students is probably the most important endeavour of the art teachers. With limited parent access in the buildings to see our bulletin boards and showcases the art teachers have collaborated with the Firelands Express editor Susan Schaefer and the district webmaster Jennifer Butchko to create published and online art galleries for our K-12 students. Look for three works from each school in each edition of the Firelands Express.

Congratulations to September artists from SAMS London Marsnick, Liliana Schmittle and Hailey Urban and FHS artists Alyssa Baker, Violet Daley and Kalei Houston - you are now "published" artists! All past editions are archived on the district website at <https://www.firelandsschools.org/FirelandsExpress.aspx>

On each building webpage, scroll down to the bottom - the Online Art Galleries "anchor" each building webpage and features up to 15 works from each of our schools. These exhibitions change monthly so keep checking back. The FHS Art Gallery in September featured work created last spring during remote-learning. The October FHS Art Gallery showcases new work already completed this school year. FHS artists for October are Joceyln Bednar, Olivia Bonomolo, Samantha Boyd, Madi Pitts, Violet Daley, Reagan Evans, Alex Krebs, Amanda Mitchell, Tony Poyle, Christopher Radman, Gabby Smith, Alec Urbansky, Jorja Weber and Madilyn Weller. Congratulations to *all* K-12 artists whose work is representing the accomplishments of their art classes.

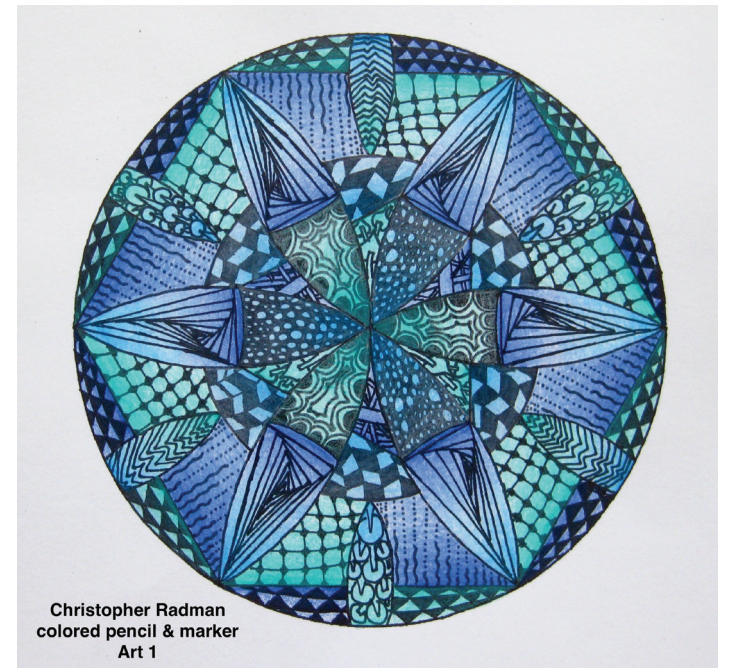
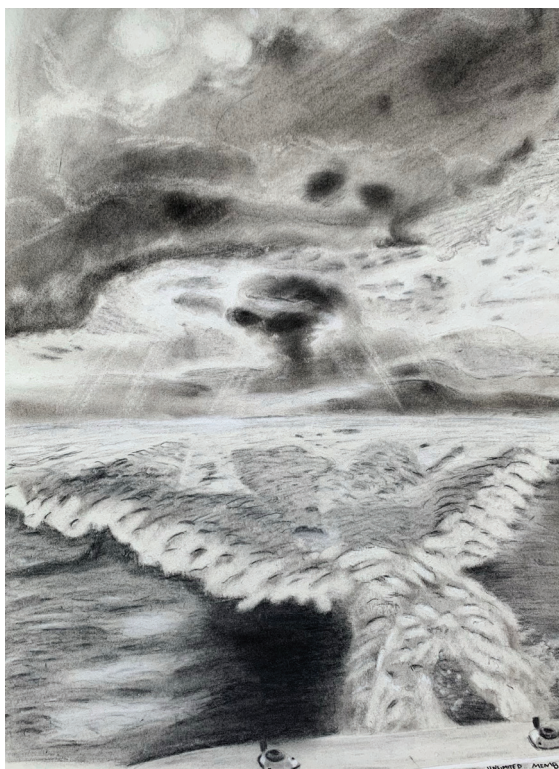
submitted by Laura Tawil
FHS Art Teacher

Students at FHS Astound and Amaze with Awesome Art

Left: Jocelynn Bednar, Grade 9: *Night Sky*, acrylic on canvas; Center: Alex Krebs, Grade 11, *In the Wake*, charcoal on paper. Right: Christopher Radman, Grade 9, *Zentangle*, colored pencil and marker on paper.



Jocelynn Bednar
acrylic on canvas
Art 2, grade 9



Christopher Radman
colored pencil & marker
Art 1

SAMS Art is on page 9,
FES Art is on page 10.

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Nothing Says Fall Like a Pie in the Face!

Levy Committee Stops at Nothing to Raise \$3,000 for Issue 16



On October 6th, three lucky winners were drawn from a pool of supporters who pledged \$16 for each entry and a chance to “pie” FES teacher Philip Goldberg, SAMS teacher Ty Grude, and Superintendent Mike Von Gunten.

The event was streamed live on the Future of Firelands Facebook page. Other fundraisers included t-shirt and facemask sales. The final amount raised for all three fundraisers was \$3,000. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Issue 16 Substitute Levy FAQ

What is Issue 16 on the November ballot for Firelands Schools? The Firelands Board of Education voted unanimously to place a 5.98 mil, 10-year substitute levy that does not increase taxes on the November ballot. Issue 16 consolidates and replaces two existing emergency levies that expire in 2021 into one substitute levy that will not increase taxes. A substitute levy allows Firelands School to combine existing levies, generate additional revenue from new homes that are built, and keep your taxes the same.

Why does the school district need Issue 16? This substitute levy – Issue 16 - represents \$2.32 million in existing funding, or 12% of the District’s local funding, and is necessary to continue providing the high quality programs in our academic offerings, athletics, and the arts that students need to be successful in today’s society.

How much more in taxes will residents pay with this levy? Residents’ taxes will not increase with passage of Issue 16. It is a substitute levy which replaces the school district’s two existing emergency levies (set to expire in 2021) and keeps taxes as they are today for current property owners.

What is a “substitute” levy? A school district can substitute or replace an existing emergency levy – without increasing taxes – with a substitute levy. A substitute levy is identical to the existing emergency levy it replaces with one exception – as new homes are built in the district, they will be taxed at the same rate as current property owners – and the school district will be able to realize some additional revenue from the new growth only.

How much will Issue 16 generate for our schools? The substitute levy will generate the same amount as the emergency levies it is replacing – \$2.32 million – its first year, and a minimum of \$2.32 million annually each year after that. As new homes or businesses are built in the district, they will be taxed at the same rate as the current owners – and the school district will be able to realize some additional revenue from the new growth only.

How long will the levy last? The substitute levy will expire after 10 years. **Will the amount voters pay increase?** No, the amount voters pay will not increase over time.

What if Issue 16 does not pass? The loss of \$2.32 million in funding would have a direct impact on educational programs and student services. By law, school districts cannot operate with a deficit, and therefore the Board of Education would have to identify millions in cuts to balance its budget.

Didn’t we just pass a bond issue? Why is this needed? Firelands Local School District voters passed a bond issue in November 2018. Thank you for your support. There is a difference though between a bond issue, which is for capital and building expenses, and a substitute levy, which is for day-to-day operating expenses for academics, programs, and educators. The substitute levy on the ballot this November will not increase taxes. The funds the substitute levy generates, which are set to expire next year, must be completely separate from expenses for the new and renovated building.

When is Election Day? Election Day is November 3. Polls are open on Election Day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Early voting begins October 6.

How do I check my voter registration or request a vote-by-mail ballot? The Boards of Elections are already accepting Vote-by-Mail/Absentee ballot requests. To check your voter registration, please visit or call your local county Board of Elections: Lorain County Board of Elections, www.voteloraincountyohio.gov, (440) 326-5900; or Erie County Board of Elections, www.boe.ohio.gov/erie, (419) 627-7601.

Where can I get more information about the substitute levy and Firelands Local Schools?

Please visit the district’s website at www.firelandsschools.org for more information and “like” The Firelands Falcons on Facebook: www.facebook.com/TheFirelandsFalcons/

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FHS Varsity Football Scores Historic Win in Playoff Game Over Upper Sandusky (59-20)



This winning team photo was taken after the October 11th upset when the Falcons had a historic playoff win over Upper Sandusky. Although previously the team had been to the playoffs in 2011 and 2015, they did not win those games. The 2020 season was shortened because of the pandemic, but the team still went 5-1 before advancing to the playoffs. At the time of this printing, the team was set to play Napoleon on October 17th. Congratulations team! You can find more information about Falcon Athletics on the FirelandsAthletics.org website which has schedules, photos, videos, scores and more updated Sports information.

Band Boosters Say Thanks

The Firelands Band Boosters would like to thank the following sponsors for their donations and support of the Firelands Instrumental Music Programs. Without your generosity, we would not be able to continue to support our student musicians with a variety of needs throughout the music program.

THANK YOU!

- Ohio Bricklayers Union
- Mama Jo Homestyle Pies
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- Born Machining
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- South Amherst Firemens Association
- Callihan Electric
- Miller Orchards
- The Main Street Barber-Oberlin
- Julia Krynak's Favorite Uncle, Jim Kraus



Firelands Band Boosters

General Membership Meetings

The Firelands Band Boosters' mission is to provide support for the Firelands Instrumental Music Programs in grades 5-12. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Currently, our program is meeting virtually through zoom to conduct our monthly business meetings. If you are interested in attending, please email the boosters at firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com, and we will provide you with the appropriate link.

The dates for the 2020-2021 school year are as follows:

November 17, 2020
December 15, 2020
January 19, 2021
February 16, 2021
March 16, 2021
April 20, 2021
May 18, 2021
June 15, 2021

*submitted by Shannon Smith,
Firelands Band Boosters Secretary
firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com*



Thanksgiving Break

November 25
November 26
November 27



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Outdoor Concerts Showcase Falcon Talent

Music is still in full swing at SAMS and FHS, although social distancing, masks and ticket limits can be challenging. Our students are doing a wonderful job of adjusting and we appreciate the support and understanding from the community.

We are fortunate to have both band and choir concerts performing in the FHS Stadium this month. The band events are as follows:

October 21: 6th Grade and 7th Grade Band Concert, 6:30 PM start at FHS Stadium.

October 28: 8th Grade Band

with HS Band Concert, 6:30 PM start at FHS Stadium.

October 31: 8th Grade and HS Band Halloween Parade, 3:00 PM start at SAMS.



Social distancing guidelines call for limited seating capacity, therefore each performing student can have only 2 family members attend. Even though this will be an outdoor event, face coverings are required

for entry for both performers and audience members. If the concerts are canceled due to inclement weather, they will not be rescheduled.

The Firelands/South Amherst Choirs will be having an outdoor concert on **Monday, October 26** at 7:00 PM under the Firelands High School Stadium lights! All choir students will be expected to be at this performance. The 7th and 8th grade choir will begin the show with 2 combined songs, then the Freshmen Girls Choir, Concert Choir, and Honors Choir. The performance will conclude with all choir students (7th -12th grade) performing a combined song together!

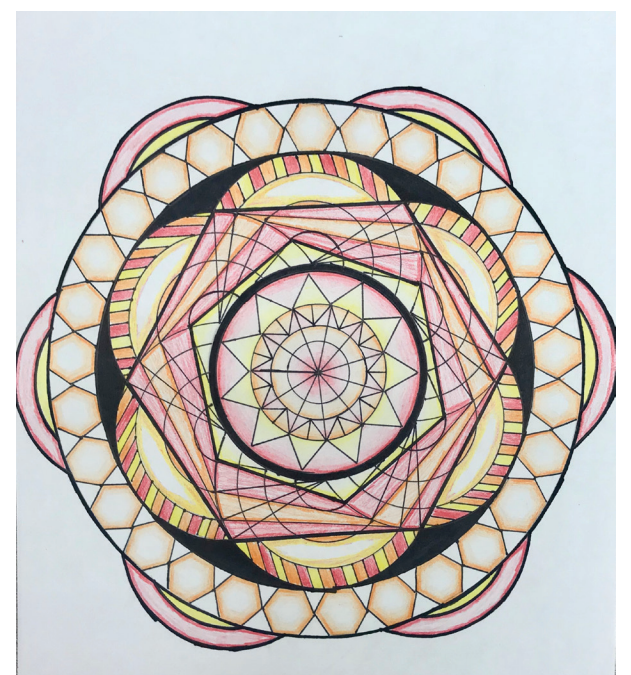
Like the band concerts,

performing students are limited to 2 tickets each for family members and face coverings are required for entry. However, if the choir concert has bad weather, the choir will move to the FHS gymnasium and the concert will be live-streamed. Audience members will need to either remain in their vehicles or be back in an hour to pick up students.

Although there are limitations, we are grateful that our students are still able to share their talent and hard work with family during these events.



Middle School Artists Continue to Create

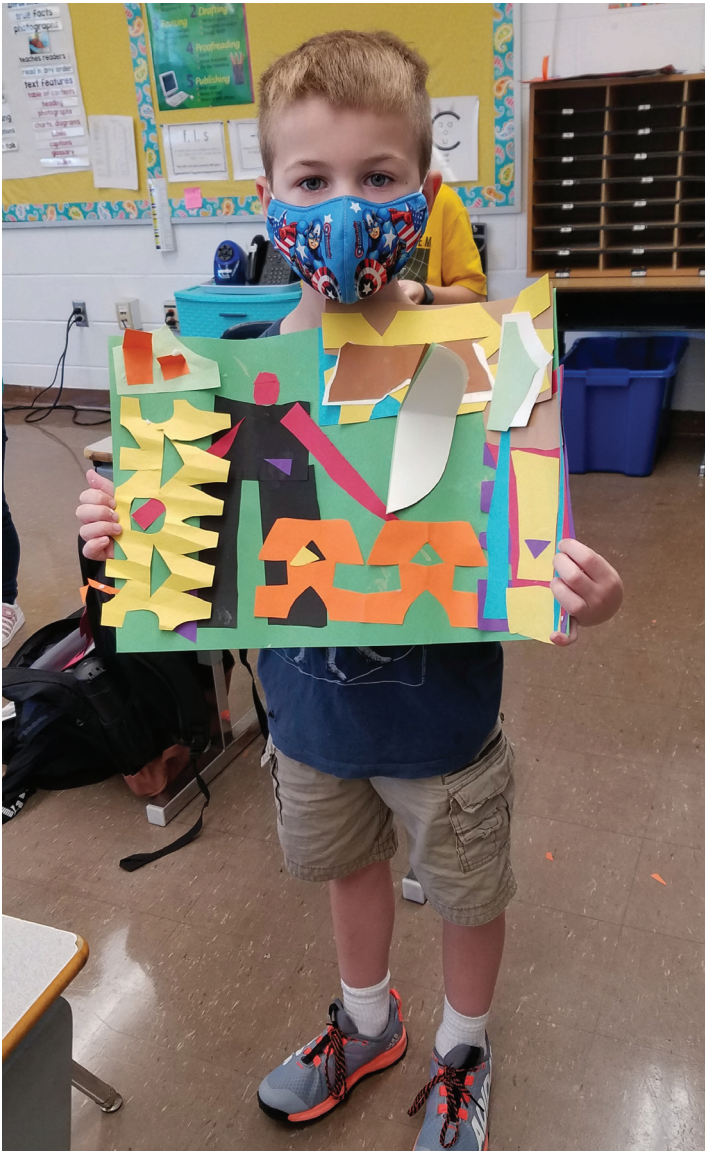


Clockwise from left to right:
Self Portrait, Natalie Meyer, Grade 6
Emotion Wheel, Charlee Polen, Grade 7
Zen-Tangle, Olivia Howells, Grade 8
Tessellation, Olivia Howells, Grade 8
Self Portrait, Austin Sutorius, Grade 8

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FES Artists Share Stories, Imagination and Matisse-like Work

This month's featured art students from Firelands Elementary School include Clay Jones, who is in the 2nd grade and created this Henri Matisse circus collage. Lauryn Cain, a 5th grader, used a record album as a platform for her artwork. Finally, Rosalee Harkless shows a Jacob Lawrence storytelling series. She is in the third grade. Thank you, artists, for sharing your work with us!



The next Board of Education meeting will be held on November 9, 2020.

Board agendas can always be found on our website at <https://www.firelandsschools.org/BoardofEducation.aspx>

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SAFE

Firelands Elementary School offers SAFE - a before and after school program for students in grades K-5. Morning session runs from 6:30 to 8:25 and afternoon session from 3:20 to 6:00. The cost of the program is \$3.00/hr.

More information is available from FES at craynor@firelandsschools.org or (440) 965-5381 ext. 2015.

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Honoring Our Veterans, Servicemen and Servicewomen

We are looking for our alumni that have served or are currently serving in our great military.

Our new Firelands High School will have an area that is dedicated to our alumni that sacrificed for our country. Our intentions are to display every name and graduation year of the individuals who respond to this request (family members are welcome to submit information on behalf of veterans or active military members).

It is not only important to acknowledge the sacrifice of these people, but it is also a wonderful example for our younger generations. We hope to encourage discussions among

students, alumni, staff and community members about our military and its connection to Firelands High School.

By sharing your information you realize that it will be publicly posted.

Please respond to Jennifer at: jbutchko@firelandsschools.org or (440) 965-5821 ext. 1015 with the following information: First Name, Last Name, Rank, Current Status, Military Branch, Job Description, FHS Graduation Year, Email.

Details about this project will be shared as it progresses. We look forward to honoring these members of our alumni in our new building!

ODE Parent Survey for Students with IEPs

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) would like to invite you to participate in a short, 25 question survey about your involvement in your student's education. Research suggests that parental involvement is a key predictor of positive educational outcomes. You may be eligible to participate if your child has an IEP and receives special education services.

The purpose of collecting this information is to improve services for students with disabilities across Ohio. If you are eligible to participate and you enroll in the study, you will be entered in a drawing for several \$50 Amazon gift cards. Your chance of winning a gift card is approximately 2.0%.

Please click on this link https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8xj6a3rJ8hUevNH or [Special Education Family Survey Invitation.pdf](#) to find out more about the survey and if you are eligible.

Sincerely,
David Julian, Ph.D.

Special Education Family Survey Director
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Get your flu shot each year in November for your best protection through the peak flu season in Northeast Ohio. Call 440-284-3206 to make an appointment for a flu shot in November. Or, visit one of our November community flu clinics:

Drive-thru flu shot clinics for adults ages 16 years and older:

Monday, Nov. 2, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Oberlin Fire Dept.,
430 S. Main St., Oberlin

Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Elyria Fire Dept. Station
No. 2, 330 E. Broad St. in Elyria

Walk-in flu shot clinics, families with children 6 mos.- 15 yrs:

Monday, Nov. 2, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Lorain Co. Fairgrounds,
23000 Fairgrounds Rd. in Wellington

Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lorain Co. Community
College in the Ewing Activities Ctr, 1005 Abbe Rd. N. in Elyria


To help save time, please visit the website, click on the Flu Vaccine Registration form, fill it out completely, print, and bring it with you to the flu shot clinic. The form must be printed, signed, and brought to clinic. For use in Lorain County Public Health flu shot clinics only. Clients under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

<https://www.loraincountyhealth.com/flu>

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