



# The Firelands Express



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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



### SCHOOL BOARDS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

School board members are ordinary people who have an extraordinary dedication to our public schools. It is time we thanked them for their untiring efforts.

and programs.

The school board also is a strong advocate for public schools and is responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district.

In January, join with others from throughout our district and state to salute the men and women who provide grassroots governance of public schools. Make a special effort to tell each school board member his or her hard work has been noticed and is very much appreciated.

Too often, we forget about the personal sacrifices school board members routinely make.

Too often, we forget about the important role school board members play in assuring local control over our public schools, control that is in the hands of people we know ... people who are our neighbors.

Too often, we forget that, in the tradition of a representative democracy, school board members are our connection to influencing how our public schools are governed.

Too often, we are quick to criticize school board members without really knowing all the details that went into any given decision.

Too often, the efforts of school board members go unrecognized and unrewarded.

We can begin to correct these oversights this January, which is School Board Recognition Month. This is a time to show our appreciation and to begin to better understand how school board members work together to provide leadership for our schools.

The school board works closely with parents, education professionals, and community members to create the educational vision we want for our students. It then formulates goals, defines results and sets the course for an adequate and equitable educational program for all students.

The school board is accountable to the public. It is responsible for assuring the public that the money allocated to the public schools is providing a good return on the investment. Thus, the board oversees regular assessment of the district's students, staff,

### THE FIRELANDS LOCAL SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

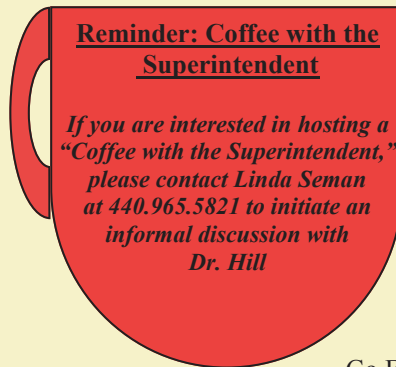
**Dr. Jane Battig—President**  
12 years of service

**Mr. Dan Pycraft—Vice President**  
12 years of service

**Mr. Dwayne Becker**  
10 years of service

**Mr. Ben Gibson**  
2 year of service

**Mr. Mike O'Keefe**  
3 years of service



Go Falcons!  
Dr. Robert F. Hill  
Superintendent

### It's Sign-up Time!



### ATTENTION

All **Girls** and **Boys** that want to play Softball or Baseball this summer: **THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP IS FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**. You can print a form from the South Amherst/Firelands website. You must mail in, or drop off the form **with a copy of your birth certificate** and a check to the address on the form. The website is:  
<http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=firelands>

The forms are on the left-hand side under the Handouts section.

Any Questions? Call Tracy -440-669-3676, Jeff- 320-6837, Tom-864-4478, or Joe 419-656-8261.

You can also email any questions to: Wilder5003@netscape.net

## ALL YOU CAN EAT



FRENCH TOAST, PANCAKE, & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

WAKEMAN MASONIC LODGE  
34 PLEASANT ST.  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2014

9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

You may view this issue online at:  
[www.firelandsschools.org](http://www.firelandsschools.org)

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## GUIDANCE CORNER

Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents are invited to the FHS Freshmen orientation on Monday, March 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Firelands High School Gym.

There will be a PSEO parent meeting February 27th, conference night, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

### Freshman Class: Project Lead the Way

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

Sophomore Class: On Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, all interested sophomores who have turned in a permission slip will be touring the JVS. This trip will allow them to observe the various career programs available to them. JVS Open House will be Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 to 3:30p.m. Students interested in attending the JVS for the 2014-2015 academic school year must apply online at [lcjvs.com/high-school/how-to-apply.shtml](http://lcjvs.com/high-school/how-to-apply.shtml).

The Ohio Graduation Test will be March 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. All sophomores are required to take and pass all 5 portions (Reading, Math, Writing, Science, and Social Studies) in order to graduate. This will be their first opportunity to meet this graduation requirement.

Junior Class: The scheduling process for your senior year will start Monday, February 3rd and end Friday, February 7th.

It is time to register to take the ACT this spring. You can register on-line at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

### Senior Class

The application for the endowment scholarships will be available online by the end of January. Visit the Firelands website at [www.firelandsschools.org](http://www.firelandsschools.org), click the high school>guidance>financial aid and college/scholarship resources and view the Scholarship information. Here you can download the local scholarship application.

Mr. Wortmann, a college financial advisor, will be assisting families with the financial aid process. You can sign up in the guidance office to set up an appointment with him for any questions you may have.

College Goal Sunday will be Sunday, February 9th, at 2:00 p.m. at LCCC or BGSU -Firelands in Huron. To register, go to [www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org](http://www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org) or call 1-800-233-6734.

Another helpful website to assist with finding money for college is [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). You can apply for your pin for financial aid today.



## Teen Leadership Corps Class



The Teen Leadership Corps class at the high school has been busy this holiday season. With festive activities and fundraisers, there has been nonstop action coming from the students who work hard to make it all happen. This December, we hosted many events including the Cavs Toy Drive, Holiday Week, and the Christmas play for kindergarteners at FES. The Toy Drive was a success, receiving over a hundred donated toys from the high school's students and faculty. The Holiday Week was very fun and interactive for all the students. There were dress up days throughout the week including holiday hats, ugly sweaters, class colors, pajama day, and other Christmas spirit apparel. The staff was also included having decorated doors and getting flowers, candy, and Thank You notes delivered by students. The Christmas program at the elementary school was also a success. The TLC students worked hard to make the time with the kindergarten students fun! Stations were set up to make Sugar Plum Fairy Wands, Reindeer Antlers, Elf Faces, Reindeer Snacks and a self-decorated bag that held a coloring book, a holiday message from the TLC class and a candy cane. We worked with the kindergarten students at every station and had fun too! As a group, we also have a few upcoming events and activities. On January 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be starting our Anti-Texting and Driving campaign. We will be working with Vermilion High School's Teen Leadership Corps class to inform our peers of the dangers of texting while driving. On January 31<sup>st</sup> we will be holding a Dance Marathon for Children's Miracle Network after the varsity basketball game in the gym. Following that, our group will be participating in the Pasta for Pennies event. February 24-27 we will be collecting pennies and all other change as well as donations to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. We appreciate the strong school and community support to make our activities a success.

By: Maya Leachman and Nathan Kromer





### FHS HONORS CHOIR

The following students were involved in OMEA District IV and VII Honors Choir Festival this past weekend at CSU: Sopranos- Chelsea Otero, Makiah Tillman, and Rachel Williams; Altos- Diana Beursken and Taylor Marcum; Tenors- Daniel Kasper and Adrian Rios; Basses- Austin Beursken and David Tomsco.

They rehearsed all day on Friday, November 15 with the other honors choir students from over 12 different schools totaling 200 choir students, working with the famous composer and choral director, Dr. Rollo Dilworth. They performed on Saturday, November 16 to a packed house in the Waetjen Auditorium at CSU. They performed five songs, conducted by Dr. Rollo Dilworth, performing two of his songs: *Oh What A Beautiful City* and *The Gift to be Free*. The students had a fantastic time and performed beautifully; the concert ended with a standing ovation by the audience!

**GREAT JOB FIRELANDS HONORS CHOIR STUDENTS!!**

Thank you,  
Wendy Johnson - Choral Director  
Firelands Local Schools

### A THANK YOU FROM THE FFA



*Mrs. Finnegan's 1st period students organized, donated, collected, and counted the donations.*

## FHS Student Council News

On Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> FHS Student Council held Senior Appreciation for all seniors who partake in a fall sport. Towards the end of the school day a pep rally was held to recognize all of our outstanding seniors. Student Council then set up a hospitality room for the seniors and their families to enjoy prior to the football game that night. Before the start of the game the seniors were recognized once again for their participation in a fall sport. Congratulations to all seniors and their successful athletic careers!

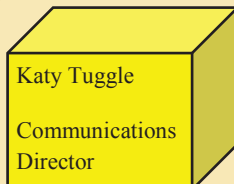
Student Councils' next event will be the canned food drive. The council is partnering up with the FFA Chapter to collect non-perishable food items from November 14<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>. This year, foods that are up to one-year past the expiration date will be accepted. Furthermore, paper and plastic products will also be accepted

as donations. Everything that is donated will go to each grade's Tree Lighting score. All donations will be given to two local organizations, the Second Harvest Food Bank and South Amherst United Methodist Church. Second Harvest Food Bank distributes food to other organizations while South Amherst United Methodist Church provides food to the families and individuals of Firelands Local School District and a portion of Amherst.

This holiday season Student Council will also be working with TLC in the Toys For Tots drive. From November 20<sup>th</sup> - December 6<sup>th</sup>, new toys will be collected at the high school to be donated to children in need. As a final part of Tree Lighting, we will collect money donations from the schools' FAST classes from December 9th - 13th. The winning FAST class will win a

gourmet breakfast prepared by Ms. Bennet. Each class will earn points from these donations which will total into their grades' Tree Lighting score. All of the money donated will be used for purchasing Christmas gifts for the residents of Golden Acres and for purchasing baby items that will go to Birthright.

Student Council is looking forward to the upcoming events but need your help to pull them off with success. Please, start gathering your non-perishable items, paper or plastic products, toys and/or spare change to donate! Even the smallest donation will have a great impact on those in need this holiday season.



Katy Tuggle  
Communications  
Director

The Firelands FFA and Student Council want to offer a heart felt thank you for all of the non-perishable donations that were brought in during the first period classes before Thanksgiving! 184 pounds of up-to-one-year expired food were donated to Harvest for Hunger at Second Harvest in Lorain. An amazing 2300 pounds of food was donated to South Amherst United Methodist Church which houses the food distribution pantry for our school district. About 300 people from about 100 families in the Firelands district will directly benefit from the donation. **Congratulations to the first period classes that will be enjoying an FFA sponsored donut party on December 12th:** in fourth place: Mrs. Notarberardino's class, third place: Miss Spark's class, second place: Mrs. Foster's class, and in first: Mrs. Finnegan's first period class. The junior class leads the Student Council Tree Lighting contest with the most donations in their grade level, however, all classes did very well and have accrued a great deal of points toward this ongoing contest.

Thank you again to the teachers and students that improved the lives of those in need in our community through this food drive. The huge donation is a reflection of the caring, dedicated citizens of our community.

Shanna Finnegan  
Agricultural Educator/ FFA Advisor  
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### Seven 6th grade students ready for 7th grade!! More wanted!!

At least as far as immunizations are concerned, 7 of the current 128 sixth grade students do not have to worry about being excluded from school next year because their immunizations aren't up-to-date. However, one hundred twenty-one (121) sixth grade students received notices with their first quarter report cards that they will need to get a Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis) booster. This is a requirement by Ohio state law because of outbreaks of whooping cough (pertussis) in middle school populations across the state. If your child is currently in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and received a Tdap or DTP in October 2009 or later, he/she does not need to get an additional shot, but the school needs to receive the updated record. If there has NOT been one since October 2009, your child will need to get it. You can go to your regular healthcare provider, a retail walk-in clinic, or to one of the health department walk-in child immunization clinics ([see www.loraincountyhealth.com](http://www.loraincountyhealth.com) for dates, times, locations, or call 440-322-6367. No one is turned away from a health department clinic because of inability to pay). If students who are currently in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades get a Tdap booster, it will count for 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

If your child has had a recent Tdap or DTP, please send a copy of the updated immunization record to the school nurse, Mrs. Matus, being sure your child's name is on it. Don't forget to keep a copy for yourself!

**New Rule**   
**No Shot, No School**  
**Parents of Incoming 7th-12th Grade Students**

### Congrats to our 2013 Legacy Lottery Winners!

Steve Stanley  
Del and Jill Simonovich  
Todd and Kris Slack x's two  
Steve & Becky Kovach x's 2  
Lou and Brooke Grasso  
Ted Busch  
Chuck Latto  
Chelsea Copley  
Eileen Smath  
Joe Dewitt x's 2

Bill and Stacie Whitacre  
Cindy Brown  
Gene Dumke  
Colleen Ridenour  
Joe Sosinski  
Lynne Pilny  
Phil Rawlings  
Steven Wells  
Laurie Beran  
Dave Parker

Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser. The total profit that was made this year to go towards a future Field House was \$4,794.75.

Looking Ahead..... Winter sports!! Hope to see you all out supporting our young athletes.

Coming Soon..... will be information about our upcoming Steak Fry.

Have a great December!  
And.....

**GO RED!**

**GO FALCONS!!!**

**FABC**

## WINTER SAFETY TIPS

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

### PLEASE BE PATIENT

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

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

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

**CLEAR A PATH TO THE BUS STOP, SIDEWALK OR YARD.**

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

The drivers have an awesome responsibility to get the students to and from school safely and your help is essential!

## BROWNHELM PERFECTION & BB 4-H CLUB

The Brownhelm Perfection & BB 4-H Club will hold its first meeting for 2014 on Monday, January 20th at 7 p.m. The meetings are held at the Brownhelm Congregational Church, 2144 N Ridge Rd in Vermilion. New members are welcome! Any kids at least 5 years old and in Kindergarten through 12th grade can join.

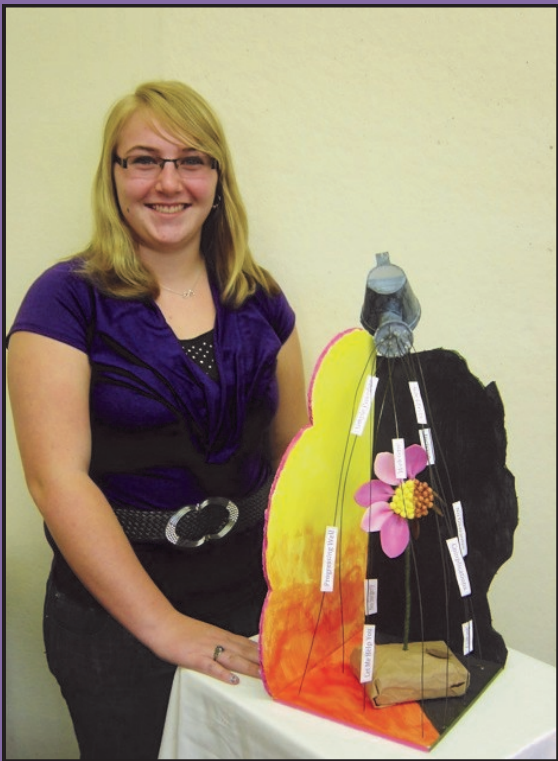
The club is looking forward to another exciting year of 4-H experiences. Meetings are held twice a month on Mondays through the first of August and then the kids participate in the Lorain County Fair with the project(s) they have completed.

Come to the meeting on January 20th to find out the wide variety of interests kids can get involved in with 4-H.

Any questions, please contact Head Advisor  
Jen Westover at 440-574-1310.



## Firelands High School Art Student Places in Cleveland Clinic eXpressions Art Competition



A third year Firelands art student earned an award in the Cleveland Clinic eXpressions art competition. Junior Rebecca Bari earned a white ribbon (3<sup>rd</sup> place) for her mixed media sculpture "The Emotive Flower" illustrating the need for health care workers to understand the impact of the kinds of words they use with patients have an emotional impact on the healing process. Each year the program has gained momentum and strength, and this year's competition was the toughest yet.

The Cleveland Clinic Office of Civic Education hosts the annual *eXpressions: An Intersection of Art and science*. Art students from high schools from Ohio and Florida interpreted research conducted by Cleveland Clinic high school summer interns. Over 1200 works were

submitted this year. The process includes research and writing to gain understanding of the topic. The Art 2 and Art 3 students selected their own study to illustrate from a list of over 125 summer projects. The art students conceptually illustrated the research and composed brief artist statements for their entries.

A panel of art educators, medical researchers, medical illustrators, curators, graphic designers and media professionals evaluate each submission on interpretation, creativity, presentation, and initiative. The judges awarded four levels of special recognition. In descending order they are: Blue Ribbon, Red Ribbon, White Ribbon, and Honorable Mention. Each Blue Ribbon winner received a \$100 check. Red Ribbon winners received \$75; White Ribbon winners, \$50; and Honorable Mention winners, \$25. The Firelands Art Department will also receive a \$100 educational grant for producing a winning entry in art.

### EXHIBITION AND CATALOG

All of the award-winning submissions, including Rebecca's work, will be featured in a full-color *eXpressions* catalog of the exhibition, which will open with a reception and dedication on January, 30, 2014, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland. The exhibition continues through March 9. The exhibit is open during regular museum hours, daily 10am – 5p.m., until 9p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays with free admission. The museum is closed on Mondays.

For more information about the eXpressions program and to view the virtual gallery of past exhibits, visit:

<http://civiceducation.clevelandclinic.org/Creative-Learning/Our-Programs/expressions.aspx>

## Ohio Art Criticism Open, 2013

The results of the 13th annual Ohio Art Criticism Open have been released. Senior Kyle Collins is among the winners with his critique on Emanuel Leutze's *Washington Crossing the Delaware* from 1851. Kyle earned an "honorable mention" in the competition that draws entries from grades nine through twelve from around the state. Kyle will be recognized with a certificate at an awards program celebrating the 2013 Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition in Columbus on April 13, 2014.

The purpose of the contest is to give recognition to students for quality writing about art. Students write a description and a critical inquiry into the meaning and aesthetic value of any original work of art. Kyle chose to analyze the dramatic portrayal of the icy and treacherous Delaware River crossing in December by our revolutionary war heroes. Rachel Trinkley, Assistant Director of Education at the Columbus Museum of Art served as the distinguished juror this year. Ms. Trinkley judged the writing based on the following criteria: description and analysis of the work, interpretation of the meaning of the work and judgment of the work. First, second and third place awards are given, plus honorable mention awards.

Last spring, Kyle and the other Art Appreciation students studied the work of selected American artists. They examined written art reviews and composed their own critical analyses of their chosen works. The best Firelands essays were advanced to the Ohio Art Criticism Open in conjunction with the prestigious Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition last June.



Senior Kyle Collins with the work he critiqued in his winning essay.



### FES students participate in "Hour of Code"

The goal of this year's Computer Science Education Week's (CSEW) initiative "Hour of Code," is to see if students can become interested in coding within an hour. CSEW has been going on since 2009, but this year nonprofit Code.org took over and put the focus on getting kids interested in computer science. The nonprofit recruited the likes of President Obama, Ashton Kutcher, and Mark Zuckerberg to advocate kids spend one hour this week learning code, in hopes of spurring interest in a future increasingly interconnected with computer literacy.

Mrs. Snyder's Math classes participated in this program, through the Khan Academy, along with approximately 7.8 million other students. They spent an hour being introduced to working with coding by making simple boxes and letters. The students then had the opportunity to further what they were learning by visiting code.org.

Despite younger generations becoming increasingly tech savvy, computer programming is an area yet to see the same widespread interest when translated to education. The Bureau of Labor estimates the US economy is adding nearly 140,000 computing jobs every year, but only 40,000 college students graduate with a computer science degree. By introducing coding to students while in elementary school, students can begin to see how coding overlaps with many types of professions.

You may visit the web site that students were using here: <https://www.khanacademy.org/hour-of-code/hour-of-code-tutorial/v/welcome-hour-of-code>



### Attention: Parents of children entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2014

Once your child is 4 years or older, he/she can complete the immunizations required for school entry in autumn 2014. You can go to your regular healthcare provider, or to one of the health department walk-in child immunization clinics; check [www.loraincountyhealth.com](http://www.loraincountyhealth.com) for dates, times, locations, or call 440-322-6367. There is a charge for each immunization, but no one is turned away from a health department clinic because of inability to pay. Be sure to have your child's immunization record with you when you go.

If possible, please have them completed before kindergarten registration in March, and.....

*remember your child must be 5 years old  
BY AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>  
to register for Kindergarten.*

### Not Forgotten Box collection

Thanks to the generosity of the Firelands Elementary community, hundreds of toys were donated and given to area families in need for Christmas. Each year the elementary school collects toys for the Chronicle Telegram's Not Forgotten Box collection. Toys are given to the Salvation Army to distribute.





# The Firelands FFA Christmas Family Project is a Great Success



The FFA Creed says in part, "I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so - for others as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed..." We try to live by the sentiments of the FFA Creed and this particular line is important especially during the holiday season. For the past 38 years, the Firelands FFA has sponsored several children in need in our community during the annual FFA Christmas Family community service project. The Firelands FFA Chapter collected change for eight days in class for seven children in need in our community. Over the eight days, they collected over \$1200 in cash, a new portable DVD player, new perfume, books, DVDs, Fligner's gift cards, numerous new articles of clothing, purses, and fresh Florida citrus for the children. On Monday, December 16th, about 25 students went shopping for the gifts the children needed and wanted for Christmas. On December 17th, the 83 FFA members wrapped the gifts and gave them to the guidance counselors to deliver in time for Christmas. The Firelands FFA is thankful for the incredible generosity of the FFA members, our teachers, community members, and our parents. We have been reminded that it is important to think of others before ourselves and to be charitable in any way that we can afford to be. "We believe in less need for charity and more of it when needed."



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# Firelands FFA Earns 5th in State Parliamentary Procedure



Bottom Row-Jessie Beran, Katy Tuggle, 2nd row-Christine Balint, Emily Pohorence, Alison Butler, 3rd Row-Katie Fath, Emma Ranney, Top Row-David Tipple, Cole Jones.

The Firelands FFA Chapter qualified in December for the state Parliamentary Procedure Career Development Event by winning the district Parliamentary Procedure contest for the first time in chapter history. On December 21st the team competed at the state contest with the top two team from each of the ten FFA districts in Ohio. The team won the semi-finals round moving on to state finals. In state finals, the team earned 5th place in the state and will be presented a top-five-in-state banner this spring. Team members are Emma Ranney-president, Christine Balint-vice president, Jessie Beran-secretary, Cole Jones-treasurer, Alison Butler-reporter, Katy Tuggle-sentinel, Emily Pohorence-student advisor, and Katie Fath-member. The team alternate is David Tipple. The Firelands FFA wishes to congratulate the team on their hard work and accomplishments.



**LUNCH MENUS**

<p><b>FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY</b> Regular Lunch \$2.40—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>	<p><b>SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE</b> Regular Lunch \$2.75—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>	<p><b>FIRELANDS HIGH</b> Regular Lunch \$2.75—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>
<p><b>JANUARY 20 - JANUARY 24</b>  <b>Monday</b>-MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY- NO SCHOOL  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit, Whole grain graham gripz  <b>Wednesday</b> - Baked chicken fries, Baked french fries, Green beans, Chilled pears, Dipping sauce  <b>Thursday</b> - Whole grain corn dog, Bbq baked beans, Sliced cucumbers, Fresh fruit  <b>Friday</b> - Toasted cheese, Tomato soup, Saltines, Seasoned peas, Chilled peaches</p> <p><b>JANUARY 27 - JANUARY 31</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Baked chicken nuggets, Bbq baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce  <b>Tuesday</b> - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned Corn, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit, Tray treat  <b>Wednesday</b> - Hamburger w/Whole grain bun, Pickle slices, Smiley fries, Chilled pears  <b>Thursday</b> - Pepperoni calzone, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Fresh fruit  <b>Friday</b> - Fish treasures, Steamed cauliflower, w/cheese, Chilled mandarin, oranges, Soft pretzel rod</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY 3 - FEBRUARY 7</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Popcorn chicken, Hashbrown patty, Baby carrots w/dip, Chilled peaches  <b>Tuesday</b> - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned corn, Celery sticks, Chilled fruit  <b>Wednesday</b> - Chicken strips, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pineapple, Whole grain chez-it  <b>Thursday</b> - Taco Salad, Shredded lettuce &amp; cheese, salsa, Seasoned refried beans/ cheese, Fresh fruit, Tortilla chips  <b>Friday</b> - Macaroni &amp; cheese, Seasoned peas, Cucumber slices, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY 10 - FEBRUARY 14</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Hamburger w/wg bun, Pickle slices, Bbq baked beans, Tator tots, Chilled mandarin oranges  <b>Tuesday</b> - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned green beans, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit  <b>Wednesday</b> - Baked chicken nuggets, Sweet tots, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce  <b>Thursday</b> - Cheesy bread, Seasoned broccoli, Fresh fruit, Jello cup  <b>Friday</b> - "NO SCHOOL" WAIVER DAY - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY 17 - FEBRUARY 21</b>  <b>Monday</b> - "NO SCHOOL" - PRESIDENTS DAY  <b>Tuesday</b> - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned peas, Celery sticks, Chilled fruit  <b>Wednesday</b> - General Tso's Chicken, Stir Fry Veggies, Seasoned Rice, Chilled pineapple tidbits, Fortune cookie  <b>Thursday</b> - Soft taco, Shredded lettuce &amp; cheese, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit  <b>Friday</b> - Cheese stuffed breadstick, Pizza sauce, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled mandarin oranges</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY 24 - FEBRUARY 28</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Sausage links, French toast sticks, Hashbrown potatoes, Celery sticks, Orange juice cup, Syrup cup  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice, Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit, Whole grain graham gripz  <b>Wednesday</b> - Baked chicken fries, Baked french fries, Green beans, Chilled pears, Dipping sauce  <b>Thursday</b> - Whole grain corn dog, Bbq baked beans, Sliced cucumbers, Fresh fruit  <b>Friday</b> - "NO SCHOOL" NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY</p>	<p><b>JANUARY 20 - JANUARY 24</b>  <b>Monday</b>-MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY-NO SCHOOL  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit  <b>Wednesday</b> - Falcon single burger w/wg bun, w/ iceberg lettuce, cheese, 2T sauce, bbq baked beans, Sweet thing fries, Chilled pears  <b>Thursday</b> - Chicken bowl w/gravy &amp; cheese, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll  <b>Friday</b> - Wg cheese breadstickw/pizza sauce cup, Or beef ravioli, / breadstick, Seasoned broccoli, Chilled pineapple</p> <p><b>JANUARY 27 - JANUARY 31</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Chicken parm w/wg roll or chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Green beans, Chilled peaches  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit  <b>Wednesday</b> - Beef &amp; cheese nachos or Taco fries w/cheese, Refried beans w/cheese, Romaine salad, Chilled applesauce  <b>Thursday</b> - Chicken wrap w/cheese Or Steak wrap/ cheese, Shredded lettuce, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit  <b>Friday</b> - Toasted cheese Or Cheezy bread /garlic, Steamed broccoli, Tomato soup, Chilled mandarin oranges</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY 3 - FEBRUARY 7</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Bbq pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled Fruit  <b>Wednesday</b> - Cheeseburger / bun, Or Hamburger / bun, Oven baked fries, Romaine salad, Chilled mandarin oranges  <b>Thursday</b> - General Tso's chicken, Stir fry vegetable, Seasoned rice, Fresh fruit, Fortune Cookie  <b>Friday</b> - Egg &amp; cheese on wg roll, or pancake &amp; sausage stick, Hashbrown potato, Sweet potatoes, Orange juice cup</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY 10 - FEBRUARY 14</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Salisbury steak, or breaded pork chop, Whipped potatoes, Seasoned corn, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli w/chez, Celery sticks, Chilled Fruit  <b>Wednesday</b> - Chipotle day-Beef or Fajita chicken, Ultra grain wrap, Shredded iceberg, Black bean &amp; corn salsa, Seasoned rice, Chilled mandarin orange  <b>Thursday</b> - Cheese quesadilla, Or Chicken nuggets w/roll, Baby carrots, Sliced cucumbers, Fresh fruit  <b>Friday</b> - "NO SCHOOL" WAIVER DAY, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY 17 - FEBRUARY 21</b>  <b>Monday</b> - "NO SCHOOL" PRESIDENTS DAY  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust pizza, Baby carrot, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit  <b>Wednesday</b> - Taco salad, or soft taco wrap, shredded iceberg cheese, Seasoned refried beans, Chilled applesauce, Tortilla chips  <b>Thursday</b> - Chicken strips w/roll, or chicken patty w/bun, Parsley potatoes, Fresh fruit, Goldfish cinna grahams  <b>Friday</b> - Macaroni &amp; cheese /roll, or rib a cue w/bun, Seasoned broccoli, Cucumber slices, Chilled pears</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY 24 - FEBRUARY 28</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Pepperoni calzone, Or French bread pizza, Seasoned green beans, Applesauce, Graham crackers  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit  <b>Wednesday</b> - Falcon single burger w/wg bun, w/ iceberg lettuce, cheese,2T sauce, bbq baked beans, Sweet thing fries, Chilled pears  <b>Thursday</b> - Chicken bowl w/gravy &amp; cheese, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll  <b>Friday</b> - "NO SCHOOL" NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY</p>	<p><b>JANUARY 20 - JANUARY 24</b>  <b>Monday</b>- MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY- NO SCHOOL  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned green beans, Romaine salad, Chilled mandarin oranges  <b>Wednesday</b> - Falcon burger w/whole grain bun, iceberg lettuce, cheese, sauce, Sweet things fries, Chilled pears  <b>Thursday</b> - Chicken bowl w/gravy, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll  <b>Friday</b> - Wg cheese breadstick Or Beef Ravioli, w/breadsticks, Seasoned broccoli, Chilled pineapple</p> <p><b>JANUARY 27 - JANUARY 31</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Chicken parm w/wg roll or chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Green beans, Chilled peaches  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pears  <b>Wednesday</b> - Beef &amp; cheese nachos Or Taco Fries w/cheese, Refried beans w/cheese, Romaine salad, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll  <b>Thursday</b> - Chicken wrap w/cheese, Chicken strips w/roll, Shredded lettuce, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit  <b>Friday</b> - Toasted cheese Or cheezy bread /garlic, Steamed broccoli, Tomato soup, Chilled mandarin oranges</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY 3 - FEBRUARY 7</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Bbq pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled pears  <b>Wednesday</b> - Pasta Bar/marinara, alfredo or cheese sauce w/ wg roll, Or meatball sub, Romaine salad, Cucumber slices, Chilled applesauce  <b>Thursday</b> - General Tso's chicken, Stir fry vegetable, Seasoned rice w/black beans, Fresh fruit, Fortune Cookie  <b>Friday</b> - Egg &amp; cheese on bun, or french toast sticks w/sausage links, syrup cup, Hashbrown potato, Sweet things, Orange juice cup</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY 10 - FEBRUARY 14</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Salisbury steak, or breaded pork chop, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli w/chez, Celery sticks, Fruit  <b>Wednesday</b> - Chipotle day-Beef or Fajita chicken, Ultra grain wrap, Shredded iceberg, Black bean &amp; corn salsa  <b>Thursday</b> - Cilantro lime rice, Chilled mandarin orange  <b>Thursday</b> - Wg Cheese quesadilla, Or Chicken nuggets w/roll, Baby Carrots, Grape tomatoes, Fresh fruit  <b>Friday</b> - "NO SCHOOL" WAIVER DAY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY 17 - FEBRUARY 21</b>  <b>Monday</b> - "NO SCHOOL" PRESIDENTS DAY  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pears  <b>Wednesday</b> - Taco salad w/roll, or soft taco wrap, shredded iceberg cheese black bean &amp; corn salsa, Chilled applesauce, Tortilla chips, sour cream  <b>Thursday</b> - Chicken strips w/roll, Chicken patty w/bun Baked fries, California blend veggie, Fresh fruit, Jello w/topping  <b>Friday</b> - Macaroni &amp; cheese &amp; roll, or rib a cue w/bun, Seasoned broccoli, Cucumber slices, Chilled pears</p> <p><b>FEBRUARY 24 - FEBRUARY 28</b>  <b>Monday</b> - Pepperoni calzone, Or southwest pizza, Bbq baked beans, Tomato juice, Applesauce  <b>Tuesday</b> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust peppro Seasoned green beans, Romaine salad, Chilled mandarin oranges  <b>Wednesday</b> - Falcon burger w/whole grain bun, w/ iceberg lettuce, cheese, sauce, Sweet things fries, Chilled pears  <b>Thursday</b> - Falcon chicken bowl w/gravy, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll  <b>Friday</b> - "NO SCHOOL" NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY</p>





## Firelands FFA Member to Compete in 2014 Ohio Fairs' Queen Contest

**Columbus, OH** – Christine Balint, a senior at Firelands High School, has qualified for and will be competing at the Ohio Fairs' Queen Contest in Columbus, Ohio from January 8 to January 11<sup>th</sup>. Christine was selected as the 2013 Lorain County Fair Queen through an interview and votes by the junior and senior fair boards. She will be competing against the fair queens from Ohio county and independent agricultural fairs. The contest is sponsored by the Ohio Fair Managers Association (OFMA).

At the contest Chrissy will interview with OFMA representatives and take part in a pageant. The top 15 interviewees will be asked oral questions during the pageant leading to the selection of the top 5 in the state. Chrissy will also be attending the Ohio Fair Managers Conference during free time. On Saturday, the top 5 will be introduced at the final session of the conference and placed.

Chrissy is the 2013-2014 FFA Vice President. Chrissy has been a member of the parliamentary procedure team for four years and has been on three state finals teams and has attended a national invitational at The Big Eastern Exposition in Massachusetts. She was on the state finals horse judging team earning first place in oral reasoning for the state. Chrissy applied for a state proficiency award for her job at Hillcrest Orchard, and although just a junior when applying, earned second in the state! During her years of FFA, she has led or been a part of several leadership activities. Her lists of accomplishments and activities are extensive. For the past three years, she has been in the top two most involved students in the chapter. She has earned a list of awards in FFA including: Star Junior Member, Scholarship Award, state FFA band award, many Career Development Event awards, chapter proficiency awards for Supervised Agricultural Experience projects and Community Service and was a Supreme FFA Exhibitor candidate. Chrissy has a 4.0 GPA and is among the top few in her class. Her Supervised Agricultural Experience projects include a job placement at Hillcrest Orchard, swine production, and poultry production. She shows numerous fair projects including pigs, meat chickens, fancy chickens, ducks, woodworking, metal working, vegetables, and floriculture projects. Besides her involvement in FFA, Chrissy is a member of the Mighty Falcon Marching Band, National Honor Society, and was a class officer.

Although her school involvement is extensive, she is also active in the community. Chrissy won the FFA Community Service Proficiency Award in 2013 for volunteering for nearly 200 hours in one year. She is the president of the Four Leaf Clovers 4-H Club and has served on the Lorain County Junior Fair Board as both a 4-H and FFA representative for three years. On the Junior Fair Board she was elected as vice president for 2014 and was the chairperson for the fowl department.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRISSY ON ALL OF HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND BEST OF LUCK AT THE OHIO FAIRS' CONTEST.**



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## JANUARY

### **1/20 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY – NO SCHOOL**

1/22 SAMS - Fabulous Falcon Breakfast – 7:40 a.m.  
 1/22 Coed Varsity Bowling @ Berea @ Zone 4:30p.m.  
 1/23 Boys Varsity Wrestling @ Keystone PAC Double Dual @ Keystone (vs. Keystone & Brookside) 6:00p.m.  
 1/24 Boys Freshman Basketball @ Vermilion 6:00p.m.  
 1/24 Boys Varsity Basketball Home VS Brooklyn 7:30p.m.  
 1/25 Girls Freshman Basketball Home VS Brookside 11:30AM  
 1/25 Girls Varsity Basketball Home VS Brookside 2:30p.m.  
 1/25 Boys Varsity Basketball @ Vermilion 7:30p.m.  
 1/27 FES – Terra Nova/InView Testing – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
 1/27 Coed Varsity Bowling @ North Ridgeville @ Strikeout Lanes 4:30p.m.  
 1/27 Girls Varsity Basketball @ Oberlin 7:30p.m.  
 1/28 Boys Freshman Basketball @ Clearview 4:30p.m.  
 1/28 Boys Varsity Basketball @ Clearview 7:30p.m.  
 1/29 Coed Varsity Bowling @ Open Door @ Slovak Club 4:30p.m.  
 1/29 Girls Varsity Basketball Home VS Keystone 7:30p.m.  
 1/31 Boys Freshman Basketball Home VS Brookside 4:30p.m.  
 1/31 Boys Varsity Basketball Home VS Brookside 7:30p.m.  
 1/31 FES – OLSAT Testing – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

## FEBRUARY


2/1 Girls Freshman Basketball @ Buckeye 4:30 p.m.  
 2/1 Girls Varsity Basketball @ Buckeye 7:30 p.m.  
 2/3 FES - Market Day Pickup at FES - 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
 2/3 SAMS - PTG Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
 2/3 SAMS – Band Malley’s Chocolate Sale  
 2/4 FES - PTG Meeting – 7:00 p.m. in Library  
 2/4 Boys Varsity Basketball Home VS Edison 6:00p.m.  
 2/4 Boys Varsity Basketball Home VS Edison 7:30p.m.

2/5 Girls Varsity Basketball @ Wellington 7:30 p.m.  
 2/7 Boys Varsity Basketball Home VS Keystone 7:30p.m.  
 2/7 Boys Varsity Basketball Home VS Keystone 6:00p.m.  
 2/8 Girls Varsity Basketball (home) VS Black River 2:30 p.m.  
 2/8 SAMS – 7th & 8th Grade - Winter Formal Dance 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
**2/10 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING - 7:00 P.M.**  
 2/10 SAMS – Faculty Meeting – 2:40 p.m.  
 2/11 Girls Varsity Basketball @ New London 7:30 p.m.  
 2/11 Boys Varsity Basketball @ Buckeye 7:30p.m.  
 2/11 Boys Varsity Basketball @ Buckeye 6:00 p.m.  
 2/12 SAMS - 7th & 8th Grade Band Concert – 7:00 p.m.  
 2/13 FES – Valentine Parties – 2:30 p.m.  
 2/14 Boys Varsity Basketball @ Wellington 7:30p.m.  
 2/14 Boys Varsity Basketball @ Wellington 6:00 p.m.  
**2/14 WAIVER DAY – NO SCHOOL**  
**2/17 PRESIDENT’S DAY – NO SCHOOL**  
 2/18 Boys Varsity Basketball Home VS N Ridgeville 7:30p.m.  
 2/18 Boys Varsity Basketball Home VS N Ridgeville 6:00 p.m.  
 2/18 SAMS – Mock OAA Reading, Math, Science – 8th Grade  
**2/20 INTERIM REPORTS**  
 2/20 FHS – Band Concert at FHS – 7:00 p.m.  
 2/21 Boys Varsity Basketball Home VS Black River 7:30p.m.  
 2/21 Boys Varsity Basketball Home VS Black River 6:00 p.m.  
 2/22 FHS – Lorain County Solo & Ensemble at Midview High School  
 2/22 SAMS - Lorain County Solo & Ensemble Contest  
 2/25 FES – Cookie Dough/Magazine Fundraiser  
 2/25 FHS - Choir Concert at FHS - 7:00 p.m.  
 2/27 FHS- SAMS-FES- Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences – Grades K - 12  
**2/28 NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY – NO SCHOOL**



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## Brownhelm Historical Association

The Brownhelm Historical Association will meet at 7:00 p.m. on February 5 at the Carriage Barn at Vermilion River Reservation, Mill Hollow. After the business meeting our speaker will be Kurt Scholl who is a fireman with the Birmingham and Florence Township Fire Department. He will tell about the history of fire fighters, what training they have to go through to be a fire fighter, etc. Come with questions for him as he knows he can't think of everything you would like to know as remember these are volunteering firefighters who have jobs and families just like you. Refreshments will be served after the program.

Any questions call Bonnie Cutcher 440-963-7540 or Marilyn Brill 440-988-4550.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
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t-shirt size: child S M L adult S M L XL

## FHS Art Students Exhibit in the 2014 Regional Scholastic Art Show

The Lorain County Regional Scholastic Art Exhibition has been providing a program to recognize, exhibit and honor excellence in visual art from 7-12 grade students for over 45 years. The 2014 exhibition kicked off Jan. 14 and includes artwork from 21 Firelands High School students. The Scholastic Art Awards program is the largest annual art competition in the country. Students in schools across the United States and Canada create the 150,000 entries each year. The Lorain County region includes public and private middle and high schools from Lorain, Erie and Huron counties. Art teacher Laura Tawil entered a variety of two and three-dimensional works this year. The high school students are competing together, grades 9-12, at the "varsity level" within various media categories. Students earn third place "honorable mention", second place "silver key" and the first place of "gold key". Placing in this show is like placing in "districts" in sports. Those works earning a regional "gold key" advance to national jurying in New York City in the spring. Art 1 freshmen Jerund Gonzalez, Sydney Novak, Jenna Pleban and Louis Ward and sophomores Lyndsey Cornwell and Taylor Diar each earned Honorable Mention for their drawings and paintings. Freshmen Matthew Brightbill and Sara Slack both earned a Silver Key and an Honorable Mention awards for painting and drawing.

Art 2 sophomores Tori Hritsko, Shelly Shupe and Alaina Smith all earned Honorable Mention for oil pastel portrait drawings.

Art 3 sophomore Julia Ohle earned an Honorable Mention for her drawing and junior Rebecca Bari earned three Honorable Mentions for her photography.

Art 4 senior Tara Brown earned Honorable Mention for two drawings. Brenna Horwedel took Honorable Mention in sculpture. Senior Caitlin Rovere takes a Silver Key for painting.

Advanced Art senior Alex Denes takes three Silver Keys in painting. Lauren Holcomb takes three Honorable Mentions, one Silver Key and one Gold Key for her drawing and sculpture. Lauren's Gold Key sculpture advances to New York City for national judging. Daniel Truitt earned Honorable Mention awards in jewelry.

The exhibit is hosted at the Stocker Center gallery on the campus of Lorain County Community College and funded by Nordson Corporation Foundation, C. Paul Stocker Arts Foundation and Lorain County Community College. The exhibit runs from Jan. 14 – Feb. 16 and is open to the public. A special reception for all artists is Jan. 26. A closing awards ceremony and reception will be held on Feb. 16 for the Gold Key

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