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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.

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, 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.

The Firelands Local Schools Board of Education

Dr. Jane Battig ~ President ~ 11 years of service
Mr. Dan Pycraft ~ Vice President ~ 11 years of service
Mr. Dwayne Becker ~ 9 years of service
Mr. Ben Gibson ~ 1 year of service
Mr. Mike O'Keefe ~ 2 years of service

Go Falcons!
Dr. Robert F. Hill
Superintendent

Believe in Joy "Thank you"

On behalf of the committee for believe in Joy, we would like to express our sincere thanks to our Firelands family community, Keystone community, family, friends and surrounding area for supporting the Norheim family. Your thoughtfulness is beyond words. It's hard to thank everyone as there were so many people that participated and donated to this event. The 5k event held on November 11 was a huge success. We were pleasantly graced with beautiful weather on this day allowing Joy to be in attendance....what a blessing.



Attention Baseball and Softball Players!



Sign-up will be Saturday, January 26th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Cafeteria at South Amherst Middle School!

You must bring the following to sign up:

- Completed registration form (Can be downloaded from the South Amherst/Firelands Summer Baseball/Softball website: <http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=firelands>)
- Copy of your birth certificate – You can't sign up without this!
- Check or Money Order for the correct amount only. Please, no cash.
- Sizes of your pants and shirt (If you didn't play before)

Questions? Email:

wilder5003@netscape.net or call 440-965-5003

We are always looking for volunteers for our fantastic concession stand, field maintenance, or coaches- Please consider helping out!



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www.firelandsschools.org

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Firelands High School Math teachers and staff were presented with the High Schools that Work (HSTW) Mathematic Exemplar Award on Wednesday, November 14th, 2012 during morning professional connections.

GUIDANCE CORNER

Current 8th grade students and parents are invited to the FHS Freshmen orientation on Wednesday, February 20th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Firelands High School Gym.

There will be a PSEO parent meeting February 28th, conference night, at 7:00 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 Thursday, January 24th, 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 10th, from 1:30 to 3:30p.m. Students interested in attending the JVS for the 2013-2014 academic school year must apply online at lejvs.com/high-school/how-to-apply.shtml.

The Ohio Graduation Test will be March 11th – 15th. 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, January 28th and end Friday, February 1st.

It is time to register to take the ACT this spring. You can register on-line at www.actstudent.org or pick up a registration packet from the guidance office.

Senior Class: The application for the endowment scholarships is now available online.

Visit the Firelands website at 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.

Rudolph Chavez a college financial advisor, will be assisting families with the financial aid process. You can email him at rchavez@collegenowgc.org or call him at 216-241-5587 with any questions you may have.

College Goal Sunday will be Sunday, February 10th, at 2:00 p.m. at LCCC or BGSU-Firelands in Huron. To register, go to www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org or call 1-877-428-8246. Another helpful website to assist with finding money for college is www.fafsa.gov. You can apply for your pin for financial aid today.

LOCAL FFA MEMBER

RECEIVED NATIONAL HONOR

AMERICAN FFA DEGREE CELEBRATES ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

INDIANAPOLIS – Each year, the National FFA Organization is proud to honor the FFA members who show the utmost dedication to the organization through their desire to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. That honor, the American FFA Degree, is bestowed upon a select group of individuals for years of academic and professional excellence.

James M. Hozalski, an FFA member representing the Firelands FFA Chapter in Oberlin was selected to join that exclusive list and was awarded the American FFA Degree at the 85th National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis. The convention is known as the largest student gathering in the United States and will occur Oct. 24-27, 2012.

The American FFA Degree is sponsored by Case IH, Farm Credit, Elanco, DuPont Pioneer and Syngenta as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. It recognizes demonstrated ability and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing or service programs. To be eligible, FFA members must have earned and productively invested \$7,500 through a supervised agricultural experience program in which they start, own or hold a professional position in an existing agriculture enterprise. Recipients must also complete 50 community service hours, as well as demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement.



Each recipient of the American FFA Degree received gold American FFA Degree Key plus a certificate after being on-stage during the convention.

James served as an assistant officer and as 2010-2011 Vice President of the Firelands FFA. He participated in all of the FFA chapter fund-raisers, often as one of the top sellers. James was very active in helping with community service projects like our annual Christmas Family sponsorship and Harvest for America. He has earned many Proficiency Awards for his outstanding Supervised Agricultural Experience Projects in grain and oil crop production. He was on numerous Career Development Event teams including: Parliamentary Procedure, Forestry, Soil Judging, Agricultural Industrial Diagnostics Systems, and Dairy Cattle Judging. He tied for the most active member of the chapter for three years and won the honor one year. He earned his State FFA Degree, the highest honor in the state, as a junior. He also won the Ohio Grain Proficiency Award and went on to the national competition this past spring. He culminated his FFA membership by earning the American Degree; this being the highest degree an FFA member can earn with only 0.5% earning this distinction.

Aside from FFA, he was a member of National Honor Society and also regularly works on his family's farm. While in high school he was a PSEO student and attended college part-time. Now he attends college full-time in pursuit of a medical degree.

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 540,379 student members in grades seven through 12 who belong to one of 7,489 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

LET'S GO BIG RED - LET'S GO !!

ALL THE WAY TO LAGRANGE....
TOGETHER IN A CARAVAN.... ON FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 1ST !!

PLEASE JOIN THE BASKETBALL PARENTS AS WE FOLLOW THE BUS INTO LAGRANGE AND MAKE OUR FALCON PRESENCE KNOWN! PREPARE FOR THE PARADE BY COMING TO THE SCHOOL WITH A DECORATED CAR AND A CHEERING VOICE TO USE AT THE GAME. DEPARTURE TIME WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON!



STRIVE CLUB NEWS

On Saturday, Dec. 1st Strive Club students went with Rotary Member Mr. Jim Hieb to go shopping for 4 families in need for the Holiday's. The student took the wish lists from the family's children and bought gifts from funds set by Oberlin Rotary. Student's then had lunch and wrapped all the gifts to give to the families. In all, the students volunteered 4 hours of their day for this cause.



6TH GRADE GIRLS SPRING BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Attention all 6th grade girls living in the Firelands School District. We will be offering a spring basketball league competing against other Lorain County teams. All games will be held at Firelands High School on Sundays, starting at 1:00 p.m. **First game will be on Sunday, March 10th and conclude May 5th.**



Practice schedules TBA.
 Cost per player is \$35.00 (t-shirt included)
 Make checks payable to: Team Firelands Funds.
Sign-up Deadline is Friday, February 15, 2013.

Any questions, contact Coach Dave Kudela at FHS, dkudela@firelandsschools.org, or (440) 315-2726.

Parliamentary Procedure Teams

Congratulations to the senior and novice Parliamentary Procedure teams that competed at the district contest on Tuesday, December 4th. Both teams qualified for the contest a week earlier. The novice team had a strong performance lead by presiding chairs President Katy Tuggle and Vice President Alexis Lough. Team members excelled in debate and abilities. The team earned a second in district ranking and will be honored with a district award. The team members were: Secretary Caitlin Gallagher, Treasurer Claire Vilagi, Reporter Jesse Jones, Sentinel Rachael Minek, Student Advisor Alli Vilagi, and Member Brad McGinnis.

The senior team also made Firelands proud by earning a second place in district finish. The team will compete at the state contest, for the second time in school history, in Columbus on December 15th. The team was led by presiding officers President Jess Zurcher and Vice President Emma Ranney. The team members were Secretary Abby Miller, Treasurer Cole Jones, Reporter Chrissy Balint, Sentinel Ali Butler, Student Advisor Emily Pohorence, and Member Cole Lewis. Members Jess Zurcher and Ali Butler excelled in debate with Jess Zurcher receiving the highest individual debate score and Ali Butler received the best overall debate score, scoring the highest possible rating!

Thank you to our alternates, Jessie Beran and Tori Hritsko for their help in preparation. Good luck to our senior team on December 15th as they take on the top twenty teams in the state.

Teen Leadership Corps

The Teen Leadership Corps class at Firelands High school has been busy! The group has accomplished so much in so little time. The community service started back in September with the "Keep Kids Warm" drive. The whole group worked together to help encourage the students to bring in hats, gloves, and socks for the Boys and Girls Club of Cleveland. The schools district collected over 150 articles of clothing. In the beginning of December, the students of TLC and members of the Firelands community participated in a Toy Drive through the Cleveland Cavaliers and Lake Erie Monsters. Together they collected toys to also donate to the Boys and Girls Club. Also every Tuesday the TLC students pair up with a student from the elementary school to help them with school work or to just be a positive friend to spend time with.

As the hectic holiday season began, the students didn't stop there! They wanted to plan a week where the students could focus on something positive. They composed "Holiday Week," a

week dedicated to the holiday spirit where every day was something new and exciting, such as holiday hat day and tacky sweater day. The students and staff were thrilled to participate.

The love for Mr. Muth and his family never ends in the Firelands Community. For this reason, TLC is having their 2nd Annual Muth Benefit Dance who is again getting help from DJ Fester Fest. This benefit dance will take place January 25th 9pm-11pm right after the home basketball game versus Clearview.

Starting the week of February 4th through the 8th TLC will be hosting the **Olive Garden Pasta for Pennies Drive** benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. All the money raised will support the Society's mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma, and Hodgkin's disease and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families.



6TH GRADE POEMS

Snow Day

Zack Baldwin

The clouds fill up with snow,
The winds begin to blow.

Down they look from up so high,
Jumping off and dancing through the sky.

There's no time to putter,
They must go flitter, flutter.

One by one off they go,
To the city down below.

They've waited a whole year,
To bring the kids lots of cheer.

A snow day they may get
While parents fill with fret.

As they rest on the ground,
Happy children can be found.

Leaves of Fall

Emma Shurban

The leaves have turned from gorgeous green
To radiant reds and brilliant yellows.
They drift through the crisp fall air like little sky
divers.
As they said to the ground in graceful flutters
Covering the grass in a beautiful blanket of leaves.

As the smell of hot chocolate drifts through the air
We rake the golden leaves that are everywhere
When finished with our raking fun

My sister and I jump into the piles of colorful
leaves
with a SWOOSH!

The leaves cling to our hair and clothes
Making us part of the enchanting fall scenery

My Season

Macy Butchko

Fall is the season that makes me smile
The "crack" of the fresh fresh leaves braking
The sound of the trees shifting and shaking
The pumpkins so strong like heaven from above
The fire roasting makes me think of love
The juicy taste of the pumpkin pie.

My family and my friends, all oh my
Pumpkin, peaches, people and peas
All of the leaves, bushes and trees

The berries so black, red and blue
Autumn isn't just all for you
We share our love, our peace and care.

No matter how hard you look
Fall is everywhere!

Winter

Breanna Dechant

Christmas Eve
Christmas morning
Presents, food, lights, and smiles
Oh how wonderful,
The family gatherings are.

Snow Fall, Snowflakes, Snow fun
Soft snow sits on the branches
They sparkle and twinkle on the trees
The icicles are as bright as the stars in the sky
Winter brings me so much joy

Santa's Visit

Chad Hieb

Silently we descend, our faces are bright
We try not to talk in the well lit light
We're almost there, we're almost there
As we creep up, like a silent bear

We watch as he drinks, his cookies are gone
We watch as he sings this jolly little song
We look at his bag; it's filled to the brim
We see the fire, it's already dim

We see he's plump, we see he's big
He reaches his hand in the bag to dig
The perfect present, he picks out
We try not to giggle, we try not to shout

We watch as he lays our presents 'round the tree
We see how he's busy, like a big bee
Thump! Could it be true?
Santa just fell on top of you!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE
CREATIVE WRITERS OF THE 6TH GRADE!**

Their Day in Court by Andrew Williams

On December 7th, 2012 Mrs. Post's 8th grade Advanced Language Arts class visited the Municipal Bulldog in Elyria for a mock trial. Their case was the state of Oklahoma vs. Johnny Cade. The case was based on the book The Outsiders by S.E. Hilton. The class went through many weeks of preparation for this event. There to help them prepare was Mrs. Post, their teacher, and Mrs. Kaminski, the director of the gifted services in Lorain County. Also Assistant Prosecutor Gronsky talked to the class for a day about court. Judge Bennett presided over the trial and gave the students a



behind the scenes tour afterward. In the end, it turned out to be a fun day and a great learning experience for the students.

It's Story Time by Ariana McClung

Seventh graders at SAMS are reading to children. Mrs. Post's creative writing classes created their own stories from picture books. Each group picked out one book they wanted to write about. Each person in a group got their own section to read. On December 14, they read to children during their class periods in the school library. The purpose of this project was to showcase their creative writing talents. They did an amazing job. After story time, they ended with cookies and punch. Mrs. Post was very proud of them all.



Lady Falcons Basketball Team

The lady falcons basketball team had their annual alumni game on December 24th, and would like to thank the alumni. We had a great turnout with over 20 graduates (a couple from the 70's) coming back to play against our high school teams. Everyone had a good time sharing stories and remembering the "good times" they had while playing. Thanks for your support!

HUNGRY ???.....

.....For a fun night out ?? Good - because that's what's in store for all of us on **March 23, 2013**. FABC invites you to come and support the boosters that support all student athletes, as we host our "spring" Steak Fry. The ticket price of \$20.00 will include, Steak, baked potato, salad, rolls, desserts, munchies, and beverages of different varieties. Raffle baskets, 50/50 drawings, music, and some fun trivia will be presented by our very own **TRAINER JOE!!** Our club works hard to do fund raising activities that support the needs of our kids, coaches and their teams. Please support the Firelands Athletic Boosters by joining us on the 23rd. Tickets are available by calling Gerry @ 440-724-4198 Becky @ 440-823-9633 or Kathy @ 440-225-9775. Thank you!! FABC



Foods for Firelands' Families



“To educate a child in mind and not in morals is a menace to society” said President Franklin Roosevelt. The sixth grade teachers at South Amherst Middle School take this quote to heart. In this era of high stakes tests of which South Amherst Middle School has been rated Excellent With Distinction two consecutive years, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. The entire county is well aware of the economy which trickles down to hungry students. The sixth grade reading teacher, Mrs. Debra Neal wrote & obtained a service grant from the Community Foundation of Lorain County to feed approximately 31 families. These families were all part of Firelands Schools, with the majority of them having a sixth grade student. Second Harvest Food Bank sent a representative to the school to kick off the project. During this assemble the students were made aware of the definition of hunger, the locations where they could obtain a hot meal and then the statistics relating to hunger in this area.

The assignment was for the sixth grade students to create a Thanksgiving Box to feed a family which included a sixth grade peer. The emphasis was upon meeting the needs of a peer, the boxes were distributed anonymously so unless a student received a box they did not know the recipients of the box.

Thirty of the sixth grade students donated their time on Friday, November 9, 2012 to make homemade applesauce for the boxes. The students made applesauce using apples that were donated from Miller’s Orchards, a Fireland’s family orchard. The recipe for the applesauce came from their math teacher, Mr. Grude. He not only shared his “family’s secret recipe” but he also shared two of his family’s Victorian Strainers; which made the job a lot easier. This was an education in and of itself!

The basic instructions were to create a Thanksgiving Meal to feed a family of four using only \$9.00. The boxes included a turkey, stuffing, potatoes, vegetables and a dessert. The students were placed in groups of four or five and had to work cooperatively to obtain the items for their box. They also had to decorate their box, four placemats as well as a Thanksgiving Card. On the last day of this service project the students had to reflect upon how they worked together as well as the need for food and finally how they felt knowing that one in six people are hungry in Lorain County. Needless to say, they were educated in minds and morals!



TURKEY HUNT AT FES

Firelands Elementary Teachers went on a Turkey Hunt in the days before Thanksgiving. Clues let them on a scavenger hunt around the building looking for the 10 multicolored turkeys. Also at each stop was a clue to help discover who the mystery guest at dinner would be. The turkeys were placed in a roaster and the name of the mystery guest went into the gravy

boat! The prizes were the oh so popular turkey cakes from Keidrowski's Bakery.

The winners were: Kim Eibel for correctly guessing Suzanne Scalli as the mystery guest and Wendy Baxter for winning the turkey hunt.

First Grade Reading Skills

Mrs. Ollis' first grade class demonstrated their fantastic reading skills to Mrs. Born's kindergarteners this week. Each first grader was assigned a kindergarten buddy to show off all of the skills that they have learned since last year. This was

a great kick-off for Mrs. Born's kindergarteners as they will start reading their own books when they come back from Christmas break. The first graders had a chance to reflect on how far they have come in one whole year and be a positive role model for younger students. Everybody had a great time!

**Pitchfork Pals 4-H CLUB NEWS**

Pitchfork Pals had their 1st meeting of 2013 at the Henrietta Twsp Hall on Sunday Jan 13th, Where we held an election for the 2013 officers. The new officers are as follows: Kyle Kudela-President, Mallory Muniga-Vice President, Alex Sabine-Secretary, Cora Born-Treasurer, Gabrielle Zadorozny-News Reporter, Ryan Ortner-Recreation, and Hunter Matus-Health and Safety. We also are having a candy bar fund raiser this month.
Reporter~Gabby Zadorozny

4th Grade Concert

On Friday December 14, 2012, the 4th grade students performed for a "packed house" in the FES gymnasium. The children performed the songs *Rocking Around the Christmas Tree*, *I'm Gettin' Nuttin' for Christmas*, *Dreidel*, *Parade of the Wooden Soldiers*, *Jingle Bell Rock* and *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*. The performance was full of some amazing soloists, great readers and dancers, and a dancing dreidel. Great job 4th grade!

**SAMS Band Highlights**

Tuesday, November 13 - Members of the 8th grade trumpet section (Andy Hasel, Grace Boucher, and Ben Laughrey) performed "Taps" in a ceremony honoring our Veterans on Tuesday, November 13. The ceremony included a reading by SAMS guidance counselor Mrs. Novak describing the history of "Taps" and a traditional military performance of "Taps".

Wednesday, November 14 - SAMS 6th, 7th, 8th Bands and Stage Band performed their first concert of the school year on Wednesday, November 14. The students performed a wide variety of musical styles to an appreciative audience. Thanks to all in attendance for showing support for our young musicians.

Wednesday, December 6 - The SAMS 8th Grade Brass Quartet (Grace Boucher, Ben Laughrey, Kayla Bailey, and Nick Squires) provided entertainment for the annual lighting of the South Amherst Christmas Tree on Wednesday, December 6. The quartet performed many traditional carols to help create a festive holiday mood leading up to the tree lighting.

Sunday, December 16 - In 1974 the very first "Tuba Christmas" took place in New York City's Rockefeller Plaza with more than 300 tuba and euphonium players. Since then many communities host their own "Tuba Christmas" during the weeks leading up to Christmas Day. On Sunday, December 16 the Lorain Palace held its own version of "Tuba Christmas" with more than 125 musicians. Three SAMS band members (Sylvia Krejci, Logan Willis, and Christian Sutton) participated in this year's performance.

Wednesday, December 19 - Members of the Kent State University Brass Faculty performed a concert for our middle school band students on Wednesday, December 19. This was an exciting opportunity for our students to hear professional musicians in a live and personal environment. The ensemble performed brass music covering several centuries of musical styles, and the students were invited to ask questions from the guest artists. After the performance the 8th Grade Brass Quartet (Grace Boucher, Ben Laughrey, Kayla Bailey, and Nick Squires) participating in a master class with members of the KSU Brass Faculty.

Wednesday, December 21 - The 8th Grade Band performed a musical setting of Clement Clark Moore's famous holiday poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas" at SAMS annual talent show on Wednesday, December 21. Mr. Carlock provided his talents as our guest narrator.

Thanks to the hundreds of Firelands Elementary students who brought in toys for the Chronicle's Not Forgotten Box collection!



From left to right: Kiley Waterbury, Austin Sutorius, Isabelle Davis, Ethan Tester, Camdyn Fuller

Gimme 5 Quality of the Month: Acceptance

Acceptance deals with tolerating differences and diversity in others and offering them understanding and friendship. Related to this topic is the issue of bullying, an important subject for educators and parents to examine.

Typical bullying behavior includes:

- frequently hitting, kicking, pushing or choking other kids
- verbally attacking other kids
- intentionally excluding other kids or manipulating friendships
- making faces or obscene gestures
- Bullies tend to have average or better than average self esteem
- Bullies are more likely to engage in other anti-social behaviors and are less likely to be popular
- Bullies are more likely to have negative attitudes toward school and get lower grades.

This information adapted from Tolerance Minnesota Confronting Prejudice. Respecting Diversity. www.ToleranceMinnesota.org.

SAMS PTG NEWS

The South Amherst Parent Teacher Group was very busy during December. Cookie trays were sold during the SAMS band and choir concerts. Thank you to everyone who baked cookies and everyone who bought cookies. The PTG raised a little over \$200 and purchased a gift card to help a Fireland's family during the holidays. SAMS PTG also held a coat drive and the response from the community was amazing! We held a coat/clothing exchange where we set out all of the clothes by size and type and after families

came in and took advantage of the great clothes available we were able to give some of the overflow to Veteran's groups, neighboring schools, and even a Senior center. The SAMS PTG sponsored "a gift of time" to our teachers during 10 days in December. Parent volunteers came in and gave their time to help the teachers. Some parents made copies, addressed letters, and read to students. The idea was very well received by both teachers and parents.

The SAMS PTG raises money by selling concessions at the boys

and girls home basketball games. If anyone can help out or has questions about helping please contact the PTG at our email ptg.sams@gmail.com.

A Fabulous Falcon breakfast will be held January 23rd and the PTG will provide a light breakfast to all that attend.

Meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month during the school year except December. The next meeting is 2/4/13 @ 2:45pm in the SAMS Library. Look for us on the SAMS Webpage and also FaceBook under SAMS PTG.

Student Council

Over the past two months Firelands High School's Student Council has kept only the thought of others in mind, working hard to make an extraordinary impact on those in need this holiday season. From collecting non-perishable items and spare change to raffling off generously donated baskets, all events leading up to our 10th Annual Tree Lighting, Student Council representatives have been putting forth exceeding amounts of time and effort to truly raise the spirits for the holidays. For the first event of our 10th Annual Tree Lighting, we partnered up with Firelands' FFA Chapter in Harvest for America. During the course of two weeks, representatives and members collected non-perishable food items from all first period classes

in the school. Student Council recorded the total number of items donated per grade as class points towards Tree Lighting. A total of 1,500 Units of non-perishable food items were collected, all donated to South Amherst United Methodist Church food bank. The next event Student Council held was a penny war throughout the high school. For one week, Student Council representatives collected spare change from fellow classmates in a friendly competition between the classes. As the seniors took last place, the juniors prevailed and a total of \$1,000 was acquired. All of the proceeds were donated to the Muth foundation to help with medical expenses. The final event was a raffle at the December 18th home basketball game. Representatives from each grade assembled four different baskets filled with

charitably donated items from an abundance of local companies. At the game alone, nearly \$400 was raised and hats, mittens, scarves and blankets collected. The final results of Tree Lighting ended with the Junior Class winning the entire event.

As a follow up to our 10th Annual Tree Lighting, Student Council used all the funds generated from the basket raffle to purchase baby necessities for Birthright and gifts for the elderly. On three separate occasions, Student Council representatives shopped, presented donations to Birthright, and spent the day with the elderly at Golden Acres. While at Birthright,



representatives received a tour of the facility. On the day Student Council spent at Golden Acres, representatives played Bingo with the elderly, giving not only prizes to winners, but quality time and recognition to all who participated. Mr. Miller and Student Council would like to thank the individuals and companies

who aided Student Council in caring for others this holiday season. All efforts and support were greatly appreciated and such a successful holiday season could not have been pulled off without all the help received. We are now looking forward to a fantastic rest of the year!

Katy Tuggle
Student Council Representative



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!



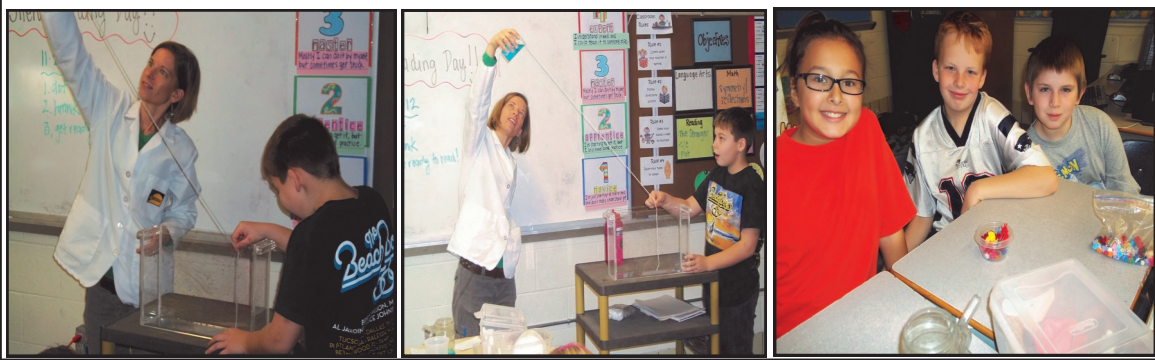
Pictured are the School Bus Safety Poster contest participants for School Bus safety week 2012.

Caleb McCloud, Ty Walters, Grace Osborne, Shawny Hess, Gage Myers, Jack Valerius, Skylar Basch, Emily Stewart, Alexis Coggins, Madison Cantley, Maddison Bragg, Abigail Aslaskan, Anthony Ortiz, Savanah Molnar, Hannah Brandt, Taylor Wood, Aiden Harker, Maddie Lewis, Kyle Ransom, Devin Adkins, Chloe Durbin, Kaleb Blaney, Dylan Koba-Nelson, Maddison Hamond, Paiton Widener, Gretchen Gould, Morgan Jordan, Gabe Delgado, and Jena Wolford.

Special Thanks to Mrs. Proehl, Mrs Woods, and Mrs. Schlechter for making all this happen! And for all the students for promoting School Bus Safety. The Poster contest theme this year was "Stay back from the yellow and black"

A Day with a Scientist

This month, we fourth graders, each spent an hour with an amazing scientist from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. She reminded us of all the parts of the watercycle, which we have been studying. She talked that the energy of the sun, provides energy to a body of water that causes evaporation (water becomes a gas). Then, condensation happens up high in the cold atmosphere (water forms a liquid). When clouds get heavy water precipitates down as rain, sleet or snow (water falls as a liquid or solid). From this point she talked about the states of matter and let us do hands-on experiments to help us understand the difference between a solid, liquid or gas. She blew up a balloon and fit it on a clear sippy cup so that we could observe the air (a gas) bubbling through some colored water. She also taught us that water molecules have a special property called cohesion. They would rather hold onto each other than anything else, so she was able to pour water down a pre-wetted string held up high at an angle, and not spill any water on the floor. It was really amazing!! We enjoyed this tremendously!



FIRELANDS FFA CHRISTMAS FAMILY

By: Emma Norheim



Oberlin, OH - On November 28, the Firelands FFA kicked off their annual Christmas family fundraiser. Each agricultural science class had a decorated can to collect their money in. Each day, we passed the can around to collect whatever money and change we could. Then the class with the highest average per person won a special party! Congratulations to the second period class for earning a breakfast party in January (they donated an average of \$20 per person!). The money collected was used to sponsor less fortunate families in our school district during the holiday season. The students raised nearly \$1100.00 in total for the seven children. On December 17, the FFA members and Mrs. Finnegan went shopping for Christmas presents based on the children's needs and wants. All classes helped wrap the gifts just in time for Christmas. Thank you to the nearly 40 students that helped to shop for the gifts, and to the guidance counselors at Firelands Elementary, Mrs. Schuster, South Amherst, Mrs. Novak, and Firelands High, Mrs. Zimmer, for their help in coordinating the delivery of the presents.

LUNCH MENUS

FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY Regular Lunch \$2.30—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals	SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE Regular Lunch \$2.70—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals	FIRELANDS HIGH Regular Lunch \$2.70—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals
<p align="center">JANUARY 21 - JANUARY 25</p> <p>MONDAY - NO SCHOOL-MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Green beans, Baby carrots, Fruit WEDNESDAY - General Tso's Chicken, Stir Fry Veggies, Seasoned Rice, Chilled pineapple tidbits, Fortune cookie THURSDAY - Soft taco, Shredded lettuce & cheese, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit FRIDAY - Cheese stuffed breadstick, Romaine spinach salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled mandarin oranges</p> <p align="center">JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 1</p> <p>MONDAY - Sausage links, French toast sticks, Hashbrown potatoes, Celery sticks, Orange juice cup, Syrup cup TUESDAY - Dominoes smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned broccoli & carrots, Fruit, Whole grain gripz WEDNESDAY - Baked chicken fries, Baked sweet tots, Chilled pears, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce THURSDAY - Spaghetti w/meat, Romaine & spinach salad, Grape tomatoes, Whole grain roll, Fresh fruit FRIDAY - Cheese stuffed breadstick, Pizza sauce, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled mandarin oranges</p> <p align="center">FEBRUARY 4 - FEBRUARY 8</p> <p>MONDAY - Sausage links, French toast sticks, Hashbrown potatoes, Celery sticks, Orange juice cup, Syrup cup TUESDAY - Dominoes smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned broc & carrots, Fruit, Whole grain graham gripz WEDNESDAY - Baked chicken fries, Baked french fries, Green beans, Chilled pears, Dipping sauce THURSDAY - Whole grain corn dog, Bbq baked beans, Sliced cucumbers, Fresh fruit FRIDAY - Toasted cheese, Tomato soup, saltines, Seasoned peas, Chilled peaches</p> <p align="center">FEBRUARY 11 - FEBRUARY 15</p> <p>MONDAY - Baked chicken nuggets, Black beans & rice, Celery sticks, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce TUESDAY - Domino's smart slice Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned peas, Baby carrots, Fruit, Goldfish grahams WEDNESDAY - Baked chicken strips, Smiley fries, Chilled pears, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce THURSDAY - Spaghetti w/meat, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Whole grain roll, Fresh fruit FRIDAY - "NO SCHOOL" PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p align="center">JANUARY 21 - 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COMMUNITY CALENDAR**JANUARY****Jan-21 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY – NO SCHOOL****Jan-22 FES - Report Cards Sent Home**

Jan-22 Varsity Boys Basketball@ Brooklyn High 7:30pm

Jan-23 SAMS - Fabulous Falcon Breakfast – 7:30am

Jan-23 Varsity Girls Basketball(home)vs.Black River 7:30pm

Jan-23 Freshmen Girls Basketball(home)vs.Lutheran West 4:30pm

Jan-23 Varsity Boys Wrestling@ State Dual Tourn.-Regional Quarterfinals TBA

Jan-24 Varsity Boys Wrestling@ Lutheran West 6:00pm

Jan-25 Varsity Boys Basketball(home)vs.Clearview 7:30pm

Jan-25 Freshmen Boys Basketball(home)vs.Clearview 4:30pm

Jan-26 Varsity Girls Basketball@ Keystone 7:30pm

Jan-29 Freshmen Boys Basketball@ Columbia 4:30pm

Jan-29 Varsity Boys Basketball@ Columbia 7:30pm

Jan-30 Varsity Girls Basketball (home) vs. Buckeye 7:30pm

Jan-30 Freshmen Girls Basketball (home) vs. Buckeye 4:30pm

FEBRUARY

Feb-02 Varsity Girls Basketball(home)vs.Wellington 2:30pm

Feb-04 SAMS – Band Malley’s Chocolate Sale

Feb-04 FES - Market Day Pickup - 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Feb-05 FES - PTG Meeting – 7:00 p.m. in Library

Feb-05 Freshmen Boys Basketball(home)vs.Buckeye 4:30pm

Feb-06 Varsity Girls Basketball@ Black River TBA

Feb-09 Varsity Girls Basketball@ Brookside 2:30pm

Feb-09 Varsity Boys Wrestling@ Firelands Local Schools TBA

Feb-09 SAMS - Lorain County Solo & Ensemble Contest

Feb-09 Freshmen Girls Basketball@ Brookside 4:30pm

Feb-11 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Feb-12 Varsity Girls Basketball(home)vs.New London 7:30pm

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Feb-13 SAMS - Band Concert – 7:00 p.m.

Feb-13 Freshmen Boys Basketball(home)vs.OPEN TBA

Feb-14 FES - Valentine’s Day Parties - 2:40 p.m.

Feb-15 WAIVER DAY – NO SCHOOL

Feb-16 Freshmen Boys Basketball(home)vs.OPEN TBA

Feb-18 PRESIDENT’S DAY – NO SCHOOL

Feb-18 Freshmen Boys Basketball(home)vs.OPEN TBA

Feb-19 Varsity Boys Basketball@ Brookside 7:30pm

Feb-19 Freshmen Boys Basketball@ Brookside 4:30pm

Feb-20 SAMS - PTG Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Feb-20 Interim Reports

Feb-20 Freshmen Boys Basketball(home)vs.OPEN TBA

Feb-21 FHS – Band Concert at FHS – 7:00 p.m.

Feb-23 FHS – Lorain County Solo & Ensemble at Firelands High School

Feb-23 SAMS – 7th & 8th Grade - Winter Formal Dance

Feb-26 FHS - Choir Concert at FHS - 7:00 p.m.

Feb-28 FHS- SAMS-FES- Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences – Grades K - 12

**South Amherst
Firemen’s Association
7-card Stud Poker
Tournament.**

- ◆ Feb. 17, 2013 at the South Amherst Fire Station 105 West Main Street
- ◆ Doors open at noon game starts at 1:00pm.
- ◆ Entry fee \$40. Winner of each table gets there entry fee back and advance to winners table. \$500 1st, \$200 2nd, \$100 3rd. All proceeds go to the South Amherst Firemen’s Association.

**Firemen’s Association
Annual Steak Fry
Dinner Dance**

South Amherst Firemen’s Association Annual Steak Fry Dinner Dance will be held March 2, 2013 at UAW Hall on Baumhart Rd, Lorain. Cost \$20 per ticket. Live Band (Naked Monkeys), for more info call John at 440-986-5901 and leave message, or on facebook, South Amherst Firemen’s Association.

HARVEST FOR AMERICA

By: Jeb Larson

Oberlin, OH - One of the primary focuses of the FFA is community service. This fall the Firelands FFA partnered with Student Council to hold our annual food drive. The food drive only lasted for 8 days. Each first period class competed against each other to bring in the most food and win a doughnut party. Over the 8 days, 1548 units of food were donated. One can of food equals one unit on the chart. The food that was donated will be distributed throughout the community to those in need by South Amherst United Methodist Church. Many people this holiday season will not have enough food to meet their needs. This food drive is very important to those people and also to us. Thank you to all of the students in the high school that contributed but a special thank you to the classes that were the top four donors (these classes earned a special donut party from the FFA). In first was Mrs. Finnegan’s class, followed by Mrs. Notarberardino, Mrs. Foster, then Mr. Miller’s classes. We look forward to our continued partnership with the Student Council and South Amherst United Methodist Church food pantry.



Sports Update**BOYS BASKETBALL****Varsity**

It is the halfway point in the year for the boys' basketball team. The high school teams have completed 11 of the 22 games on their schedule. At the turn the varsity team stands at an overall record of 6-5. The varsity team's conference record stands at 4-3 and places them in a tie for 2nd place in the stars division. The varsity team has demonstrated great organization and a commitment to high intensity defense. 4 of the teams 5 losses have come by a margin of 3 points or less. The team has not only done an excellent on the court but has also dedicated time on Saturday mornings to help the community basketball league with skills sessions.

JV/Frosh

The boys' jv basketball team currently has a record of 5-6 at the midway point of the season. The team has done a great job coming together to learn the concepts of the program to prepare them for the varsity team. The boys' freshmen basketball team currently has a record of 6-4 at the halfway mark of the season. The team has adapted quickly to the high school level of play. The team has done a great job of supporting the jv and varsity teams.

Middle School

The Falcons 8th grade boys' basketball team ended its regular season with a record of 11-4. The Falcons had many exciting and close games. In the regular season the Falcons defeated Fairview, Columbia, Brooklyn in conference crossover games and lost to Oberlin and Clearview. The Falcons defeated Keystone, Brookside, Black River all twice and split on the season with Wellington and Buckeye. The Falcons had many close and exciting games and have really come together as a team with each member contributing in their own way.

The players for the 8th grade team are: Nathan Kovach, Patrick Brightbill, Daniel Hribal, John Gall, Clayton Lucki, Brad Soltis, Aaron Alston, Ben Akoa, Kyle Wilson, and Colin Myers. The Falcons 7th grade boys' basketball team ended its regular season with a record of 11-4. The 7th grade squad secured the #3 seed in the Patriot Athletic Conference 7th Grade Boys Basketball Championship Tournament. The players for the 7th grade team are: Zachary Talbott, Eric Jones, Corey Jones, Michael Bansek, Hunter Willbond, Nicholas Denney, Aaron Myers, Samuel Dennis, Spencer Street, Evan Lacey, Noah Hammond, and Calvin Stull.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The girls' varsity team overall record is

8-4 and 7-0 in the PAC. With half of the season already played the team is in great shape to contend for the division title. Leading the team in scoring is Rachel Holowecky and Casey Morrisette, leading rebounders are Keely Hall and Destiny Samples. The team is focused and ready for the challenges ahead. The Junior Varsity team is currently 7-2 overall and 5-2 in the PAC. They have played strong all season long and look to win the division as well. The Freshman team is currently 5-4 overall and have played really well on the season, they have 6 games left and are ready to finish the season strong.

WRESTLING**Varsity**

The Firelands high school wrestling program has increased enthusiasm and numbers this year. This is a young team that is showing improvement as the season progresses. Angel Alexander has done a great job as a senior leader and has put up a 25-2 record thus far in the season and accomplished a career goal of 100 wins. Angel has won all but 1 tournament this year defaulting out due to injury at the Medina Buckeye Tournament. Coach Black has done a great job getting participation numbers at the high school level with some experience this team is one to keep an eye on.

Middle School

The middle school wrestling team is on the rise putting up a team record of 6-5 and increasing the participation numbers significantly from the previous year from roughly 5 kids to 21. The team has had individual success putting Jared Wray, Jacob Campbell, and Nick McCrary on top of the podium at the Vermillion Holiday tournament. The majority of the team members are putting up better than .500 records. This is a group of guys that the Firelands high school program is eagerly looking for to come in with an immediate impact and take the wrestling program to the next level.

BOWLING

The boys' varsity bowling team currently stands with a record of 3- 7. This places them in 5th place in Division II of the North Shore Bowling Conference. The boys' jv bowling team currently stands with a record of 5-5. This places them in 2nd place in Division II of the North Shore Bowling Conference. The girls' varsity bowling team is off to a very successful start with a record of 7-3. They are currently in 2nd place in Division II of the North Shore Bowling Conference. The jv girls' bowling team is currently 6-4 which places them in 5th place in the conference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**HONORARY CAPTAIN PROGRAM**

The Firelands Athletic Department in conjunction with the Firelands High

School Boys Basketball Team is proud to announce the creation of the Honorary Captain Program. The FHS Boys Basketball team will be bringing back 3 distinguished alumni this basketball season (one each month during the season). Each alumnus will be invited to attend practice on Thursday and eat dinner with the team/coaches after practice. The Honorary Captain will then speak to the team about their experiences at FHS and how to be successful as an adult. They will attend the home game on Friday night and be with the team during the game. Before the varsity game there will be a brief announcement and presentation for the honorary captain. The goal of the program is to connect our current high school students with the tradition of success from those who have come before us. This schedule is tentative and is subject to change due to the personal schedules of the honorees.

Dec. 14 – Ron Pycraft – 1974

Ron was an outstanding student, football and basketball player at FHS. He played quarterback for 4 years at Wilmington College. He currently is an eye doctor in Wooster.

Jan. 25 – Doug Carrico – 1982

Doug was an outstanding student, football and basketball player at FHS. He earned a full athletic scholarship in football to Bowling Green where he played quarterback for 4 years. He currently lives in Columbus and is employed by Riddell in sales/management.

Feb. 8 – Art Daniels – 1973

Art was an outstanding student, football and basketball player at FHS. He earned a full athletic scholarship in football to Kent State where he played tight end for 4 years. He currently lives in Avon Lake and is a teacher and coach at Westlake High School.

JIM SOLOMON MEMORIAL FALCON INVITATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT SPONSORED BY LIGHTHOUSE INSURANCE AGENCY
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Wrestling starts at 10am.

1973 Undefeated Inland Conference Girls Basketball Championship Team to be Honored

On Saturday February 2nd during halftime of the varsity girls basketball game with Wellington the 1973 Inland Conference Champion Girls Basketball Team will be honored. The team which was coached by Karen Fisher (Deremiah) went undefeated during the 1973 campaign. This commemoration is also the 40th anniversary of Title IX. All are welcome to come celebrate the anniversary of the 1973 team. The varsity game tips-off at 230pm.

Falcons Fly to New Orleans to Help Those in Need

Several Firelands elementary staff members traveled to the "Big Easy" in the fall of 2012 to help those affected by hurricanes Katrina and Isaac. While in New Orleans, the staff members helped to clean up water damaged houses caused by those storms. Through the St. Bernard Project, staff members installed new insulation and dry wall on a house that was being restored. The work performed was one part of the overall repair, which lead the next group of volunteers to continue the renovations. In addition to the physical improvements, the Firelands Staff's efforts aided in healing souls, by giving them hope for the future. More humanitarian aid has been provided in different locations by other staff members, and several are planning trips in the near future. Our Falcon families are very caring, and are constantly reaching out to those in need!

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