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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Reminder: Coffee with the Superintendent

If you are interested in hosting a "Coffee with the Superintendent," please contact Linda Seman at 440.965.5821 to initiate an informal discussion with Dr. Hill

What's Best for Lorain County's Schools?

We listened.

Over the past three months, the 16 superintendents across Lorain County commissioned a scientific phone survey to gauge public perception about our schools, policies, and practices. We shared the results of that poll with groups in face-to-face meetings across the county and listened as people reacted and shared their thoughts.

In short, this is what we heard:

- 90% believe their school districts are doing a good job, with most respondents (40%) giving their district a "B."
- High quality teachers are the most important indicator of a high quality education, followed by college/career readiness and a comprehensive curriculum.
- Earning high marks on the state report card isn't that important.
- Two out of three respondents

do not believe that increased state testing has helped students.

- Decisions are best made at the local level. Less than one out of three respondents felt that policy decisions made at the state level are in the best interests of students.
- Better than 76% support expanding preschool, especially for those students from poverty. A majority said they would increase their taxes to support such.
- School finance is the biggest challenge facing our schools.
- Respondents oppose their local tax dollars going to support for-profit and online charter schools. 70% opposed vouchers going to support private schools.

We are responding.

The vast majority of our citizens are unaware of the changes being mandated by the education policymakers in Columbus and Washington. Government officials and business leaders have falsely characterized public education as failing, choos-

ing to advance accountability, a hyper-focus on data, and competition. This has produced high stakes tests, teacher rankings, and charter schools - but there is very little proof that these reforms are working.

It's time for a change.

We (superintendents) are much to blame for not standing up to these ill-fated reforms. Based on the feedback we have received from our communities, the teachers and administrators we work with each day, and our own experiences as veteran educators, here are our recommendations to put the schools of Lorain County (and Ohio) on a trajectory toward success.

Initiative: Local Control

Concern: Developing and implementing school policies and procedures have become the work of state and federal government. Locally elected school board members have very little say about reform efforts.

Proposed Solution: Engage citizens in meaningful

conversations about proposed school reform initiatives before they become law.

Our local boards of education should pass a resolution (and share it across the state) asking their legislators to draft legislation requiring Ohio's citizens to have an opportunity to review and discuss changes in education policy before they turn into educational mandates - especially when additional funding is required.

Initiative: Third Grade Reading Guarantee

Concern: Research associated with retention shows a significant negative impact on students. Retention is NOT an intervention.

Accountability needs to be consistent if public dollars are received. (See Columbus Dispatch article from March 8.) Public dollars in the form of vouchers are being accepted by private schools, but with no accountability for students passing the test.

Proposed Solution: Take targeted funds (like the recent Straight A Fund) and provide them to districts that need early intervention programs...or fund all-day kindergarten for all students in the state. Instead of retention, fund 3rd grade research based intervention programs for students who meet the criteria of needing intervention. . Everyone agrees that getting all students to read is an im-

portant initiative. Let's support those efforts with the dollars needed.

Initiative: PARCC Assessments

Concern: Many districts and ITC's are not prepared technologically to implement these assessments. Teachers are concerned that the tests are too long and not developmentally appropriate for the students. There is also a concern about students having the opportunity to learn the technology skills necessary to have the test measure the subject matter and not their ability to use the technology.

Proposed Solution: There needs to be more pilot assessments and enough time given for districts to become PARCC ready. This initiative has a negative impact on districts budgets and there needs to be ample opportunity to put the appropriate technology in place. Implement a three-year phase in period of the new assessments before using them to inform district ratings. Evaluate the length and age appropriateness of the assessments. Provide data from pilot assessments to districts.

Initiative: Ohio Teacher Evaluation System Growth Measures

Concern: Although both the building level measures and the teacher level measures are calculated within the same model, they are not calculated

the same way. This creates situations where teacher level data can look different from building level data even though they use the same student test scores. In addition, the PARCC Assessments are new and many districts are still struggling to prepare for implementation. This brings in to question the validity of the PARCC assessments and our ability to use them for evaluation purposes.

Proposed Solution: Have districts only use local measures of growth for 35% of the evaluation until there is time to investigate further the teacher versus building calculation. This will provide districts time to implement PARCC appropriately. It is irresponsible to make this a part of evaluation without providing districts time to implement appropriately.

Accountability is important. Assuring we get accurate data associated with that accountability is even more important.

Initiative: Charter School Accountability

Concern: Although competition is a valuable tool in pushing organizations to higher levels of achievement, the current charter/community school movement in Ohio has created a drain on state dollars for public schools that is not justified by the performance of charter community schools. In FY13 alone,

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE (Cont'd)

Ohio deducted \$828,145,901 from public schools to charter/community schools. Specifically, in Lorain County the 14 public schools lost approximately 3,372 (5% of the total student population) to charter/community schools at a cost of \$25,919,853. The 14 Lorain Co. public school districts had an average performance index score of 98.176 versus an average of 87.074 for the charters. **In simple terms, the public schools averaged a grade of "B" as compared to the average charter community grade of "C."** Further, when comparing the value-added gain index, the public schools

averaged growth of 3.231, while the charter schools averaged a dismal -2.120. Based on the aforementioned two simple metrics that continue to permeate the news, the charter/community school movement is clearly failing the students of Lorain County and ultimately costing County residents millions of dollars. Additionally, \$4.5 million of **locally generated tax dollars** in Lorain County were diverted to support on-line, for profit, and other charter schools without the approval of the local school boards. These dollars were approved by local voters to support their local school district only! **Proposed Solution:** As educational institutes, it is

our duty to provide ALL students with a thorough and common school experience that involves high levels of growth. It is critical that the state increase levels of accountability and oversight for charter/community schools to ensure that the aforementioned duty is fulfilled. By creating a level playing field where all schools are held to the same level of accountability and oversight, coupled with strict enforcement of said policies, public and charter/community school can coexist for the betterment of student learning. Legislation should be passed that will limit charter school deductions to only those actual per pupil state dollars that the local district receives. **No local funds should leave the district to support these**

charter schools.
Initiative: Preschool
Concern: Research demonstrates that high quality, developmentally appropriate, early childhood programs produce short and long-term positive effects on children's cognitive and social development. There continues to be a lack in programming available to families and barriers for families to access these educational services when they do exist. The entire community is accountable for the quality of and availability of early childhood programs provided to all children, backed by the local, state, and federal funding needed to deliver quality programs and services.
Proposed Solution: It is critical that funding be availa-

ble to sustain the availability of high quality early childhood care and education programs. This funding is needed to
• Pull systems together that work on the behalf of young children to work collaboratively and blend expertise and resources rather than duplicate efforts.
• Strengthen currently operating providers by providing high-quality professional development including the cost of time for teachers to receive professional development, off-set the cost burden associated with accessing high-quality early childhood care and education programs for families with young children.
• Increase the capacity for more high quality early childhood care and educa-

tion programs to be formed in school district and community based locations. We urge the state to take immediate action to prioritize the availability of funding for early childhood care and education programs so that every child will receive the early childhood education that they need and deserve.
Join the conversation!
Over the next several months, we will continue to talk to our communities about our proposed solutions. Without widespread grassroots support for change, our children will be faced with the same failed reforms. We look forward to talking with you!
Go Falcons!
Yours in education,
Dr. Robert F. Hill
Superintendent

Skills USA-Ohio Competition
Joe Sosinski, Senior @ LCJVS/Firelands High School, competed in the Skills USA-Ohio Competition on Tuesday, April 15th.

Joe was awarded "First Place" in Diesel Technology. He competed against 17 other students from around the state. Joe will go on to compete at the Skills USA National Competition, in Kansas City, Missouri, the week of June 22nd.
Congratulations and Good Luck Joe!!!

Student invited to attend Naval Academy Summer Seminar

Karley Zimmerman was picked to participate in the 2014 U.S. Naval Academy Summer Seminar at the U.S Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD.
This program teaches prospective applicants about life at the Naval Academy. Karley will have the opportunity to spend six days learning about the USNA lifestyle both academically and physically.
Congratulations, Karley!

Memorial Day Parade
May 26, 2014
Courage + Sacrifice = Freedom is the theme for 2014 Parade! Please plan on joining us. The Parade will step off at 1 p.m. Line-up starts at 12 p.m. Services will be held in the Birmingham Cemetery immediately following the Parade. Prizes will be awarded after the service. Anyone wishing to march, enter a float in the Parade or sponsor us, please contact Debby at 965-8792 or guys3@centurytel.net.

EARLY DISMISSAL
Firelands School District will have an early release on the last day of school, Monday, June 9th.
Phase I - FHS and SAMS students will be dismissed at 12:30 pm.
Phase II - FES students will be dismissed at 1:30 pm



FHS ART STUDENTS VISIT ART MUSEUM

This spring the FHS Art Appreciation, Art 1 and Art 2 classes are all visiting the Allen Memorial Art Museum on the campus of Oberlin College. This free museum has a comprehensive and condensed collection of works spanning centuries and continents. For many students, this was their first visit to this art museum and several expressed that they had no idea that it was even there. Guided by the Curator of Education and OC student scholars, the students closely inspected four works of art. Classroom practice in "Visual Thinking Strategies" and critical analysis writing prepared the students for some very enlightening conversations. The students reflected that the questioning technique and in-depth analysis of the works was well



Art 1 students examine a Baroque painting with an OC Art History

worth their time because it slowed them down to consider more perspectives and interpret meaning. They also wished they had more time in the museum. I encourage you to return to the museum with friends or family to continue the conversations that these students started.

This field trip was made possible through FHS Art Society fundraising and a grant from Ian Blewitt, FHS class of '07.

Stained Glass Window Mosaic Review

The third and fourth year art students who created stained glass window mosaics on salvaged windows held a successful reception and silent auction on Apr. 9. Thirteen windows were created and six were available for auction. Students demonstrated how the windows were made and guests enjoyed the dazzling beauty and refreshments. The auction collected \$675 in total sales. The proceeds support their upcoming field trip to the Inter-museum Conservation Association and Cleveland Museum of Art. The selling students were satisfied to earn their first money for their work. Exhibiting artists were Maisie Bonnett, Alex Hertensteiner, Olivia Mowry, Rachel Nitchman, Ashley Rister, Nate Birach, and Tara Brown. Selling artists were Rebecca Bari, Andrew Biery, Julia Ohle, Alex Denes, Lauren Holcomb and Caitlin Rovere. See all of their windows on Mrs. Tawil's teacher page at <http://www.firelandsschools.org/MrsTawil.aspx>



Julia Ohle, Rachel Nitchman and Andrew Biery demonstrate stained glass window mosaic construction. Andrew is preparing to apply grout to the mosaic.

Firelands FFA celebrates 2014 National FFA Week, March 17-21

Firelands members are the leaders of tomorrow. They are well-mannered, perceptive and willing to help others through community service such as Christmas Family & Harvest for America. They are success-oriented students who are driven to achieve their goals. FFA gives many young people an important push to consider their futures- what kind of people, citizens and professionals they intend to be.

FFA builds leaders, and leaders impact the future.

National FFA Week is sponsored by Tractor Supply Company and Carhartt as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. The Foundation is the fundraising arm of the National FFA and supports programs by working with sponsors to raise funds for scholarships that are awarded to outstanding members.

Firelands FFA Chapter is celebrating National FFA week a month later this year.

Our FFA week will be March 17--21, 2014. More than half million nationwide members will participate in National FFA Week activities at local, state, and national levels. As a part of National FFA Week, Firelands members are planning the following special events:

- Monday: Barnyard Olympics & Case vs John Deere Day
- Tuesday: FFA Creed Day & Falcon Spirit Day
- Wednesday: FFA Apparel Day & Blue and Gold Day
- Thursday: Camo Day & Animal Cracker Day
- Friday: Tractor Day, Flannel & Carhartt Day, & Kiss the Pig Pep Rally

All week we will be holding a clothing drive to get our teachers to kiss pigs at our pep rally on Friday, March 21. The clothes will be donated to Sandusky Veterans Home. Along with the pep rally, Friday is our annual Drive-Your-Tractor-to-School-Day. Over 20 students will arrive with their tractors to Firelands High School at about 7:15 a.m. and will leaving the parking lot at about 2:50 p.m.

Shanna Finnegan
Agricultural Educator/ FFA Advisor

Teen Leadership Corps



Leadership Corps took action to promote safety. We did an activity with the Grim Reaper to bring alive the severity of the statistics behind risky driving behavior. Students were marked as "deceased" for the day to represent statistical victims.

The Firelands High School Teen Leadership Corps would genuinely like to thank our community for the love and support they've given. On April 29th, TLC and many volunteers made possible a safe driving assembly. Our intent was to inform the student body of the dangers of texting, drinking, and not wearing your

seatbelt while driving. During the assembly, students had the opportunity to hear the stories and messages of Mrs. Lori Cook, Ms. Rebecca Schroyer, Mrs. Julie Leggett and Marissa, and Sgt. Chris Midkiff. Their messages were not only well taken and presented, but influential and thought provoking. Leading up to the assembly, the Teen

With prom coming up, we also had a crashed car towed in to show what could happen and what has happened when driving isn't taken seriously. Our end goal is not only to have our peers thinking about eliminating distractions, but to have 100% seatbelt usage in order to keep safe.

HONOR ROLL

3rd QTR

MERIT ROLL

SENIORS

Kasandra Abfall
Summer Adkins*
Travis Alexander*
Briana Anadell
Daniel Arnold Jr.*
Christine Balint*
Haleigh Bari
Diana Beursken
Tara Brown
Mariana Carreon
Sarah Carter*
Katie Cline*
Brandon Danicki
Derek Dean
Danielle Dudukovich
Sharareh Feizkhah
Hannah Galloway*
Mikayla Habeck*
Michael Henery Jr.*
Lauren Holcomb*
Brenna Horwedel
Cole Jones
Nicholas Jones
Emily Krieg*
Nathan Kromer
Joel Lawson*
Maya Leachman*
Taylor Marcum*
Andrea Mayo
Alyssa Melendez*
Fabian Melendez
Rebecca Myers*
Daysha Owens*
Jordan Penkava
Cory Peters
Emma Ranney*
Kellie Rennie
Kayla Slattery
Dominic Smith
Michael Socha
Amanda Spears*
Savannah Street*
Daniel Truitt*
Spenser Urig
Taylor Vipperman
Cody Weston
Rachel Williams*
Ethan Willis
Megan Wycoff

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Lauren Bansek
Jacob Barnes
Jessica Beran
Andrew Biery*
Viktoria Blararova*
Stephanie Bohl*
Maise Bonnett*
Alyssa Bonomolo
Olivia Born
Stephen Budweg
Kassady Carrier*
Hannah Caruso
Nicole DeWitt
Stephanie Dostall
Katie Fath
Cullen Grude*

Matthew Gulish
Samantha Halcomb
Jody Hanko
Alyssa Hayes*
Emily Herchler
Hannah Hicks
Mitchell Hildebrandt*
Tristan Hildebrandt
Garrett Hoffman
Brandi Holowecky*
Rebecca Jackson*
Dylan Jones*
Keegan Koepf
Wesley Kromer
Carrie Kubicki
Kyle Kudela
Cole Lewis*
Elizabeth Loring
Brianna Mele
Bradley Midkiff
Giorgia Nicolaou
Rachel Nitchman
Jamie Penkava*
Leslie Peterson
Abigail Petrey
Emily Pohorence*
Rebecca Reicholf*
Brittany Reising
Thomas Rose*
Jacob Rutkowski*
Nicholas Schaffer
Johnathan Sigsworth
Cole Sklarek*
Adam Smyth*
Heather Smyth*
Spencer Streibel
Josiah Sweinhagen
Ariane Szakal
Hannah Vitale*
Madison Widener
Alexandria Yoby*
Karley Zimmerman*

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Ryan Alcorn
Taylor Aslaksen
Jacob Bailey
Jasmine Beckett
Jennifer Beckett
Hunter Brandt
Tyler Clark
Logan Danicki
Dylan Davis
Summer Deichler
Dakota Dembek*
Devin Dumke*
Allison Ennes
Cole Ference
Roy Folley III
Caitlin Gallagher*
Mikaela Geyer
Keely Hall
Olivia Harasty
Jared Holowenko
Jerrod Horwedel
Katie Iwanek*
Michaela Jeffers
Cassidy Johannsen

Brylee Jones*
Jesse Jones
Eric Kasper
Brianna Krieg*
Emily Lipscomb*
Alexis Lough
Hailey Mack
Kaitlyn Michener*
Rachael Minek*
Anthony Myer
Lindsey New
Adriana Nigro
Emily Novak*
Julia Ohle*
Brandon Palmer*
Arianna Pina
Brandon Ramsey
Emily Rich*
Mark Roberts
Brooke Robey
Johnathon Rovere
Vitoria Russo*
Alexandra Sabine
Lauren Salkiewicz*
Ashlee Saylor
Shelly Shupe*
Jeremy Simonovich*
Madison Stanley
Noah Stevens
Alyse Taddeo*
Bradley Thrasher*
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Claire Vilagi
Erica Wasem
Justin Welch
Stephanie Wells
Rylee Wheaton*
Alexandria Willis

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Adam Bechtler
John Bechtler
Zachary Bennett*
Briana Bowyer*
Megan Stamm Brandich
Jacob Campbell*
Averi Cleary*
Owen Cogar
Logan Coon
Nicholas Denney
Michael Douzos
Trevor Edwards
Kaitlyn Fury
Grace Habeck
Kevin Hahn
Ethan Hayes
Abigail Hill*
Serena Hoffman*
Emily Holcomb*
Anthony Houdeshell*
Samantha Ives*
Corey Jones*
Alaina Kempf
Casey Koepf*
Evan Lacey
Madalyn Lyons
Ryan Martin
Aleesia McKinney
Noah Metzger
Jacob Montgomery*
Aaron Myers
Morgan Nance*
Olivia Novak*
Justin Ollis*
Madison Palmer*
Abrianna Perry
Olivia Peterson
Tyler Popa
Bailey Rado
Colin Ransom
Jacob Reising
Hannah Reynolds*
Faith Rico*
Angelina Rivera*
Jacob Selent
Sydney Sexton

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Max Bailey
Hailey Blankenship*
Grace Boucher
Matthew Brightbill*
Patrick Brightbill
Matthew Browning
Karli Bukovac*
Rachel Coggins
Ian Crawford
Samuel Dempsey
Andrea DiAsio
Maley Foster
John Gall*
Sarah Gallo*
Victoria Grasso*
Olivia Harris
Kyle Hieb*
Lexie Holowenko
Daniel Hribal
Hailey Koster
Benjamin Laughrey*
Elizabeth Lewis*
Mikayla Mains*
Nicholas McCrary
Hailey Mezurek

Elizabeth Miller
Emma Mowry*
Loren Myer
Demetria Nicolaou*
Sydney Novak
Jenna Pleban
Grace Pohorence*
Sophia Pohorence*
Hailey Riggs
Lynn Schmittle
Zoe Simmons
Elizabeth Skolnik*
Sarah Slack*
Joseph Socha
Bradley Soltis
Nicholas Squires
Carol Lynn Stevens
Megan Vaughn*
Meagan Weller
Michael Whitacre*

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Zachary Baldwin*
Grace Bayus
Riley Bayus
Sawyer Bayus
Cora Born*
Sean Bowsher
Devon Brennan
Alexander Brill
Macey Butchko*
Allison Crawford
Elizabeth Dempsey
Sarah Drury*
Michael Durdak*
Genalda Finley
Madison Flanagan
Beau Grude*
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Chad Heib
Michael Nicolaou
Ryan Orner
Chace Riley
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Timothy Street*
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Michael Campbell
Alexys Coggins*
Chance Coultrip*
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Alessandra Davis*
Logan Davis*
Holly Eberhardt
Samuel Formholtz*
Daniel Giacopelli
Sadie Huttenpiller*
Steven Iwanek
Christopher Jackson
Jordan Janosik
Cole Kaminski
Aramia Kuncel
Lillian Laughrey

Brandon Sherrard
Caleb Singleton
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Julia Smith
Elizabeth Stark
Kassidy Stevens*
Autumn Swiers
Joseph Tipple
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McKenna Turton
Joy Vaughn*
Nathaniel Weitzel
Jordan Wilson
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All A's

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Dylan Elkin
Sheevah Feizkhah
Curtis Geary
Julio Gonzalez
Kyle Gregory
Madison Karnow
James Keressi
Tiffany Kopp
Kyle Kosztzyo
Christopher Kubicki
Cody Lahetta

Kayla Landuyt
Katherine Loeser
Hunter Matus
Samuel Miller
Cassandra Morrisette
Chelsea Otero
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Demi Dovin
Grace Folley
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Veronica George
Ashton Gifford
Jeffrey Gregory
John Griffaw
Nicholas Harris
Daniel Heberling
Alexander Hertensteiner
Austin Hildebrandt
Daniel Klesta
Joshua Krueger
Noah Larson
Garrett McKinney
Taylor Odom
Cale Polen
Briana Rivera
Nathan Rizzuti
Victoria Saylor
Max Schmittle
Jordan Schuler
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Matthew Lake
Lanna Lalonde
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Joshua Carpino
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Lyndsey Cornwell
Taylor Emery
Abigail Farley
Cara Gould

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Jillian Hajostek
Paige Haynes
Madalyn Hopkins
Samantha Hribal
Victoria Hritsko
John Kasper IV
Olivia Mowry
Katalin Mullins
Hannah Nibert
Jack O'Keefe
Phillip Saylor
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Abigail Gifford
Jerund Gonzalez
Maxwell Hertensteiner
Chloe Hewlett
Casey Krueger
Randy LaMar
Hollie Lindsey
Kitana MacLean
Benjamin Markovich
Colin Myers
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Connor Price
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Madison Sims
Trevor Stefanski
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Lanna Lalonde
Ariel Langer
Aaron Lester
Mallory Mayer
Ariana McClung
Joshua Pennington
Richard Peters
Landon Peterson
Luke Peterson
Jessica Phelps
Eric Phillips
Cory Simmerman

Nicolette Stefanski
Logan Strader
Calvin Stull
Austyn Townsend
Ian Valerius
Ryan Wilhelm

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Madison Alvarez
Victoria Barnett
Jordan Biglin
Zachary Born
Emily Cody
Trinity Craycraft
Emily Cody
Eric DeFranco
Kaylyn Eary
Joseph Elswick
Carter Grude
Dylan Hawley
Siera Hess
Caleb Hewlett
Joshua Kelly
Matthew Kovach
Halli Kromer
Adam Lacey
Jacob Martin
Ava Mastellone
Zachary McCrary
Mark Molnar
Jasmyn Munoz
Taylor Ostrander
Adam Pluta
Tyler Rado
Arianna Reyna
Cayla Riggs
Danielle Rivera
Abigail Sandrock
Emily Squires
Christian Sutton
Rachel Taddeo
Nathan Thompson
Trevor Weller

6TH GRADE

Mason Baker
Victoria Balog
Alaina Becker
McKaelyn Bragg
Keith Cornwell
Nathan Damron
Luke Dempsey
Jordyn Domin
Colton Griffith
Rebecca Hopkins
Logan Howington
Sierra Johnson
Vincent Morales
Luke Oliver
Emily Pluta
Grant Price
Sophia Prideaux
Mackenzie Roby
Hannah Spiegelberg
Autumn Szakal
Kaitlyn Walcheck
Christine Whitacre
Brayden Willbond
Vincent Yoby

HAL WALKER VISITS 5TH GRADERS

The fifth grade students took part in a workshop and an assembly with guest musician Hal Walker. Provided by Young Audiences, Hal guided students in shaping sound and experiencing how sound travels. The students explored music and sound with every day materials. They even created an instrument with just rubber bands, 2 small pieces of straws and 2 Popsicle sticks. Many musical terms were introduced when the students were challenged to become "scientists of sound."



Our students were able to spend time with Hal Walker due to funding in part from Young Audiences (Center for Arts Inspired Learning). Additional grants were also received from The Nord Foundation and The Firelands Endowment Fund.

The 1st grade students took part in a workshop with guest musician Terry Boyarsky. Using a varied repertoire of music and movement, Terry taught the 1st grade students listening skills, problem solving, team work and kinesthetic awareness. Students estimated measured and analyzed musical patterns and forms through rhythmic games, body percussion and song. They used spatial reasoning to connect musical forms with geometric figures.

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TERRY BOYARSKY VISITS WITH 1ST GRADERS

Attention: parents of children entering Kindergarten in Fall 2014:

If your child has turned 4 years old, he/she is now old enough to get all of his/her immunizations required for school entry. You can take your child to your regular healthcare provider, to one of the county health department child immunization clinics, or to a retail clinic, in order to get these shots. Remember to take the record of all your child's previous immunizations when you go to the healthcare provider, then send a copy of the updated record to Firelands Elementary. Be sure to keep a copy for yourself!

Check www.loraincountyhealth.com for dates, times, locations of health department child immunization clinics, 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.

Fifty-four and counting...

A big thank you to the parents of the fifty-four sixth grade students who have had their children receive the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) booster and already turned in their records to the school. For the remaining 6th grade students – time is running out. If your child has NOT had a DTaP, DPT or Tdap since October 2009, he/she 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 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 4th and 5th grades get a Tdap booster, it will count for 7th grade.

If your child has had a recent Tdap, 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!

Attention: Girls going into 3rd - 6th grade

Firelands Youth Cheerleading Squad
In association with the Firelands Youth Football League



Informational Parent Meeting

When: Wednesday, June 4th

Where: Firelands Elementary Gym

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$140 (includes uniform, pom-poms, hoodie, and t-shirt) for new members

*Please bring your daughter for sizing

*Details for the season will be provided at the meeting

Questions: Please call Jackie Ziegler at (440) 315-5178 or email at jacqueline-bowsher@nrcs.k12.oh.us

Kipton/Camden/Henrietta Memorial Day Parade and Program



Sunday - May 25th

Kipton

Parade Begins: 2:00 pm

Program: 2:30 pm

For More Info

Please Call: 440-775-3944

Fine Arts Festival

Sat. May 17, 2014

*Noon - 4:00pm
South Amherst
Middle School*

Performance Schedule

Time	Big Gym	Small Gym	Roving
Noon-12:30	(FES artist check-in)		
12:30-1:00	FES Art recognition		
1:00-1:30		SAMS Jazz	
1:30-2:00	(SAMS & FHS artist check-in)		
2:00-2:30	SAMS & FHS Art recognition		FHS Select Choir
2:30-3:00	FHS Concert Choir		
3:00-3:30	FHS Freshman Choir		
3:30-4:00		FHS Jazz Band	

National Honor Society Induction

The Firelands High School Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 5 new members on Thursday April 10, 2014.

The ceremony was held in the high school gymnasium and welcomed Alyssa Bonomolo, Demi Dovin, Katie Fath, Rachel Nitchman, and Johnathan Sigsworth into our chapter.

The following list is the 52 senior members of the Firelands High School Chapter of the National Honor Society for the 2014-15 school year:

Bethany Anderson-Lauren Bansek-Jacob Barnes-Jessica Beran-Andrew Biery-Maisie Bonnett-Alyssa Bonomolo-Olivia Born-Stephen Budweg-Kassady Carrier-Hannah Caruso-Faith Dempsey-Nicole DeWitt-Stephanie Dostall-Demi Dovin-Katie Fath-Brandy Forster-Cullen Grude-Matthew Gulish-Samantha Halcomb-Jody Hanko-Alyssa Hayes-Hannah Hicks-Brandi Holowecky-Rebecca Jackson-Wesley Kromer-Cole Lewis-Elizabeth Loring-Joshua Mallett-Gorgia Nicolaou-Rachel Nitchman-Taylor Odom-Jamie Penkava-Leslie Peterson-Abigail Petrey-Emily Pohorence-Rebecca Reicholf-Brittany Reising-Thomas Rose II-Jordan Ruffner-Jacob Rutkowski-Nicholas Schaffer-Johnathan Sigsworth-Cole Sklarek-Heather Smyth-John Socha-Emily Staveski-Spencer Streibel-Arianne Szakal-Mikayla Walbom-Alexandria Yoby-Karley Zimmerman



Emily Staveski, Gorgia Nicolaou, Taylor Odom and Maisie Bonnett at the Plaza Espana in Sevilla.

FHS Students in Spain

Four FHS Spanish Language students spent their spring break on an EF study tour of Spain to immerse themselves in the language and culture of Spain. Juniors Maisie Bonnett, Taylor Odom, Gorgia Nicolaou and Emily Staveski arrived in Madrid at the start of "semana santa". Highlights in Madrid included the Palacio Real and the Prado. We traveled onward to Cordoba and visited the Mezquita and took a tapas cooking class. Our final city stay was in Sevilla, visiting the Cathedral and Alcazar. These students were joined by four fantastic adult chaperones Dawn Bonnett, Pam Koutsaftis, Elena Nicolaou and Theresa Staveski.

Our next trip to Spain for juniors and seniors is scheduled for spring break of 2016. Contact group leader Laura Tawil for more information @ ltawil@firelandsschools.org.

Tractor Day at FHS

My grandfather used to say that once in your life you need a doctor, a lawyer, a policeman, and a preacher but everyday, three times a day, you need a farmer. - Brenda Schoepp. On March 21st-27 Firelands High School students drove their tractors to school to celebrate the end of FFA Week. The FFA made this an opportunity to increase agricultural literacy by posting information about the tractors for elementary students, high school students, and visitors to see who owns the tractor, the make, model, and year, and what the tractor is primarily used for. Tractors ranged in size from small yard tractors to half million dollar articulated tractors.



The FFA held many other activities this week including Popcorn Facts popcorn give-away, Barnyard Olympics, Kiss the Pig Pep Rally Clothing Drive to benefit the Veteran's Hospital, and spirit days to name some of the activities planned by the FFA for the entire school. The Kiss the Pig Pep Rally was held on March 25th at 7:30 a.m. in the high school gymnasium. Students have far exceeded the clothing donation goal and is thrilled to deliver it to the VA in the near future.

by: Chrissy Balint, Vice President



South Amherst Middle School Art students (L-R) Alyssa Danicki, Christine Whitacre, Isabel Solowiej, Zach Born, and Zach Baldwin have been selected to show their artwork across Ohio. Student work is on display at Case Western Reserve University Youth Art Month Exhibit, Young People's Art Exhibition Rhodes State Office Tower and the Youth Art Month Exhibition STRS Building. Congratulations to All!

F E S SPELLING BEE WINNERS

On Friday, March 21st, the top two spellers from each third and fourth grade class came together to compete in the Firelands Elementary Annual Spelling Bee. The twenty contestants were judged by Mrs. Fee, Mrs. Hignett, Mrs. Roth, and Mrs. Palmer. The pronouncer this year was Miss Jackson.

After a very difficult competition, the five finalists were chosen.

The five finalists will go on to compete at the Lorain County Spelling Bee on May 4th. We know that they will do a wonderful job of representing Firelands Elementary!

Congratulations and good luck!

- 1st place
Daniel Ohle (4th grade)
- 2nd place
Madison Bragg (4th grade)
- 3rd place
Gemma Hager (4th grade)
- 4th place
Savannah Leverknight (3rd grade)
- 5th place
Amaris Anderson-Bush (4th grade)



5th grade Academic Challenge Team

Congratulations to the 5th grade Academic Challenge team for placing first overall in the Erie County Academic Challenge competition. They finished first by 18 points over five other schools. Team members include Chayce Baldwin, Keegan Bibb, Renee Clipping, Spencer Deremer, Grace Edwards, Liam Lockhart, Delaney Overstreet, Sam Solowej, and James Steindl.



Author, Henry Baber, came to visit 3rd graders at FES for two days! His message to students was "details in art and details in writing." Mr. Baber worked with students to create memory jars decorated with meaningful trinkets and odds & ends. He encouraged students to add details and color to their writing to make it more meaningful and interesting. The students enjoyed his visit! A special thanks to Jen Overstreet and Kim Polen for their assistance throughout the day!

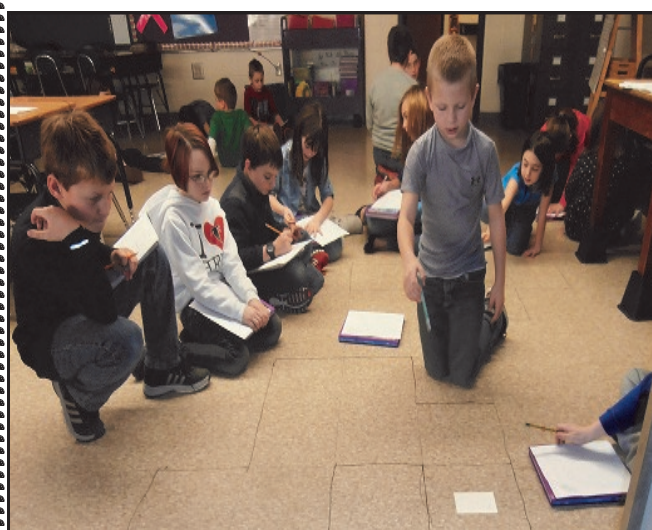


- 1st place
Sierra Johnson (6th grade)
- 2nd place
Maribeth Petrey (6th grade)
- 3rd place
Vincent Morales (6th grade)
- 4th place
Danny Hagar (6th grade)
- 5th place
Lexy Coggins (6th grade)

On Friday, March 28th the top spellers from the fifth and sixth grade came together to compete in the 5th and 6th grade spelling bee. The twenty-three contestants were judged by Mrs. Muth, Mrs. Scalli, Mrs. Snyder and bee coordinator, Miss Davis. Miss Jackson was the spelling bee pronouncer.

After several intense rounds of competition, the top five finalist were chosen.

The five finalist will go on to compete at the Lorain County Spelling Bee on May 4th at 4:00 in Amherst. Congratulation to all 2014 contestants and good luck



Students in Mrs. Ollis' 3rd grade class got to practice their skills in finding perimeter and area by drawing shapes on the floor! Students worked in teams to draw out their shapes with dry-erase markers so that other teams could determine their shape's perimeter and area by counting the tiles on the floor. Who knew Math could be so much FUN!?

LUNCH MENUS

<p>FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY Regular Lunch \$2.40—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>	<p>SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE Regular Lunch \$2.75—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>	<p>FIRELANDS HIGH Regular Lunch \$2.75—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">REMINDER YOUR CHILD'S MEAL STATUS WILL ROLL OVER FOR THE FIRST MONTH OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MAY 12 - MAY 16</u> Monday - Baked chicken nuggets, Bbq baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce Tuesday - Domino's smart slice, Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned Corn, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit, Tray treat Wednesday - Hamburger w/ Whole grain bun, Pickle slices, Smiley fries, Chilled pears Thursday - Pepperoni calzone, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Fresh fruit Friday - Macaroni & cheese, Seasoned peas, Cucumber slices, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MAY 19 - MAY 23</u> Monday - Popcorn chicken, Hashbrown patty, Baby carrots w/dip, Chilled peaches Tuesday - Domino's smart slice, Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned corn, Celery sticks, Chilled fruit Wednesday - Chicken strips, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pineapple, Whole grain chez-it Thursday - Taco Salad, Shredded lettuce & cheese, salsa, Seasoned refried beans/cheese, Fresh fruit, Tortilla chips Friday - Hot dog / bun, Steamed cauliflower w/cheese, Chilled mandarin oranges, Soft pretzel rod</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MAY 26 - MAY 30</u> Monday - NO SCHOOL-MEMORIAL DAY Tuesday - Domino's smart slice, Or school peppro pizza, Seasoned green beans, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit Wednesday - Baked chicken nuggets, Sweet tots, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce Thursday - Cheesy bread, Seasoned broccoli, Fresh fruit, Jello cup Friday - General Tso's Chicken, Stir Fry Veggies, Seasoned Rice, Chilled pineapple tidbits, Fortune cookie</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>JUNE 2 - JUNE 9</u> Monday - Hot dog, baked beans, match stick carrots, peaches Tuesday - Pizza day, peas, celery sticks, fruit Wednesday - Cooks choice, vegetable, fruit Thursday - Cooks choice, vegetable, fruit Friday - Cooks choice, vegetable, fruit Monday - Cooks choice, vegetable, fruit</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">REMINDER YOUR CHILD'S MEAL STATUS WILL ROLL OVER FOR THE FIRST MONTH OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MAY 12 - 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EXCITED ABOUT ECOSYSTEMS



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On March 26, 2014 the Science classes of Mrs. Beursken and Mrs. Mick had the privilege of hosting a scientist from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Our presenter spoke about ecosystems, producers, consumers, photosynthesis and decomposers as well as sharing hands-on models of many animal skulls and pelts. She related the adaptation of their teeth shape to the food they eat. She also covered food webs and chains and how energy from the Sun is passed through every ecosystem, beginning with plants. Each of these topics are part of the 5th grade Ohio Common Core Standards. She was very interesting and knowledgeable and brought the various ecosystems to life.



In April second grade students received a visit from a Center for Arts-Inspired Learning artist, Bonnie Dolin. They learned about Native American symbolism in artwork and how it serves a storytelling function. They then created their own stories with symbols and made printing plates. Those plates were then inked and a series of prints were pulled. The students loved it!

Wendy Mahon, a Cleveland area artist known for her work with the annual Cleveland Museum of Art's Parade the Circle, spent two days with FES first graders. In this two day workshop, first grade students learned about the celebrations and related preparations of participating tribal members in sub-Saharan Africa. First graders created their own cooperatively constructed masks, assisting others in the process. The results were stunning!

Mrs. Proehl thanks the Firelands Endowment Fund for their kind support in the funding of both these workshops. The Cleveland-based Center for Arts-Inspired Learning (formerly Young Audiences) offers standards-based lessons and workshops presented by local practicing artists.



Claire Ohle discovers the creative additions that Troy Nickolette added to her mask



A portion of the 5th grade Art Club with some of their fabulous duct tape bracelets

FES just completed a month of Art Clubs for fourth and fifth grade students. The fourth grade club created animal batiks on fabric while the fifth graders created art from unexpected materials (LOTS of duct tape!). Batiks were created by students transferring drawings onto fabric and then painting the fabric with colorful melted crayons. Unexpected materials were used by the fifth grade students to create flowers, book covers and bracelets. Time flew by and before we knew it, Art Clubs were over.... But just wait until *next* year to see what we'll make!

Firelands Concert Choir

Congratulations to the Firelands Concert Choir for receiving 1st place at the Music in the Parks Event hosted at Loveland High School on April 25. They received a Superior rating! Great job choir members!!!

Congratulations to the Choir and Band students that attended the Music in the Parks event this past weekend! Firelands received the highest award given - the Esprit de Corps Award!

The "Esprit de Corps" award is based on the performing group that best represents its school in the areas of professionalism, school spirit, behavior and character.

More than 50 middle school and high school bands, choirs and orchestras competed at the festival. The "Esprit de Corps" is awarded to only one school. Great job, Firelands Choir and Band Students!!!

Wendy Johnson
Choral Director



Gemma Hager (2nd row, left), Chloe Durbin, Amaris Anderson-Bush, Natalie Novak and Rachael Rennie display their completed batiks

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

5/12 FHS - Choir Concert @ FHS - 7:00 p.m.
 5/12 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
 5/12 SAMS - Faculty Meeting - 2:40 p.m.
 5/13 Coed V Track @ OPEN DATE (PAC Championship -Location TBA) 4:30PM
 5/14 SAMS - 7th Grade Field Trip - Put-In-Bay
 5/15 SAMS - 7th & 8th Grade Band Concert
 5/15 Coed V Track @ OPEN DATE (PAC Championship - Location TBA) 4:30PM
 5/16 Fine Arts Festival - 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
 5/16 & 17SAMS - OMEA Large Group Contest
 5/17 Fine Arts Festival - 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 5/19 FHS - Honors Banquet @ German's Villa - 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
 5/19 SAMS - Choir Concert - 7:00 p.m.
 5/23 SAMS - Physics Day at Cedar Point
5/26 MEMORIAL DAY - NO SCHOOL
 5/28 - 29 FHS - Senior Exams at FHS
 5/28 - 30 SAMS - 6th Grade Trip to Beulah Beach
 5/30 FHS - Senior Breakfast @ FHS Gym - 8 - 10 a.m.
 5/30 FHS - Commencement Practice @ FHS - 10 - 11:30 a.m.
 5/30 FES - PTG Fundraiser - Walk-A-Thon

JUNE

6/2 FES - Market Day Pickup at FES - 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
 6/4 SAMS - 8th Grade Class Picnic
 6/6 - 9 FHS - Underclassman Exams
 6/5 SAMS - Awards Assembly - TBA
 6/7 FHS - Graduation - 5:00 p.m.

6/9 Last Day of School for Students
******Early Dismissal******

FHS & SAMS dismissed at 12:30pm.
FES dismissed at 12:45pm.

6/10 Teacher's In-Service
 6/10 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

JULY

7/7 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE:

Please keep in mind that the Spring Schedules change more than any other season. Please check the Firelands Schools website for up to date information as well as follow us on Twitter @FirelandsFalcon.

CAFETERIA NEWS

The last day for charging at South Amherst Middle School and Firelands Elementary School is May 16, 2014. Your child's account can still be used, but they must have money on their account or they must bring cash or a check to purchase a breakfast or lunch. All remaining money on your child's account the last day of school will remain in their account for the next school year.

2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

Your child's meal status will remain the same for the first month of the 2014-2015 school year or until a new form is received. An updated meal assistance form must be received the first month of school for continued benefits. Meal applications can be filled out anytime throughout the school year for those in need of assistance.

FOODSERVICE TAB ON SCHOOL WEBSITE

The foodservice tab on the school website has information that may be helpful to you. An email address is listed as well should you have any questions or concerns.

Brownhelm Historical Association

The Brownhelm Historical Association will meet for our annual picnic at 6:30 p.m. on June 4 at the Carriage Barn at Vermilion River Reservation. Bring a dish to share, your own table service and beverage. Bring a wrapped item or two to auction off. There will be a short meeting after we eat. Any questions call

Bonnie Cutcher 440-963-7540 or
 Marilyn Brill 440-988-4550

Firelands Athletic Boosters

Say Thanks!

A big thanks to all of you who supported our second annual Steak Fry. Another success indeed!

To all of the coaches, team parents, friends and family of the Firelands Athletics - we say thanks. Many of these folks supplied us with raffle baskets, bakery, ticket sales, planning and working at the Fry. No doubt we have a great group that has one goal in mind - to support our kids and their sports teams.

Check it out! Please take time to come out and watch our boys baseball teams and girls softball teams. We, along with many very generous people have made it possible to make improvements to our fields and their surroundings. New fences at both girls and boys fields, a sound system, and very soon a scoreboard at our boys field. Thanks to all of our dads, coaches and the boys baseball teams for all of their hard work. Things are really looking great!

Here's hoping you have a great May... and of course - **GO RED.... GO FALCONS!!!**

South Amherst Pride Day

The Village of South Amherst is participating in Pride Day again this year on **Saturday, May 17, 2014, from 9:00 AM to Noon**. We need volunteers to help us clean up around the Village and extend the invitation to clean up at your own home on this day. There will be dumpsters and Goodwill containers at the Village Hall to help you in your clean up.

If you are elderly and need something picked up at your home, the Village would like to help you out. Please call 986-2202 to leave your name and address. We appreciate any help that you can give us as we work to beautify our Village.

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FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL FLAG CORPS FUNDRAISER

Lake Erie Crushers vs. Joliet Slammers
Sunday, June 1st @ 1:05 pm
Home Box Ticket: \$9.00

\$3 of every ticket sold will come back to Firelands High School Flag Corps

For more information contact Tanya Clark at tanyamariac Clark@yahoo.com or 440-654-2360

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Firelands HS Flag Corp Night
at All Pro Freight Stadium
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Make checks payable to: **Firelands Band Boosters**

Mail to: Tanya Clark, 6464 Linda Dr, Lorain Ohio 44053

Sandstone Summer Theatre

Sandstone Summer Theatre will hold their first registration Saturday, May 10th from 9:30-12:30pm in the Steele High School lobby. Two more registration dates are as follows: May 22nd 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Steele High School lobby and June 6th 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Steele High School cafetorium.




Any interested adult or High School student in Lorain County may register at this time to participate in this summer's 45th anniversary production "The Pajama Game".

 For registration fees and important dates go to:

sandstonesummertheatre.org

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