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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

It is my honor to welcome each member of the community to the 2014-2015 school year! To begin, I have exciting news to share from the Ohio Department of Education in regards to a change to Ohio education involving "career connections." Specifically, Ohio has engaged in a new K-12 initiative to "offer practical ways for teachers and families to show students, as early as in kindergarten, the types of jobs possible for them" (Ohio Department of Education 2014). The Ohio initiative consists of a new career tool located at:

<https://jobseeker.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/home.aspx>

More information about the program can be found at:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Career-Tech/Career-Connections>

I encourage families and members of the community to visit the aforementioned web addresses for more information about this exciting initiative. In addition, look for more information from the District in the near future.

### State Report Card

September is the time of year when we reflect on the 2013-2014 school year and present our data to the community. On Friday, September 12, 2014, the Ohio Department of Education released District report card grades. As many of you are aware, the Ohio Department of Education changed the way that schools are "graded" last year and in an effort to help advance community understanding I am again summarizing each reported area and providing District grades.

### Achievement: Performance Indicators & Performance Index

The **Performance Indicators** show how many students have a minimum, or proficient, level of knowledge. These indicators are not new to Ohio students or teachers. They are based on a series of 24 state tests that measure the level of achievement for each student in a grade and subject. For each test, it is required that at least 75 percent of students score "proficient" or better to get credit for the corresponding indicator. Starting in the 2013-14 school year, a

district or school needs to have 80 percent of their students reach "proficient" or better in order to "meet" an indicator. This change signals that more students are expected to reach a proficient level in order for schools to meet the indicator (Ohio Department of Education, 2013).

**2013-2014 Firelands Local District Indicators Met:**  
21/24 Grade: 87.5% "B"

The **Performance Index** measures the achievement of every student based on respective levels of achievement. Schools receive points for every student's level of achievement. The higher the student's level, the more points the school applies towards its index. Therefore, schools and districts are rewarded for improving the performance of all students (Ohio Department of Education, 2013).

**2013-2014 Firelands Local District Performance Index:**  
102.7/120 Grade: 85.6% "B"

### Progress

The data from state tests over multiple years are examined through a series of calculations to produce a **Value-Added** designation for each school and district. Additionally, the tests are examined to determine progress of three specific groups of students (Gifted, Students in the Lowest 20% of Achievement, and Students with Disabilities).

The five designations – determined in law – are the same ranges of growth that are used to compute teacher Value-Added performance. In fact, there may be a great deal of academic growth taking place. Also like the teacher Value-Added performance measure, up to three years of growth computations are used to assure the accuracy and precision of the measure. Schools are not penalized because of one year of poor growth.

It is important to understand that a school with a low achievement level in a given year does not indicate that students are not learning. In fact, there may be a great deal of academic growth taking place. Conversely, there is a misconception that high achievers have met their potential and can no longer advance their learning. This measure highlights the importance of providing the curriculum and instruction that will help *all* students to grow academically every year (Ohio Department of Education 2013).

### 2013-2014 Firelands Local District Progress

**Overall Progress Grade: "A"**

**Gifted Students Progress Grade: "C"**

**Students in the Lowest 20% Progress Grade: "C"**

**Students with Disabilities Progress Grade: "B"**

### Graduation Rate

The Four-Year Graduation Rate includes as graduates only those students who earn a diploma within four years of entering the ninth grade for the first time. The Five-Year Graduation Rate includes those students who graduate within five years of entering ninth grade for the first time.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, the median earnings in 2010 for young adults without a high school diploma or its equivalent was \$21,000, for those with a high school diploma or its equivalent was \$29,900, for those with an associate's degree was

\$39,000, and for those with a bachelor's degree was \$45,000. Analysis shows that young adults with a bachelor's degree earned more than twice as much as those without a high school diploma or its equivalent in 2010 (Ohio Department of Education 2013).

### 2013-2014 Firelands Local District Graduation Rate

**4-year Graduation Rate Grade: 94.5% "A"**

**5-year Graduation Rate Grade: 94.1% "B"**

### Gap Closing

**Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs)** measure the academic performance of specific groups of students, such as racial and demographic groups. Each of these groups is compared against the collective performance of all students in Ohio, allowing us to determine if there are gaps in academic achievement between groups of students. Much work is still needed to *eliminate* achievement gaps and bring all students up to the same high level of achievement (Ohio Department of Education 2013).

**2013-2014 Firelands Local District Gap Closing Annual Measureable Objectives Grade: 83.2% "B"**

I encourage you to visit [reportcard.education.ohio.gov](http://reportcard.education.ohio.gov) for a more in-depth analysis of our scores. *As one can determine from analyzing the scores of the District, there are many areas for celebration and we are extremely proud of our students, teachers, and parents!* Each of the aforementioned cogs of the wheel must work together to ensure success for our students. I assure our community that we will continue to grow and move forward, striving for a report card containing "straight A's!"

In our efforts to educate all children to the highest level possible, Building Leadership Teams are meeting with administrators to develop strategies to better examine our test data, review classroom instruction and assessment, and to look at how better we can provide intervention for our students that are below proficient. I am confident that our team will construct plans for improvement and we will continue to meet the growing and ever-changing needs of our students.

In closing, I feel obligated to restate my final words from September of 2012:

I encourage you to involve yourself with your child's education. The invaluable time that you spend with your children may become less and less as they age. However, every moment counts, and your parental wisdom helps ensure the future successes of our children. In the words of Aristotle, **"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit."**

Go Falcons!

Yours in Education,

Dr. Robert F. Hill  
Superintendent

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## Firelands Elementary School Annual Report - 2013-2014

PTG continues to expand on the "Build a Day" playground fund and will be installing an Outside Pavilion for hands-on activities and outdoor learning experiences in October.

PTG also provided thousands of dollars to teachers and students to provide materials to support the implementation of the Ohio's New Learning Standards, as well as field trips to enhance the core standards and the unified arts.

The implementation of the Ohio Third Grade Guarantee included further training of reading tutors, special education teachers and classroom teachers in a multi-sensory structured language approach to teaching reading. FES partnered with Tolson Dyslexia for specialized training for our staff. Starting in January, Firelands Elementary School held a before and after school book club to promote reading engagement among third grade students.

PTG held a successful book drive to enhance our classroom libraries at FES. Students will read silently each day, at their independent reading level, and the additional books allow for more variety in text selection.

With the adoption of the *My Math* Program last year, grades K-5 continue to align their instruction to meet the needs of all learners. Plans are under way for students to be involved in Math Competitions like Math Olympiad and Math Mania for enrichment.

FES did toy drive in December, collecting over 400 toys to help local families.

FES families and area organizations sponsored 30 FES students, buying them clothing and toys for Christmas.

5<sup>th</sup> grade Academic Challenge team won 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Erie County competition.

Team members were:

Chayce Baldwin	Spencer Deremer	Delaney Overstreet
Keegan Bibb	Grace Edwards	Sam Solowiej
Renee Clippinger	Liam Lockhart	James Steindl

Abby Kerby 5<sup>th</sup> grade last year won the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) writing contest at the chapter and district level. She won a \$50 gift card and certificate stating she had won. She also was asked to read her composition at a DAR meeting.

### News from the ART Department:

Firelands was chosen to lead off a year-long rotating exhibition at the Lorain County ESC. I believe it was both elementary and middle school students who participated. It was a great honor to start that exhibition.

We had 2 students make it to State level through the Ohio Art Education Association's two art exhibitions in March: Lydia Dougan and Connor Pleban. Three other students had work exhibited in the OAEA show mounted in University Circle at Case Western Reserve.

Both 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders enjoyed Art Club in March after school with me. 4<sup>th</sup> graders made batiks and 5<sup>th</sup> graders made a variety of projects using "unexpected materials"

8 FES students represented our school at the annual ESC Elementary and Middle School art exhibition at Midway Mall. One came away with a Best in Show award: Gwyneth Conibear. Four other students received Excellence Awards: Nazsiryah Byrd, Joe Formholtz, Shawny Hess and Peyton Linn.

We had 2 visiting artists from the Center for Arts-Inspired Learning: Bonnie Dolin and Wendy Mahon, two very well respected Cleveland artists. Ms. Dolin worked with Second Grade on cultural symbolism (Native American) and printmaking. Ms. Mahon worked with First Grade for 2 consecutive days on a workshop that investigated the celebratory customs of Sub-Saharan African cultures and involved collaborative mask-making. Endowment Fund grants paid for those residencies.

Endowment Fund grants also paid for one of the art club's supplies (5<sup>th</sup> grade) as well as the Fine Arts Festival Make-it and Take-it activity (Japanese koi windsocks).

FES art students also participated in a show mounted by the Amherst Public Library (no awards are given at that show)

I worked in more literature with art last year, both fiction and non-fiction.

### 5th Grade Spelling Bee Participants:

Spencer Deremer	Renee Clippinger	Gretchen Gould	Liam Lockhart	Sidney Deidrick
Michael Kelley	Gabriella Keith	Madison Sutton	Delaney Overstreet	
Samantha Simko	Keegan Bibb	Josh Gallo		

Pronouncer: Ms. Jackson

Judges: Mrs. Scalli, Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Muth

Spelling Bee Advisor: Ms. Davis

### YOUNG AUTHORS' LIST OF NAMES FOR THE FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

#### Mrs. Snyder's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders:

Macalan Mitchell, Lauren Soltis, Juliana Deremer, Joe Formholtz, Savannah Leverknight, Maggie Edwards (Winner, best author), Gemma Hager, Amaris Anderson-Bush, and Zach Friess.

#### Mrs. Roth 4<sup>th</sup> grade:

Abby Aslaksen, Ashley Capitano, Aurora Davis, Audria Polovich, Matt Ramsey, Larren Rounds, Sonny Suglia, Kendall Thompson, Logan Wright

#### Mrs. Thoms 4<sup>th</sup> grade:

Ian Borton, Chloe Durbin, Mason Hickman, Teah Hildebrandt, Ella Mezaros, Daniel Ohle, Connor Pleban, Leah Schmittle, Aidan Von Gunten

#### Mrs. Bennett 4<sup>th</sup> grade:

Hannah Brandt, Violet Daley, Tucker Frame, Brooklyn Gonzalez, Hunter Johnson, Savannah Molnar, Jadeyn Ramsey, Michael Ranney

#### Mrs. Eibel 4<sup>th</sup> grade:

Tori Coggins, Mary Dempsey, Jadeyn Dickel, Ethan Krafcik, Corey Newark, Veronica Prideaux, Mike Smith, Mitch Sweinhagen, Caitlin Thomas

#### Mr. Frenk 4<sup>th</sup> grade:

Emily Bennett, Kaitlin Berry, Collin Berthold, Maddy Bragg, Isabelle Davis, Caitlin Eckman, Gavin Gifford, Aiden Harker, Randi Johannsen, Maddie Lewis

#### Mrs. Lee 5<sup>th</sup> grade:

Abby Landreth, Madison Witter, Spencer Deremer, Ethan Tester, Gretchen Gould, Kristin Dewitt, Delaney Overstreet, Gwyneth Conibear, Madison New, Heidi Cowling, Gabriella Keith

#### Miss Davis 5<sup>th</sup> grade:

Chayce Baldwin (winner, best illustrator) Renee Clippinger, James Steindl, Casey Kelley, Samantha Novak, Ashley Crawford, Jena Wolford, Brianna Bonomolo, Allison Lake, and Madison Hammond



## Important News from the Transportation Department

In the morning, there will not be any changes to the students getting dropped off in the front of the school if they are car riders. Please be mindful of the time that students are getting dropped off. Students are not permitted to enter the building until 8:25 a.m.

**In the afternoon, buses will be picking up students in the front of the building. Students who are getting picked up will need to be signed out at Parent Pick-Up. The new location will be the gym. Therefore, cars should enter through the High School parking lot and Parent Pick-Up can be accessed by the back doors at the North side of the building.**

Please be aware that your child's bus number may have changed since last year. Don't assume that the number will be the same as last year even if you haven't moved or experienced a change of address.

Thanks for your continued cooperation as we work together to make Firelands Elementary School a safe learning environment for everyone!

Sincerely,

Ms. Marybeth Harter - Principal, Firelands Elementary



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South Amherst Middle School earned a B overall and received an A for Value Added by the Ohio Department of Education.

**Service Projects**

Students Donated clothing to the needy

Thanksgiving meals for the needy (**6th Grade Service Project**): The sixth grade teachers secured donations from community members and staff to fund the project. Twenty-five families were provided a thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings. 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.

The **eighth grade** class collaborated with the Village of South Amherst to work on beautifying the cemetery grounds. In addition, student's worked around SAMS campus to clean up our grounds and spread mulch around the building.

The **sixth grade** students added service time into their daily schedule while attending the sixth grade outdoor adventure. The students performed various tasks to help clean-up and prepare the campgrounds for the 2014 season. The students cleaned debris from the beach, cleared brush from walking paths, cleaned up trash that blew into the woods during the winter, cleaned up the wetland trails, and many other tasks asked of them by the camp administration. The Beulah Beach staff is appreciative of our student's efforts.

**Honors and Achievements**

**SAMS Spelling Bee:** Congratulations to Nathan Thompson on winning the 7th and 8th grade spelling last night. Nathan will move on to represent SAMS in the West Preliminary competition. Also moving on to represent SAMS are Angelina Rivera placing 2nd, Sarah Drury placing 3rd, and Cassidy Stevens placing 4th. Good luck to all as they move on to the next round.

**West Preliminary Spelling Bee:** Congratulations to Angelina Rivera and Cassidy Stevens for placing in the top 18 at the West Preliminary Bee on Friday, March 1 at Amherst Jr. High School. Angelina and Cassidy will be moving on to the District finals held at Midview West Elementary school.

South Amherst Middle School **Art students** 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!

**7th, and 8th Grade Bands:** Lorain County Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event: Many middle school band members attended Lorain County's annual solo and ensemble adjudicated event (February). Participating students prepared a musical selection and performed in front of a judge. Collectively South Amherst Middle School Bands earned 4 Superior Ratings.

**SAMS General Music Class Awarded Grant Money:** The Firelands Endowment has awarded several grants to South Amherst Middle School's Music Department. Last year's grant included the purchase of 16 steel drums for 6th grade general music students.

Congratulations to all the **7th and 8th grade choir members** who participated in the 21st annual musical, *Little Mermaid*. The musical was a huge success with over 1000 students, parents, and community members watching and enjoying the display of all 4 fine arts standards: Dance, Drama/Theatre, Music, and Visual Arts. The students are the ones to be congratulated as all of them contributed whether performing as a character on the stage, working behind the scenes on a crew, or singing in the chorus. There were Student Directors, Dance Captains, Stage Crew, Lights/Sound Crew, Make-up/Costume Crew, and Publicity/Tickets Crew Members. All the students had a job to do, 80 students in both the 7th and 8th grade choir, and they all executed their jobs beautifully! I am so proud of all the choir members, and I know that this is a memory that will remain with them for years to come! Come and see the Musical Wall of Fame that displays posters from many musicals performed here at South Amherst Middle School!

Lorain County Middle School **Honors Band and Choir:** The Educational Service Center of Lorain County sponsors a county middle school honors band annually. Students were selected by their director based upon their musical talents. Students rehearsed only twice and performed a concert in April at Keystone High School. Participating schools included Wellington, Columbia, North Ridgeville, Keystone, Clearview, Avon, and South Amherst. Participating students included: Choir - Mallory Mayer, Samantha Ives, Maddy Lyons, Averi Cleary, Alyssa Yorko, Emily Holcomb, Ellie-Maegen Lee, Holly Blankenship, Abi Hill, Angelina Rivera, Kailey Kudela, and Makenna Paterchak.

**Academic Challenge Teams:** This past school year Firelands has had the unique opportunity to participate in Erie County's Academic Challenge competition for 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. We are the only school in Lorain County participating in this program this year and are pleased to represent our school and our county so well. Students compete against other schools from Erie County in the categories of math, science, social studies, geography, book study, and miscellaneous. Team members from the middle school include: 6th Graders - McKaylyn Bragg, Holly Eberhardt, Sam Formholz, Becca Hopkins, Steven Iwanek Robert Rose, Samantha Walcott, Justin Wossilek 7th Graders - Zach Baldwin, Alex Bauer, Cora Born, Michael Durdak, Beau Grude, Adam Lacey, Isabel Solowiej, Alex Steindl 8th Graders - Averi Cleary Serena Hoffman, Emily Holcomb, Samantha Ives, Justin Ollis, Tyler Popa, Angelina Rivera, Autumn Swiers



Congratulations were in order for the first ever **Falcons Racing Team** on their exciting races this past spring at the All-American Soap Box Derby. The team consisting of Coaches Chuck Latto and Chris Pelphrey, Sawyer Bayus, Eric DeFranco, Sarah Drury, Arianna Reyna, Isabel Solowiej, Isaac Sultzer, Hannah Temple, advanced to the second round beating their opponent in the final race although missing the time needed to advance to the third round by a fraction of a second. Again congratulations on your performance and a job well done.



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**Math Counts** received a gold medal for a fourth year in a row.

Some of our **sixth graders** had the opportunity to participate in four days of drama instruction from the Great Lakes Theater Group. Thanks to a grant provided by various donors, students were able to explore some serious issues of Civil Rights through the exploration of theatrical performance.

Multiple endowment grants were received and used to benefit SAMS students directly. The endowment board has proven, yet again, that they truly support the teachers at S. Amherst Middle School and our students.

The **8<sup>th</sup> grade football team** was undefeated with an 8-0 record. As a group the football team compiled a 16-0 record for the middle school football career.

**SAMS Wrestling Team:** The team started off the year with a first place finish at the Seneca East Invitational, a fourth place finish at the Clyde Invitational, a third place finish at the Vermilion Holiday Dual Team Tournament, a runner-up finish at the New London "Randy Harner" Invitational, and a third place finish at the Patriot Athletic Conference Individual Tournament. At the Conference Tournament we had three champions: Jacob Campbell, Tyler Bennett, and Sean Lipscomb. Other place winners on the day were Owen Cogar and Jordon Phillips earning third place, and Ryan Hoffman and Tyler Miller recording a runner-up finish. We had two wrestlers finish undefeated this year in the regular season, Jacob Campbell (35-0) and Sean Lipscomb (34-0), as well as four other wrestlers who have accumulated twenty or more wins this season: Dylan Decker, Joey Tipple, Ryan Hoffman, Owen Cogar, Jordon Phillips and Tyler Bennett. In the post season four wrestlers earned a bid to the OAC State Tournament: Campbell won a district championship, Bennett finished fifth place, Lipscomb seventh place, and Phillips eight each respectively in their weights.

The **boys track team** finished up another exciting season. They finished the season with a 14-0 record in dual/tri/quad meets, and Won the PAC Championship for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.

**Conference Champions:** Michael Bansek -110 Meter Hurdles, Logan Strader- 200 Meter Dash, Beau Grude- High Jump, Jacob Campbell- Discus, Sean Lipscomb- Shot Put 4 x 100 Relay team- Logan Strader, Nick Denney, Austin Urban, and Tyler Miller.

**Girls Track:** Faith Ricco won gold in several events including girls high jump and the 400 meter dash.

SAMS successfully hosted the 8th grade boy's basketball championship tournament.

**FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL  
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**ACADEMICS**

The OGT Results for 2013-14 were released on Friday, September 12, 2014. The results showed that Firelands High School met 10 out of 10 indicators, which received an A for indicators met. Also, Firelands High School scored a 94.1% on 4-year Graduation Rate, which is an A on the Ohio Schools Report Card. FHS scored 103.6 on performance index, which is an 86.4%, which resulted in a B for Performance Index on the new Ohio Schools Report Card.

Firelands also was selected to field test the Geometry PARCC assessment in the spring. While we were not able to receive the results of the assessment, the students, teachers, and administrators were able to learn a great deal of information regarding the set-up of the testing module, and how easy or difficult it will be to complete these assessments on the computers.

Last year, FHS hired 3 new teachers: Brett Bartlett, Kim Bennett, and Rachel Sparks.

As a member of High Schools that Work (HSTW), Firelands was asked to participate at two events hosted at FHS. The Site Review Process (SRP) and the HSTW Assessment. For the SRP, we had teachers visiting from Wellington, Brookside, and Washington Park in Cleveland to observe and interview teachers, parents, and students. Firelands HS came out looking strong, with great reviews of the amount of time we dedicate to extra help, as well as the increasing of rigor by offering more PSEO courses on campus. They wanted us to keep increasing rigor in all of our classes in preparation for the Next Generation Assessments that Ohio will begin administering the 2014-2015 school year. In February, we tested 60 seniors in Reading, Math, and Science, as well as take a survey of their opinions, and norm-reference the results across the nation. In addition to those events being held at our school, the HSTW team of Andy Gulish, Wendy Johnson, Chris Jones, and Rick Reighley went to various workshops covering the new assessments, potential changes ODE was rolling out, as well as strategies to help reach all learners in our classrooms.

Mr. Northeim, Mr. Wortmann (College Now), and Mrs. Zimmer conducted senior interviews in October in regards to post-secondary transitions. The information obtained was used to fill out college and scholarship applications. The seniors were given ACT and SAT test dates. On October 16th the seniors participated in a college visit or job shadowing experience to better prepare them for future career decisions. The Guidance Department also held a financial aid night for students and parents so they could be well informed as students continued their college search.

The National Honor Society inducted 52 new members on April 10. NHS Members are listed in the May, 2014 Firelands Express

**LEADERSHIP**

The Firelands FFA Chapter qualified in December for the state Parliamentary Procedure Career Development Event by winning the district Parliamentary Procedure contest for the first time in chapter history.

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, the Firelands FFA, Firelands Student Council and the principal's fund sponsored nationally renowned speaker and best seller Sam Glenn. Emma Ranney, Firelands FFA President welcomed the Firelands students in grades 9-12 to the assembly. Students were then wowed by Sam Glenn's stunning chalk art drawing of a lighthouse on the water. After finishing the drawing he spent time talking to the students about being courageous and making good decisions.

The FHS Choral Department had 11 ensembles and 18 soloists participate in the Lorain County Solo and Ensemble Competition at Midview High School. Many ensembles and soloists received a superior rating from the judges for their performances.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The Teen Leadership Corps (TLC) undertook several community service projects. Kick-It, which raised money for cancer research. They also set up a fundraiser for "Eyes for Andy", to help support a Firelands Schools student. They were also busy during the holiday season. With festive activities and fundraisers, there had been non-stop action coming from the students who work hard to make it all happen. In December, they hosted many events including the Cavs Toy Drive, Holiday Week, and the Christmas play for kindergarteners at FES. In January, TLC started an Anti-Texting and Driving campaign, working with Vermilion High School's Teen Leadership Corps class to inform peers of the dangers of texting while driving. TLC also held a Dance Marathon for Children's Miracle Network and participated in the Pasta for Pennies event. Also, TLC collected pennies and all other change as well as donations to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Firelands FFA participated in a food drive at Thanksgiving called Harvest for America, which helped less fortunate families during the holiday season. The FFA collected over 2,200 pounds of non-perishable food items, helping feed several families in the Firelands School District area. For 38 years, the Firelands FFA has sponsored several children in need in our community during the annual FFA Christmas Family community service project. The Firelands FFA Chapter collected change for eight days in class for seven children in need in our community.

Student Council performed Candle Lighting to benefit Genesis House. They also helped collect toys in the Toys for Tots campaign during the Holiday Season. Student Council also started the Jim Muth Memorial Book Scholarship to help an FHS student pay for college books.

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. This year, three Firelands FFA members received the highest degree attainable in the National FFA Organization.

Shelby Balint - a 2011 Firelands graduate Alex Tuggle-2012 graduate Josh Ward-2012 graduate

These three FFA - Firelands Alumni were selected to join this exclusive list and were awarded the American FFA Degree at the 86<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention & Expo in Louisville, KY.

**FIRELANDS COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

The Firelands Schools Endowment Fund graciously sponsored scholarships this year by offering applications to our seniors. The scholarship money is supplied through interest earned from the Endowment Fund's scholarship capital holdings. 40 students received scholarships from the endowment fund, Lorain County Community College, Firelands FFA, the athletic boosters, Lions Club, Amherst Rotary and many other organizations & colleges.

**GRADUATION 2014**

On Saturday, June 7, 2014 the class of 2014 took part in graduation exercises in the high school stadium. Speeches were given by Valedictorian, Daniel Truitt, Salutatorian Christine Balint, and Senior Class President Makiah Tillman. One hundred and fifty-five members of the class graduated with over fifty members of the class receiving scholarships from colleges, universities, or organizations.

**FLOAT CONTEST AND TAILGATE PICNIC**

Homecoming week - On Thursday Sept. 12th more than 300 people gathered for the annual Homecoming Tailgate Party and Jersey Auction sponsored by the Firelands Athletic Booster Club. It was a beautiful day as tailgaters started showing up around 4pm. Students and Adults grilled out and socialized leading up to the class floats. The Mighty Falcon Marching Band rocked the parking lot with a procession and drum ensemble. Capping the night off was the jersey auction that saw Jake Grasso Sr. calling the bids to raise money for future football projects. All proceeds generated from the jersey auction is used to purchase equipment for the football team by the booster club. The athletic boosters provided t-shirts after the winning bid was secured.

Thank you to the Firelands Athletic Booster Club, Jake Grasso Sr., the football parents, the Mighty Falcon Marching Band, and everyone else who participated to make this such a wonderful event.

The week concluded with the Homecoming Dance at the high school. More than 500 students attended with their dates. A big thanks the faculty and staff at the high school for their support of the students to make all of the Homecoming events possible.



## The Firelands FFA Succeeds at Lorain County Fair

Wellington, OH - Many Firelands FFA members showed shop, crop, or animal projects at the Lorain County Fair on August 18-24.

Many FFA members won awards from their hard work. Katie Cline proudly represented the chapter on the Lorain County Fair Royal Court.

We are proud to announce the following FFA award winners at fair:

- Chrissy Balint - class reserve champion for market hog
- Rebecca Bari - grand champion for her single fryer rabbit
- Jessie Beran - grand champion for large restoration, 1st place ag engineering
- Evan Born - showmanship class champion with his BBR steer, fowl race winner
- Demi Dovin - class champion Brown Swiss sr. yearling, reserve jr. champion Brown Swiss, grand champion sr. Brown Swiss, grand champion overall Brown Swiss, dairy reserve supreme champion, reserve champion dairy skillathon, and reserve overall dairy feeder.
- Katie Fath - 3rd for beginner beef showmanship
- Caitlin Gallagher - reserve class champion barrow, 2nd place swine senior showmanship, reserve class champion market beef, grand champion market beef senior showmanship, reserve champion market beef skillathon, overall Champion market beef Showman of Showmen, (Supreme Showmanship)
- Hannah Galloway - champion dairy feeder
- Tristan Hildebrandt - Supreme FFA Exhibitor and reserve champion cockerel
- James Keressi - grand champion hog skillathon
- Jeb Larson - grand champion field crop (soybeans)
- Rachel Minek - swine class champion for barrow, swine senior showmanship winner
- Emma Ranney - grand champion sr. goat skillathon, grand champion sr. Boer showmanship, Boer goat showman of showmen, reserve champion Boer market goat, grand champion Boer jr. doe, reserve champion overall Boer doe, grand champion sr. beef skillathon, grand champion large animal Supreme Showmanship
- Emily Pohorence - 3rd place senior duck showmanship

Grace Pohorence - rabbit overall doe and litter, 3rd place beginner turkey showmanship  
 Alex Sabine - grand champion vegetable  
 Callie Stevens - reserve champion beginner pygmy showmanship  
 Aaron Stevanus - 1st place Horticulture  
 Brad Thrasher - 1st place poster SAE award  
 Katy Tuggle - Supreme Sheep Showman, grand champion breeding ewe  
 Claire Vilagi - pygmy goat class champion whether.  
 The Firelands FFA Chapter had another successful year out at the Lorain County Fair

We are very proud of our Junior Fair Board Representatives from Firelands FFA: Christine Balint (Vice President), Katie Cline (Secretary), Michael Anadell, Jessie Beran, Sarah Carter, Caitlin Gallagher, Colin Myers, Emma Ranney, David Tipple, and Claire Vilagi. The 43 members of the board plan, host, and govern the entire junior fair and their work often goes underappreciated.

Overall our members ended our summer in a really great way. Now it is time for us to take a small break and then begin preparing to make next year even more successful!



Emma Ranney – reserve champion Boer goat, Supreme Showmanship winner



Rachael Minek – Sr. Pig Showmanship Winner



Lorain County Fair Royal Court – 4<sup>th</sup> from left Christine Balint, 2013 Queen, 8<sup>th</sup> from left Katie Cline




## FHS UPDATE CORNER

To further enhance our communication with the community, we have started a FHS Principal Twitter page and publish on Sunday evenings a Falcon Flyer, which highlights FHS happenings and previews the week to come. It is available in PDF format on the HS page, under news items

Our partnership with LCCC is continuing to move forward, as we have received the go-ahead to begin Math 171/172 at FHS next year, expanding our student's offerings of college math without leaving the campus. We are still awaiting final word on adding College Comp 161/162 through LCCC, which would be a Senior College Comp class, again with the students not having to leave FHS. More on this to follow.

Juniors Emily Lipscomb and Erica Wasem, along with Senior Hannah Caruso, approached me about starting a student newspaper at FHS. As Emily is very interested in a career in journalism, I encouraged them to find an advisor to get them off the ground. Mrs. Ruple, our librarian, is going to be their faculty advisor and they are moving forward with a monthly publication, which will follow guidelines set for school newspapers (editing, content, etc.). They are also starting a contest to name the new newspaper. These students did a fantastic job researching the topic, procuring an advisor, and moving forward with their action plan to start the school newspaper.

**Start spreading the news...  
Cause we're going to cruise...  
Right to the very heart of it –  
New York, New York!!**

The Firelands Band Boosters are planning a day trip to New York City during the holiday season to see the sights, shop, dine in the fabulous restaurants or catch a Broadway show!

**Preliminary Itinerary (subject to change)**

- Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – Depart FHS around 11:00 pm / Drive through the night
- Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – Arrive in NYC and spend the day doing what you want, return to the designated location and drive through the night to return to FHS
- Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – Return to FHS

early morning

This is an amazing opportunity to see the city all decked out for the holidays while you enjoy all NYC has to offer. What you see and do are up to you, no formal itinerary other than the scheduled bus times. All are welcome, so invite your friends to come along!

Seats are limited, cost is \$100.00 per person. Please complete the form below and return with your \$25.00 deposit on or before September 30, 2014 to secure your seat. Final payment of \$75.00 will be due on or before October 31, 2014.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Firelands Band Boosters at [firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com).

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\*\*\*\*\*FIRELANDS BAND BOOSTERS NEW YORK CITY TRIP\*\*\*\*\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call:  Day  Evening

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Seats	X	\$100.00	=	Total Due

A deposit of \$25.00 per seat is due on or before September 30, 2014 to secure all seats. The remaining balance is due on or before October 31, 2014. Checks should be made payable to the Firelands Band Boosters. Please note that since we have to confirm the bus arrangements and send payment in advance, no cancellations will be accepted after October 31, 2014.

Please return completed forms and deposits to the following address:

Firelands Band Boosters  
c/o Erin Hayes  
50338 Garfield Road  
Oberlin, Ohio 44074



### Grace and Sophia Pohorence were chosen to be the Twins Days Festival princesses for 2014



Grace and Sophia Pohorence are 15 year old identical twins from Huron, Ohio. Although they are identical, surviving Twin to Twin Transfusion makes them appear different to others. Sophia and Grace have been attending the Twins Days Festival since they were born and enjoy taking part in the Double Take parade and talent show. They do almost everything together from 4-H, Girl Scouts, FFA and band to theater and art classes. Grace and Sophia have even shared a role in a murder mystery play at the Mad Factory. They enjoy the outdoors, and several years ago at a survival camp they shared the experience of rock climbing, zip lining, white water rafting and rappelling. Grace and Sophia are proud to be 2014 Princesses and are honored to represent twins who may appear different, but share a special bond and unique relationship.



## Ohio High School "Emerging Artists" Exhibition Accepts 5 FHS Artists

The annual Ohio Art Education Association's "Ohio High School "Emerging Artists" Exhibition features five of our finest students this fall. Every high school across the state was invited to submit up to five works last spring for summer jurying. The show is assembled in mid-September at the State Teacher Retirement Building in downtown Columbus until October 11. A limited number of works are accepted based on technical and aesthetic qualities. All five of the Firelands entries were accepted. Congratulations to senior Rachel Nitchman exhibiting a drawing, junior Shelly Shupe exhibiting an oil pastel portrait and sophomores Matthew Brightbill exhibiting an acrylic painting and Jerund Gonzales and Sarah Slack both exhibiting colored pencil graphic designs. Students will be honored at a closing reception in Columbus on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.



## OLD FRIENDS UNITE !

Some old buddies got together last winter and decided to make a run for the State Hot Stove Title. The Firelands/South Amherst 18 U boys played the final game to bring the trophy back home, but unfortunately fell short.

The general consensus is... 'WE'LL GET EM' NEXT YEAR" !!

After winning all but 1 season game and claiming the Regional crown, all agree the summer was great for baseball.

Congrats to the original team from years ago - Johnny Sigsworth, Jake Abrahamowicz, Dylan Steindl, Ryan Barnes, Stevie Pete, and Cole Sklarek, who were joined by Casey Smith, Austin Steindl, Logan Sittinger, Dylan Newman, Tristian Clark, Brad Derimiah, Bryce Bartolotta and Josh Buchannan.

Our hard working and very proud Coaches are - Scott Smith, Dale Swanzer, Bill (Grandpa) Swanzer and Brandon Swanzer.



## MEAL ASSISTANCE

Meal applications have been processed. All approved students should have received a letter stating what their meal status is. If at this time you do not know if your child has been approved for assistance for the breakfast and lunch program please contact Judy Baumann, Food Service Director at 440-965-5821 ext. 1011 or email:

[jbaumann@firelandsschools.org](mailto:jbaumann@firelandsschools.org). Each of our cafeterias uses a confidential point of sale computer system. At no point is a student receiving free or reduced meals differentiated from a student that pays full price for a meal. Please do not hesitate to call with any questions.



# GUIDANCE CORNER

The colleges listed below come to meet with interested students to pass out information and answer questions about their college. You just have to sign up on the sheets in the Guidance office. The meeting usually lasts around 30 minutes.

## Colleges Scheduled to Visit Firelands High School

Ohio Northern University.....	Monday, September 22	9:45 a.m.
University of Akron.....	Tuesday, September 30	8:00 a.m.
Oberlin College.....	Tuesday, September 30	9:45 a.m.
Youngstown State University.....	Monday, October 6	8:00 a.m.
Ursuline College.....	Tuesday, October 7	8:00 a.m.
University of Toledo.....	Tuesday, October 14	8:30 a.m.
Ohio University.....	Tuesday, October 14	9:45 a.m.
University of Findlay.....	Tuesday, October 21	8:00 a.m.
Bowling Green State University.....	Tuesday, October 21	9:45 a.m.
Baldwin Wallace University.....	Tuesday, October 28	9:45 a.m.
Kent State University.....	Tuesday, November 4	8:00 a.m.

## Important Dates in October

Lorain County College Fair at Lorain County Community College – Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Ewing Activities Center, 1005 North Abbe Road, Elyria. More than 120 Colleges, Universities, and Military Academies will be there to answer your questions.

## College Career Prep Day! October 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m.

We have a special day planned to help our students prepare for college career prep.

\*\*Freshman activities include motivational speakers, wellness activities, college and career speakers.

\*\*All Sophomores and Juniors will be participating in Testing in the morning.

Pre-ACT- Designed to help students improve their post-secondary planning & preparation. All sophomores will take this test unless taking the PSAT.

PSAT – Sophomores in Advanced Algebra II, Advanced Pre-Calculus, and Honors English II and Juniors in OCEANS English and Advanced Pre-Calculus will take the test.

Practice ACT – Designed to give students knowledge and direction on what to expect on the ACT. Students will receive a score report showing

college readiness. Juniors will take this test unless taking the PSAT. Juniors at the JVS interested in participating need to contact the guidance office by September 26th.

SENIORS – will be visiting Colleges they are interested in applying to this fall or shadowing a professional in a career area they are interested in pursuing.

In the Afternoon: Community Service Activities & Fundraisers by various groups.

## Parent/Teacher Evening Conferences – October 16<sup>th</sup> & November 11<sup>th</sup>

ACT and SAT registration information and test dates are on their websites: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) and [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Information packets are available in the guidance office with dates of testing and how to register online.

PSEO Seniors, please contact our office to set up a senior interview for assistance with the college admission process. If you could provide us with your email address, we can forward information to help you with the college application process.

College Visit Forms: Seniors are allowed 3 college visits to view colleges of their choice and ask questions of the college admission staff. A form is available in the guidance office. This form must be given to the main office before the student can visit the college. It counts as a day of attendance, but missed school work must be made up. Juniors are allowed 2 college visits.

The fall administration of the OGT will be October 27<sup>th</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>. Only the juniors & seniors who have NOT passed all five portions of the Ohio Graduation Tests will need to participate. The students who will be participating will be contacted by the guidance office.

Financial Aid Presentation given by Victoria Kontos from BGSU Firelands will be November 18th at 6:30 in the FHS Library.

## Visit our website frequently for any updates!

College Now Representative, Jacquie Spicuzza, will be at Firelands High School every Tuesday for the 2014-2015 school year in Room 223A (by the science rooms) to meet with college bound students. College Now can assist students with multiple parts of the college application process and in exploring financial aid resources. She can also be reached through email at [jspicuzza@collegenowgc.org](mailto:jspicuzza@collegenowgc.org).

# Falcons on the Fly

On Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> FES kicked off the eighth year of *Falcons on the Fly*, a walking/jogging program for all elementary students. A huge thanks to the Firelands Elementary PTG and Bettcher Industries for making this program possible! We enjoyed having the FHS marching band, Falcon mascot, and high



FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL  
**BAND ON THE RUN 5K**  
 10-19-2014  
 1 MILE FUN RUN

Registration at 8:00am - 5K begins at 9am, 1mile fun run 9:10am  
 \$18.00 pre-registered, \$23.00 race day  
 Register by October 10th for a guaranteed t-shirt!  
 Course begins at SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE SCHOOL  
 112 N. Lake Street South Amherst, Ohio 44001  
**Race information at [www.mfmb.org](http://www.mfmb.org)**

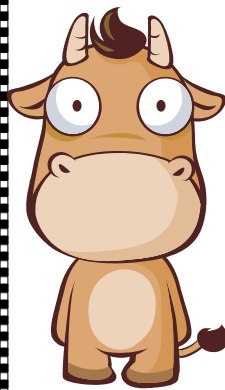
**Registration:** \$18.00 pre-registration, \$23.00 the day of the race.  
 All mailed pre-registered entries must be received by Friday October 10, 2014.  
 Mail entry forms to: **Band on the Run**  
 Firelands High School  
 10643 Vermilion Rd,  
 Oberlin, OH 44074

**Payment:** Cash, checks made out to Firelands Band Boosters, or Paypal through The Mighty Falcon Marching Band web site [www.mfmb.org](http://www.mfmb.org)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex M / F Shirt size S / M / L / XL / XXL  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of parent/guardian if participant is under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

**Waiver:** In signing this waiver for myself or the entrant (when under age 18) I understand the intent of this release and agree to absolve all of the sponsors, organizers, and associated entities, be they individuals or organizations, singly and collectively, of all blame for any injury, misadventure, harm, loss or inconveniences suffered as a result of taking part in the Band on the Run 5K Run or in any connection with an activity associated with the said Band on the Run 5K Run, and will allow publication of any photos or quotes acquired during the run.



### COW PIE BINGO!

The band will be having a cow pie bingo after the Halloween Parade in South Amherst on October 26th.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from a band member or by calling Michele Jeffers at 986-5150.

[www.mfmb.org](http://www.mfmb.org) for other pertinent information regarding the band and upcoming events.

**Calendar of Events**  
**September**  
 28<sup>th</sup> Woolly Bear Parade  
**October**  
 11<sup>th</sup> Parade of Bands FHS 7:00 pm  
 19<sup>th</sup> Band on The Run 5K see [MFMB.org](http://MFMB.org) for registration questions  
 20<sup>th</sup> Booster Meeting  
 30<sup>th</sup> One More Time Concert  
**Free admission!**

**Officers:**  
 Pres. Michele Jeffers  
 V.P. Laura Solnick  
 Treas. Erin Hayes  
 Sec. Cinda Willis

**Musical Moments**

**Attention Parents!**  
 Our booster group is growing by leaps and bounds right along with our band. Please take the time to volunteer! We need all the help we can get.

**Boosters Email:**  
[Firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:Firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com)

## Eighth Annual Parade of Bands

October 11, 2014  
 7 pm Firelands Stadium

This years bands include Padua, Oberlin, James Rhodes, Columbia, Clearview, and *The Mighty Falcon Marching Band!*



**Cost of admission is \$5 for all!**





The Firelands Schools  
Endowment Fund  
presents the  
**6th Annual  
A Taste of  
Firelands**

Saturday, October 25  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Matus Winery  
15674 Gore Orphanage Rd.  
\$25 for 8 tastings

For ticket information, contact Firelands Endowment trustees Barb Bechtel 988-7772, Jerry Born 965-7871, Denise Brooks 965-7333, Ann Buchs 965-5090, JoLynn Marsh 965-4414, Scott Norheim 396-8943, Kristi Palmer 965-7208, Dan Pycraft 774-2310, Lois VonGurten 988-3183, Kathy Whitmore 988-2256 or the Firelands Board of Education Office 965-5821

## 2014 MFMB - Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014

General Admission \$2.00

9:00am-4:00pm

At South Amherst Middle School

152 West Main St.

South Amherst, Ohio 44001

***Vendors Wanted!***

Crafters, Direct Sales Reps, Artisans of any kind!

***For More Details Please***

**Contact: Michele Reynolds: 440-610-0344**

**Laura Solnick: 440-935-0758**

**email [firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:firelandsbandboosters@gmail.com)**

## New for 2014-2015 School Year – BYOD

Firelands Local Schools is proud to announce a new technology initiative for students starting next fall. Beginning the 2014 – 2015 school year, students at South Amherst Middle School and Firelands High School will be allowed to bring their electronic devices to school and use them as part of the District's BYOD program. BYOD (*Bring Your Own Device*) is centered on students using devices not owned by the district such as smartphones, tablets, eReaders, and laptops for educational use.

Firelands Local Schools worked with MCPc, Inc to upgrade the core network infrastructure and establish wall-to-wall wireless coverage in the buildings in the summer of 2013 in preparation to support the BYOD initiative. The belief is that with students bringing their own devices to school that it will promote an exciting shift in how they use them. Typically, student-owned devices are used for social or entertainment purposes, but with BYOD their use expands to also become collaboration and learning tools that can be used to engage the student with the content in hopes of promoting lifelong learning habits.

### KEY FACTS & GUIDELINES ABOUT THE FIRELANDS LOCAL SCHOOLS BYOD PROGRAM

- \* **Do I need to purchase a device for my student?**  
This initiative does not require the purchase of any device by our students or families. District devices will be available for students to meet curriculum and instructional expectations.
- \* **Who is responsible for damage, loss, or theft of devices that students bring to school?**  
Any device a student brings to school is their sole responsibility. Firelands Local Schools takes no responsibility to search for lost or stolen devices nor is there any assumption of financial responsibility by Firelands Schools for damaged, lost, or stolen personal devices.
- \* **How will you monitor what my student is viewing on the Internet?**  
Devices brought to school will only access the filtered, BYOD Wi-Fi network to prevent excess data fees to their personal accounts (no 3G, 4G, or mobile hotspot access will be permitted).
- \* **When can my student use their device at school?**  
Your student's teacher will determine when and how personal electronic devices may be used in his/her classroom. The student's electronic device must be turned off when not in use.
- \* **Will my student need to have a signed form on file to use their device?**  
Yes. In order for Firelands Local Schools to supervise student use of the district network and the Internet, the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) must be read and the BYOD form must be signed by the student and guardians for all students who want to bring and use their own technology.

**Please see the Firelands Schools web site for further information and any updates.**

**LUNCH MENUS**

<p><b>FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY</b> Regular Lunch \$2.50—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>	<p><b>SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE</b> Regular Lunch \$2.85—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>	<p><b>FIRELANDS HIGH</b> Regular Lunch \$2.85—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals</p>
<p><b>OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 3</b>  <u>Wednesday</u> - General Tso's Chicken, Stir Fry Veggies, Seasoned Rice, Chilled pineapple tidbits, Fortune cookie  <u>Thursday</u> - Soft taco, Shredded lettuce &amp; cheese, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit  <u>Friday</u> - Cheese stuffed breadstick, Pizza sauce, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled mandarin oranges</p> <p><b>OCTOBER 6 - OCTOBER 10</b>  <u>Monday</u> - Sausage links, French toast sticks, Hashbrown potatoes, Celery sticks, Orange juice cup  <u>Tuesday</u> - Syrup cup, Dominoes smart slice, Or school pepper pizza, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit  <u>Wednesday</u> - Baked chicken fries, Baked french fries, Bbq baked beans, Chilled pears, Dipping sauce  <u>Thursday</u> - Pepperoni Calzone, Green beans, Sliced cucumbers, Fresh fruit  <u>Friday</u> - Toasted cheese, Tomato soup, Saltines, Seasoned peas, Chilled peaches</p> <p><b>OCTOBER 13 - OCTOBER 17</b>  <u>Monday</u> - Baked chicken nuggets, Bbq baked beans, Red peppers strips, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll  <u>Tuesday</u> - Dipping sauce, Domino's smart slice, Or school pepper pizza, Seasoned Corn, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit, Tray treat  <u>Wednesday</u> - Hamburger w/Whole grain bun, Pickle slices, Smiley fries, Chilled pears  <u>Thursday</u> - Bosco breadsticks, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Fresh fruit  <u>Friday</u> - <b>NO SCHOOL - NEOEA DAY</b></p> <p><b>OCTOBER 20 - OCTOBER 24</b>  <u>Monday</u> - Popcorn chicken, Hashbrown patty, Baby carrots w/dip, Chilled peaches  <u>Tuesday</u> - Domino's smart slice, Or school pepper pizza, Seasoned corn, Celery sticks, Chilled fruit  <u>Wednesday</u> - Chicken strips, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pineapple, Whole grain chez-it  <u>Thursday</u> - Taco Salad, Shredded lettuce &amp; cheese, salsa, Seasoned refried beans, Fresh fruit, Tortilla chips  <u>Friday</u> - Macaroni &amp; cheese, Seasoned peas, Cucumber slices, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll</p> <p><b>OCTOBER 27 - OCTOBER 31</b>  <u>Monday</u> - Hamburger w/wg bun, Pickle slices, Bbq baked beans, Coleslaw, Chilled mandarin oranges  <u>Tuesday</u> - Domino's smart slice, Or school pepper pizza, Seasoned green beans, Baby carrots, Chilled fruit  <u>Wednesday</u> - Baked chicken nuggets, Sweet tots, Chilled applesauce, Soft pretzel rod, Dipping sauce  <u>Thursday</u> - Cheesy bread, Seasoned broccoli, Orange smiles, Jello cup  <u>Friday</u> - Salisbury steak, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Diced peaches, Whole grain roll</p>	<p><b>OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 3</b>  <u>Wednesday</u> - Taco salad, or soft taco wrap, cheese, Shredded iceberg lettuce, Seasoned refried beans, Chilled applesauce, Tortilla chips  <u>Thursday</u> - Chicken strips w/roll, or chicken patty w/bun, Parsley potatoes, Fresh fruit, Goldfish cinna grahams  <u>Friday</u> - Macaroni &amp; cheese /breadstick, or Rib a cue w/bun, Baby carrots, Green beans, Chilled pears</p> <p><b>OCTOBER 6 - OCTOBER 10</b>  <u>Monday</u> - Pepperoni calzone, Or French bread pizza, Seasoned cauliflower, Celery sticks, Applesauce, Graham crackers  <u>Tuesday</u> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust pepper, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit  <u>Wednesday</u> - Falcon burger w/wg bun, w/ iceberg lettuce, cheese, sauce, Bbq baked beans, Sweet potato fries, Chilled pears  <u>Thursday</u> - Chicken bowl w/gravy &amp; cheese, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll  <u>Friday</u> - Wg cheese breadstick w/ pizza sauce cup, Or beef ravioli /breadstick, Seasoned broccoli, Chilled pineapple</p> <p><b>OCTOBER 13 - OCTOBER 17</b>  <u>Monday</u> - Chicken parm w/wg roll, or chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Green beans, Chilled applesauce  <u>Tuesday</u> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust pepper, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled Fruit  <u>Wednesday</u> - Beef &amp; cheese nachos, or Taco fries w/cheese, Refried beans, Romaine salad, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll  <u>Thursday</u> - Chicken wrap w/cheese, Or Chicken strips w/ roll, Shredded lettuce, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit  <u>Friday</u> - <b>NO SCHOOL - NEOEA DAY</b></p> <p><b>OCTOBER 20 - OCTOBER 24</b>  <u>Monday</u> - Bbq pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches  <u>Tuesday</u> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust pepper, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled Fruit  <u>Wednesday</u> - Cheeseburger / bun, Or Hamburger / bun, Oven baked fries, Romaine salad, Chilled mandarin oranges  <u>Thursday</u> - General Tso's chicken, Stir fry vegetable, Seasoned rice, Fresh fruit, Fortune Cookie  <u>Friday</u> - Egg &amp; cheese on wg roll, or pancake &amp; sausage stick, Hashbrown potato, Sweet potatoes, Orange juice cup</p> <p><b>OCTOBER 27 - OCTOBER 31</b>  <u>Monday</u> - Salisbury steak, or breaded pork chop, Whipped potatoes, Seasoned corn, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll  <u>Tuesday</u> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust pepper, Seasoned broccoli, Celery sticks, Chilled Fruit  <u>Wednesday</u> - Chipotle day, Fajita chicken or beef wrap, Shredded iceberg, Black bean &amp; corn salsa, Seasoned rice, Chilled mandarin orange  <u>Thursday</u> - Cheese quesadilla, Or Chicken nuggets w/roll, Baby carrots, Seasoned green beans, Fresh fruit  <u>Friday</u> - Bosco cheese sticks, or spaghetti w/ meat &amp; roll, Romaine salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pineapple</p>	<p><b>OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 3</b>  <u>Wednesday</u> -Taco salad meat /cheese, Tortilla chips, or soft taco wrap w/cheese, lettuce, Salsa, Seasoned corn, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll, sour cream  <u>Thursday</u> - Chicken strips w/roll, Chicken patty w/bun Baked fries, California blend veggie, Fresh fruit, Jello w/topping  <u>Friday</u> - Macaroni &amp; cheese &amp; roll, or Rib a cue w/bun, Seasoned broccoli, Cucumber slices, Mandarin oranges</p> <p><b>OCTOBER 6 - OCTOBER 10</b>  <u>Monday</u> - Pepperoni stuffed calzone, Or French bread pizza, Bbq baked beans, Seasoned carrots, Applesauce  <u>Tuesday</u> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust pepper, Seasoned green beans, Romaine salad, Chilled mandarin oranges  <u>Wednesday</u> - Falcon burger w/whole grain bun, Iceberg lettuce, Cheese, sauce, Sweet things fries, Chilled pears  <u>Thursday</u> - Chicken bowl w/gravy, cheese, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll  <u>Friday</u> - Wg cheese breadstick Or Beef Ravioli w/breadsticks, Seasoned broccoli, Chilled pineapple</p> <p><b>OCTOBER 13 - OCTOBER 17</b>  <u>Monday</u> - Chicken parm w/wg roll, or Chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Seasoned green beans, Chilled peaches  <u>Tuesday</u> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust pepper, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pears  <u>Wednesday</u> - Beef &amp; cheese nachos, Or Taco Fries w/cheese, Refried beans w/cheese, Romaine salad, Chilled applesauce, Whole grain roll  <u>Thursday</u> - Chicken wrap w/cheese, Chicken strips w/roll, Shredded lettuce, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit  <u>Friday</u> - <b>NO SCHOOL - NEOEA DAY</b></p> <p><b>OCTOBER 20 - OCTOBER 24</b>  <u>Monday</u> - Bbq pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Bbq baked beans, Seasoned cauliflower, Chilled peaches  <u>Tuesday</u> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust pepper, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled pears  <u>Wednesday</u> - Pasta Bar/marinara, alfredo or cheese sauce w/ wg roll, Or meatball sub, Romaine salad, Cucumber slices, Chilled applesauce  <u>Thursday</u> - General Tso's chicken, Stir fry vegetable, Seasoned rice, Fresh fruit, Fortune Cookie  <u>Friday</u> - Egg &amp; cheese on bun, or French toast sticks w/sausage links, syrup cup, Hashbrown potato, Sweet thing fries, Orange juice cup</p> <p><b>OCTOBER 27 - OCTOBER 31</b>  <u>Monday</u> - Salisbury steak, or breaded pork chop, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll  <u>Tuesday</u> - Dominoes smart slice, or stuffed crust pepper, Seasoned broccoli w/chez, Celery sticks, Fruit  <u>Wednesday</u> - Chipotle day-Beef or Fajita chicken, Ultra grain wrap, Shredded iceberg, Black bean &amp; corn salsa, Cilantro lime rice, Chilled mandarin orange  <u>Thursday</u> - Wg Cheese quesadilla, Or Chicken nuggets w/roll, Baby Carrots, Grape tomatoes, Fresh fruit  <u>Friday</u> - Deli sub bar w/ combo or turkey, cheese, lettuce, tomato, peppers, banana pepper, black olives, Chilled pineapple</p>



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**Brownhelm Historical Association**

The Brownhelm Historical Association will meet at 7:00 p.m. on October 1 at the Carriage Barn at Vermilion Reservation, Mill Hollow. After the business meeting our speaker will be Lynn Youngblood. She will present a program on letters sent to Pittsfield, Ohio from the McRoberts brothers and Pomeroy-Gale families in Vermont from 1861 to 1865. The McRoberts who served in the war sent home letters with colorful war letterheads. In total, the contents of 19 letters will be discussed. This will be a very interesting program. This free program is open to the public and refreshments will be served after the program. A reminder that North Ridge Road is closed at the top of Mill Hollow. You will have to get on Vermilion Road to come down the hill. Any questions call Bonnie Cutcher 440-963-7540 or Marilyn Brill 440-988-4550.

**FIRELANDS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS.....**  
**ON THE MOVE !**

We are ready and excited for a new year in the "Land of the Mighty Falcons" !!

Parents, Grandparents, Alumni, and Falcon Fans... we welcome you to be a part of our Booster Club.

Please join us on the 4th Monday of each month in the High School Library @ 7:00 for our meetings.

Looking ahead.... We will be having our 2nd Annual **Tailgate Party** on Thursday, October 2nd. This gathering is to kick off a great school year. We hope that all age kids and their parents will come, as well as the Firelands Community. So far we have had folks commit to bringing lots of food to share, a Bounce House for the kids, Face Painting by our awesome Art Department, Corn Hole Tournaments, and other things for everyone to enjoy. To wrap up the day, our Football Parents will be hosting the ever so popular Jersey Auction. Please bring your family and join in on some great **Falcon Fellowship**.

Looking further ahead... **Come to the Oktoberfest!** This event will be on Saturday, October 18th - 6:00 @ The New Russia Twp. Hall in Oberlin. This fund raiser will be much like our Spring Steak Fry, but with a German twist. \$20.00 will get you a great meal, snacks, desserts, pop, beer, our very own DJ. - Scott Smith, and lots of prizes to win. Tickets are available by contacting any Coach, Booster Club member, or our Athletic Director.

Our Oktoberfest is taking the place of the sale of the Legacy Lottery sale this year. All monies raised will go towards our Field House project.

All of our Fall sports teams are doing awesome! Come out and support our kids and our coaches, they are the best!

Have a great October...and of course... **GO RED !! GO FALCONS !!**

**POWERSCHOOL INFO**

Parents of children in grades 3 and up can view their children's current grades through PowerSchool.

After logging onto the Firelands Home Page, click on Parents, and then PowerSchool.

If you don't have your parent user name and password, or are having trouble logging in, please call the Board Office at 965-5701, ext. 1024.

**Fall Sports Season**

The fall sports seasons are in full swing. Our student athletes have been working hard representing our school in a positive fashion. Please go to [www.firelandsschools.org/falconathletics.aspx](http://www.firelandsschools.org/falconathletics.aspx) for all up to date information on Firelands Athletics for grades 7-12. Remember passes are available for all home contests except OHSAA Tournament games and special invitationals or tournaments. Senior Pass is \$15 and is for the entire year. Adult Pass is \$40 for 10 games. Student Pass is \$20 for 10 games. Look for the next issue of the express to contain post-season tournament information.

Go Falcons!  
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