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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

September is the time of year when we normally reflect back upon the 2011-2012 school year and present our data to the community. Unfortunately, due to the indiscretions of several school districts across the state of Ohio and the political agendas that surround the November election, we do not have confirmed report card data as of the writing of this article. We hope to gain access to our state report card data in the coming months and when it is available, I believe we will have many accomplishments to celebrate!

As we await the release of our data, Building Leadership Teams are meeting with administrators to develop strategies to better examine our test data, review classroom instruction and assessment, and 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 claim proudly that as a district we have maintained "Excellent" status.

In order for me to get to know the district better, I have been busy meeting with employees and seeking their input on the strengths and weaknesses of the district. In addition, I continue to enjoy my interactions with our community members at various events.

It is my pleasure to summarize the many improvements to our facilities over the summer:

- * Installation of new carpet in

the relocated and renovated computer lab at SAMS.

- * Installation of new ceiling tiles in two classrooms at SAMS.
- * Installation of new bleachers in the SAMS gymnasium with improved access and safety.
- * Construction of new playground that included drainage improvements for FES.
- * New carpet in the multiple handicap room at FES.
- * New ceiling tile in the FES gymnasium.
- * Refinishing of the gymnasium floor at FHS and SAMS.
- * Construction of a new soccer complex press box and ticket booth, as well as the addition of new bleachers.
- * Repair of drainage tiles for the soccer complex.
- * Structural repair and paint for the bus garage facility.
- * Repair and restriping for the parking area between FHS and FES.

Financially, the five-year forecast shows that the district is solvent through June 30, 2011. The share of funding we receive from the state continues to remain flat.

As I reflect on the "Excellence" of Firelands, it reminds me of the individuals responsible for our continued excellence: our students, our parents, and our teachers. It is a great honor for the faculty of the Firelands School District to work with the leaders of tomorrow. Every child possesses unlimited potential to grow

and achieve. As educators and as parents, it becomes our responsibility to ensure that we never give up on our students. With that in mind, I would like to convey a story told by Cynthia Ann Broad-special, educator and Michigan Teacher of the Year.

"I'd like to tell you the story of two children—two educationally handicapped children.

The parents of the first child were not considered successful. His father was unemployed with no formal schooling. His mother was a teacher—and there was probably tension in the family because of the mismatch.

This child, born in Port Huron, Michigan, was estimated to have an IQ of 81. He was withdrawn from school after three months—and was considered backward by school officials.

Physically, the child enrolled two years late due to scarlet fever and respiratory infections. And he was going deaf. His emotional health was poor—stubborn, aloof, showing very little emotion.

He liked mechanics. He liked to play with fire, and burned down his father's barn. He showed some manual dexterity, but used very poor grammar. But he did want to be a scientist or a railroad mechanic.

The second child showed not much more promise.

This child was born of an alcoholic father who worked as an itinerant—and a mother who stayed at home.

As a child, she was sickly, bedridden, and often hospitalized. She was considered erratic and

withdrawn. She would bite her nails, and had numerous phobias. She wore a back brace from a spinal defect and would constantly seek attention.

She was a daydreamer with no vocational goals, although she expressed a desire to help the elderly and the poor.

Who were these children?

The boy from Port Huron became one of the world's greatest inventors—Thomas A. Edison.

And the awkward and sickly young girl became a champion of the oppressed—Eleanor Roosevelt."

Parenting and teaching our children comes with an awesome responsibility. The aforementioned story enforces my belief that ALL children can be successful. It also forms a guiding belief of the FLS educational community that we cannot and will not give up on any child.

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!
Dr. Robert F. Hill
Superintendent

SPECIAL EDITION 2011-2012 ANNUAL REPORT

See the summary reports of school programs and building events. (pages 2 - 3).

Sixth Annual Firelands Parade of Bands

October 6th, 2012
7 pm Firelands Stadium

This years bands include
James Rhodes HS, Garfield
Heights HS,
Oberlin HS
Clearview HS
and The
Mighty Falcon Marching
Band!

Cost of Admission is
\$5
For Everyone

Shout-outs, concessions,
raffles, and more!
Please come and help support our
band. Proceeds from this event go
towards our uniform fund.

You may view this issue online at:

www.firelandsschools.org

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FIRELANDS HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012

FLOAT CONTEST AND TAILGATE PICNIC

Homecoming week, September 26 to September 30, was a great success. Students had a different spirit dress-up each day of the week. FCCLA Teen Leaders class sponsored the spirit link sales during homecoming. FHS Stuentns purchase links toward building their spirit chain in competition between each class, for the longest chain and most spirit. Every year we vote on an organization to donate the spirit link money. This year FCCLA is donating to the Make -A -Wish foundation. All students in Mrs. Dodig's Teen Leaders class participated in organizing, advertising and constructing the links. Students decorated the halls Thursday after school with crepe paper, lights and signs, and constructed floats for the Homecoming attendants to ride before the football game. Unfortunately the rain washed out the tailgate party on Thursday and the use of the floats on Friday night. Students selected the members of the court and voted Samantha Golden Queen and Jake Myer King. The juniors won the Best Float award and Best Decorated Hall award. Teachers voted for the most spirited student and Rebecca Kozlowski is Ms. Falcon and Dalton Repine-Krejci is Mr. Falcon.

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

ACADEMICS

Counselors Greg Northeim and Diane Zimmer attended a workshop sponsored by ACT. They learned about ACT programs to help ready students for planning after high school and college readiness testing. With that information plans were developed for College and Career Readiness day on October 12. Seniors visited colleges or job shadowed, juniors and sophomores took ACT prep tests and freshmen heard from career and college speakers. In the afternoon the three classes listened to a motivational speaker.

Chris Jones and Rick Reighley attended a High School That Works workshop to review the high school testing data and to plan for this school year.

Great results from the OGT data, advanced scores on the test, student attendance, and graduation rate equaled an Excellent rating for the high school. The ninth year running!

See our report card at: http://ode.state.oh.us/

Point the curser at the accountability tab and click on state/local report. Next click on state and local reports and search for Firelands High School.

The Response to Intervention team met April 24 to discuss ways to help struggling students and plan interventions for next year. The team members are Diane Zimmer, Traci Johnston, Greg Northeim, Chris Jones, Jack Whaley, Tony Reaser, Kelly Miller, and John Zbornik.

Chris Jones and Rick Reighley attended the Spring Reconnect meeting for High School That Work on April 17. We saw a presentation on the new core curriculum, teacher evaluation and had planning meetings for next year.

April 26 the National Honor Society inducted 31 new

members. Punch and cookies were served afterwards.

FHS HONOR BANQUET AND STUDENT EVENTS

The honors banquet was held at German's Villa on May 17th with 415 students, parents and guests attending. 160 students receive plaques for their honor roll status the first three quarters of the school year. Also students in National Art Honor society and Scholastic Challenge team received awards and recognition. Joseph Flynn received the Thomas Uhl Scholarship and eleven students were recognized for having all A's during their high school career.

On March 22-27 the Mighty Falcon Marching Band traveled to Disney in Florida to march and play in the main street parade. 90+ students and parents went on the trip and had a fantastic experience.

On April 3-5, Mr. Kirsch took a group 30 of senior students to Washington D.C. They visited Mount Vernon, saw the memorials and toured the White House. Mrs. Callahan, Mr. Brown chaperoned.

Wendy Johnson's Select Choir went to New York City on April 20-22.

Prom was held at Deluca's Place in the Park on May 5th. Approximately 240 students joined in on the fun. The prom committee decorated the hall with Wish Upon A Star the theme this year. Mrs. Foster is their advisor.

The Lions Club honored nine students as their Student of the Month during the school year.

SEPT.	Alex Tuggle
OCT	Nick Donofrio
NOV	Nate Donofrio
DEC	Emily Teaman
JAN	Meghan Butler
FEB	Cody Doud
MARCH	Samantha Golden
APRIL	Taylor Fuge
MAY	Jake Myers

Meghan was Student of the Year.

The STRIVE Club attended a luncheon at the Oberlin Rotary's regular meeting on May 5th. Allie Deidrick and Emily Stevanus were awarded scholarships. The Rotary sponsors the club and meets with the students at the high school once a month with a business speaker. Mr. Brown advises the club.

The choir received a superior rating at the state competition and the band missed superior by one point.

The Fine Arts Festival was held on May 7th and 8th at South Amherst Middle. Artwork K-12 was on display and various musical groups performed.

On May 16th the student council held their annual volleyball tournament at SAMS. Students and staff fielded teams.

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 and colleges. A list of the award winners is in the June 2012 Express.

GRADUATION 2011

On Saturday, June 2, 2012 the class of 2012 took part in graduation exercises at the high school. Speeches were given by Valedictorian, Jayme Jones, Salutatorian Matt Witte, and Senior Class President Sara Laughlin. One hundred and forty eight members of the class graduated with over forty members of the class receiving scholarships from colleges, universities, or organizations. Seventy percent of those seniors will be continuing their education at four-year, two-year, or technical schools. Four percent of the class will be entering the military and continuing their careers in the service. Twenty six percent will be securing jobs and continuing their careers in the work force.

Respectfully Submitted, Richard A. Reighley, Principal

FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012

ACUITY PREDICTIVE AND DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENTS

In order to provide more data on our students' academic progress and to help determine the needs of our students, we continued to use a program called Acuity. Tests which mimic the questioning on the Ohio Achievement Assessments can be created using this program. Periodically, our students take these tests. Our Data Teams (grade level teachers and administrators) look over the results of these tests and try to determine what areas each child may need help with. It is also a good way to see what areas our teachers are strong at teaching and which areas may need to be improved upon. Teachers will sit and discuss what is being done well and try to mimic that in what appears to be weaker areas. We also take the students who show the greatest need and place them in intervention groups to provide additional assistance in their areas of weakness. This is being used in grades 3 – 5.

GIMME 5! – SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOR PLAN

Appropriate, positive student behavior is stress all the time but with the GIMME 5 program this behavior is also recognized and rewarded. A dedicated, group of teachers get together to plan how to make this the best that it can be to continue to reinforce positive student behavior.

OLWEUS – ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAM

To support positive student behavior, Mrs. Valerie Schuster brought an anti-bullying program to FES. All teachers were trained in this program. A small group of teachers received additional training to help with instituting Olweus. This program has been scientifically proven to be a successful deterrent to bullying. A key component of the program is weekly classroom meetings. Anti-bullying lessons are taught in the early meetings but eventually the meetings become more "current event" oriented with teacher and students talking about what is happening in school, on the playground, in the lunchroom, etc. and ways to deal with those situations

PTG/ COMMUNITY BUILD – FOR OUR STUDENTS

THANK YOU PTG, High School Athletic Dept. and COMMUNITY!!

We at FES cannot express our appreciation enough to all the support from all above to make our playground a dream place!! The BOE was also part of our dream helping make this happen for K-5. Please know that we currently are having a "blast" with the fun things to do and play with on our very own playground! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Sincerely, FES students and staff****

For more information about our PTG please us the following link: https://www.facebook.com/groups/234697570256/

LEGO CLUB 2011-12

Starting in January, we had over 150 students in grades 2-5 participate in Lego Club. These students stayed after school once a week (three different days) for six weeks. Groups were supervised by Mrs. Krumwiede, Mrs. Laubacher, Mrs. Phillips, and parent volunteers Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin. The PTG also sponsored a Lego Night, in which parents could come with their children and build Lego creations together. Next, 75 of the top Lego builders were selected to represent Firelands at the Lego Olympiad at LCCC. They continued to stay after school each week for an additional 6 weeks. We entered 6 teams of 4th and 5th graders in the Theme Division, 4 teams of 4th and 5th graders in the Computerized Division, and 7 teams of 2nd and 3rd graders in the Open Division. Our teams all did a great job and we brought home 4 trophies this year! The following are some other activities that occurred at FES during the 2011-12 school year. Club Invention: which is very much like Camp Invention held at SAMS each summer was offered to our students again in 2011-12. It runs for one week and is held after school. We had the opportunity to offer this more often and included a larger number of students for no cost.

The Not Forgotten Box :This has become a tradition at FES. Our students and staff bring toys for children who would not have anything for Christmas if not for the efforts of our FES family and others like them around the county. Once again, our community stepped forward and provided a nice Christmas for many needy children.

Art Club: Mrs. Cara Proehl offers this after school club each year. This club started by Mrs. Proehl three years ago is very successful among our students.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Trunzo Assistant Principal FES

NOTIFICATION OF SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Firelands Local School District is actively participating in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children with special needs. Firelands provides special services for both “gifted” students and those students with “disabilities”.

GIFTED SERVICES—In compliance with ORC Section 33245.07 the Firelands Local School District has developed a appropriate program for “Gifted” students enrolled in the district. This plan includes the following: a differentiated curriculum, cluster grouping, mentorships, accelerated course work, post-secondary course options, advanced placement, and pull-out programs. Students are identified in three steps: (1) pre-assessment, where student’s academic performance is reviewed, (2) screening, which is usually group testing, and (3) assessment/identification, which can be either group or individual testing. Parents should receive test results within 30 days. Parents will be notified if a student qualifies for ‘gifted services’.

DISABILITY SERVICES—In accordance with ORC Sections 3323.05 and 3323.08 the Firelands Local School District has developed an appropriate program for servicing students with disabilities. The Firelands School District further assures disabled students and their parents procedural safeguards with respect to the identification, evaluation, educational placement, or educational program of a disabled child.

A “Child with a disability” means a child who is age 3-21 who has cognitive delay, a hearing impairment (including deafness), a speech or language impairment, a visual impairment (including blindness), a serious emotional disturbance, an orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic brain injury, an other health impairment, a specific learning disability, deaf-blindness, or multiple disabilities; and who, by reason thereof, needs special education and related services. A “child with a disability” may include a child who is 3-5 years of age who is experiencing developmental delays in one or more of the following areas: physical development, cognitive development, communication development, social or emotional development, or adaptive development; and who, by reason thereof, needs special education and related services.

Children with disabilities can be referred for assessment by teachers, administrators, professional school personnel, and through cooperative efforts with parents. Following proper identification and assessment, parents will be contacted to meet collectively with school personnel to review the test results. If the student qualifies for services, parents will be directly involved in all stages of developing the student’s ‘individualized education program (IEP). The needs of the student are met through various services while attempting to keep the student in the general education curriculum to the extent possible.

If you have any further questions about these services, contact the Office of Special Education at 440-965-4255.

2011 – 2012 STAFF TRAINING BY DEGREE

<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B+</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>M+</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
FHS	1	3	13	17	34
SAMS	2	2	12	9	25
FES	1	8	18	22	49

PROFESSIONAL STAFF TEACHING EXPERIENCE & GENDER

<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>EXPERIENCE IN YEARS</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
FHS	411 (14.17 Years)	13	16
SAMS	408 (15.11 Years)	7	20
FES	657 (13.98 Years)	5	42

ADMINISTRATORS

<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
BOARD OF EDUCATION	2	
FIRELANDS HIGH	2	
SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE	2	
FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY	1	1
TOTAL	7	1

AVERAGE YEARS EXPERIENCE = 22.5 YEARS

SUPPORT STAFF BY GENDER

<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
BOARD OF EDUCATION	2	6
BUS DRIVERS/MECHANICS	2	18
FIRELANDS HIGH	3	18
SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE	4	17
FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY	1	23
TOTAL	12	82

AVERAGE YEARS EXPERIENCE = 11.96 YEARS

SOUTH AMHERST ANNUAL REPORT

South Amherst Middle School was rated “Excellent” by the Ohio Department of Education. The Excellent rating is a reflection of the dedication and efforts by the students, parents, staff members, and the Firelands Community. We are currently waiting for the state to release the finale ratings, and SAMS could be “Excellent with Distinction” for a second year in a row.

HONORS, SERVICE, AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- SAMS students earned MATHCOUNTS highest ranking of Gold – 1 of only 11 schools in Ohio
- Twenty six 6th grade students were recognized by the Cleveland Cavaliers who successfully completed the Cav’s Read-to-Achieve program
- SAMS 6th grade students created twenty “Thanksgiving Boxes” for fellow Firelands Students in need
- Mathew Browning won the SAMS Spelling Bee Competition
- First year for Project Lead The Way – Gateway to Technology classes featuring two modules; Design & Modeling and Automation & Robotics
- 7th and 8th grade Band received the highest rating of superior (1) at the OMEA performances
- 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Band earned 10 Superiors and 1 excellent rating at the Lorain County Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated event

- SAMS 8th grade gifted and talented students participated in a Mock Trial and successfully won their case at the Elyria Justice Center
- 7th and 8th grade Band selected students participated in the Lorain County Middle School Honors Band
- Collin Myers tied the school record in high jump and was crowed PAC champion in the event
- Girls 8th grade basketball team went 18-1 during their season. They took first place in the PAC championship Tournament
- Creative SAMS Art students had paintings, drawings and collage work on display in the Lorain County Elementary-Middle School Art Exhibit at Midway Mall.
- 7th and 8th grade spring musical was a huge success. The students performed Follow That Rabbit, a rendition of Alice in Wonderland
- South Amherst Middle School Art students were selected to show their artwork across at the Case Western Reserve University, Rhodes State Office Tower in Columbus and, the Youth Art Month Exhibition hosted at the STRS Building in Columbus.
- Twelve Endowment Grants received for educational purposes that directly benefited our students
- The 7th/8th Grade Creative Writing classes held a story time with local preschoolers. Mrs. Post and her students read Christmas and Holiday students to many happy preschoolers. Mrs. Sullivan’s Works and Family

- classes backed cookies
- 8th grade students participated in Career Day and our students had the opportunity to listen to local professionals discuss aspects of their job.

FINE ARTS PERFORMANCES

The South Amherst Middle School Band held three successful concerts and performed as part of the half time show at a Varsity Football game. The 7th and 8th grade choirs accomplished two shows during the year, one being connected with musical hits spanning several generations. The Spring Musical, “Follow That Rabbit”, was a huge success and the students represented the middle school very well. The show included Student Directors, Dance Captains, Dialogue Coaches, Stag Crew, Lights/Sound Crew, Make-up/Costume Crew, Publicity Crew, and Scenery Crew Members. The Fine Arts Festival showcased the talented students within in our district. The festival displayed various forms of the arts and was a great opportunity to show the creativity and talent of our students. The 2011-12 school year was very successful. The faculty, staff, students and community can be very proud of the great accomplishments and honors obtained by our students. Go Falcons!

2012 NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC ART AWARD

Firelands High School senior Advanced Art student Christopher Neal has been awarded a national level Silver Medal for his work in printmaking entitled *Flowers, Flowers*.



The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have an impressive legacy dating back to 1923 and a noteworthy roster of past winners including Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Robert Redford and Joyce Carol Oates.

The Awards are an important opportunity for students to be recognized for their creative talents. Teens in grades 7 through 12 apply in 28 categories of art and writing for the chance to earn scholarships and have their works exhibited or published.

More than 100,000 students submitted 200,000 works to The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 2012. Top regional works received Gold Keys and were entered into the national level of the competition. More than 13,000 Gold Key works were considered for national awards. Approximately 1,500 Scholastic Award medals were bestowed on the nation’s most talented teen artists.

National Awards

- Gold Medal: The most outstanding works in the nation.
- Silver Medal: Works demonstrating high honors on the national level.

American Visions & Voices Medal: An esteemed panel of jurors selects the best of the five American Voices & Visions Nominees from each region to receive national recognition with the American Visions & Voices Medal.

Submissions are juried by luminaries in the visual and literary arts, some of whom are past award recipients. Panelists look for works that best exemplify originality, technical skill and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. To date, the Awards have encouraged over 13 million students, recognized more than 9 million young artists and writers. They continue to be the longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in the U.S.

FHS TLC Presents “Keep Kids Warm Drive”

The Firelands, Teen Leadership Corp (TLC) group will be hosting a “Keep Kids Warm” drive for the Boys & Girls Club of Cleveland. We will be collecting new socks, gloves, and hats starting Monday, September 24th. There will be collection boxes for all Firelands community members to bring in donations in the high school’s Guidance Office. All donations will be greatly appreciated by everyone here in the TLC group and on behalf of all of the boys and girls who will stay warm this winter thanks to your generous efforts. The drive will be taking place September 24th through September 30th. For more information, please contact the high school Guidance Office, 440-965-5335.

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 Mr. Kirsch’s room. The meeting usually lasts around 30 minutes.

COLLEGE VISITS AT FHS

Hiram College	1:00 p.m., Monday, September 17
Kettering University	10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 18
Tiffin University	8:30 a.m., Monday, September 24
Ashland University	8:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 25
Kent State University	1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 25
Liberty University	8:30 a.m., Thursday, October 4
Ohio University	8:30 a.m., Friday, October 5
Bowling Green State University	8:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 9
Cleveland State University	1:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 9
Walsh University	9:45 a.m., Wednesday, October 10
Baldwin Wallace University	8:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 16
University of Akron	8:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 17
Youngstown State University	8:30 a.m., Monday, October 29
Ohio Northern University	10:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 30

Starting September 21st, College Now Advisor, Mr. Rudolph Chavez will be working with students and parents on college access, scholarships, and financial aid services. He will be available on Friday throughout the school year.

Important Dates In October

Lorain County College Fair at Lorain County Community College Thursday, October 4th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m, Ewing Activities Center, 1005 North Abbe Rd., Elyria. More than 130 Colleges, Universities, and Military Academies will be there to answer your questions.

“Dare to Be Great”

- * Reach Higher Transition Day! October 17th 8:30a.m.
- * We have a special day planned to help our students prepare for college and career readiness.
- * Freshman activities include motivational speakers, wellness activities, college, and career speakers.
- * All Sophomores and Juniors will be participating in Testing in the morning.

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

• Cost is FREE!

Pre-ACT - Designed to give students knowledge and direction on what to expect on the ACT. Juniors at FHS will take this test unless taking the PSAT.

• Cost is FREE!

- PSAT - Sophomores and Juniors can take the test.
- Cost is \$14.00 - Please make checks payable to: Firelands High School
- Sign-ups will begin October 3rd in the Guidance Office (limited to 35 students)

SENIORS will be taking the Compass Test at Lorain County Community College or out on a college visit!

In the Afternoon: Students will participate in numerous service activities.

Parent/Teacher Evening Conferences – October 11th and November 13th

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

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FALCONS ON THE FLY



The FHS marching band, falcon mascot, cheerleaders, and athletes come to support the elementary students as they walked and ran their first laps of the year around the playground. Thanks to the Firelands Elementary PTG for supporting the sixth year of Falcons on the Fly and helping to make it such a success. Photos courtesy of Teresa Dempsey Photography.

Respectfully submitted by : Jan Trunzo, Assistant Principal, FES



LUNCH MENUS

<u>FIRELANDS ELEMENTARY</u> Regular Lunch \$2.30—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals	<u>SOUTH AMHERST MIDDLE</u> Regular Lunch \$2.70—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals	<u>FIRELANDS HIGH</u> Regular Lunch \$2.70—Ice Cold Milk served with all meals
<p><u>OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 5</u></p> <p><u>MONDAY</u> - Whole grain corn dog, BBQ baked beans, Steamed broccoli, Diced peaches</p> <p><u>TUESDAY</u> - Domino’s pizza or school pepperoni, Seasoned corn, Baby carrots, Fruit</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY</u> - Chicken patty on bun, Romaine spin salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pineapple</p> <p><u>THURSDAY</u> - Taco salad, Shredded lettuce, Black bean & corn salsa fruit, Tortilla chips</p> <p><u>FRIDAY</u> - Macaroni & cheese, Seasoned peas, Cucumber slices, Chilled pears, Whole grain roll</p> <p><u>OCTOBER 8 - OCTOBER 12</u></p> <p><u>MONDAY</u> - Hamburger w/bun, Pickle slices, BBQ baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled mandarin oranges</p> <p><u>TUESDAY</u> - Dominos smart slice Or school pepperoni pizza, Romaine spinach salad, Salad dressing, Grape tomaoes,Fruit</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY</u> - Baked chicken nuggets, Sweet fries, Chilled pears, Whole grain roll, Dipping Sauce</p> <p><u>THURSDAY</u> - Falcon chicken bowl, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Bug bites</p> <p><u>FRIDAY</u> - <i><u>NO SCHOOL - NEOEA DAY</u></i></p> <p><u>OCTOBER 15 - OCTOBER 19</u></p> <p><u>MONDAY</u> - Hot dog on wg bun, BBQ baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches</p> <p><u>TUESDAY</u> - Dominos smart slice Or school pepperoni pizza, Baby carrots, Green beans, Fruit</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY</u> - General Tso’s chicken, Stir fry vegetables, Seasoned rice, Chilled pineapple, Fortune cookie</p> <p><u>THURSDAY</u> - Soft taco /ultra grain wrap, Shredded lettuce, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit</p> <p><u>FRIDAY</u> - Cheese stuffed breadstick, Romaine spinach salad, Salad dressing, Grape tomatoes, Chilled mandarin, oranges, Pizza sauce</p> <p><u>OCTOBER 22 - OCTOBER 26</u></p> <p><u>MONDAY</u> - Sausage links, French toast sticks, Hash brown potatoes, Celery sticks, Orange juice cup, Syrup cup</p> <p><u>TUESDAY</u> - Dominos smart slice Or school pepperoni pizza, Seasoned broc & carrots, Fruit, Whole grain gripz</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY</u> - Chicken fries, Baked french fries, Chilled mandarin oranges, Whole grain roll, Dipping sauce</p> <p><u>THURSDAY</u> - Whole grain corn dog, BBQ baked beans, Cucumber slices, Fresh fruit</p> <p><u>FRIDAY</u> - Ravioli in red sauce, Seasoned green beans, Chilled peaches, Whole grain roll</p>	<p><u>OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 5</u></p> <p><u>MONDAY</u> - Hot dog w/ bun. BBQ baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches, Graham crackers</p> <p><u>TUESDAY</u> - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pears</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY</u> - Taco salad or soft taco wrap, shredded iceberg, cheese, black bean & corn salsa, Chilled applesauce, Tortilla chips</p> <p><u>THURSDAY</u> - Chicken strips w/roll, chicken patty w/ bun, Parsley potatoes, Fresh fruit</p> <p><u>FRIDAY</u> - Macaroni & cheese or rib a cue w/bun, Cucumber slices, Seasoned broccoli, Chilled pears</p> <p><u>OCTOBER 8 - OCTOBER 12</u></p> <p><u>MONDAY</u> - Pepperoni calzone Or southwest pizza, BBQ baked beans, Tomato juice, Applesauce</p> <p><u>TUESDAY</u> - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned green beans, Romaine /spinach salad, Chilled mandarin oranges</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY</u> - Falcon burger w/whole grain bun w/ iceberg lettuce, cheese,2T sauce, Sweet things fries, Chilled pears</p> <p><u>THURSDAY</u> - Falcon chicken bowl w/gravy, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll</p> <p><u>FRIDAY</u> - <i><u>NEOEA - “NO SCHOOL”</u></i></p> <p><u>OCTOBER 15 - OCTOBER 19</u></p> <p><u>MONDAY</u> - Chicken parm w/wg roll or chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Green beans, Chilled peaches</p> <p><u>TUESDAY</u> - Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pears</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY</u> - Beef & cheese nachos or Taco fries w/cheese, Refried beans w/cheese Romaine/spinach salad, Chilled applesauce</p> <p><u>THURSDAY</u> - Chicken wrap w/cheese, Chicken strips w/ roll, Shredded lettuce, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit</p> <p><u>FRIDAY</u> - Toasted cheese Or cheezy bread / garlic, Steamed broccoli, Chilled mandarin oranges</p> <p><u>OCTOBER 22 - OCTOBER 26</u></p> <p><u>MONDAY</u> - BBQ pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches</p> <p><u>TUESDAY</u> -Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled pears</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY</u> -Grilled chicken / bun or Chicken patty w/bun, Romaine spinach salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled mandarin orgs</p> <p><u>THURSDAY</u> - General Tso's chicken, Stir fry vegetable, Seasoned rice w/black beans, Fresh fruit, Fortune Cookie</p> <p><u>FRIDAY</u> - Egg & cheese on wg roll or pancake & sausage stick, Hashbrown potato, Sweet potatoes, Orange juice cup</p>	<p><u>OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 5</u></p> <p><u>MONDAY</u> - Hot dog w/ bun, BBQ baked beans, Celery sticks. Chilled peaches, Graham crackers</p> <p><u>TUESDAY</u> – Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pears</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY</u> - Taco salad or soft taco wrap, shredded iceberg, cheese, black bean & corn salsa, Chilled applesauce, Tortilla chips</p> <p><u>THURSDAY</u> - Chicken strips w/roll, chicken patty w/ bun, baked fries, Fresh fruit</p> <p><u>FRIDAY</u> - Macaroni & cheese or rib a cue w/bun, Cucumber slices, Seasoned broccoli, Chilled pears</p> <p><u>OCTOBER 8 - OCTOBER 12</u></p> <p><u>MONDAY</u> -Pepperoni calzone Or southwest pizza, BBQ baked beans, Tomato juice, Applesauce</p> <p><u>TUESDAY</u> – Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned green beans, Romaine /spinach salad, Chilled mandarin oranges</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY</u> -Falcon double burger w/whole grain bun w/ iceberg lettuce, cheese, 2T sauce, Sweet things fries, Chilled pears</p> <p><u>THURSDAY</u> -Falcon chicken bowl w/gravy, Seasoned corn, Whipped potatoes, Fresh fruit, Whole grain roll</p> <p><u>FRIDAY</u> -<i><u>NEOEA - “NO SCHOOL”</u></i></p> <p><u>OCTOBER 15 - OCTOBER 19</u></p> <p><u>MONDAY</u> - Chicken parm w/wg roll or chicken patty/ bun, Spaghetti / sauce, Green beans, Chilled peaches</p> <p><u>TUESDAY</u> – Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Baby carrots, Grape tomatoes, Chilled pears</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY</u> - Beef & cheese nachos or Taco fries w/cheese, Refried beans w/cheese, Romaine/spinach salad, Chilled applesauce</p> <p><u>THURSDAY</u> - Chicken wrap w/cheese, Chicken strips w/ roll, Shredded lettuce, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit</p> <p><u>FRIDAY</u> - Toasted cheese Or cheezy bread / garlic, Steamed broccoli, Chilled mandarin oranges</p> <p><u>OCTOBER 22 - OCTOBER 26</u></p> <p><u>MONDAY</u> - BBQ pulled pork wg bun, Whole grain corn dog, Baked beans, Celery sticks, Chilled peaches</p> <p><u>TUESDAY</u> – Dominoes smart slice or stuffed crust peppro, Seasoned broccoli, Baby carrots, Chilled pears</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY</u> - Grilled chicken / bun or Chicken patty w/bun, Romaine spinach salad, Grape tomatoes, Chilled mandarin orgs</p> <p><u>THURSDAY</u> - General Tso's chicken, Stir fry vegetable, Seasoned rice w/black beans, Fresh fruit, Fortune Cookie</p> <p><u>FRIDAY</u> - Egg & cheese on wg roll or pancake & sausage stick, Hashbrown potato, Sweet things, Orange juice cup</p>



**Firelands Endowment Fund
Presents
A Taste of Firelands**

Save The Date!!

Saturday, September 29, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., the Firelands Schools Endowment Fund will host a wine tasting at Matus winery, 15674 Gore Orphanage Rd. Tickets are \$25 for 8 samples. Extra tickets will be available for those wanting additional tastings. There will also be a silent auction. Light refreshments will be served.

Contributions to the Endowment Fund are permanently invested, and only a portion of the value of the total investment is available for disbursement each year. This spending policy results in an ever growing endowment as contributions continue to accumulate year after year.

Come join your fellow Falcons for a fun evening and help raise some money for a good cause in the process. Tickets are available from any of the Endowment Fund trustees, at the Board office or at the door.



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CAFETERIA NEWS!!

MEAL ASSISTANT FORMS DUE ASAP

Updated meal applications are due now. If you haven't sent in an updated application, please do so ASAP. All applications have been processed. If you sent in an application but have not received an approved or denied letter, please notify Judy Baumann, Food service director at 440-965-5821 ext 311. **If an updated application is not received by September 28, 2012, your child's meal status will change to denied and will be required to pay full price.**

If your child attended another school district, the meal application does not transfer. You will need to fill out a new form for Firelands Local Schools.

Reminder: All schools serve breakfast for all students. If your child qualifies for reduced meals they can get breakfast for .30. High school and Middle school students eat in the cafeteria, Elementary students go through the serving line after getting off the bus and take it back to their classroom.

SOUTH AMHERST DUMPSTER DAYS



**Friday - October 5, 2012
8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.**

**Saturday - October 6, 2012
9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

**South Amherst Village Garage
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Let the Smile Begin

The staff at Firelands Elementary School greeted the students with great big smiles on their faces and their shirts. The theme of “Let the Smile Begin” was all around the building. Fifth Grade teachers continued the theme with a project where students wrote about what makes them smile and these are displayed on the classroom doors.



Creative SAMS Art students (L-R) Jacob Bailey, Logan Strader, Carolynn Stevens, Joshua Carpino, Tyler Clark, and Ian Valerius had paintings, drawings and collage work on display in the Lorain County Elementary-Middle School Art Exhibit at Midway Mall. The annual art show is sponsored by the Educational Service Center of Lorain County and is a great opportunity for our community to enjoy the artwork of Lorain County students.

GIMME 5 ATTRIBUTE OF THE MONTH: RESPONSIBILITY!

- Tips on teaching responsibility to your children...
- Talk about responsibility with your children and show them responsibility by modeling that behavior yourself.
 - Give children chores. Give them instructions and then let them do it. Don't keep nagging, but just have a natural consequence to follow if it is not done.
 - Give them an allowance at an early age and let them make decisions on how they spend it. Do not give them extra money if they run out.
 - Get a pet – caring for an animal is a great way to teach responsibility!

These tips come from the online article: Teaching Children Responsibility - Making Children More Independent © Cyrus Dehkan

Falcon Fall Sports Update

Varsity Football

The Varsity Football Team is 0-3 and is battling to earn its first victory of the season. Leading the team in rushing and passing is Joe Hyster with 244 yards passing along with 216 yards rushing. Leading the team in TD's is Dakota Dodge with 3 rushing scores. Nick Bauer has the most offensive receptions with 16. Defensively Zach Hofecker, Tom Urbansky, and Nick Bauer are leading the team in tackles. Zach Hofecker has returned a 42 yard interception for a TD in the Lutheran West game.

Junior Varsity

The Junior Varsity squad has a record of 2-1 with impressive victories over New London and Vermilion. In those two victory's the offense has scored 54 points and the defense has only given up 14 points.

8th Grade Football

The 8th grade football team is currently undefeated at 3-0. The Falcons posted a 50-0 win over Sheffield Middle School in their first game. Justin Studd threw 2 td passes to Brad Soltis. Studd also returned an interception for a td. Aaron Alston had 2 rushing tds. Michael Whitacre and Colin Myers also had td runs. The Falcons sailed to a 34-0 win over Brooklyn. Brad Soltis caught 2 td passes from Justin Studd. Colin Myers, Nathan Kovach and John Gall each had a td run. Robbie Woods had 3 sacks. The Falcons earned a hard fought 24-16 win over Fairview. Justin Studd threw td passes to Colin Myers and Aaron Alston. Studd also added a short td run. Patrick Brightbill lead the team in tackles on Defense.

7th Grade Football

The Seventh Grade Football Falcons have started the season with a boom, winning their first three games. The Falcons defeated Sheffield Middle School by the score of 48-0, they then stopped Wellington McCormick Middle 36-28, and this past Tuesday, topped Fairview Middle School 44-0. The team shows great enthusiasm and look to continue their winning ways.

Golf

The boy's golf team which consists of Caleb Petersen (senior), Nick Gulish (senior), Dylan Newman (junior), Mitch Hildebrandt (sophomore), and Brandon Palmer (freshman) got off to a slow start, but the team has been improving and the scores have been coming down just in time for tournaments. The team has won its last three matches in a row to improve their record to 3 and 3.

Boys Cross Country

The Firelands Boys Cross Country Team has placed in the middle of each race so far this year. Brady Jeffers has been the team top placer. The team's race times continue to improve each week. The team will race at Black River, September 22, Vermilion, September 29, and the PAC Championship, October 13. Matthew Brightbill has led the SAMS boys cross country team. The team is putting in miles to peak at the end of the year for conference.

Girls Cross Country

The Firelands Girls Cross Country Team has placed in the middle of each race so far this year. Leslie Peterson has been the team top placer. The team's race times continue to improve each week. The team will race at Black River, September 22, Vermilion, September 29, and the PAC Championship, October 13. The SAMS girls cross country team has shown great improvement as the season has progressed as the girls have a great attitude.

Girls Soccer

Girls Varsity soccer got off to a fast start this season with a big win over Sandusky on opening day! A tough loss to Vermilion followed by an unlucky night at conference heavyweight Buckeye set the lady falcons off pace, but the girls have bounces back to go 2-1-1 in their last 4 games. Buoyed by strong senior leadership from Randi Bukovac, Kayla Fowler, Rachel Holowecky, Jordan Yakunovich, & Jess Zurcher, the Lady Falcons are poised to make a strong push during the second half of the season.

Boys Soccer

The boys are off to one of its best starts in a

decade. Their record currently stands at 4-2-1. One of the highlights of the season has been defeating Fairview. It was Fairview's first loss in the Patriot Athletic Conference. Going into the game Fairview's conference record was 9-0-3. The boys team is very young with 16 of the 20 players being 9th or 10th graders. Jordan Ruffner was named the Morning Journal Boys Soccer Player of the Week for the 1st week of the season. Nate Yorks was featured in an article in the Chronicle which can be accessed at this address: <http://chronicle.northcoastnow.com/2012/08/28/boys-soccer-2012-firelands>.

Game Results

Firelands 8 Sandusky 0
Firelands 2 Lake Ridge 1
Firelands 1 Buckeye 3
Firelands 2 Holy Name 1
Firelands 2 Brookside 2
Firelands 1 Fairview 0
Firelands 1 Columbia 4

Varsity Volleyball

The varsity volleyball team has been playing very tough this season!! The girls record currently stands at 4-2 overall and 4-1 in the PAC. The girls had a big win over Lutheran West in 5 games. It was sweet revenge as the team lost to Lutheran West in 5 last year. Another huge win for the team came over Keystone with whom they lost to twice last year!! A close match was with Buckeye going 5 games and dropping 13-15 in game 5!! The girls are working very hard and the coaches are very proud of them!!!

Game Results

Fairview 25-15, 25-19, 25-18 Won
Lutheran West 25-14, 13-25, 19-25, 25-19, 15-9 Won
Oberlin 25-5, 25-10, 25-19 Won
Keystone 25-22, 26-24, 21-25, 25-17 Won
Lorain 17-25, 20-25, 20-25 Lost
Buckeye 23-25, 25-15, 25-18, 15-25, 13-25 Lost

JV Volleyball

Led by co-captains Nicole Strauss and Amy Woody, the JV Volleyball team has an undefeated record at 7-0.
Fairview 25-15, 25-15
Lutheran West 28-26, 25-23
Keystone 25-14, 25-15

Lorain 25-18, 25-13
Buckeye 19-25, 25-20, 25-12
Wellington 25-12, 25-13
Vermilion 25-22, 28-26

Hard work, dedication, and cooperation with teammates has started this season with excellence!

Freshmen Volleyball

The freshman volleyball team is 4-1 in the PAC with big wins over Clearview and Keystone!! They lost a tough match in 3 to Buckeye!!

Results

Lutheran West 25-14, 20-25, 25-22 Won
Clearview 11-25, 25-18, 25-17 Won
Keystone 25-18, 25-10 Won
Buckeye 20-25, 25-18, 21-25 Lost

8th Grade Team

The girls have shown great improvement and are really working well together as a team. It has been a good season so far as the girls have an overall record of 3-3. The girls are having fun and enjoying spending time together! These girls are very hard working and the coach is very proud of them so far!!

Results

Sheffield 16-25. 13-25 Lost
Columbia 25-16, 13-25, 25-18 Won
Langston 12-25, 19-25 Lost
Keystone 12-25. 12-25 Lost
Buckeye 25-22, 27-29, 25-11 won
Wellington 25-12, 25-9 won

7th Grade Team

The 7th grade team is currently undefeated!! The girls serving has been amazing, they are averaging 20 aces a match!!!! Keep up the great work girls!

8/30 Sheffield 25-23, 25-16 Won
9/4 Columbia 25-18, 25-13 Won
9/5 Langston 25-17, 25-20 Won
9/6 Keystone 25-13, 25-12 Won
9/10 Buckeye 25-8, 25-22 Won
9/12 Wellington 25-14, 25-12 Won

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

24 Boys' Varsity Golf (home) SECTIONAL MEETS w/o Sept 24 - TBA
24 FES - Market Day Pickup at FES - 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
24-28 SAMS – PTG Calendar Raffle
25 Girls' Varsity Volleyball (home) vs. Clearview - 7:00PM
26 Girls' Varsity Soccer @ Lutheran West - 5:00PM
26 Boys' Varsity Soccer (home) vs. Lutheran West - 7:00PM
27 Girls' Varsity Volleyball @ Columbia - 7:30PM
28 Boys' Varsity Football @ Wellington - 7:00PM
28 **WAIVER DAY – NO SCHOOL**
29 Girls' Varsity Soccer (home) vs. Black River - 7:00PM
29 Girls' Varsity Volleyball @ Tri Match at Cuyahoga Hts. - 10:00AM
29 Varsity Coed Cross Country @ Vermilion - 8:00PM (Invitational)

OCTOBER

01 Interim Reports
01 - 05 FES - 5th Grade Terra Nova Testing
02 FES - 3rd Grade Ohio Achievement Test
02 FES - PTG Meeting - 7 pm in Library
02 * Girls' Varsity Volleyball @ Keystone 7:30PM
03 SAMS - FES - Evening Parent/Teacher Conference - Grades K-8
03 Girls' Varsity Soccer @ Wellington 5:00PM
03 Boys' Varsity Soccer (home) vs Wellington 7:00PM
04 Girls' Varsity Volleyball (home) vs Buckeye 7:30PM

05 Boys' Varsity Football @ Keystone 7:30PM
06 FHS - Parade of Bands - 7:00 PM
06 Varsity Boys Golf @ LCAAA Tournament at Bob-O-Link 7:30PM
06 Boys' Varsity Soccer @ Edison 10:00AM
08 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00PM
08 - 19 SAMS - Student Council Braided Bread Sale
08 Girls' Varsity Volleyball (home) vs Wellington 7:00PM
08 Boys' Varsity Soccer @ Vermilion 7:00PM
08 Girls' Varsity Soccer @ Independence 7:00PM
09 Girls' Varsity Volleyball @ Black River 7:30PM
10 Girls' Varsity Soccer @ Brooklyn High 7:00PM
10 Boys' Varsity Soccer (home) vs Brooklyn 5:00PM
11 FES-SAMS-FHS - Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences - Grades K-12
11 * Girls' Varsity Volleyball @ Brookside 7:30PM
12 NEOEA Day - No School
12 Boys' Varsity Football (home) vs Buckeye 7:30PM
13 Boys' Varsity Soccer (home) vs Open Door 10:00AM
13 Varsity Coed Cross Country @ PAC Championships 9:00AM
13 Girls' Varsity Soccer @ Open Door 12:00PM
17 SAMS - PTG Meeting - 7:00PM
17 SAMS - Picture Retakes - Panoramic
19 Boys' Varsity Football @ Black River 7:30PM
20 Varsity Coed Cross Country @ Sectional (LCCC Course) 1:00PM
22 FES - Market Day Pickup at FES - 5:30 - 6:30PM
23 FHS - Choir Concert at FHS - 7:00PM
25 FHS - Band Concert @ FHS - 7:00PM
26 * Boys' Varsity Football (home) vs Brookside 7:00PM
31 - End of First Grading Period



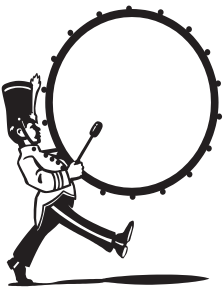
Calendar of Events
Sept. 28-Game at Wel-
lington
30th-Woolly Bear Parade
October-5th-Game at
Keystone
6th-Parade of Bands
15th-Booster Meeting 7
pm

Our band booster group is
getting busier and busier
with the growing needs of
our students. Please take
the time to come to our
meetings and participate in
our activities. It makes a
dramatic difference in all of
our student’s lives!

Musical
Moments

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the boosters so we can put
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South Amherst
Halloween Parade

South Amherst annual Halloween parade
will be **Sunday October 28th**. Line up at
2:30pm in SAMS parking lot. Parade starts at
3:00pm. There will be a costume contest.

South Amherst Firemen's
Association will provide
refreshments.

**Trick or Treat will be held
Wednesday, October 31st
from 6:00 - 7:30pm.**

WRESTLING COACH
OPENING

Firelands Local Schools is currently
seeking a Middle School Wrestling
Coach. All applicants need to have
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check and a current ODE Pupil
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SNOW REMOVAL QUOTE NEEDED

The Firelands Local School District is currently accepting quotes for snow removal from drives and parking lots at the Firelands High School, Firelands Elementary School, South Amherst Middle School and Board Office, as defined below for the 2012- 13 school year.

Firelands High School

- Stone drive north of the high school.
- Parking area northeast of the high school.
- Drive and parking area east of the high school.
- Drive and parking area south of the high school.
- Drive and parking area west and south of the bus garage.

NOTE: the stone lot south of the building is available for snow collection.

Firelands Elementary School

- Drive and parking area north of the elementary school.
- Drive and parking west of the elementary school.

NOTE: the stone lot north of the building is available for snow collection.

South Amherst Middle School and Board Office

- Drive and parking area west of middle school.
- Stone parking area north of middle school.
- Drive and parking area north of board office.
- Driveway running east -west to North Lake Street.

Please submit your quote on a “per hour cost “along with any other pertinent information you feel is applicable. Include with your quote should be a copy of your “Certificate of Liability Insurance.” We are also asking that you submit an “equipment list” along with your quote. If you are interested in submitting a quote, please do so by 10/19/12.

Address Quotes to:
Chuck Galloway, Supervisor of Buildings and grounds.
Firelands Board of Education
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Community Health Fair
Wednesday, October 24, 2012
Firelands High School Gymnasium
From 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Public is Welcome for this free opportunity



Attention all Falcon Fans!

Now that we've got everybody’s attention, welcome to a new year. What a great time to join the Firelands Athletic Boosters! Why not come to the next meeting and learn what we are all about! Our first meeting of the year will be Monday September 24th at 7:00 p.m., in the FHS Library, then every 4th Monday there after. Let’s let our athletes know we care about them . See how you can help, as we support all the teams, all year long!

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