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Welcome to Firelands!

It is my pleasure to welcome you and your family to the Firelands School District! I hope that the process of becoming a Falcon has been an easy and enjoyable experience.

We have multiple ways for you to stay connected to our district. This letter addresses all of the different media options that we currently utilize. Multiple options are listed and we recommend that you choose at least 3 options to stay connected. Please see below for the different choices that might be of interest to you:

- **The Firelands Express:** A school newspaper that is published 9 times a year. Information about every building, messages from the Superintendent, and general community notices are printed at no cost to our public. This newspaper is also available online at <http://www.firelandsschools.org/FirelandsExpress.aspx>. If you have not received a copy of the latest Firelands Express, please contact Mrs. Linda Seman at lseman@firelandsschools.org or (440) 965-5821 ext. 1010 to be added to the mailing list.
- **The Firelands Schools Website:** Our website, <http://www.firelandsschools.org> is our central location for information. Pages are broken down by buildings. Topics covered include building notifications, classroom information, teacher webpages, athletics, employment, and much more. Please take some time to explore our website and learn about what is going on within our walls.
- **The Blog:** Our blog allows us to share articles with our community in a timely fashion. The Firelands Local Schools Blog/Keeping our community involved is a great way to receive online updates about what is happening each week. Our Blog is designed to share information that can cross any building or age level quickly. Information is posted on the blog for all of the groups that make FLSD the great place that it is! Click on the Firelands Blog tab from our website to read current notices. You can follow the Blog by requesting daily or weekly notification of new posts from the tab. If you prefer, you also have the option to simply log on at your own convenience from our homepage or directly at: <http://ffalcons.wordpress.com>.
- **Our E-News Report:** Sign up to receive our weekly district updates. You can receive notification via email of the current events separated by building. To be a part of this notification visit our Social Media tab and click on the grey Sign Up for our E-Newsletter tab. If you prefer you can visit the page directly at: <http://www.firelandsschools.org/protected/PublicUserLogin.aspx> . You can also sign up to receive text message alerts here.

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- **PowerSchool:** PowerSchool is a secure web-based student management system designed to strengthen communication between the school and home by providing parents and legal guardians' access to their student's attendance records and academic progress online. By using this program you will be able to see up-to-date academic results and current grades in each of the student's classes. Report cards can be printed in this portal. To create a parent access account for this program, please contact your buildings secretaries at the following numbers:

Firelands Elementary School, Mrs. Mary Wolfram, mwolfram@firelandsschools.org or (440) 965-5381 ext. 2515

South Amherst Middle School, Mrs. Debbie Urbansky, durbansky@firelandsschools.org or (440) 986-7021 ext. 3515

Firelands High School, Mrs. Shelley Hozalski, shozalski@firelandsschools.org or (440) 965-5335 ext. 4515

If you need technical assistance with the PowerSchool program please contact Ms. Jackie Swiers, jswiers@firelandsschools.org or (440) 965-5821 ext. 1024.

- **Twitter:** Feel free to follow the Firelands Schools @Falcon_Update. This is the official Twitter Account for the Firelands School District. You may also consider following:

@FLSDSuper	Superintendent Mike Von Gunten
@FHSFalconPrin	FHS Principal Robert Maver
@SAMSPrincipal	SAMS Principal Cara Gomez
@FES_Choe	FES Principal Sun Choe
@FirelandsFalcon	Athletic Director Ty Sillman

Facebook: Like us on Facebook at The Firelands Falcons. This newly created page shares information from all buildings. Visit us at: <http://www.facebook.com/TheFirelandsFalcons/>.

Get connected to Firelands and stay involved with us! If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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