

# THE FREMONT FOCUS

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## Scholar...Athlete...Champion! Fahrbach does it all with Excellence

By Brandy Smith  
Focus Reporter

Honor-roll student by day and athlete by night. Lincoln Fahrbach, one of Fremont Ross's own, is a junior and three-year varsity swimmer. He is what many teachers and coaches would say is a star student and athlete.

Fahrbach, never satisfied, always expects himself to swim better and faster, and he always carries this work ethic into the classroom as well. This is what makes him such a great swimmer and student, striving and keeping his expectations high for the next swim meet or for the next test.



Fahrbach waits for the start of his race at the State Swim Meet in February.

Some may say when he is not swimming that he is eating, sleeping, and well dreaming about swim. This past season Fahrbach received the honor of being Ross's first swimmer to hold two district records in his 50 and 100 freestyle and was State runner-up previously at state in his 50 free. He also won second year All-American, which is a great achievement getting it just once, but twice is just an honor.

To Lincoln, the Little Giant swimmers are like one big family. He does not just go to practice with them before and after school, he does things with them outside of swim, too. From shaving their heads to just bonding as a team, the men's Little Giant swim team had their second undefeated season in a row this year. The new pool has been a great help to the whole team. A lot of thanks go out to everyone who made the pool possible and happen.

From waking up for school and keeping up with the honor roll, Fahrbach still finds the time to juggle in a couple 100 yards of swimming five days a week.

### District Goals

- Increase student achievement
- Close the socio-economic, ethnic, and disability gaps in student achievement.
- Build hope, trust and respect within our community.

# Lutz celebrates 100 days in style

Lutz Kindergarten and 1st grade classes celebrated the 100th day of school. They celebrated by creating hats and eating cookies that were designed around the number 100. Students were asked to bring in items that represented the big 100. Some of the items were macaroni, crayons, wiggly eyes, and Apple Jacks. The students enjoyed sharing their collections. Students also sang songs, read books, and counted to 100 in many different ways. Even Mrs. Diebler shared in the fun and wore her 100 day sweatshirt that is covered with 100 buttons. Kindergarten students are pictured at left with their fancy hats and 1st graders show their pride below.



# Atkinson honors a fallen hero

Atkinson School was adopted by the Vincent G. Halloran Fund for Children this year. This foundation was formed in memory of a North Salem husband, father, New York City Firefighter and American hero lost on 9/11/01. His love of children and generous acts of community service inspired his family and friends to create a legacy through this fund. Vince was a brother-in-law to our second grade teacher, Mrs. Connie Snyder.

The following donations were made to Atkinson School this year in memory of Vincent G. Halloran...

Picture books valued at \$2000

School stickers and student prizes valued at \$200

Classroom supplies valued at \$4000

Backpacks, sweatshirts and padfolios for students estimated at \$2,600

Phaze I donated all screenprinting for sweatshirts

We are extremely appreciative of the generosity of this foundation on behalf of such a brave American!



# Some Stamm kindergartners enjoy a longer day



Everyday twenty young kindergartners extend their learning by staying at school all day. These kindergartners are part of a grant between FCS and WSOS. After they eat their lunch and enjoy some recess time, the students are engaged in stories, songs, and center-based activities. The kindergarten students have been a wonderful addition to Stamm School and the extended time is proving to be a wonderful jumpstart to their learning careers!

Students of the ACE Mentoring Program and the African American College Club have begun fundraising for the Year 2007 Spring College Tour. Thirty-five students are preparing to visit West Virginia State University, Bluefield State University, Wright State University, Bowling Green State University and various historical sites during spring break.

The cost of the trip is \$350. Each student is encouraged to raise their own money by participating in fundraising activities. They need community support through the purchase of a Barbeque chicken or rib soul food dinner ticket, which is \$8 and/or a donation of any amount.

Gayle Jackson commented, "This is a great way to invest in a student's future. Over the ten years that I have been running these tours I have seen the positive impact of these tours on student's future choices and successes.

To learn more about our college tours, please read the article "Road Trip" which is featured in the magazine *College 101: A Guide to Ohio Colleges & Universities - Spring 2007*.

This is the link to the online version: <http://www.ohiocan.org/OCAN/ItemPage.aspx?groupid=6&id=3135>

All donations may be made payable to the AACC and mailed to Gayle Jackson at Ross High School or 409 Birchard Avenue (Fremont, OH). Dinner tickets are also available from Dr. Jackson.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Dinner Information: Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church

Barbeque Rib or Chicken Saturday, March 31, 2007

Mash Potato & Gravy Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Choice of 2 sides Carry out and eat in

Green Beans  
Collard Greens  
Cabbage  
Cole Slaw  
Baked Beans

The Fremont Ross Art Club would to invite the faculty, staff, community, and family members to the second annual:

## Stone Soup Supper and Bowl Auction

Friday March 23, 2007

5:00pm

Bethesda Care Center  
600 Brush St.

Stone Supper tickets \$5.00

Soup is served at 5:00

Bowl Auction begins at 6:00

and is open the public

The Art Club members along with St. Joe Art Club students are creating clay bowls, which will be a part of the Volunteers of America Founders week:

\$5.00 tickets can be purchased from Robin Mohr at the Fremont Ross finance office

\*Fremont Ross Art Club Profits from this event will go the Eppley Award, given to a Ross senior going into the field of art.

## Community of Opportunity Day

The staff and administration of Fremont Ross High School invite the public to our first annual Community of Opportunity Day on April 3, 2007, beginning at 8:00 A.M. and continuing until 2:50 P.M. We will have information tables covering the wide variety of school and student activities along with performances by several student groups throughout the day in the gymnasium.

In addition to the "taste of our school" experience, local employers and health professionals will have displays for job opportunities and free health screening

from 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 noon.

Various teachers have volunteered to open their classrooms to parent/guardian observation throughout the day. Due to security concerns for the students in attendance, only legal parents/guardians will be allowed to enter the academic areas of the building.

We look forward to sharing the day with the extended community of Fremont City Schools in the gymnasium!

Any questions can be directed to Sandy Werling, Principal, Fremont Ross High School, 419-334-5420.

## Ruffing to State



Beth Ruffing is an agriculture student and Historian of the Fremont FFA Chapter. The Ruffing Family suffered a devastating loss on August 15, 2002 when Jon Paul Ruffing was killed in a tragic farming accident. Beth and Jon were both members of the Townsend Blue Ribbon Boys 4-H club, and the group began to organize a memorial on Jon's behalf. With the help of many advisors, parents, clubs, and donors the "Jon's Dream" barn was constructed at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds.

On the way to the 2006 National FFA Convention, Beth rode on the charter bus with Steven Hoffman, a member of the Clyde FFA Chapter. Steven and Beth grew to share a common bond because Steven's older brother Joe was killed on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2000 in an agricultural accident. Beth and Steven

decided to share stories, feelings and memories with each other and began gathering information to write a prepared speech that Beth would present.

As a result of their efforts, Beth has a tremendous message about the importance of agricultural safety, and the credibility of the life experience to deliver the information to groups of all ages.

Beth placed first in the advanced prepare public speaking contest at the sub-district level and second at the district four contest. As a result, she has qualified as one of the top 20 prepared speakers in the state of Ohio.

The state speaking contest is March 17<sup>th</sup> at The Ohio State University. If Beth wins the state contest, she would present her speech at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in October of 2007.



During a board meeting on February 20, Fremont City Schools honored some of their Guidance Counselors for their superb efforts with the students in this district. They are from left to right: Bill Brown, Kay Yeagle, Larry Logsdon, Jan Alexander, Chris Kelly and Melissa Frizzell-Joerg.

# Otis has Heart

In February the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Otis School sent 46 boxes filled with toiletries, candies and valentines to local military personnel serving in the Middle East and overseas. Mrs. Moran, a fifth grade teacher, and Mrs. Mary Lou Cooper, a retired Otis cafeteria supervisor, coordinated this project.

Names of service people were solicited from the Otis School population, local churches, community members responding to an article in "Heard on the Street" and John Schell whose unit is now on active duty in the Middle East. Their goal was to personalize each box with a specific soldier's name.

The Post Office supplied them with the boxes and labels with no charge to them; however, the cost per box to ship was \$8.10. Otis School asked its students, parents and general population, along with the Fremont Community to sponsor a box. The response was overwhelming and all the boxes were paid for and sponsored by specific

individuals. Residents were calling Otis the day the boxes were to be shipped, asking if they still needed money to ship the boxes. Those

students helped deliver the boxes.

The response from the soldiers has been very encouraging. For example, Mrs. Teri

making herself available to speak to the students about Jennifer's role as a nurse at one of the military's hospitals and clinics.

Tina Latifis came to Otis with pictures of our troops and Jennifer's facilities. She also came with the message that Jennifer was sending us a box with a flag that had been flown in her area plus a certificate, which read:

UNITED STATES AIR  
FORCE

CRITICAL CARE AIR  
TRANSPORT TEAM

Let it be known  
That this American Flag  
was flown with wounded  
warriors on a tactical  
Aeromedical Evacuation  
mission number  
XLW 2064D054, on  
23 February 2007.

It was flown on  
C-17 Globemaster, tail  
number 55143 for 5.25  
hours

In direct support of  
Operation Iraqi Freedom  
Presented to  
Otis Elementary School  
This mission would not  
be possible without your  
Support to our nation  
and to the United States  
Armed Forces.

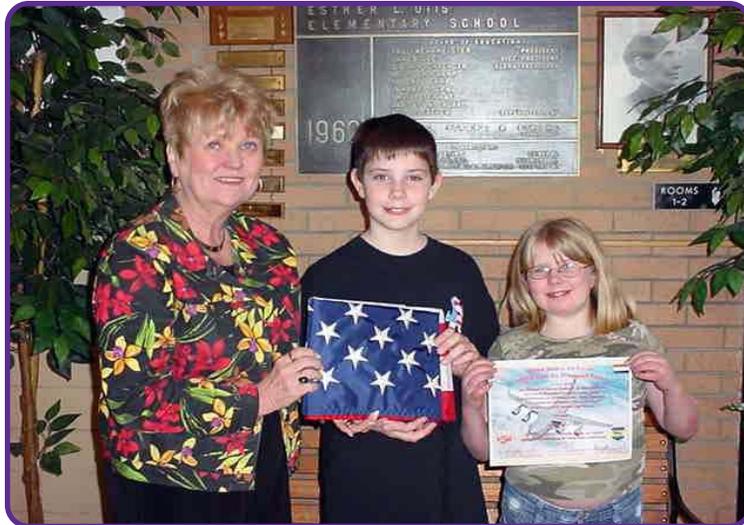


Photo above includes  
Mrs. Moran and students holding  
the special flag and certificate.

sponsoring a box had their name enclosed in the box.

Also, all the boxes were sent in memory of Paul Brough, whose son and daughter-in-law both teach in the Fremont City School System.

On February 12<sup>th</sup>, Otis called the post office; the students loaded the van, and two

Fielding received a phone call at 8:30 A.M from Japan. It was from Jon Framstead, a former Otis student, calling to thank her for sponsoring his box.

Mrs. Moran's class has received thank-you letters plus a phone call from Tina Latfis, mother of Jennifer Latfis Hull,

**Congratulations to the Fremont Ross Orchestra who received a "One", which is a Superior Rating, at State Competition. Also, Congratulations to the Symphonic Band and Concert Choir for each receiving a "One" for their performance. They will continue on to State Competition.**

# Washington students participate in Martin Luther King Contest

# Safari Fun takes over Croghan



The fifth and sixth grade students at Washington Elementary all participated in the Martin Luther Contest. After reading the information, it was decided that each student would research, write and deliver a speech in class. This covers several of the standards: writing process, clear purpose, punctuation, grammar, spelling, gathering information, and delivering a persuasive presentation.

After all students presented in class, six participants were selected to enter the contest and represent Washington Elementary. The fifth graders included: Alexandra Forneris, Abbi Hasselbach, and Kyle Lamalie. The sixth graders were: Ember Ollom, Megan Pendleton, and Zach Zimmerman. We were very happy to have Ember place third in her division. We look forward to doing even better next year.

Croghan School went on a Reading Safari during the week of March 19-23! During this week, Croghan celebrated all of the hard work and effort the children have put into improving their reading skills! Throughout the week, each class went to the Safari scene every day to strengthen their stamina for sustained silent reading. They also wrote in their safari journals each day.

On Monday the students made their safari gear, which included hats, vests, and binoculars. It was also declared "Pop Your Top and Read Day." Each student enjoyed a special safari drink and snack while they read.

On Tuesday, the students made safari craft magnets and participated in safari Jeopardy and went on a Safari scavenger hunt. The primary students were looking for animals that they later graphed. The intermediate students competed with each other in playing jeopardy at each

grade level.

On Wednesday, we had a school wide Safari story and sing-along with Mrs. Grace Sidell. We also enjoyed a Frosty treat from Wendy's.

On Thursday the students dressed in their favorite beach or Hawaiian gear for "Surfin' Safari." The children enjoyed playing safari volleyball between grade levels and did the "Limbo," danced to the hokey pokey and the chicken dance and the Cha Cha. It ended with a popsicle treat.

Every room was decorated for the safari theme. It was a fun week for all!

Our animal inspiration this year is the giraffe because we are R.E.A.C.H.ing for our personal bests!

We would like to thank Mrs. Nossaman for all that she did to plan the fun-filled week and the PTO for sponsoring it. It really did top the fun we had last year with our camping theme!

# WSOS visits Photo Lab at Ross



## By Andra Ruiz Focus Reporter

The darkroom at Fremont Ross was full of laughter on March 1. The young students from WSOS Family Development Center made a visit to Ross High to get a hands-on experience of taking pictures and being in the darkroom.

Mr. Heaton, Ross photography teacher, and his Photo III class made a homemade photo booth for the children and had a reading corner with books that were full of

colorful pictures. The students also got to shadow Heaton's Photo III students in the darkroom and were able to make photograms of their own.

The teachers attended a two-day conference in September through the Ohio Department of Education where they learned about collaboration and interdisciplinary projects. This was the second year that the WSOS students and Ross have collaborated. Last year Ross went to WSOS.



From top left to right bottom: Senior Andra Ruiz reads to children March 1. Shakira Jones gets help from her teacher. Looking through the lens can be fun and enlightening! (Photos by Tony Estrada). Senior and Photo III student Tony Estrada takes a break with students to read a favorite story, (Photo by H. Gallagher)



Fremont is so proud of the hard work that you put into your sport!



**Congratulations to Jacque Fate (far left), Josh Bowen, Andre Velez, Lincoln Fahrbach and Chris Beier (center) and Jessica Ickes (far right) who competed at the State Swim Meet!**

**Congratulations to Devon Mezinger who competed at the State Wrestling Tournament!**

# Fremont City Schools Calendar

March 20 Basketball/Cheerleading Awards  
March 23 End of Third Nine Weeks  
March 24 Ross Spring Sports Awards Night  
March 29 Grade Cards Distributed  
March 31 Hayes - PTO Easter Egg Hunt  
Sandusky County Storybook Festival -  
10:00 A.M - 1:00 P.M  
April 3 Faculty Recital/Art Show  
Hayes & Lutz PTO Meeting  
April 5 Stamm - Market Day  
Washington - PTO Meeting  
April 6 NO SCHOOL Good Friday  
April 9 - 13 NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK  
April 14 Ross ACT Test  
April 16 Board of Education Meeting  
Croghan PTO Meeting  
Music Boosters  
Ross/FMS- Teacher In-Service- NO  
SCHOOL  
SCHOOL RESUMES (ELEMENTARY  
ONLY)  
April 17 FMS - PTO Meeting  
Otis - PTO Meeting  
Ross- Spring Art Show/Recital Tech Expo  
April 19 Ross Choirs  
Stamm - PTO Meeting  
April 20 NHS Tapping  
April 21 FMS Solo & Ensemble Contest  
April 23 Hayes-Spring Music Program  
Ross Bands  
April 24 Atkinson - PTO Meeting  
Beginning Band Parent Meetings  
Otis - Spring Musical  
April 25 Beginning Band Parent Meetings  
April 27 Grade Estimates Distributed  
State Band & Choir Ad. Event  
April 28 State Band & Choir Ad. Event  
April 30 Grade 3: Reading & Mathematics  
Achievement - 4/30-5/11  
Grade 4: Reading, Mathematics, and  
Writing Achievement - 4/30-5/11  
Grade 5: Reading, Mathematics, Science,  
and Social Studies Achievement  
Grade 6: Reading & Mathematics  
Achievement - 4/30 - 5/11  
Grade 7: Reading, Mathematics, &  
Writing Achievement  
Grade 8: Reading, Mathematics, Science,  
& Social Studies Achievement  
4/30/07-5/11

8th Annual  
Sandusky County Storybook Festival

## Hola Amigo! Explore Books!



Saturday, March 31, 2007  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Ross High School

1100 North Street, Fremont  
Watch for Festival parking  
and entrance signs.

- Prizes
- Children's Snacks
- Hands-On Activities
- Author/Illustrator Dominic Catalano
- Celebrity Readers



### The Storybook Festival Partners include:

Bellevue, Birchard, and Clyde Public Libraries \* Fremont City Schools \* OSU Extension \*  
Sandusky County Board of MRDD \* United Way of Sandusky County \* Sandusky County Educational Service Center \*  
Rainbow Station Preschool \* ABC Academy Child Care \* Sandusky County Health Dept \*  
Fremont READS Even Start \* WSOS Child Development Program \* WSOS New Directions Summer & After-School Program

The first 1,000 children ages 0 through 8 will receive a free backpack & book.

For more info, call our hotline 419-332-4394



Fremont Board of Education

Front row: Vice President Jim Fails and  
President Tim Ellenberger

Back row: Board members Dallas Leake,  
Linda Hershey, and Marlene Ellis

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Fremont Board of Education regular Board meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the W. David Carr Lecture Lab at 1220 Cedar Street. Check website for changes ([www.fremontschools.net](http://www.fremontschools.net)).