

Fremont City Schools

Building Hope, Trust and Respect with our Community



Two Schools, One Town = One Cause

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One Town, One Cause. The name implies what it is. Two teams from one town coming together for more than just bragging rights. They were raising money for three great charities in Fremont. The basketball teams from Fremont St. Joe and Fremont Ross met in Ross's gym on November 20, 2009. The money raised from this event were being donated to United Way, Parker's Purpose and the Liberty Center.

The girls' game was first, with St. Joe's varsity girls facing Fremont Ross's varsity girls. Sophomore Alyssa Palmer said, "It was nice to have both Fremont Ross High school and St. Joe compete against each other to raise money. It was fun playing and it was good, friendly competition." Both teams played hard, but the St. Joe girls came out on top with a final score of 38-31. Everyone in the crowd seemed excited about the fact that the game was for charity.



Mckenzie Schneider, sophomore at Ross, passes to a teammate during the One Town, One Cause game.

The boys' team was next, after some entertainment from the pep bands of both Ross and St. Joe. The varsity teams from both schools were excited to get their seasons going with some friendly competition and a good cause. Ross junior Jake Heistand stated, "It was a lot of fun. It was cool to have a bunch of people in the gym and all of them supporting the cause. Also, I knew basically all of the SJCC players, so it was fun to play for 'bragging rights'." Ross earned those bragging rights when they won the game with a final score of 62-32.

Though the scores were important, that was not the focus of the night. That would have to be the fact that the teams raised \$4,000 for the different charities. This event could not be deterred even by a playoff game that was being held the same night at the stadium. Though fans were more interested in the basketball game, people that were working to put on the events had a lot of work to do.

Coach Gedeon commented, "The teams played like we had been practicing for two weeks. A lot of nerves, many mistakes, but we got an early look at a game type situation." He also stated, "(The best part was) working with the two schools to do something very positive and beneficial for the community. It was a win for our teams, our players, our schools, and our community." It certainly was a good way to start of the season and to help out charities in the community.

Ross Helps the Community...

The business/technology club, in conjunction with Sandusky County Community Christmas, is again sponsoring at least thirty local children to give them a better Christmas this year. The theme again is "*A little Change can Change a Christmas*". There will be various collection envelopes around school for students and staff to donate. Our goal is to raise \$900 from Dec. 7th to the 22nd.

Local businesses are also encouraged to support this worthwhile campaign.

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Alumni News



Please visit our school website at www.fremontschools.net to register for our new Online Community alumni database. Click on the alumni tab and the register link, once you are registered you will have access to update your online directory profile, view your personalized MyPage area including a sampling of recent class notes posted, and to add your own class/reunion notes. While registering you will also have the opportunity to update your information with clubs/athletics you were involved in while at Ross.

If you have any reunion information you would like posted on the district website, please email us at alumni@fremont.k12.oh.us

Strong Academics + Strong Character = Strong Community

Lutz Learning Popcorn Words



The kindergarten classes at Lutz have been working on building sentences using high frequency words that we have been learning with our new reading series Storytown. The students have enjoyed creating class books incorporating these "popcorn" words by writing and illustrating their own pages. All day kindergarten has given us time to extend the curriculum and allow for more differentiated instruction.

School Supply Give-Away

St. John's Lutheran Church, 212 North Clover Street in Fremont is having their second School Supply Give-Away Day on January 23, 2010 from 9:00 in the morning until noon while supplies last. Along with the school supplies, we will be distributing hats, gloves or mittens and scarves to those who come. Cookies and hot chocolate will also be available in the Parish Hall auditorium, which is located on the top floor.

Curriculum Corner

History Comes to Life for Fremont Fourth Graders



The Learning and Liberty Foundation with Unique Fabrications, Inc. have kindly contributed to the Fremont City Schools to make history come alive for our fourth graders. Students were involved in a field trip that combined yesterday's history with today's technology by completing a program called "Exploring Ohio's Past: A Visit to the Hayes Presidential Center". This three-

part "Satellite Classroom Experience" supports the Ohio Social Studies Academic Content Standards being taught in the classroom.

Prior to the Spiegel Grove visit, a special CD created by Hayes Center staff was used in each classroom to build background knowledge. Next, while visiting President Hayes' Home, students heard anecdotal stories about the first family of Fremont and what life was like during the 1800's. Students also enjoyed learning more about the First Families wide range of pets at the museum's display titled *White House Pets: Ambassadors at Large and White House Horses*. After visiting the Rutherford B. Hayes Center, students returned to their classroom and completed a follow-up activity using the CD. This wonderful program has inspired many of our students to learn more about President Hayes, life in the 1800's and of course, the First Families' Pets!

Atkinson Heritage Days

Fourth graders from Mrs. Fisher's and Mrs. Strayer's classes at Atkinson School recently took a field trip to Ms. Graces' for her Heritage Days Program.

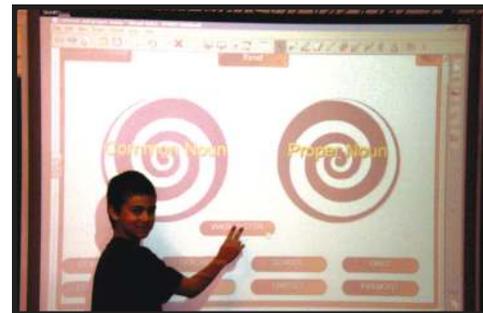
The students learned many things about pioneers and how they lived. They took part in four different pioneer activities. The students made butter from cream, and made fry bread over a campfire. They also washed clothes with a wringer washer and hung it on a clothesline to dry.

Finally they went to the field to pick an ear of corn and ground it into cornmeal.

Ms. Grace knows how to make education fun!



Washington School is a Proper Noun



Washington Elementary School recently installed a technological enhancement. In Mrs. Traczek's language arts classroom, the students are working on a not-so-new concept with brand new SMARTboard technology. The hands-on work the students are doing help them see and be active with a concept that has been traditionally accomplished by paper and pencil. As a team review activity that lasts only a

few minutes, Mrs. Traczek has her students determining which nouns are proper nouns and which are common - part of the Ohio Content Standards in the fourth grade. Mrs. Traczek said that the students are excited to do something that if they would do on paper would be bored to tears. Pictured is Kenny Waggoner, one of Mrs. Traczek's fourth grade language arts students, touching the SMARTboard and dragging a noun into the correct classification section. The SMARTboard program will give immediate and accurate information to his answers. Mrs. Traczek goes on to say, "The SMARTboard has changed the way I teach! The students look forward to the lessons and actually learn the skills faster." It's just one of the many ways technology has an influence in the lives of our children today. Who knows what the future will hold as academics and technology join forces?



**Dr. McCaudy states,
"Our goal is to have all
students leaving first grade
knowing how to read."**

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FMS setting goals



The definition of character is the combination of qualities or features that distinguish one person, group, or thing from another. In order to help our students improve their personal character, the team wrote a letter to the students encouraging them to look at their personal choices. The letter asked the students to look at their level of attention during class sessions, their attendance, make up work, and the amount of respect they show themselves and others.

The team set some clear goals for the students and talked about the consequences of not choosing to reach these goals. We hope that this will help students to re-evaluate their commitment to their education and improve their character as a student.

Croghan: Character Education

CHARACTER EDUCATION at Croghan School revolves around developing “good character” in students by practicing and teaching moral values and decision making. Character education assumes that schools don’t just have the responsibility to help students get “smart” they also have the responsibility to help them cultivate basic moral values to guide their behavior through life.

Character education teaches students to understand, commit to, and act on shared ethical values- in other words, “know the good, desire the good, and do the good.” Typical core values include respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring, and community participation.

The students of the month demonstrate CITIZENSHIP at Croghan School are:

Zachery Glotzbecker- K (Kayden)
Midori Ayers- 1st (Carrick)
Esperanza Cruz- 1st (Opelt)
Connor Malan- 2nd (Price)
Sophie Collison- 3rd (Scherger)
Malik Edwards- 4th (Harmon)
Delanie Oglesbee- 5th (Garlock)
Espí Romero- 6th (Overstreet)

Torrie Woods- K (Willey)
Emily Miller- 1st (Nossaman)
Matther Sherer- 2nd (Cook)
Miranda Hites- 3rd (Rudd)
Parker Lenz- 3rd (Smith)
Sierra Levario- 3rd (Hartman)
Emily Sloan- 5th (Miller)
Cole Beckley- 6th (Pursell)

Flights Program Represents FCS



Second row: Tim Cullen, Dr. Traci McCaudy, Christine Opelt and Dave Mowery.

Students from Fremont’s Lifetime Investment in Gifted and Highly Talented Students program recently participated in the Student Achievement Fair in Columbus. Front row: fifth-grade students Paige Turner (Atkinson), Nick Arnold (Washington), Grant Gallagher (Stamm) and Alyssa Meyer (Lutz).

Trees for Troops

Otis Elementary students, staff, and families are building character this month by recognizing our men and women who are fighting to keep our country safe. Mrs. Barbara Moran organized our project by encouraging students and families to donate spare change to assist us with purchasing a tree to send to our troops.

The Trees for Troops project is sponsored by Sugargrove Tree Farm, located in Ashland, Ohio and FedEx. Sugargrove had a special price of \$25.00 a tree for this event and FedEx donated the shipping to move the trees to our troops in the Middle East.

The generosity from all involved quickly became evident. Our first bake sale/popcorn sale resulted in a big response from students, staff, and even a presenter who was visiting our building for a performance. After hearing about our cause, he bought 5 cookies for \$20! Parents responded not only with sending spare change to school, but generously sent checks in the value of \$25, \$50, and even \$100!

Throughout this 5 day project, we heard many interesting stories. A parent in the building shared that her oldest son is currently serving in the Middle East and regularly reports of the “brown surroundings”. According to her son, everything is the same color and a splash of green will be a welcome sight! A grandparent stopped into the office to donate his \$25 and shared his memory of serving overseas years ago during a different war period and how difficult that was to be away from home during that time. This encouragement and interest spurred our continued action and we raised a \$775.00 and were able to purchase a total of 31 trees.

In the picture, Kirstyn Bennett, Tiffany Peck, and Boston Swaisgood show their enthusiasm for the project by holding the bake sale/popcorn sale sign.



Stamm : Reaching for the Stars

Stamm is glad to welcome community business partners into all three of our 5th grade classrooms as part of the REACH program this year. Nicole Cleveland from Old Fort Bank recently presented a lesson on “Exploring the World of Work” to Mr. Barbour’s class. REACH is a career education program designed to allow business



partners to send consultants into elementary classrooms to introduce students to the “world of work” and to encourage students to begin thinking about life goals and careers. This is the second year that the REACH program has been in all seven FCS elementary buildings, and we are thrilled to continue these partnerships. Each month Stamm also welcomes Tim Ellenberger from Motion Control Robotics and Angie Morelock, the Executive Director of Downtown Fremont.

Campus Wear for Christmas



FCS has the perfect gift idea for the young student in your life: Campus Wear for the 2009-2010 school year. It really is the gift that keeps on giving.

Reminder: The district will be implementing the campus wear policy for all students in grades K-12 beginning with the 2010-2011 school year. The current campus wear policy for students in grades 7-8 is available on the district's website at www.fremontschools.net or you may call 419.334.5432 for a copy of the policy. More information regarding this policy will be available in January.

Pictured at left: Braydn Klein and Eliseo Contreras

A Cooperative Effort Between the Fremont Area Foundation and Fremont City Schools

The state budget has historically included a capital budget bill that contains appropriations specifically for construction, replacement, and improvements of state assets and facilities. Funding varies from biennium to biennium based on dollars available. The Fremont Area Foundation members began approaching representatives from the General Assembly in 2007 to request dollars that would be applied towards facility debt. The initial request (granted) was for \$300,000. In early 2008, another request was made through the capital budget in hopes of receiving dollars that would be applied towards debt reduction. However, under Governor Strickland, criteria changed, and the available dollars must now be used towards new recreational construction. Fortunately for Fremont City Schools, the Fremont Area Foundation worked diligently for grant dollars, and through their efforts, the district will be receiving \$247,500 for facility projects. The grant dollars will be used to asphalt the alumni field and tennis parking lots as well as to complete the sidewalks in the tennis court area. In addition, the area leading into the baseball/softball complex will incorporate pavers to complete a finished sidewalk from the parking lot into the concession stand area. Lastly, a tennis building will be built between the baseball/softball complex and tennis courts. The building will contain much needed storage space for equipment and the tennis wind screens. Players will have restrooms with changing areas, and spectators will be able to enjoy tennis matches underneath a covered porch area with picnic tables. Thank you Fremont Area Foundation for your continued hard work and dedication to our community!!

Parent Meetings: Navigating the Teenager Years

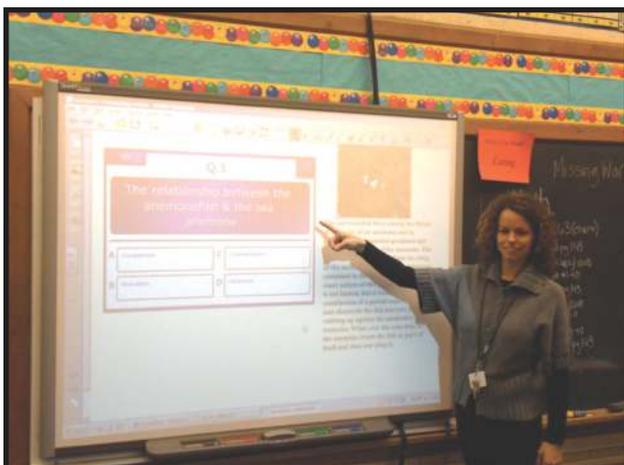
Navigating the Teenage Years is a program sponsored by Fremont City Schools and the Sandusky County Health Department designed to educate and inform people, especially parents of teenagers, about issues teens may be facing in our society today. The parent meetings will be offered on a monthly basis beginning in January at Fremont Middle School from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Listed below is a list of topics and meeting dates:

January 14th:	Cutting/Depression/Suicide
February TBA:	AToD (Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs)
March TBA:	STDs/Teen Pregnancy
April TBA:	Cyber Bullying
May TBA:	Sexual Harassment/Dating Violence

District Goals:

- ***Increase Student Achievement**
 - ***Close Socio-Economic, Ethnic and Disability Gaps in Student Achievement**
 - ***Build Hope, Trust and Respect with our Community**
- Mission Statement:**
- **The mission of Fremont City Schools is to develop well-educated, life-long learners prepared to be responsible, productive and respectful members of their communities.**

SMARTboards Used in Classrooms



A SMARTboard is an interactive white board and setting up these boards in classrooms is part of a new technology initiative by Fremont City Schools to enhance teaching and learning. Susann Engle uses her SMARTboard lesson to review animal relationships. With just a touch on the SMARTboard, students are given immediate feedback on their answer.

Learning and Liberty Foundation Students of the Month - November



(First Graders)
Pictured Left to Right:
Atkinson - Camryn Kidwell
Hayes - Aviva McAfee
Lutz - Ethan Beardmore
Otis - Grant Carnicom
Stamm - Jayden Ruiz
Washington - Breeze Ollom
Absent:
Croghan - Nadia Fiske

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