

Fremont City Schools

Building Hope, Trust and Respect with our Community

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End-of-the-Year Letter from Dr. McCaudy

Dear Fremont Community,

As the end of the 2010-2011 school year rapidly approaches, we invite you to attend one of our many spring student performances and/or athletic events. Please check the calendars located on our web site for all of the district's events.

Even as we are closing the current school year, we are also preparing for the 2011-2012 academic year. The FMS project is scheduled to be finished at the end of November and we will start school in the new building on January 19, 2012. Pertinent information regarding the mid-year move has been shared with staff, students and parents and future communications will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Additionally, we are currently budgeting for the next school year and although Governor Kasich's proposed budget provides the district with an increase in basic aide and retirement dollars, our tangible personal property loss reimbursement has been decreased and the state fiscal stabilization fund eliminated.

Simply put, the district will likely receive 5-8% less funding in 2011-2012 and 6-9% less funding in 2012-2013.

In order to maintain a balanced budget, the district has been very conservative with its expenditures over the last four years while continuing to improve the educational services to our Fremont students. The entire Fremont City Schools staff and Business Advisory Council have been working collaboratively over the past several years analyzing expenditures and finding ways to reduce costs. Additionally, the staff has been very successful writing grants in order to increase revenue for the district. An example of this is the district's Race to the Top initiative which brought an additional \$400,000 (approximately \$100,000 per year for four years) to the district.

We appreciate that economic times are difficult for all of us and Fremont City Schools has been, and will continue to be, fiscally responsible with the monies provided to us.

Sincerely,
Traci McCaudy

Dr. Traci McCaudy
Superintendent

End of the Year Information

- Results from the Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA) for students in grades 3-8 will be mailed home after July 4, 2011.
- Students in grades 7-11 should save their student identification badges from the 2010-2011 school year. Students must show their ID badges in order to attend all extra-curricular activities. New pictures will be taken during the 2011-2012 school year.
- Reminder that all students except Otis must make-up one (1) day of school at the end of the year. Due to the power outage on April 28th, Otis Elementary School must make-up two (2) days of school at the end of the year. Please see the list below for last school day information:

Grade Level	Last Day of School	School Times
Seniors Mandatory Graduation Practice Friday, June 3 rd at 9:00	Friday, May 27 th	Per Exam Schedule
Pre-School	Thursday, June 2 nd	Regular Schedule
Ross High School (grades 9-11)	Friday, June 3 rd	7:50-12:00
Fremont Middle School (grades 7-8)	Friday, June 3 rd	7:45-12:00
All Elementary Buildings (grades K-6) (Except Otis)	Friday, June 3 rd	9:15-1:30
Otis Elementary School (grades K-6)	Monday, June 6 th	9:15-1:30

*Please note that Otis Elementary School students will be dismissed at 1:30 on Friday, June 3rd and on Monday, June 6th.

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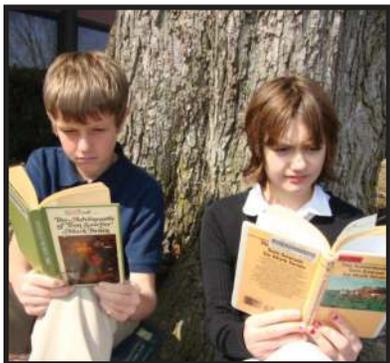
Summer Office Hours:

- Elementary Schools will close on June 13th and will reopen on August 16th (summer school buildings are open but regular school staff will not be present).
- Ross High School (6:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) and Fremont Middle School (7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) are open all summer, Monday through Friday.
*The Ross High School front parking lot will be closed June 7th. Please use the north Gymnasium entrance.
- The district office located at 1220 Cedar Street is open all summer and office hours are 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Strong Academics + Strong Character = Strong Community

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Gifted Education at Stamm



Now that gifted education students have completed their independent research projects and presentations, they have more time to focus on math and reading activities. Sixth grade math students have spent most of their time on spatial reasoning skills. Students used special blocks to create three dimensional shapes and buildings. Students also have used K'NEX and LEGO shapes to create various types of vehicles and structures. These design and interpretation activities should help them excel on the spatial reasoning section of the Ohio Achievement Assessment. In language arts, students have been reading the novel, The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. On May 12th gifted

ed. students will get to travel to the Historic Lyme Village in Bellevue. Students will get to work and study in the one room school house and write on slate tablets similar to ones featured in the novel. Pupils will then delve into Seneca Caverns and explore its depths just as Tom did in the novel but we will not get lost as Tom did! This should be an exciting event for all our gifted ed. students.

Focus Tutoring at Hayes Elementary



A focus tutor group, from Mrs. Taylor's 4th grade class, is working on identifying figurative language (similes, metaphors and idioms) in a passage to help prepare them for the Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA). Focus tutoring helped to prepare students for the Ohio Achievement Assessment by providing small group instruction in the areas of math and reading. Mrs. French met with students in third through sixth grade on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in 30 minute intervals covering topics

that are commonly seen on the OAA. Sixty students were tutored in reading and fifty-eight received tutoring in math.

Students pictured from L to R: Antonio Page, Jaquace Richardson, Yazmin Brock, Kaniesha Dukes, Jelisa Lane and Rebecca Byrd

Game of Life Helps Students



By Caitlin Warren
Ross High journalist

On April 17 the Fremont Federal Credit Union hosted the "Finances 101: Walk the Walk and Talk the Talk," which was also known as "The Game of Life." This game was a life-sized board game that taught high school students about finances and demands in the real world.

Students traveled around the game board with different stops where they

either draw a card, roll dice, or spin a wheel to decide their life choices.

Senior Sally Clark commented, "It was really cool. I had the best life possible. I had no kids, and I was not married, so it was pretty easy for me to pay off the expenses I had. I also had pretty cheap insurance too, so it worked for me!"

Throughout the game students had to pay for things like their insurance, car problems, vacations and family visits. They also had a chance to win the lottery!

The goals of the "Game of Life" were to help high school students learn about earning wages and paying bills, what it costs to run a household, how buying can effect learning and adult responsibilities.

Top 25 Students in Class of 2011 Honor Teachers



Everyone has a favorite teacher. It is the teacher who makes the student really excited about the subject, even if it is not their strongest subject. The Top 25 Banquet is the time for students to recognize the teacher who has made the largest impact on their schooling career.

Mr. Jeff Wright - Jonathan Adams
Mrs. Stephanie Lenkey - Joshua Arter
Mr. Mark King - Morgan Bauer
Mr. Dennis Pita - Alexandra Bell
Mr. John Elder - Jesse Blue
Mrs. Nora MacDowell - Harrison Dorobek
Mr. Mike Gilbert - Meagan Eishen
Mrs. Pamela Meggitt - Melanie Ellis
Mrs. Renee Diebler - Zachary Forney
Mr. Mark Gedeon - Alexis Gedeon
Mr. Tom Ziebold - Elizabeth Gegorski
Mr. Joe Hershey - Jacob Hiestand
Mrs. Sue Brickner - Kassandra Leasure
Mr. Mike Gilbert - Michelle Meek

Mrs. Pamela Meggitt - Christina Meggitt
Mr. Jeff Wright - Dusti Minier
Mr. John Elder - Sarah Osborne
Mr. Steve Powell - Michael Pickerel
Mrs. Heidi Gallagher - Allison Schrader
Mrs. Beth Muffler - Taylor Waggoner
Mrs. Lyne Walby - Britain Wetzel
Mr. Mark Sheidler - Paige Wiechman
Mrs. Nora MacDowell - Amy Yuhas
Mr. Jeff Wright - Eric Yuhas

Not included in picture: Amber Oglesbee



Senior Alex House Earns Eagle Scout

FCS congratulates Alex House on earning his Eagle Scout.

Photo Courtesy: Dumminger Photo

View video clips of our Fremont City Schools students...

6th Graders at Lutz graduate from D.A.R.E.



The 6th graders at Lutz have graduated from the D.A.R.E program. Under the guidance of Officer Dean Bliss the students have gone through an 8 week program that taught them dangers of drugs and important life strategies to stay on the right track. Blake Krauss said, "My favorite part of D.A.R.E is when Officer Bliss brought in all of his equipment and allowed us to try on his bullet proof vest"! The D.A.R.E. Program discusses everything from internet safety to the different types of peer pressure. "There are different types of peer pressure, there is even positive peer pressure to encourage your friends make good decisions", says Gumercindo Abundis. There are many important lessons learned in D.A.R.E. to help our students build character and make better decisions when it comes to the pressures of adolescence. The 6th graders enjoyed this program and have learned a lot!

Ross Teacher Participates in Honor Flight

By Allison Schrader
Ross High journalist

Fremont Ross is full of people who make a difference. One of these people is teacher Mr. Oberst. He is making a difference in a way that most people have never considered. The organization that he is making a difference with is *Honor Flights of Northwest Ohio*, which operates out of the Toledo Area.

The most memorable part of the trip for Oberst was: "The best part was seeing all of the veterans (a total of 80 on this trip) being thanked by complete strangers as they got off the plane in DC and then nearly all day as we visited the various memorials." He also really appreciated hearing the stories that the men and women had to tell about their time serving the country.

This was a great experience for Oberst, and he said it was very humbling and would really enjoy going again. "Next time you see an older man or woman who may be wearing a WWII Veteran or an American Legion/VFW ball cap, walk up to them, shake their hand and thank them for their service. It will give them, and you, a very warm feeling," said Oberst.



Character at Atkinson



Character is a set of behavior traits that define what sort of person an individual is. Character is related to personality but it is not the same thing. Personality is traits that we are born with. Character consists of behaviors that we learn. This is why it is most important for adults to model good character traits for children from the time they are very young. What they see from the adults that surround them is the best teacher of character.

The character traits that we teach at school throughout the year include:

Respect/ Responsibility – Being responsible means doing what you say you are going to do, and being accountable for your actions.

Work Ethic – Having good work ethic means a person is honest, dependable, and reliable.

Caring – Being kind and compassionate shows that you care.

Self-Control – We may not always have control over a situation, but we control how we react to it!

Tolerance – Tolerant people respect the rights of others, do not judge others based on appearances or stereotypes, and try to learn about the cultures and beliefs of those around them.

Fairness – People who are fair are open-minded and reasonable towards others.

Honesty – People who are honest do not lie, steal or cheat.

Citizenship – Good citizens follow the rules, and actively participate in their families, schools and communities to make the world a better place.

Students are rewarded for showing good character traits by being given "Ram" rewards. Each week names are drawn from these rewards. Students are given prizes such as books, pencils, and posters, that encourage them to continue these acts of good character.

Summer School Information

Program	Dates/Times	Location	Contact
Summer Migrant Program	June 16 – July 28, 2011 8:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.	Hayes Elementary 916 Hayes Avenue	Bonnie Weaver 419-332-6371
Elementary Intervention	June 20 – July 15, 2011 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.	Atkinson Elementary 1100 Delaware Avenue	Christine Oravets 419-332-5361
With New Innovations Summer Intervention	June 13 – July 1, 2011 8:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	Fremont Middle School 501 Croghan Street	Tony Walker 419-332-5569
Grades 6, 7, 8			
OGT Camp	June 13 – June 24, 2011 8:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.	Ross High School 1100 North Street	Jim Marquette 419-334-5461 419-332-8221
Summer School NovaNet Class	June 13 – July 15, 2011 Monday-Friday	Ross High School 1100 North Street	Jim Marquette 419-334-5461 419-332-8221
Summer School Session I	Lab Hours 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.		
Session II			
Ross Summer Intervention	June 13 – July 15, 2011 Monday-Friday 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.	Ross High School 1100 North Street	Cheryl Schell 419-332-8221

*No programs on July 4, 2011

Students-of-the-Month



April-6th Grade Learning and Liberty Foundation Students-of-the-Month

Croghan - Andrew Colston
Stamm - Grant Gallagher
Lutz - Kaity Kelly
Otis - Brendan Leibold
Atkinson - Marisa Lindsay
Washington - Nick Arnold
Hayes - Claire Elder

Ducks are Poets at FMS?



Did you know that the Team 7-1 Ducks are poets? Well they are! Thanks to Mrs. Parker's student teacher Ms. Fisher, from BGSU, students have been working hard in Language Arts classes to create their own personal poetry books. One of the poems that the students write will be published through a program at BGSU, and the same poem will then be submitted to the American Library of Poetry, poetry contest. As a service learning

project, the students of team 7-1 plan to travel to the Valley View Health Care Center in April to share this poetry with the residents there. The students will read their poems with the residents, and visit with them as well. This is a chance to showcase the amazing poetic talents of our 7-1 students, and to build community relations. We are very excited to get to learn and share with the residents at Valley View, and we hope that they enjoy the poetry that we have created!

Otis Grandfriends Help Color Eggs

Fifth grade students recently joined residents at Bethesda Care Center to color Easter eggs and celebrate the holiday. Students met with their assigned Grandfriends and enjoyed a relaxing visit. Grandfriends and students get together each month to visit and share daily adventures. It is a wonderful way for Otis students to learn about the past and hear wise advice for the future. Residents at Bethesda regularly exclaim how much they love their time with the students. It is a nice way to be connected to the youth in the community. This partnership is organized through the assistance of Mrs. Barbara Moran and Mrs. Fran Costilla.



2011-2012 School Year Information

School Calendar:

- Please check the web site for the 2011-2012 school calendar. The first day of school is August 30, 2011.

School Times:

- The school times for the 2011-2012 school year are as follows:

Elementary Schools	9:15-3:45
Fremont Middle School	7:45-2:45
Ross High School*	7:30-2:30

*Please note that this is a time change from previous years. The Ross High School and FMS school times will **NOT** change when the new FMS opens on January 19th.

School Supply Lists:

- Elementary and FMS school supply lists for the 2011-2012 school year will be available on the district web site or you may call the district office at (419) 332-6454.

Student Dress Code:

- The Board of Education adopted a revised student dress code policy on March 28, 2011 for the 2011-2012 school year. On May 27, 2011, each family will receive a copy of the revised policy, vendor information and an assortment of store catalogs that carry clothing items listed within the Fremont City Schools policy. The revised policy will now allow shirt logos, pull-overs and a few more color options. The policy is also on the district's web site.

Immunizations:

- Students entering seventh grade are required to have a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) or a Td (tetanus and diphtheria) booster prior to the first day of school. Please contact the Sandusky County Health Department (419-334-6367) or your family physician to schedule an appointment. You must take your child's immunization record with you to the appointment. If you need a copy of your child's record, please contact your school nurse prior to the end of the school year.

Additional Information:

- Please look for our August 16, 2011 newsletter for more information about the 2011-2012 school year and/or visit our web site.

Note from Art Bucci, AD at Ross

Summer conditioning information can be picked up in two different locations: the Fremont Ross Athletic Department or the Fremont Middle School main office. If you have any questions on the different fall sports available or questions about summer conditioning, please contact the Athletic Department at 419-332-6462. You may also contact the head coaches for your particular sport via email listed below:

Football: Derek Kidwell - KidwellD@fremont.k12.oh.us
 Golf: James Scharer - ScharerJ@fremont.k12.oh.us
 Volleyball: Lauren Blasko - laurenblaskosws@yahoo.com
 Cross Country: John Elder - ElderJ@fremont.k12.oh.us
 Girls' Tennis: Lisa Wolfe - WolfeL@fremont.k12.oh.us
 Boys' Soccer: Phil Collison - collison_phil@co.sandusky.oh.us
 Girls' Soccer: Otto Gonzalez - GonzalezO@fremont.k12.oh.us

All Fremont Ross High School required Athletic Forms for the 2011/2012 school year are also available through our district website under Athletics.

And on one last note, all student athletes are required to have a sports physical before participating. \$10 Sports Physicals will be administered by local health care professionals at the Herbert-Perna Center for Physical Health 710 Cleveland Ave. Fremont Ohio on June 22, 2011. There are two sessions: 1 - 3:00 p.m. and 5 - 7:00 p.m. All athletes **MUST** have pages, 1, 3, and 4 **completed** on the Ohio High School Athletic Association Participation Physical Evaluation form prior to having physical done. Physical Forms are available at the high school office or via the district website.

I hope all of you have a safe and restful summer. We will see you in the fall!
 Go Little Giants.....

1st Grade Heroes at Croghan

Although April 22nd was Earth Day, the first graders at Croghan School learned the importance of working to build a better world not just on Earth Day, but "Every" day.

After listening to and acting out the story The Wartville Wizard by Don Madden, the first graders discovered the outrageous amount of trash people create in a community. Furthermore, they were amazed when they created a "Trash Graph" that displayed just how much trash they collect in their own lives each day. At lunch, they discovered that their class alone creates 770 pieces of trash each week. Yikes! From these activities, the first graders came to realize that they needed to become "Kid Heroes to save our planet Earth!" These young people needed to come up with a plan to help decrease the horrific amount of trash they use each day.

The next day, Jennifer Sherman, the Sandusky County Education Specialist from the Solid Waste Management District, came to their rescue. She taught the first graders ways to lessen their trash by using the "Three Rs...Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle!" From her presentation, the first graders decided to become "Happy Recyclers," and they made a pledge to become "Kid Heroes by pitching in for our planet!"

Mission Statement:

- The mission of Fremont City Schools is to develop well-educated, lifelong learners prepared to be responsible, productive and respectful members of their communities.**

District Goals:

- *Increase Student Achievement**
- *Close Socio-Economic, Ethnic and Disability Gaps in Student Achievement**
- *Build Hope, Trust and Respect with our Community**

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