

Fremont City Schools

Building Hope, Trust and Respect with our Community

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Top 25 students at Ross Honor Teachers



The following students honored their most influential teacher at an end-of-the-year banquet. The students are listed in alphabetical order, along with the educator.

Natasha Balduff; Cole Bowers-Patricia Weiker; Laura Duncan-Dave Rapp; Chrysten Eberhard-Jeff Wright; Melanie Edris-Mike Gilbert; Jacob Eishen-Mike Gilbert; Mikayla Fisher-Beth Muffler; Megan Good; Sarah Gray-Travis Bates; Kiera Hall-Beth Muffler; Joshua Heard-Pamela Meggitt; Justin Hill-Brenda Widman; Christopher Hoffman; Heather Lochotzki-Mike Gilbert; Olivia Miller-Mike Gilbert; Destinee Mulcahy-Nora MacDowell; Nathaniel Otermat-Susan Capucini; Lindsay Overmyer-Dave Rapp; Holly Phillips-Beth Muffler; Kalee Royster-John Elder; Carly Schwartz-Bill Keating; Amanda Slick-Catherine Lewis; Lauren Smith-Barb Fehl; Chad Sultz; Sarah Wylie-Cynthia Burroughs

End of the Year Info

- Results from the Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA) for students in grades 3-8 will be mailed home after July 4, 2013.
- Students in grades 9-12 must show their student identification badges in order to attend all extra-curricular activities. Students will receive their ID badges during their summer building orientations. High school students new to FCS may get their ID photos taken during registration at the district office.

Last School Day Information

Grade Level	Last Day of School	School Times
Seniors	<u>Last Day:</u> Tuesday, May 21 st	7:30 – 2:30
	<u>Exams:</u> May 22 nd , 23 rd & 24 th	Exam Schedule
	<u>Mandatory Graduation Practice:</u> May 31 st	9:00-12:00
Pre-School	Thursday, May 30 th	Regular Schedule
Ross High School (grades 9-11)	Friday, May 31 st	7:30-11:30
Fremont Middle School (grades 6-8)	Friday, May 31 st	7:45-11:45
All Elementary Buildings (grades K-5)	Friday, May 31 st	9:15-1:30

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Teaming Up for Science Tests

The students at Stamm Elementary worked very hard preparing for the OAA tests this year. The fourth and fifth grade science classes teamed up to make their studying a little more exciting. Even though the fourth graders don't take a Science OAA this year, the fifth graders were helping to prepare them for next year. Students were given practice tests with extended response questions, which require them to site evidence from a given passage. The fifth grade students were able to be the "teacher" and show the fourth graders what makes a quality two-point or four-point answer. Not only did it help the fourth graders improve their answers, but the fifth graders were also able to review and refresh their skills as well. Submitted by: Patti Huskey. Pictured: Natalia Alonso and Miraya Johnson working on science questions.



Hayes Students Learn Fab Four

At Hayes Elementary, the Intervention Specialists, Title One teacher and selected grade level teachers team up to learn and implement comprehension strategies from nationally recognized literacy coach Lori D. Oczkus. These strategies are referred to as Reciprocal Teaching, and revolve around the complex comprehension thought process of making predictions, asking questions, using clarifying strategies and summarizing reading selections. The "Fab Four" have been flexible and fun to implement and can be used in the primary and intermediate curriculum during whole group lessons, guided reading groups, literature circles, center activities and individual assignments. Some of these strategies incorporate lessons that allow students to use dance gestures, role play/theatrical roles, comprehension webs and game pieces to extend the comprehension thought process as they practice scaffolding, metacognition, cooperative learning and think-alouds through social interaction. Students who have participated in Reciprocal Teaching "Fab Four" Strategies have shown growth in their learning and are having tons of fun! Pictured: Third grade students practicing the "Fab Four" through theatrical role play. From left to right: Xane Good as the "predicting" fortuneteller, Tylan Wright as the "questioning" game show host, Rhys Roth as the reader, Saydee Kiddey as the "clarifying" movie star Clara, and Kaitlyn Burroughs as the rodeo roping and "summarizing" cowgirl.



From the Athletic Department

The end of the school year is a time of transition; seniors are transitioning for the next chapter of their lives, while the rest of us begin preparing for another school year. So as we transition into the summer months, I would like to encourage all of our students in both the middle school and high school to stay active and to consider participating in one of our many summer conditioning programs. All program information can be obtained in either the Ross Athletic Office or the main office of the Middle School. If you should have any questions pertaining to the conditioning programs, please contact the Athletic Department at 419-334-5424.

Memorial Hospital will once again be offering sports physicals to students who will be entering grades 7-12. The physicals will be performed on Wednesday, June 5 at the Physical Medicine Department located on the campus of Fremont Memorial Hospital from 1:00 -7:00pm. Each athlete will need to call 419-334-6630 to schedule an appointment.

2013-2014 School Year Information

School Calendar:

- Please check the web site for the 2013-2014 school calendar. The first day of school for students in grades 1-12 is August 27, 2013.

School Times:

- The school times for the 2013-2014 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

School Supply Lists:

- Elementary and FMS school supply lists for the 2013-2014 school year are available on the district web site or you may call the district office at 419-332-6454.

Student Dress Code:

- There are no changes to the Student Dress Code Policy for the 2013-2014 school year. The dress code policy is available for pick-up at the district office and in all school offices. In addition, the policy can be found in all Student Handbooks and on the district's web site: www.fremontschools.net. For any questions and/or concerns regarding this policy, please call the Superintendent's Office at 419-334-5432.

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 20, 2013 newsletter for more information about the 2013-2014 school year and/or visit our web site.

Summer Office Hours:

- **Elementary Schools:** 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
All offices will close beginning on June 10th and reopen August 14th. (Summer school buildings are open but regular school staff will not be present.)
- **Ross High School and Fremont Middle School** are open 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. all summer, Monday through Friday.
- The **District Office** located at 500 W. State Street is open all summer and office hours are 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Giant Steps and Excellence

2013 Giant Step Award winners



Fremont City Schools honored five of its employees recently through its Giant Step Award recognition program. The awards are based on principles of leadership, motivation and dedication. Pictured left to right: Lori Nossaman, Marty Frater, Gregg Gallagher and Salome (JR) Lopez. Not pictured: Mike Gilbert

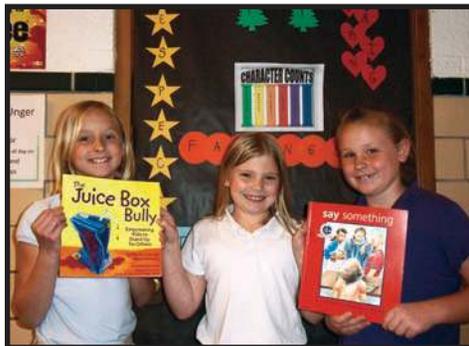
2013 Excellence in Education Award

Fremont City Schools honored one of its recently retired teachers, Deb Acker (second from left), through its Excellence in Education recognition program. Deb was recognized for her continued dedication to volunteering her services for our students at Washington Elementary. She was nominated by Washington Elementary School teachers Abby Markwith, Randy Brown and Joanne Traczek (pictured left to right).



Atkinson Students Initiate Bully-Free Program

Some of the third graders at Atkinson have been showing excellent character by starting an anti-bullying club. Third grade students, Erin McMullen and Carol Grob, approached Mrs. Unger, the school counselor, earlier in the year, wanting to start a club called *Help Stop Bullying*. The purpose of the club is to make Atkinson a bully-free school by learning about bullying and ways to stop it. The club meets weekly at recess and is open to any third grader who is interested. Since the club has started, members have made anti-bullying posters to hang around the school, reminding everyone how they can help stop bullying. The students worked together and authored a bully-free pledge that included input from all group members. The 3rd graders also spent time reading and discussing books about bullying, including *Say Something* and *The Juice Box Bully*. Club members can use their recess time to discuss problems and help each other work to solve them. These students have been showing and promoting good character! Submitted by: Nicole Unger, Counselor



Pictured: Erin McMullen, Carol Grob and Faith Beaver.

Summer Program Information

Program Dates	Student Dates	Location	Contact
Elementary Summer Migrant Program Grades PK-5 June 10-July 31	Monday-Friday June 17 – July 30 (excluding July 4 & 5) 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Otis Elementary 718 Brush St.	Bonnie Weaver 419-332-8964 (Otis) 419-332-4394 (office)
Elementary Summer Intervention Program Grades 3, 4, 5 June 10-July 19	Monday-Friday June 17 – July 19 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Atkinson Elementary 1100 Delaware Ave.	Christine Oravets 419-332-5361 (Atkinson) 419-332-5538 (Stamm)
Middle School Summer Migrant Program Grades 6, 7, 8 June 10-July 31	Monday – Friday June 17 – July 30 (excluding July 4 & 5) 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Fremont Middle School 1250 North St.	Leigh Carroll 419-332-5569 (FMS)
Middle School Summer Intervention Grades 6, 7, 8 June 10-July 30	Monday-Friday June 17 – July 30 (excluding July 4 & 5) 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Fremont Middle School 1250 North St.	Leigh Carroll 419-332-5569 (FMS)
OGT Summer Camp Grades 10-12 June 17 – June 28	Monday-Friday June 17 – June 28 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Ross High School 1100 North St.	Jim Marquette 419-334-5461 (office) 419-332-8221 (Ross)
A+ Learning Grades 9-12 June 10-July 12	Monday-Friday June 10-July 12 Lab Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Ross High School 1100 North St.	Jim Marquette 419-334-5461 (office) 419-332-8221 (Ross)
Ross Summer Intervention Grades 9-12 June 10-July 12	Monday-Friday June 10 – July 12 (excluding July 4 & 5) 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Ross High School 1100 North St.	Cheryl Schell 419-332-4451 (office) 419-332-8221 (Ross)

No Programs on July 4 & 5, 2013

Reciprocal Teaching at Lutz

The first grade classes at Lutz are focusing on all of the positive things that are happening in their classrooms and rewarding those behaviors. Each student has a clip with their name on it. At the beginning of each day, their clip starts in the green - “ready to learn” position on the behavior chart. They have the ability to move up three different colored spaces to the top for awesome behavior throughout the day. Each afternoon the students color the date on the calendar to match where their clip ended that day, so their parents are able to keep track of how their child is doing at school, as well.



When the student is on “ready to learn” or above (good day, great day, outstanding), they receive a punch on their behavior punch card. Once the student has filled their card with ten punches, they redeem their card for a coupon from the “Best Behavior Prize Coupon Book.” These coupons include rewards such as: no homework, take off your shoes for the day, bring in a stuffed animal, sit with a friend at lunch, jump in line anywhere, extra computer time, use the super-duper supplies and one of the class favorites – lunch with the teacher.

So far this year, over 400 coupons have been redeemed in the Lutz first grade. Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. McAfee enjoy rewarding the students for being safe, respectful and responsible throughout the day.

Pictured: Left side (front to back): Dylan Poff, Grant Pert, Ciana Meza, Mrs. Reynolds
Right side (front to back): Alexis Owsley, Cora Stierwalt, Alexis Gonzalez, Mrs. McAfee

Art inspires Character at Washington

In the art room, there is nothing a student truly does alone. We work in teams to gather supplies, share resources, clean up, discuss and do many more things. With a team comes accountability and trust. Students are constantly building their reputation of trustworthiness in class. Each team trusts that the others will do their jobs and prepare the team for success in each project. Each student is trusted to listen to instructions because a mistake in mixing could affect the whole table’s artwork. Yet with all this responsibility and room for error, I trust that my students will show compassion to those who make mistakes. I trust that my students are there to help one another, and above all, I trust my students so that they may in turn trust me. Submitted by: Bradley Scherzer Elementary Art Teacher



New Student Registration

Fremont City Schools is currently registering new students for the 2013-2014 school year. Applications are also being accepted for open enrollment. Contact Cheryl Overmyer today at 419-334-5436 to schedule an appointment. Visit our website at www.fremontschools.net for more information. Become a part of Fremont City Schools, rated by the Ohio Department of Education as a school of excellence!!

Presidential Connections at Otis



picture of himself and his dog, Bo. Along with the letter and pictures, President Obama sent activities for the students as well as a map of the White House.

Submitted by: Laura Costilla. Pictured left to right: Elijah Cole and Jena Humbert

Football Tickets

The start of another season of Little Giant football is quickly approaching. In order to provide the best fan experience for all, the following changes have been made for all varsity football contests and will go into effect this 2013 season:

-General Admission Tickets: The \$6.00 general admission tickets will only be sold at the Stamm entrance. Reserve tickets and student tickets can be purchased from either the Miller Street or Haynes Street entrances.

-Admission: Middle school students will no longer be permitted to enter the game without an accompanying adult. High School students will need to produce a school issued identification card in order to enter the contest without parental supervision. High school students who fail to bring their ID cards and FMS/elementary students who are not accompanied by a parent will not be granted access to the game.

-Student Section: Middle school students will no longer be permitted to sit in the student section as was the practice in previous years. Only students in grades 9-12 along with members of the Ross High School marching band will be permitted to sit in the student section. Middle school students who attend the athletic contest should sit with their parents.

-2 minute rule: The rule which limited when students could leave the students section during the course of the event will no longer be enforced. Students who are seated in the student section of the stadium will be given the freedom to use the restroom or visit the concession stand at their discretion. If this practice is either abused or leads to further incident, it will be revoked.

As with every decision we make, these changes have been made in order to provide the safest and most favorable environment for both students and fans. We thank you in advance for your continued support of our football program and our many student-athletes.

Students of the Month



In an effort to recognize young boys and girls who are positive influences for their classmates and community, The Learning and Liberty Foundation of the Fremont City Schools and Old Fort Bank are pleased to announce their April 2013 sixth grade Student of the Month winners. Pictured left to right: Front Row: Jacob Neiling, Victor Jimenez III and Mackenzie Kidwell Back Row: Paisley DeFriece, Abigail Havice, Garrett Weinheimer and Mary Miller. Not Pictured: Miranda Palacios and Mann Patel

Croghan Family Fun Night

Oh, what a night! Croghan School recently held their annual Family Fun Night on April 12th. The halls, classrooms and gymnasium were bustling with fun and laughter as students and their families made their way to the various activities of the evening. Events included a Chinese auction featuring donations from Northwest Ohio businesses, cakewalk, face painting, Bingo, duck pond, penny toss game, tic tac toe toss, fishing game and lots of singing in the Karaoke room! There were basket raffles, which included great themed items such as an Ohio State themed basket with many Ohio State items. First grader, Jelissa Sims, was excited about her mother winning the Baker's Basket! Many stayed for dinner enjoying hot dogs, chili dogs, pulled pork, sloppy joes, chips, and desserts.

Emma Lynch said, "I liked the Karaoke, and I got a cupcake painted on my face!"

When asked about her favorite activity of the evening, Jazanay Ayers replied, "I liked the Karaoke, the cakewalk, the penny toss, and the fishing game!" Croghan School would like to thank all the businesses who donated items and the middle school and high school students who helped to make this evening a success. Pictured above from left to right: Jazanay Ayers, Emma Lynch, and Jelissa Sims



Making a Difference on Earth Day

They can really clean-up! The Make a Difference Clubs at both Ross and FMS have not only been making a difference at their schools and in their communities, but now they are helping the Earth.

In celebration of Earth Day, the Make a Difference clubs joined Dr. McCaudy, Mrs. Opelt, Don Nalley and the boy scouts to clean-up the Christy Farm Nature Preserve on April 20th.

David and Eleni Albrechta came up with this fabulous project and asked FCS to team up with them. The students not only helped pick-up the trash, but they learned valuable lessons about sorting and recycling the materials. Several students found deer and rodent skulls and bones that they were able to take back to their science classrooms for their teachers. One young man even discovered a deer antler that was given to the Preserve to display. Students were also able to take home a seedling to plant. Pictured above: Seirra Stansberry



Poster Contest at FMS

In honor of the Fort Stephenson Bicentennial, 6th and 7th grade students from the Middle School entered a poster contest. The posters needed to depict a person, place or thing that was related to the Battle of Fort Stephenson. The Battle happened in Fremont in August of 1813. Several students submitted posters to this contest, which will be judged on creativity, originality, historical accuracy, and artistic merit. All did excellent jobs! There will be one winner and two honorable mentions in each grade. Good luck students!! Shown is Matt Dupey's entry.



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