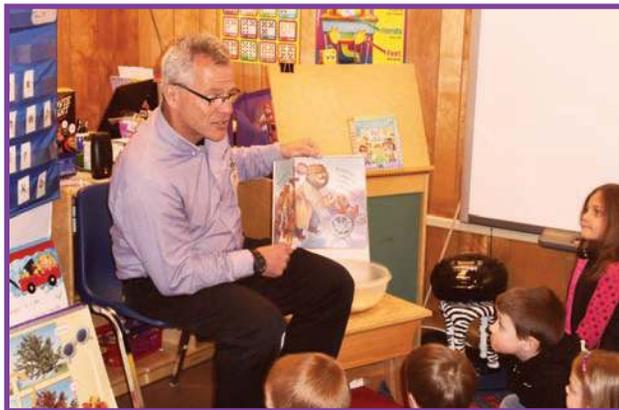


Atkinson's Million Minute Challenge

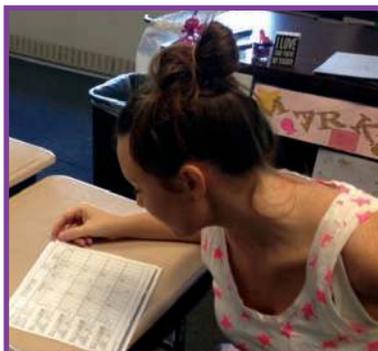


Atkinson students are preparing for another successful school year while improving their reading and writing skills. Students at Atkinson school are working on writing skills using the Balanced Literacy program. During the 2013-2014 school year, students utilized "Read Alouds" another component within Balanced Literacy. In addition to teachers conducting read alouds, the Fremont Rotary Club provided read-

ing volunteers to our K-2 teachers and will continue to do so again this year. We are excited to be partnering with the Fremont Rotary Club. All students in the building are also being challenged to read a million minutes by the end of the school year with our Atkinson Million Minutes Reading Challenge. Photo: Mr. Tim Ellenberger, a volunteer from the Fremont Rotary Club, reads to a class of Atkinson students.

FCS Utilizes Data to Teach

As a new school year rolls in FCS teachers were busy preparing for their new batch of students before they even arrived. Not only did they prepare nametags and textbooks, they were busy analyzing data to guide instructional decisions in order to meet diverse student needs. Teachers used various sources of data including the report cards from the previous school year, OAA scores, CogAT and Iowa scores as well as AIMSweb data that provides valuable literacy information. This data will be used to prepare differentiated lessons aligned with the New Learning Standards. FCS teachers are truly masters at their craft!



Readers' Theater at Lutz

Mrs. Fry's Second Grade class at Lutz Elementary has fun taking part in a readers' theater activity by role-playing the part of the main character. The students practice their parts together and then put on the play for the class. A readers' theater is one research-based reading strategy that has been shown to increase fluency in reading.



Pictured: Left to right – Rebecca Jensen, Jocelyn Hines, Alison Tolliver, Anne Gulau, David Stacy, Dominick Alexander and Kyle Barnes

Opening Day for Teachers

August 2014 has been a busy and exciting time in Fremont City Schools! The district staff came together to welcome new staff and prepare for the 2014-15 school year. They brought their knowledge from summer literacy training by Dr. Rasinski, a national educator and speaker, and continued work with the New Learning Standards and Next Generation Assessments. August professional development included 2 full days of collecting and analyzing data for district leadership. After discussion and planning, these results will be used to make decisions for the new school year. All staff participated in meaningful professional development in their fields that directly affect the work of the district-impacting student academic achievement.



The Wellness Center

District Belief Statement #7:
We believe in and promote the importance of physical, mental and emotional wellness as essential components of successful learning and achievement.

Student Wellness Goals:

1. Reduce student alcohol and drug use at Ross High School as evidenced by pre and post survey data and discipline referrals.
2. Increase nutrition/fitness knowledge as evidenced by pre and post survey data.
3. Decrease student bullying/harassment and insubordination incidents at all grade levels as measured by pre and post survey data and discipline referrals.
4. Improve district/building climate as measured by pre and post "My Voice" survey data.

Featured Strategy of the Month: CREATE NEW MENUS FOR GRADES K-12

This past summer the district revised all of the meal menus for students in grades K-12. We are preparing more homemade meals in our kitchens so that the food is tastier and healthier for our students. The district is using local businesses to purchase quality meats (Root's Poultry, Hasselbach Meats) and produce (Eshleman Fruit Farm) to serve in our cafeterias. Additionally, we are using vegetables from our own garden in our salad bar at Ross High School.

Students who purchase school lunches can have unlimited fruits and vegetables and all students in grades K-5 receive a daily fresh fruit or vegetable snack during the school day. Every week Ross High School students are able to choose foods from the following specialty bars: Pasta Bar, Tex Mex Bar, Asian Bar, Pizza Bar and Potato Bar. Please visit our Child Nutrition web page at www.fremontschools.net for a complete menu and a description and nutritional value of each food item. You can also download a free app and sign up to receive a menu each month. Bon Appetit!



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

Croghan Jets are Soaring Toward PBIS

The Croghan students and teachers will begin the year learning and implementing Positive Behavior Interventions and Support, "PBIS". PBIS is a decision framework ensuring all students have access to effective instruction and behavioral practices. The goal of PBIS is to establish a positive school environment allowing for teaching, learning and successful relationships to grow. A few benefits of Positive Behavior Interventions and Support are: reduction of office referrals, increase time spent on instruction and the opportunity for achievement to increase. Croghans' behavior framework will build *character* as the students learn the three expectations: Be Safe! Be Respectful! Be Responsible! The teachers and staff are looking forward to a terrific 2014-15 school year. Pictured Left to right: Adam Broshious, Catelynn Collins, Rianna Collins and Sebastian Collins



Building Strong Character at Otis

We are excited to be starting our second school year using the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) model as a way to teach and acknowledge appropriate behavior. Our model is built around the three pillars of being responsible, respectful and safe. During the first week of school, students cycled through nine different lessons taught by various teachers and staff members. This investment of time early in the year allowed students to learn and review what expected behaviors are throughout our building. This year we have several changes we will be adding to our program, including consistent behavior charts school-wide and a consistent way to report to parents daily. The bus drivers who transport Otis students will become a more active part of our PBIS program this year as well. We were pleased with the positive outcomes produced last year by PBIS initiatives, and we are excited about the great things to come for Otis students this year as well. Pictured front to back: Savanna Risner, Angelina Terraza-Cobo, Ryan Dabrunz, Donald Hardy and Isaiah George



FMS-6th Grade Orientation



Fremont Middle School welcomed our newest members with some major Fremont Spirit! The Fremont Ross Marching Little Giants drumline and Roscoe were in attendance to welcome the 6th graders at an orientation on August 12. Students met their teachers, practiced opening their lockers (which had a goody bag inside!), and were introduced to all of the new clubs that they are able to participate in at FMS with our 1st "Club Carnival". Students were able to learn about the various clubs that FMS has while playing some carnival games that earned them prizes like pencils, candy and Fremont stickers! The staff of Fremont Middle School is happy to welcome all of our new students and staff to our FMS family and we are excited to start the 2014-2015 school year!

Correction Student Services



New faces in Student Services are Behavior Specialist Paula Cullen, School Psychologists Samantha Wolfe and Lacy Schwochow. (We apologize that Lacy was misidentified in last month's picture.) Not pictured is School Psychologist Jamie Biecheler.

FCS Supports Local Businesses

The district hired the following local businesses for products/services this past summer (June through August):

ACE Carpenter, ACE Hardware, Action Printing, Adkins Fence, Adkins Sanitation, Advanced Auto Parts, AJ's Heavenly Pizza, Al Baumann Chevrolet, Amerigas, Anderson's Farm Center, Associated Buyers, Bay Trophy, BDI, Beck Suppliers, Bel-Aire Cleaners, Bella Cosa, Benchmark Prints, Bloom by Jilly Gray, Bobby's Truck and Bus Repair, C&W Auto Supply, C. A. Kustoms, Celek Bros., Chud's, Inc., City of Fremont, Clark Associates, Inc., Color Haven Paint Supply, Computer Man, Contractors Equipment Rental, Croghan Colonial Bank, Crown Battery, Dairy Queen, Damman Paint Co., Deemer Roofing & Sheet Metal, Dollar Tree, Domino's Pizza, Economy Plumbers, Engler Printing, Famous Supply Co., Fastenal Company, Flower Real Estate Holdings, Fortball Pizza Palace, Fremont Athletic Supply, Fremont Auto Parts, Fremont Batting Range, Fremont Community Theatre, Fremont Country Club, Fremont Floor Covering, Fremont Music Center, Fremont Printing, Fremont Recreation Department, Fremont Super Kmart, Fremont Uniform Shoppe, Fremont Water Blasting, Gordon Lumber Company, Grace Community Church, Great Lakes Internet & Computer, LLC, Hasselbach Meats, HealthLink, Hilty Office Supply, Jimmy G's BBQ, Joseph Wise Fine Clocks, Ken Kiser Sound, Kroger Company, Kuns Northcoast Security, Kusmer and Associates, Lee's Famous Recipe, Linke's Wheel Alignment, Lotycz & Sons, Lowe's, Madison Motors, McMillan Signs, Metrotex, Nickel Paint & Supply, North Town Storage, Northcoast Sealing Inc., Northwest Ohio Medical, Otto & Urban Flower Shop, Papa Murphy's, Phaze I, Post Net, Prairie Flowers, R & R Identification, Root's Poultry, Rotary Club of Fremont, Rural King, Rutherford B. Hayes Center, Sabroske Electric, Sandusky County Homeless Coalition, Sandusky County, Sandusky County Convention & Visitor's Bureau, Sandusky County Family & Children First Council, Sheets Supply, Sherwin Williams, Sorg Graphics, Streacker Tractor Sales, Subway, Sunrise Cooperative, Swim Rite Pools, The News Messenger, The Party Starts Here, Tireman, Trico Glass, U New Tent Rental, US Postal Service, US Bank, Vanguard-Sentinel, VFW, Walgreens, Walters' Boiler Works, Warner Mechanical, Weikert Insurance Agency, Inc., Willie's Sales & Service, Woleslagel Moving and WSOS.

Hayes Student Wins Fishing Pole



Alex Menkhoff, 5th grader at Hayes Elementary, shows off his fishing pole that he won by writing an essay about why he loves fishing. The contest was sponsored by FRTV's Friday Fishing Report (Ross) and the grand prize was a trip with Bassmaster Elite Series Pro Michael Simonton. Alex's teacher, Mrs. Nancy Sloma offered the contest to her students, and he was so excited to participate and thrilled that he won a fishing pole. He stated that he was going to have a wonderful summer fishing with his new pole.

Stamm Welcomes New Staff



Stamm School is ready to welcome back all students who are returning for the new school year, as well as being excited to meet our new students. Along with new students we have new staff to introduce to our district. We welcome Mrs. Amy Clapp and Ms. Rachel Chervenak as new fourth grade teachers. Mrs. Clapp is teaching language arts and Ms. Chervenak is teaching math. Another new staff member is Mrs. Leslie Straka as an intervention specialist. Mrs. Straka will work with students in multiple grades. Lastly Stamm welcomes Ms. Josie Smith (pictured) as our new secretary. Ms. Smith has been a delightful addition to our staff, and many of you will get to know her quickly as she is the first person you will meet in the school. The staff of Stamm School is excited to work with these new team members and is confident you will enjoy working with them, too.

Come Home to Ross

Fremont Ross will once again be having a Homecoming Parade to showcase students who participate in activities and to introduce the 2014 Homecoming Court. The parade will travel down Franklin Avenue at 5:45 on Oct. 3rd. Participants will be throwing candy to spectators.

Football Games

Local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Camp Fire members will be admitted free to the September 19th Ross High School football game against Lima Senior. Youth wearing their organization's uniform will be admitted free to the game and will be recognized that evening. Elementary and middle school students must be accompanied by a paid adult.

SANDUSKY COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST
BULLYING PREVENTION COMMITTEE

SAT.
OCT 4
9A.M.

FREMONT REC CENTER

Run Walk Roll AGAINST BULLYING

8A.M.
REGISTRATION/PACKET
PICK UP

9A.M.
5K FUN RUN/WALK/ROLL

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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.

District Goals:

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