

Fremont City Schools



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Building Hope, Trust and Respect with our Community

Community Meeting Set for March 31st

All residents in the Fremont City School District are invited to attend an important community meeting to discuss what to do about our district's aging school buildings. The meeting is scheduled for March 31st from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Fremont Middle School.

By March 31st, the residents of our community will have hosted nearly 70 coffee discussions regarding the condition of our elementary and high school facilities and possible options to bring them up to state standard. In addition to presenting the feedback from these discussions, the District will be providing detailed information about the cost of renovating our current buildings versus constructing new buildings, the availability of state funding to help pay for new school facilities and other information requested during the coffee discussions.

This past spring, employees of Fremont City Schools were asked to participate in a staff survey to share their views about how our District's facilities are impacting teaching and learning. Our staff reported that a large number of our students are being adversely impacted by the condition of our high school and elementary buildings. When asked how important it is that the problems being generated by the condition of these buildings be addressed, 86% of our teachers and non-teaching employees said "extremely important" or "very important."

The educational problems being generated by our current school facilities include moisture, mold and allergy issues, breathing problems, poor ventilation, the lack of access to technology, inadequate classroom space for teaching and learning, and classroom temperature extremes that make it hard for students to concentrate. The loss of instructional time can range from a few minutes a day in some classrooms to the majority of the day in others.

If you would like more information regarding the staff survey, coffee discussions or the March 31st community meeting, please feel free to contact me at superintendent@fremontschools.net or call 419-334-5432.

Thank You,

Dr. Traci McCaudy, Superintendent

Black History Month at Hayes

Throughout the month of February, Hayes Elementary had the opportunity to celebrate Black History Month. Each day, historical facts, trivia, or famous African-Americans were announced and Hayes students had the opportunity to have several guest speakers in as well as to attend two assemblies. In the first assembly, Mrs. Woodson presented a history of Harriet Tubman through song and stories. In the second assembly, Momma's House delivered an entertaining dance performance. The important message of the dance was to discover your individual purpose and create positive impact on your community. Hayes Elementary is very thankful for all of our guests that came in as well as our Cultural Awareness Committee's work in organizing such a wonderful month of learning and celebration.



Congratulations FCS Staff Members

Congratulations to Lindsay Rellinger, Director of Student Services, and Denice Hirt, Director of Curriculum, Assessment & Staff Development, for receiving the Ohio School Boards Association Northwest Region Excellence Award for Outstanding Leadership for the development of the District's "Little Giant Pathway" program.



Lindsay Rellinger and Denice Hirt



Pictured from left to right - "Top D.O.G." volunteer Kenneth Collins, Jr., student Kenneth Collins III, Bonnie Weaver and Laura Bryant

Congratulations to Laura Bryant, Otis Principal, and Bonnie Weaver, Title I Parent Involvement Coordinator, for receiving the Ohio School Boards Association Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service Award for coordinating the Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) Program at Otis Elementary.

Hand, Fingers, Thumb Drumming on a Drum...



Second graders at Stamm Elementary were invited to participate in a Drum Circle presentation at Elmwood Assisted Living. A Drum Circle is defined as any group of people playing hand drums or percussion in a circle. The most common drum used and enjoyed was the Djembe drum

which is a rope tuned, skin covered drum shaped like a goblet. This drum originated in West Africa. Students and residents sat in a circle together and played various percussion instruments, attempting many different rhythms. To end the presentation, students and residents paraded around the circle playing a rhythmic beat. Students and residents then had time for a short snack and conversation. Hand, hand, fingers, thumb, second grade loved drumming on the drum!



Ross Winter Sports Teams Advance



The Ross girls swim team won the district championship at BGSU on February 20, 2016. It was a historic performance for our lady swimmers as they were able to capture the school's first district title. The

following individuals were able to advance to this year's state swim meet: Meghan Moses, Anne Marie Moses, Olivia DeRodes, Kaity Kelly, MaKennah Fitzgerald, and Morgan Waggoner.

Boys swimmers Trent and Tate Williams along with Jared Fox, Andrew Evans and Hawk Smith were all able to advance to the state meet in Canton as well.

The Ross wrestling program was able to advance 10 of its 12 wrestlers into the district meet at Perrysburg. Sectional Champions included Lamonte Chapman and Garrett Barth. Lamonte Chapman advanced to the State tournament and took the State runner up title on March 5, 2016.

Pizza Anyone?

Fifth grade students at Lutz Elementary recently devoured biographies and autobiographies of famous people and designed "pizza book reports". Instead of pepperoni and cheese, students cooked up paper pizzas which included paragraphs covering the important life events and accomplishments of their chosen person. Thanks to local Fremont pizza establishments, students were given pizza boxes



to decorate with pictures, quotes, and other graphics. We hope that the artistic designs on the box covers tempted other students to check out the pizza inside to learn more about men and women who have contributed in positive ways to our world, both past and present.

Chromebooks at Croghan

The students at Croghan Elementary are enjoying their new set of Chromebooks. Mrs. Price's second grade class implements Chromebooks daily within math centers. Through the use of Chromebooks the students are able to practice their math fact fluency in a fun and inviting way. As students begin to master their addition facts they realize math can be easier. It definitely beats counting on their fingers!



Watch D.O.G.S. at Atkinson

The first graders at Atkinson Elementary are excited about the time they get to spend with the Watch D.O.G.S. of the day. The Watch D.O.G.S. Program is "Dads of Great Students" who volunteers to come spend the day at school. Watch D.O.G.S. participate in many daily activities. They assist at lunch and recess, help with arrival, and spend time in several classrooms throughout the day. In first grade, Watch D.O.G.S. help students with reading of words, math facts, flashcards, and centers. In the photo you will see Mr. Ellerbrock, Dylan's dad, assisting first graders with sight word recognition. They are having fun playing a fishing game to practice reading high frequency words. Atkinson Elementary would like to thank the Watch D.O.G.S. who have been helping at Atkinson. If you are an Atkinson dad, grandpa, or father figure who would like to participate in the Watch D.O.G.S. Program, please contact the school office.



We are Freshman... (almost)

Recently at FMS, Team BGSU welcomed Mr. Bill Schell, 9th Grade Guidance Counselor at Ross, to our Science classroom for the day. His objective was to help students start the process of scheduling for their Freshman year! (Yes, parents it's hard to believe your child is going to be a Freshman!!!)

Students spent the day learning about the classes that they will be able to take next year and the requirements for graduation for the class of 2020. As Freshmen, students are required to take the following Core classes: English 9, Government/Financial Literacy, Algebra I or Geometry, Physical Science or Biology. They also have other required courses, such as PE or Swim, and Little Giant Pathways.

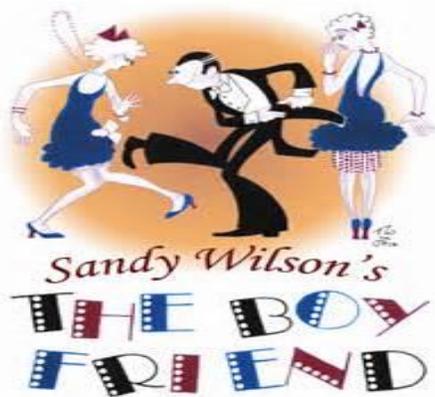
There are many electives that are available such as Healthy Cuisine, Personal Development, Foreign Languages (French & Spanish), Music Electives, Agriculture Sciences, Art, Woods and Engineering.

Students should have brought home a yellow scheduling paper and a folder to go over the information shared by Mr. Schell. Over the next few months, Mr. Schell will be creating schedules that students will receive early to mid-August at their designated Freshmen orientation.

Our team is full of anticipation for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year as the Freshman Class of 2020 at Fremont Ross High School. It Takes More to Be a Little Giant and More is Expected!



Fremont Ross High School Presents



A Musical Comedy of the Roaring 20's

March 18 & March 19, 2016 7:00 p.m.

March 20, 2016 2:30 p.m.

Adults \$7.00 Students \$5.00

Fremont Ross High Little Theatre

Call 419-334-6742 for ticket reservations.

Otis is Out of This World

Fifth grade students at Otis Elementary are working hard to complete their planet projects in Science. Every year the fifth graders select a planet that they would like to research and present to the class. Over the years, the students have learned how to become more creative when putting together their presentations. The most popular way for many students to present their project is to use a Power Point



presentation that they have constructed over the course of several weeks. The students really enjoy challenging each other to see who can put together the most creative Power Point. Other ways students present their planets are by making models and/or posters. Students at Otis Elementary really enjoy having the opportunity to show off their planets as well as learning new and exciting facts that they did not know previously.

Music in Our Schools Month

March is Music in Our School Month and Fremont City Schools is proud of our music program's accomplishments starting with Teresa Wright (pictured). Mrs. Wright is a music teacher at Otis, Lutz and Washington Elementary Schools. She was featured by the Toledo Symphony Orchestra as the Outstanding Music Educator of the Month.

Ross High School Concert Choir received a "1" (Superior) rating at the District Adjudicated Event, qualifying the choir for the State Adjudicated Event. The Ross High School band demonstrated their talent by having 22 band students earned a rating of "1" (Superior) for solos, 12 band students earned a rating of "II" (Excellent) for solos, 92 band students earned a rating of "1" (Superior) for Ensembles, 70 band students earned a rating of "II" (Excellent) for Ensembles for a total of 192 medals at the Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event held at Genoa High School last month.

Congratulations to Teresa Wright and all the students. Every month is a month to celebrate music in our schools!



Substitute Teachers Needed

FREMONT CITY SCHOOLS is in need of Substitute Teachers, all levels (elementary, middle, high) and in all subject areas (\$105 per day). If you have a Bachelor's Degree and are interested in teaching, you may be able to obtain an Ohio Substitute Teaching License. For more information visit the Ohio Dept. of Education's website <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Educator-Licensure/Audiences/Substitute-Licensure>. Interested applicants can apply online at http://www.fremontschools.net/Job_Opportunities.asp. Questions regarding the online application can be directed to Human Resources at (419) 332-6454.

Fremont City Schools Announces Sandusky County's First Early College Program

Fremont City Schools announces a new partnership with Terra State Community College. The Early College Program will provide students the opportunity to earn their high school diploma and an Associate's Degree while still enrolled at Fremont Ross High School. The Early College Program recruits students who are typically underrepresented at colleges, often first generation to attend or graduate from college.

The Early College Program will target a group of incoming freshmen each year beginning with the 2017-2018 academic year. It is anticipated that the program will enroll approximately 100 students within four years.

Next year will serve as the planning year between Fremont City Schools and Terra State Community College. The Early College Program will be designed to prepare students for high demand jobs in Sandusky County upon completion of their Associate's degree or credentials. Students may also elect to continue their post-secondary education and apply their earned college credits to a four-year degree.

Dr. Jerome Webster, Terra State Community College President, stated, "We are very excited about this partnership with Fremont City Schools and launching Sandusky County's first Early College Program."

Anthony Walker has been named the Early College Coordinator for Fremont City Schools. Mr. Walker will assume the position beginning next school year. He will work closely with Terra State Community College staff to plan Sandusky County's first Early College Program. Mr. Walker is currently the Principal at Fremont Middle School and has been in that role for the past ten years. Mr. Walker also served as Lutz Elementary School Principal and a teacher with the school district. Prior to his employment with Fremont City Schools, Mr. Walker had been Assistant Dean of Students at Heidelberg University and Assistant Director of Family Services with WSOS where he coordinated programs and grants writing.

"The goal of our Early College Program is to increase the number of students earning an Associate's Degree or higher and to also help fill Sandusky County's workforce with quality employees", explained Dr. Traci McCaudy, FCS Superintendent. "Anthony Walker is the perfect choice for this new position. He is an exemplary administrator who is very student centered and I am confident he will plan and implement a quality Early College Program."

The District will begin its search for its new middle school principal immediately and will have a new principal in place before the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

"I am looking forward to this new opportunity and a chance to develop one of Ohio's finest Early College Programs", shared Anthony Walker.



Anthony Walker

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**

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