

Fremont City Schools



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Building Hope, Trust and Respect with our Community

Dear Fremont Community,

Fremont City Schools is facing an important challenge and we need your help in deciding what to do about it.

This letter is our invitation to you to join us in a frank and open discussion about our District's facilities and how they are impacting our students and staff. In order to provide everyone with an opportunity to participate in this important discussion, we are scheduling small group conversations (coffees) throughout our District.

If you would like to host or attend a coffee discussion, please contact the Superintendent's office at (419) 334-5432 or email superintendent@fremontschools.net.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent



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Etiquette at Atkinson

Atkinson students are preparing for another successful school year while continuing to focus on Respect and Manners. Last year students were able to take part in an etiquette lunch including music, servers, candle light, and more. The lunch was part of a three week unit on table manners and etiquette through our PBIS lessons. The PBIS emphasis this year will be on using please and thank you, while being polite and respectful to everyone. Our staff is excited to continue to encourage manners as it is a lifelong skill for all of our students. This year students will take part in another etiquette luncheon and manners unit. Students are rewarded daily for good behavior and will be able to enter into drawings for weekly and monthly prizes.



There is a "Little Giant" in all of Us



Why I am Excited for the New School Year to Begin...

- I am looking forward to seeing friends. - Evan Beardmore
- Because I love math and reading. I read a lot at home and look forward to meeting new friends. Playing sports next year. - Zachary Cunning
- To meet new friends and to learn. - Aleah Whaley
- It is my first year at Fremont Middle School. It is air conditioned. - Michael Harper
- It is a new experience. To meet new people and to make friends. - Haley Hoffman
- To meet new friends and teacher. And because there is no recess. - Aria Jones
- I am really excited about starting the new school year. I know many people look at late August with dread, but I look forward to returning to FMS. School is fun and each day is different. I get to try and help kids learn new things and reach their full potential. How many people can say that! There are very few other places I'd rather be at this time of year than FMS. - Mr. Plaunt
- To meet new friends. - Xane Good
- I will be in advanced math and I love math a lot. It is a bigger school. - Amanda Moreno
- New experience and more opportunity and more friends. - Malakhi Griffin

Dr. Traci McCaudy Honored by Fremont Rotary Club



At the August 10th meeting of the Rotary Club of Fremont, Fremont Rotarian, Dr. Traci McCaudy, was recognized by her fellow Rotarians for going above and beyond the call of duty in her support of the Club's

programs for local youth. She has been a driving force in the success of the Fremont Club's STRIVE and Literacy Programs and their Four-Way Test speech contest. These programs have had a positive impact on Fremont youth of all ages. To express their gratitude for her contributions, the Club gifted Dr. McCaudy with a Paul Harris Fellowship. Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary International. As a Paul Harris Fellow, Dr. McCaudy joins an elite group of Rotarians who have invested in making the world a better place.

Watch D.O.G.S. Look Out for Otis Students



We're excited to begin our second year with the Watch D.O.G.S. Program at Otis Elementary, which was an overwhelming success last year. The Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) is a nationally recognized program endorsed by the National Center for Fathering which invites dads, grandfathers, uncles, step-dads, and other positive male role models to spend one day volunteering in their child's school. Last year at Otis, we surpassed our goal of 15 involved dads by leaps and bounds. Collectively, we had 46 days with a Watch D.O.G. in the building,

involving a total of 37 different men. Throughout their day, these men welcomed students to school, read with students, helped with math facts, played with kids at recess, walked children safely to their cars at dismissal, and helped with a variety of other things throughout the school. The kids' response to the Watch D.O.G.S. was amazing, with lots of smiles, high fives and positive encouragement. What a strong message it sends to students about the value of education to see an involved father at their school, be it their own father or someone else's. We are looking forward to having this fantastic program back again and witnessing the powerful impact that these positive male role models have on our kids! Men interested in being a Watch D.O.G. can call the Otis School office for more information.

Creating Leaders at Ross



“Leaders aren’t born, they are made,” Vince Lombardi once claimed, and at Fremont Ross there is another group

ready to be shaped for greatness.

The Leadership Class at Fremont Ross is looking forward to many great events during the 2015-2016 school year, especially the Veterans Day Assembly. Each year the class prepares a school-wide assembly to honor and recognize veterans. This year the assembly will be held on Tuesday, November 10th and is open to the public. Please call Heidi Gallagher at 419-332-8821 to reserve your spot today or for more information.

In addition to this assembly, the class will be visiting our “grandfriends”, mentoring young people, collecting Box Tops for Education, volunteering for community activities and much more.

Washington Students are Ready



Back to bedtimes, routines and SCHOOL! Parents, A.J. and Gera Durbin are ecstatic and their three kiddos try to pretend that they aren’t excited, but we all know the truth! This Washington trio is loading up those new backpacks and getting in the swing of the 2015-2016 academic year. Third-grader, Ella Durbin says the best thing about summer was camping in Mohican, but she is excited to get back to art class with Mr. Harrison! Aubrey, a fifth-grader,

and the oldest Durbin of the crew was happy to spend time with friends this summer. She is excited to be back at school to get to know her new teacher, Mrs. Pemberton. Jackson Durbin is a kindergartener this year. He enjoyed his family vacation in Georgia and is looking forward to seeing his teacher and getting to know his new friends! Gera serves on PTO and is the chairperson of our annual Chili Festival. Welcome back Durbin family!

Safety is one of Stamm’s Top Priorities



As the new school year begins, the staff of Stamm Elementary is working hard to make sure all protocols for safety are in place. The staff has been reviewing the different scenarios that could possibly take place in case of an emergency. The school community practices the following drills each month: Fire Drill, Tornado Drill, and Lockdown Drills at three different levels. We also practice Bomb Threat Drills and an Evacuation Drill at particular times during the school year. We want to reflect on how we would like to teach the students to react at the different signals that are shared to indicate a possible emergency. Experience has taught us that educating the students to react properly ensures safety and composure among everyone involved.

Croghan Jets are Soaring

The beginning of the school year is an exciting time for all students and staff. This year at Croghan we will continue Positive Behavior Interventions Support (PBIS). For our new Croghan families; the goal of PBIS is to establish a positive school environment allowing for teaching, learning and successful relationships to grow. A new addition to PBIS is the opportunity for students to earn a t-shirt by displaying positive character traits. At Croghan, we are respectful, responsible, and safe!

The staff received many positive comments last year regarding the yard signs for “Student of the Month”. Croghan PTO has once again agreed to fund this for our students. Thank you PTO! We are always searching for additional PTO members. Please look for the PTO meeting schedule on our building website and through our monthly building newsletter.

Croghan has two new staff members this school year. Ms. Nicole Kulasa is our K-2 Interventionist and Mr. Nik Mayle is the teacher of our added second grade. Please stop by and welcome them to Croghan! They are a great addition to the Croghan staff.

As always, we are here to serve Croghan students and families. Stop in and say “hello” and/or introduce yourself to the Croghan team. We are looking forward to another successful school year!



The Croghan Staff

Lutz Safety Patrol

Lutz fifth graders become excited every fall to become part of their school's Safety Patrol program. They attentively study for their test to familiarize themselves with the rules and then give of their time before and after school each day to help keep their peers safe. There is a captain in charge and seven patrol members serving in different roles with the goal of creating a safe and positive environment for the Lutz Eagles to soar into learning each day. The program is sponsored by AAA and advised by teacher Tracy Lytle. New crosswalk markings and flashing lights have also helped to create a safe atmosphere near the building.



Fremont City Schools Welcomes New Staff



Pictured left to right:

First Row: Allison Eaglen, Carrie Strausbaugh, Shanon Brenenstuhl, Megan Weiland, Melissa Hanson, Mandy Hindall, Melissa Norgren, Cindy Durrell, Amber Frisch, Cassi Brunow
 Second Row: Brian Griffin, Alisha Griffin, Andrew Montana, Annette Covert, Kimberlie Todd, Rebecca Haas, Jodi Zirger, Dana Hanson, Nicole Kulasa, Michael Schwartz, Rachelle Griffin
 Third Row: Sarah Mitchell, Chelsae Siebenaler, Teresa Gammons, Emily Huth, Cassandra Anderson, Jeremy Kimberlin, Alex Wilhelm, Nikolaos Mayle
 Not pictured: Craig Yeast and Sarah Roper

Distinguished Service



At the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center (NCOESC) Opening Day, Linda Larrick (pictured) and Sandy Hallett were recognized for winning the Distinguished Service Award. Linda has worked for Fremont City Schools through NCOESC for 15 years and resides in Fremont with her husband.

Sandy Hallett is in her second year at Fremont City Schools through NCOESC as the Parent Mentor. The Distinguished Service Award is given to employees for their hard work and dedication. Both Linda and Sandy exemplified these characteristics during the past school year. This was well deserved by both ladies and a wonderful recognition for our staff here in Fremont.

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

Run Walk Roll AGAINST BULLYING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

FREMONT REC CENTER

Presented by:

Entry Fee: \$12.00 (18 and under free). Race shirts to first 150 registered.

Pre-Registration deadline: September 18, 2015

Mail to: Fremont Community Recreation Complex, 600 St. Joseph St., Fremont, Ohio 43420.

Make checks payable to: City of Fremont

Race Day Fee: \$12.00 (18 and under free). Race shirt not guaranteed.

RACE DAY

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.: Registration/Package Pick Up, Fremont Community Recreation Complex, 600 St. Joseph St., Fremont, Ohio.

9:00 a.m.: 5K Run/Walk/Roll course begins at the Fremont Recreation Center, near the inland trail head.

For more information visit: www.sanduskycountycfc.org

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