

# Fremont City Schools



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Building Hope, Trust and Respect with our Community

## American Education Week 2015

November 16-20



Something **Important** Happens Here.  
Something **Unique**. Something **Powerful**.  
Something **Precious**.



## American Education Week 2015

Fremont City Schools is proud to celebrate American Education Week November 16-20, 2015. Beginning in 1921, this week presents all Americans with an opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring every child receives a quality education.

Fremont City Schools expresses its sincere appreciation to its entire staff for their hard work and dedication to the children of Fremont.

## Hayes Elementary in Full Swing



This is the time of year where friends and family gather to celebrate and to share. Our school seems to be in the very same spirit as the students, staff, parents, and community members have had the opportunity to share in the successes of students and participate in events in the

schools. The entire fall season seems to have been highlighted with the school and community truly coming together. Whether it was visits from our Fremont Fire Department and Police Department, Apple Day in Kindergarten, readers for Hispanic Heritage Month, parent meetings, and especially Grand-Friends' Breakfast, family and community involvement has simply been extraordinary. All of these efforts to hold events and to participate in them make a positive difference in the lives of children. Even the smallest act of kindness or the slightest effort to care can and will have a positive impact.

As new principal Josh Matz looks at these events and the ones on the calendar that await, it is easy to realize that the essential pieces of our school are in place: a caring community, a dedicated staff, and an enthusiastic student body eager and willing to learn. These three elements working together truly give the school the best opportunity to succeed. During this time of year, when we are often more aware of the blessings that we have, Mr. Matz would like to thank the parents and the community for working with them to help Hayes school and students to succeed every day.

## Ross Orchestra off to Stellar Start

The Fremont Ross Orchestra kicked off the fall season with their first orchestra concert on October 8th, 2015. The concert was held in the Little Theater and combined the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade orchestras along with the high school orchestra. The genres of music varied throughout the night ranging from Celtic to Bluegrass tunes.

"The orchestra was excellent, the first concert is always kind of hard because you have to get the students back on track from the summer, but the orchestra exceeded my expectations," Director Mr. Ziebold commented.

The 6th grade orchestra showed off their improvement from last year by opening the concert playing variations of different folk songs and closed their performance with "Ode to Joy." The 7th and 8th grade orchestras combined into a Cadet Orchestra and stuck to a Bluegrass and Folk theme. Fremont Ross High School Orchestra began their performance with Celtic folk songs but switched to the main theme of the concert, Bluegrass.

"The concert didn't really have a theme picked out for it, it just worked out that the students played Celtic music, which they love to play. I picked Bluegrass because it's different but it's also very enjoyable. I always like to make sure that the students will enjoy the pieces but the audience will still enjoy too," Mr. Ziebold explained.

Mr. Ziebold said that he has extremely high expectations for this group so his expectations for the next concert is very high.

Article written by Ross student, Claire Elder

## Team Miami University



Coming to a new school brings new opportunities and challenges. The staff at FMS has worked to help sixth grade students transition to their new surroundings and school community.

Students in Mr. Baker's Science classes have begun working in science groups to conduct experiments.

Mr. Baker chose six student leaders in each class. Upon receiving their consent to be a group leader, students took turns dividing up the class. To date, students have conducted three experiments: turning an egg into a model of a cell, dissecting an onion plant, and dissecting a chicken wing.

To successfully work in a group, students need to practice active listening. Secondly, they need to respect others' ideas. Lastly, they need to demonstrate empathy. This is defined as "the ability to identify, understand, and respond thoughtfully to the feelings of others."

Team Miami also has a wall of fame in their extended learning area to celebrate students of the month. The selected students have their picture and name posted on the wall around a team banner.



## Parent Performs at Washington

On Friday, October 2nd, Washington Elementary staff and students were entertained by Mr. Jacob Estrada and his twelve-year-old daughter, Salome. Jacob is a member of a mariachi band called Los Mariachis Locos. He is also working on the release of his first CD as a solo artist performing



Tejano music. During the assembly, Mr. Estrada gave students some insight to the makings of both Mariachi and Tejano music. He also shared some of his family history including being the descendant of migrant workers, being raised by his grandparents and meeting and falling in love with his wife despite a language barrier....he didn't speak Spanish and she didn't speak English. Following the assembly, Jacob and Salome continued their musical performance into the cafeteria where staff danced and students feasted on taco salad. It was a fun afternoon sharing in the Hispanic culture of the Estrada family! We hope they can come back to Washington next year!



# 2015-16 1st Quarter Insert



August 15th - Dignity & Respect  
Event & Fremont Farmer's Market



September 12th - Lowe's Safety

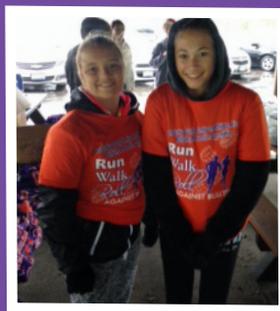
## Fremont City Schools Gives Back Through Community Events



September 25th - ProMedica  
Memorial Hospital Family Fest



September 29th - Hitting to Heal



October 3rd -  
Run, Walk & Roll  
Against Bullying

# FCS Supports Local Businesses

The District hired the following local businesses for products/services from June through October:

ACE Hardware, AJ's Heavenly Pizza, Action Printing, Adkins Sanitation, Advanced Auto Parts, Advantage Ford, Air Analysis, Inc., Al Baumann Chevrolet, Alicia May Bowtique, Anderson's Farm Center, Associated Buyers, Auto-Tech Collision Center, Inc., Avenues for the Home, Baker's Diversified Vehicle, Beck Suppliers, Bel-Aire Cleaners, Bella Cosa, Benchmark Prints, Big Nut Scholarship Fund, Bloom by Jilly Gray, Bobby's Truck and Bus Repair, Burn's Iron & Metal, Burmeister Bay Trophy, C.A. Kustoms, C&W Auto Supply, Celek Brothers, Centec Cast Metal Products, Chamber of Commerce, Chick's Canvas, Christy Farm Nature Preserve, Chuck's Lawncare, Chud's, Inc., City of Fremont, City of Fremont Utility Office, Clark Associates, Inc., DClark Online, Inc., Color Haven Paint Supply, Contractors Equipment Rental, Cookie Lady, Croghan Colonial Bank, Crown Battery, Damman Paint Co., Damschroder Roofing, Inc., Dollar Tree, Domino's Pizza, Judy Donnan, Down Thyme Café, Dumminger Photo, East of Chicago, Economy Plumbers, El Aguila Bakery, El Rancho, Engler Printing, Famous Supply Co., Fastenal Company, Flower Real Estate Holdings, Football Pizza Palace, Fremont Athletic Supply, Fremont Auto Parts, Fremont Candy & Cigar Co., Fremont Community Theatre, Fremont Fence, Fremont Floor Covering, Fremont Printing, Fremont Recreation Department, Fremont Ross Athletic Boosters, 5G Mesh Internet Services, Fremont Uniform Shoppe, Fremont Water Blasting, Gordon Lumber Co., Great Lakes Internet, Hasselbach Meats, Healthlink, Hilty Office Supply, Home Supply Center, Irma Celestino,

JMK Custom Creations, Jimmy G's BBQ, Ken Kiser Sound, Kiwanis Club of Fremont, Kroger Co., Kuns Northcoast Security, Lee's Famous Recipe, Linke's Wheel Alignment, Lions Club International, Little Ceasars, Lotycz & Sons, Lowe's, McMillan Sign, Madison Motors, Marco's Pizza, The Master Craft, Metrotex, Naturally Yours, The News Messenger, Nickel Paint & Supply, North Town Storage, O.E. Meyer & Sons, Old Fort Banking Company, Otto & Urban Flower Shop, Papa Murphy's, The Party Starts Here, Phase I, ProMedica Memorial Hospital, Pizza Hut, Plaza Lanes, Postmaster-Fremont, Postnet, Pottery Perfection, Prairie Flowers, R&R Identification, Radio Shack, Rotary Club of Fremont, Root's Poultry, Rural King, Sabroske Electric, Sandusky County Board of DD, Sandusky County Health Department, Sandusky County Community Corrections, Sandusky County Family & Children First Council, Sandusky County Positive People, Sandusky County Safety Council, Sandusky County Sanitary Engineer, Saturday Morning Sweets, Sheets Supply, Sherwin Williams, Smith Paint & Wallpaper, Sorg Graphics, Streaker Tractor Sales, Subway, Swim Rite Pools, Tireman, Toff's Ice Cream, Top Notch Cheer, Trico Glass, Tritch Door, U New Tent Rental, Universal Com Link, Universal Farms, Unique Fabrication, United Way of Sandusky County, US Bank, Valley Electric, Vanguard Horticultural Department, Vanguard-Sentinel, WSOS, Walgreens, Walters' Boiler Works, Works, Weickert Insurance, Joe Wise Fine Clocks, Woelagel Moving and Zimmerman Paint Contractors.

## New School Buses

Thanks to the EPA National Clean Diesel Rebate Program, Fremont City Schools was able to receive \$40,000 towards the purchase of two new Lion school buses. These buses were purchased locally at Bobby's Truck and Bus Repair. Once the District received the new buses, two current buses, having a combined mileage of over 500,000 miles, were removed from service. The notable features



to increase the driver's visibility. With this new body style the District should see increased fuel economy.

## NFL Golden Football Presentation



Fremont City Schools was presented with three golden footballs on October 16th from former players and families of Fremont graduates who played in a Superbowl game after graduating from Fremont. Bob Brudzinski, along with family representatives for Rob Lytle and Charles Woodson were honored at the homecoming pep rally and before the homecoming football game.

## FCS Staff Makes Donation

We would like to thank Fremont City Schools staff for donating \$6,591 to United Way of Sandusky County this year!

# Homecoming Parade



# Congratulations Amber!

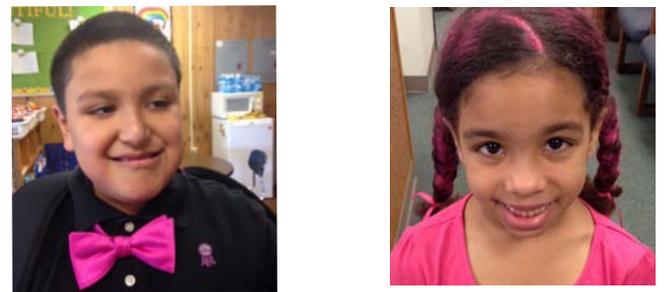


Amber Otermat's artwork was chosen by Ross High School Teacher, Ellen Shawl, to be displayed at the Ohio School Boards Association conference in Columbus in November.

# Think Pink



Fremont City Schools recently joined The News Messenger in wearing pink to support the fight against breast cancer.



# Hitting To Heal

Fremont Ross High School's varsity girls' volleyball team continued their annual charity volleyball game this past season. For the past several years the volleyball team has been raising money and awareness for pediatric cancer research through the Alexa's Butterflies of Hope Foundation. All money raised from the "Hitting to Heal" event benefits the children in the Fremont/Clyde area that have been diagnosed with juvenile cancer. Over the past several seasons the Lady Giants volleyball teams have donated several thousand dollars to this cause and will continue to do so – so long as there is a need.

# Rotary STRIVE

Fremont Ross High School is partnering with the Rotary Club of Fremont again this year to provide a program called STRIVE for 19 high school seniors. STRIVE stands for Students Taking a Renewed Interest in the Value of Education. The program goal is to help seniors identify and reach educational and career goals by providing the inspiration, knowledge, and tools they will need to succeed. Students participate in monthly meetings at the school, attend Rotary meetings, and receive support and information from Rotarians who serve as mentors. Participants are encouraged to improve their attendance, attitude, grades, and participation. High School personnel and Rotarians have worked together to provide this highly successful program since 1998. For more information, you may contact Susan Frye at (419) 334-5484 or email: [fryes@fremontschools.net](mailto:fryes@fremontschools.net).



# Thank You From FCS

Thank you to the following community members, businesses, and organizations for donating to Fremont City Schools from August through October 2015:

Donor	Donation	Recipient
Bemis Company, Inc.	Cash	Fremont City Schools
Chad and Wendy Overmyer	School Supplies	Washington Elementary School
Christina McBride	Playground Balls	Atkinson Elementary School
Class of 1965	Statue of Roscoe, The Little Giant	Fremont Ross High School
Croghan PTO	Cash towards purchase of Chromebooks and cart	Croghan Elementary School
Crown Battery Mfg. Co.	Cash	Fremont Ross Speech and Debate Team
Dan and Amy Miller	Backpacks and School Supplies	Otis Elementary School
Davis-Besse Rebecca Favro	100 Binders and Binder Clips	Lutz Elementary School
East Fremont Baptist Church	Donuts	Fremont City Schools
Fremont Alliance Church	Backpacks and School Supplies	Otis Elementary School
Fremont Eagles #712	Backpacks and School Supplies	Hayes Elementary Schools
Fremont Kiwanis Club	Shirts	Fremont City Schools
Gentle Caring Dentistry Dr. Bowman and Dr. Hoener	Custom-fitted Mouth Guards for Football Players	Fremont Ross Athletic Department
Grace Community Church	Basketballs	Atkinson and Otis Elementary Schools
Hal and Diane Hawk	Cash for Payment of Charter Bus	Fremont Ross Athletic Department
Jen Bair	Cash	Fremont Ross High School Softball
Kathy Foos	School Supplies and Campus Wear Items	Stamm Elementary School
Kids in Need Foundation Penny Hawk	School Supplies	Otis Elementary School
Lotycz and Sons Flooring America	Carpet Squares	Otis Elementary School
Nazarene Church	Canned Soda and Candy Bars for Staff	Croghan Elementary School
Otis PTO	Cash towards purchase of Mini iPads	Otis Elementary School
Palacio Maya Mexican Restaurant	Mexican Bread and Lunch for Staff	Croghan Elementary School
ProMedica Memorial Hospital	Cash towards Printing of District Annual Calendars	Fremont City Schools
Roni Bliss	Campus Wear Items	Atkinson Elementary School
Ross Athletic Boosters	Cash toward Purchase of Sound System, Visitor Side Concession Stand, and Softball Scoreboard	Fremont Ross Athletic Department
Rotary Club of Fremont	Books	Atkinson, Stamm, and Washington Elementary Schools
Roy and Ann Roth	Bedding Plants for Landscaping	Atkinson Elementary School
Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities	1 hour Photo Booth Rental from ToledoPhotoGuy	Fremont City Schools
Sandusky County Dept. of Job and Family Services	School Supplies	Fremont City Schools ESL Program
Sandusky County Health Department	Playground Balls	Fremont City Schools Elementary Buildings
Shetzer Insurance Agency	Cash	Fremont Middle Schools Magazine Fundraiser
Steven and Jolene Biggins	Campus Wear Items	Fremont City Schools
Sycamore Hills Golf Course	Cash	Fremont High School Softball

## Technology at Lutz



Kindergarten students at Lutz Elementary School have started using Chromebooks to improve their technology skills. The students have spent time working with programs to improve their ability to use the mouse pad. [abcya.com](http://abcya.com) is a website students use to play learning games that will enhance their skills in letter and sound recognition along with math concepts. Lutz Student Leadership Team members from 4th and 5th grade have come into the class and assisted kindergarten students to learn how to log in and use the mouse pad. The students appreciate their help and love learning new things!

## Croghan Off to a “Super” Start



The second graders have gotten off to a “super” start this year with our Super Hero theme! Students have been working very hard learning our classroom and PBIS school rules.

This year Croghan has added a new member to the second grade team, Mr. Mayle! Please welcome him to second grade and Croghan Elementary School. We are looking forward to a “Super” year with Mr. Mayle!  
The Second Grade Team

## Apples, Apples, Apples

Miss Binkley’s preschool class recently completed a theme about apples. The preschoolers sampled red, yellow, and green apples and then voted on the apples that they thought tasted the best. Students graphed their favorite apples and then talked about which color had the most votes and which color had the least votes. We also made our own applesauce. The children helped prepare apple slices and added them to the crock pot. They also used measuring cups and spoons to add other ingredients. Through this activity, students worked on their math skills by counting the amounts of ingredients and using measurement words. We also used our labeling skills when pointing out parts of the apple. The applesauce made our room smell so good and it was so yummy!



## Fifth Graders at Atkinson Taking on Responsibility



The fifth graders are off to a wonderful start during the first quarter of their last year at Atkinson Elementary. As the oldest students in the school, the fifth graders have plenty of responsibilities. First, there were auditions for making our morning announcements each day under the direction of Mrs. Amy Foos. There are eight students who have been chosen to do this job for the year. The announcement team includes Alex Bishop, Ty Ferguson, Jenna Gooslin, Kendyl Kidwell, Makiah Morrisette, Gage Ross, Mackenzie Smith, and Maycie Wolverton. Next, six fifth grade boys, guided by Mr. Ward, are responsible for raising and lowering the flag each day. They are Izaiah Castillo, Dylan Grimes, Bryson Hammer, Romario Lopez, Kelijah Pickens, and Joel Urbina. Finally, Atkinson Elementary has 30 fifth graders on the Safety Patrol Team under

advisor Mrs. Michele Plihall. Each student, who volunteers to be on patrol, must first take a test and then be trained for their positions. The fifth graders have taken this job very seriously and they are doing a wonderful job protecting the students of Atkinson as they cross the streets in the morning and after school. The younger students have plenty of fine role models in the fifth grade this year as they lead by example throughout our building.

# Staff Spotlights

## Anita Cortez, Parent Liason/Clerk



### Why did you choose to work for Fremont City Schools?

I became familiar with Fremont City Schools by being able to work the Migrant Summer Program. It is amazing what the program does for migrant children and their families!

### How does your current position help students in the District?

My position as Parent Liaison requires me to maintain an open communication with parents by providing positive reinforcement in a respectful manner so it is not offensive to either parent or student. It is very beneficial for students to receive positive guidance from parents about their education. This positive guidance includes a reminder to students about the importance of attending school every day, participating in class, and turning in all homework.

My position as a Clerk is important to students in the District by making sure that all the necessary information is documented correctly. So when migrant students go back to their home school, they will not be confronted by any problems with their records.

### What are some traits/skills you possess that help with your position?

Coming from a migrant family, and being a migrant child myself, I understand the difficulties our students encounter. I am also fluent in both English and Spanish. This gives me the opportunity of performing my job at 150%. It is extremely important to maintain an open communication with parents, to earn their trust by letting them know that we care about their child's education.

## Zeb Kellough- Assistant Principal - Ross High



### Why did you choose Fremont?

I chose Fremont for several reasons. First off, it reminds me of my home town of Chillicothe, Ohio; full of good, hard-working people who want what is best for their children. Secondly, I had a respected professor from BGSU mention the positive growth and change Fremont City Schools is demonstrating. When I started to do my research I realized Fremont had a lot to offer and I felt I was a good fit. Lastly, I had some really great friends graduate from Fremont. They spoke so highly of Fremont, it was an easy choice.

### What is your philosophy on education?

I believe that people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. I love teaching and coaching. There is a saying that states: there is no greater investment you can make in your life than investing in people. Perseverance, compassion, hope, trust, and a strong work ethic are what I want to promote in my students. It is my responsibility to help each one of my students reach his or her dreams. I feel with these values they can. I try to be both a realist and an idealist---so I can try to help you reach the NBA—but do you have a “Plan B” as well?

I want to make students lifelong learners both academically and socially. I came from a small town in Southern Ohio. It was a very poor school. At one point in time it was condemned by the county commissioner, but reopened by the State. Still being there, I had teachers who believed in me and encouraged me to pursue my education. I felt like those teachers gave me hope. I also learned with education they allowed me to have power over my circumstances. I hope to instill those same feelings and values to our students here at Fremont Ross.

### What new ideas are you implementing this year?

I am trying to convert our staff and students to be more digitally minded with their education. So I am using technology to track student growth. If we use technology like Google, ProgressBook and email to its full potential we can cut down on the amount of meetings we need to attend.

## Class of 1960



Members of the Class of 1960 toured Ross High School and Fremont Middle School on October 3rd.

## Non-Fiction Fun

Mrs. Hetrick's second grade class has been learning about nonfiction stories and how to identify the main idea and supporting details. To help reinforce this skill at each child's level, students were given nonfiction stories based on their reading level. They then met with the classroom teacher to read the stories together. Students worked in a group to identify the main idea. Finally they each had to look up three details to support the main idea.



**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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