

Fremont City Schools



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Building Hope, Trust and Respect with our Community

Educating With The Use Of Technology

The Fremont Middle School technology students (Grades 6 – 8) participated in a field trip to WTOL 11 and Fox 36 news station. The field trip took place on December 1, 2016, in Toledo, Ohio. The purpose of the field trip was to increase student's understanding of technology, to learn about new technology in broadcasting and how it applies to real world applications. The trip was an observation for education and non-experimental research to provide FMS students with experiences outside their everyday activities, and to explore the world of technology as it relates to their everyday life. The students learned from industry professionals about the importance of teamwork, responsibility, education and networking. The technology students were very engaged, asked many open ended and higher thinking questions, and related their experiences in the classroom to what they learned from Erin Sifuentes, the Digital Marketing Manager and Meteorologist, Ryan Wichman. It was a wonderful experience, and Fremont Middle School students were invited back next year for a return visit.



UPCOMING FCS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Please join us at an upcoming Board of Education Meeting:

January 9, 2017 • 5:30 p.m • Fremont Middle School

January 23, 2017 • 5:30 p.m • Fremont Middle School

Please visit the FCS website, www.fremontschools.net, for a complete list of meetings, meeting minutes and other pertinent information.

Curriculum Guide Process

The Curriculum Department, along with Fremont City Schools classroom teachers collaborate, to write curriculum guides to the Ohio's Learning Standards.

Curriculum guides contain a pacing guide, lessons and activities, assessments, assessment resources and the Model Curriculum. So all teachers have an opportunity to add and view curricular materials, each curriculum guide is placed in the District's Google Drive folder and shared accordingly.

Many hours are spent developing guides that include lessons, activities and resources that are aligned to Ohio's Learning Standards for each curriculum guide. These selected activities and resources are rigorous and provide students with a wide-variety of learning opportunities.

Once the curriculum guide is completed, it is reviewed by the District's Curriculum Quality Control Council (CQCC). The committee has established the same criteria for all curriculum guides presented. Some curricular guidelines include: organization; state standards aligned; motivating and challenging for students, appropriate for grade level or content area; a selection of activities for various types of learners and assessment opportunities.

Recently, K-5 General Music, Biology and 9th/10th English curriculums were presented by teachers to CQCC. Teachers provided numerous examples of lessons utilizing technology, hands-on activities and assessment preparation that are incorporated throughout each of these curriculum guides. The committee approved these curriculum guides with a recommendation for approval by the Board of Education.

Rivalry for a Cause

Who doesn't love a good old fashioned rivalry? The Leadership students, led by Heidi Gallagher, certainly do! In preparation for the big game, and for the holiday season, Mrs. Gallagher's leadership students, led by Tiffany Peck (pictured) and Samantha Hagan, have organized a canned food drive with an



Ohio State vs. Michigan theme. As students at Ross donate canned items, they will place their cans in a bin that matches their favorite team. The team that collects the most items will have their fight song played on the announcements to celebrate their victory! The canned goods will go to the FCS Food Pantry and the Sandusky County Food Pantry

It does not stop there! There is also a competition going between homerooms! The homeroom that collects the most items will win a pizza party as a token of gratitude for the donations. Students are responsible for letting their homeroom teacher know they donated and specifying the team to which they want to donate. Also, on top of the already awesome incentive to participate, if the school meets their goal of 1,000 canned goods, there will be a College or Purple and White spirit day with jeans to celebrate the achievement.

Cleaning-up at Otis

The students at Otis School are learning to wash away germs with proper hand washing. School nurse, Linda Long, read the book *Those Mean Nasty Dirty Downright Disgusting but Invisible Germs*, written by Judith Anne Rice. After the story, we all practiced washing our hands the correct way to get rid of germs and stay healthy. Students learned that they should wash their hands before eating, after using the restroom, after playing outside or with pets, and after sneezing or coughing. We also learned to cover our mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing to stop the spread of germs. Hopefully, this will cut down on the spread of germs this winter, which will be greatly appreciated by all! Pictured here is Mr. Mayle's Kindergarten class with Nurse Long.



Student "GEM's"

In case you haven't noticed, BGSU has some outstanding students who we feel are GEM's. These students are GEMS, because simply put, they **Go** the **Extra Mile** in being helpful in one way or another. These 4 students were picked for being responsible, being respectful and that they are always ready and willing to be more!

Mattie Billow-Positive Office Referral

Juliann Root- Positive Office Referral

Jayden Garner- Student of the Month (September)

Garrett Ebert- Student of the Month (October)

Way to Go BGSU students!



Fall Athletics Accomplishments

This past fall, over 230 students participated in interscholastic athletics. Each of these students proudly wore the colors of purple and white and represented their school and community with dignity and class. As a community, we should applaud their efforts and their many successes this past season – both on and off the field.

Here are some of the more notable team and individual accomplishments from this past fall:

Boys Baseball Coach Mark King was the recipient of this year's OHSAA Baseball Coaches Association Ethics and Integrity Award.

Boys Cross Country team was able to advance to this year's regional meet, where they finished 13th overall.

Matt Kuyken ('18) was able to advance to this year's state cross country meet in Hebron, Ohio. With a time of 16:44, Matt finished 114 out of 186 participants.

McKela Elder ('20) was also able to qualify for this year's state cross country meet. With a time of 20:01, she finished 120th out of 176 participants.

Football players De'Shawn Newsome ('18) and Noah Hotz ('19) both received All-State Honorable Mention.

Golfer Matt Hutton ('17) qualified for the district tournament with a round of 81.

#1 Doubles Team of Gillian Gallagher ('19) and Lillian Abdo ('19) were able to advance for the second straight year to the district tournament in girl's tennis.

Over a third of all students participating in fall sports received the Three River's Athletic Conference All-Academic.



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Atkinson Elementary Students Build Their Reading Skills

The kindergarten students at Atkinson Elementary have been working very hard to build their reading skills so far this year! We are using a program that is new to us called “Orton-Gillingham”. This program is a multi-sensory approach to learning letter names, letter sounds and “popcorn” sight words. Together with the support of Mrs. Fleming, our Title I reading teacher, and our classroom teachers, we are making great progress!

Another really important piece of our reading foundation is learning to rhyme words. We are working with many “word families”, or sets of words with the same ending, to learn this crucial skill. So far, we have practiced with the -at, -an, and -ap word endings. We will continue to review these word families and will begin working with short vowel “I” word families very soon.

In support of our reading growth, we visited Birchard Public Library, in Fremont, on a field trip. While on our trip, we participated in many book based activities, such as read alouds, and we got to know the parts of the children’s department of the library as well. We had a great time!

We are having a great year so far in kindergarten. Our reading knowledge is getting stronger, and we have impressed those around us with our daily growth. Reading is so much fun!



Lutz Make-A-Difference Club



The Lutz Make-A-Difference club has many projects planned for the upcoming months. We recently made placemats for the Fremont VFW to honor veterans on Veterans Day. We are currently holding a food drive for the local food pantry. We are also just beginning our Toys-For-Tots drive. Our Lutz students love helping our community in many ways. The picture shows Taylor Peck, Jocelyn Hines, and Tyler Perkins holding our finished product.

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