

# Fremont City Schools



Building Hope, Trust and Respect with our Community

Greetings to the families of Fremont City Schools. I have been on the job as the Superintendent for about two months now and am really feeling at home. I tell everyone that it is great to be back in Fremont after 11 years away in surrounding districts.

As I write this letter, we are in the middle of choosing architects and construction managers for our building project. During an interview, one of the lead architects asked me what I wanted from his firm on this project. As I thought about it, two things came to mind. The first thing I said is, "At the end of the project, I still want to like you." My hope being that the process goes smoothly, and we finish on good terms and both parties feel good about the product.

The second thing I said was, "At the end of the project, I want the members of this community to believe that the Board of Education and I were good stewards of the money that was entrusted to us". I want to grow old in Fremont and know that the taxpayers of this community believe that the construction of these facilities was done well. There will be some challenges ahead and change is never easy, but I believe the construction of these new spaces for our students is going to be a game changer for the future of our children and our city. Thank you for allowing me to be your Superintendent and for the privilege of leading this school district.

Jon C. Detwiler

## Learning & Liberty

The Learning & Liberty Foundation is a foundation governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of school officials and members of the community. The purpose of the foundation is to enrich and enhance the educational opportunities which are provided by the Fremont City Schools Board of Education. If you are interested in more information or making a donation, please visit the Fremont City Schools website at fremontschools.net. Information can be found under the Learning & Liberty tab.



### UPCOMING FCS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Please join us at an upcoming Board of Education Meeting:

**NOVEMBER - Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> & Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> • 7:30 p.m • Fremont Middle School**

**DECEMBER - Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> & Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> • 7:30 p.m • Fremont Middle School**

Please visit the FCS website, [www.fremontschools.net](http://www.fremontschools.net), for a complete list of meetings, meeting minutes and other pertinent information.

## The Link (Leaders Influence & Nurture Kids) Empowers Leadership at Ross

The Link is a group of young people from Fremont Ross High School who want to be involved in educating others in our community, and within Fremont City Schools, about the importance of healthy choices. These youth spend one (1) day each summer at a youth training discussing and learning about topics that affect young people and how the choices we make today influence our future. These topics include the risks of early sexual involvement, tobacco use, alcohol and other drugs and violence.



The Link meets monthly to plan campaigns and provide updates on current issues and programming. These teens go into elementary and middle schools to mentor young people about choices, as well as, provide input to local committees and coalitions.

The Link gives teens the opportunity to partner with other students from different grade levels within Fremont Ross High School, develop leadership skills and build their resume with volunteering. Engaging with younger Fremont City Schools' youth to promote drug-free, alcohol-free and abstinent choices, interacting with the community, business and civic leaders and helping to create a safe, positive & drug-free Fremont City Schools are areas in which students are involved.



### **To Be Considered for Membership in The Link:**

1. You must be a 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade student at Fremont Ross High School.
2. You must commit to live a drug-free, alcohol-free and abstinent lifestyle.
3. You must want to make a difference in your school and the Fremont City School District.
4. You must be valued as having leadership and positive character qualities when your teachers rate you on the application.

### **APPLES!**

The Lutz School Kindergarteners went on a field trip to Eshelman's Orchard in Clyde. They learned about the growth of an apple, how apples are picked, packaged, and stored, the importance of bees and pollination, and other fruits that grow on trees. As an extension activity, students graphed our favorite type of apple (after a taste test), and made applesauce in class. Yummy!!! The students enjoyed the wagon ride to the orchard and picking their own bag of apples.



## THANK YOU FROM FCS

Thank you to the following community members, businesses, and organizations for donating to Fremont City Schools from July – September 2017.

Janese Ried	Art Work	Fremont City Schools
Tricia Gebauer	Misc. Campus Wear Items	Fremont City Schools
Atkinson PTO	Misc. Items	Atkinson Elementary School School
Croghan PTO	Misc. Items	Croghan Elementary School
Hayes PTO	Misc. Items	Hayes Elementary School
Lutz PTO	Misc. Items	Lutz Elementary School & Ross High School
Otis PTO	Misc. Items	Otis Elementary School
Stamm PTO	Misc. Items	Stamm Elementary School
Washington PTO	Misc. Items	Washington Elementary School
Ross Academic Boosters	Misc. Items	Fremont Ross High School
Ross Athletic Boosters	Misc. Items	Fremont Ross Athletic Dept.
Ross Music Boosters	Misc. Items	Fremont Ross Music Dept.
Ottawa Soil and Water Conservation District	Bentonite Clay	Fremont Middle School
Fremont Ross Music Boosters	Cash	Fremont City Schools
Kiwanis Club of Fremont	Campus Wear Shirts	Fremont City Schools
Big Burel BBQ	Cash	Fremont Ross Athletic Dept.
Paul & Penny Deffenbaugh	Cash	Fremont Ross Athletic Dept.
Cross Country Families	Cash for Payment of Charter Bus	Fremont Ross Athletic Dept.
Local 1915 Women's Steel Union	School Supplies	Atkinson Elementary School
Church of the Nazarene	Teacher Gifts	Croghan Elementary School
Fremont Alliance Church	Backpacks & School Supplies	Otis Elementary School
Fremont Eagles #712	Backpacks & School Supplies	Washington Elementary School
Doug & Elizabeth Boedecker	Misc. Campus Wear Items	Washington Elementary School
Chad & Wendy Overmyer	Misc. Campus Wear Items	Washington Elementary School
Terra State Community College	30 HP Chromebooks with Software & Warranties	Fremont City Schools Early College Program
Croghan Colonial Bank	Cash	Fremont Ross Athletic Dept.
Rally's	250 Free Food Coupons	Fremont Ross High School
Taco Bell	200 Free Food Coupons	Fremont Ross High School
Wendy's	260 Free Food Coupons	Fremont Ross High School
Brenda Fisher	100 Books & Teacher Pack	Fremont Ross High School English Dept.
DJ & Marissa Tucker	Two (2) TI-83 Calculators	Fremont Ross High School ACE Mentoring Program
Atkinson Staff & Friends	Cash Towards Tree & Bench	Atkinson Elementary School in Memory of Marlene Fisher



## Early College Students Focused and Ready To Go

Twenty nine students, who were specifically selected based on their academic record and their commitment to their education, began the new Early College Program.

This Program is run through a partnership with Terra State Community College and Fremont City Schools. These students have enlisted in a challenging academic adventure that will allow them to earn their Associates Degree and their high school diploma at the same time. The Early College Program focuses

on providing Manufacturing, Engineering and Technology or Health Information Technology course work, which matches the employment needs of our Fremont community. Students will not only receive state of the art training from industry professionals, but leave with hands on experience in their respective fields of study. Throughout the program, students will receive support and encouragement from schools, parents, and industry leaders. "We are in the business of teaching and challenging young people in an effort to mold leaders for tomorrow."



## WATCH D.O.G.S.

Atkinson and Otis Elementary Schools kicked off their WATCH D.O.G.S. programs with a pizza night. Dads, grandfathers, uncles, step-dads, or any father-figures can be Dads of Great Students. They come to school to work with students in different classrooms throughout the school day. They work with students on a wide range of skills as the "watch dogs" go from classroom to classroom across grade levels. Students get to see them throughout the school days as dads also help with arrival, lunch, recess, and dismissal. The WATCH D.O.G.S. program has been a wonderful addition for Atkinson and Otis students. We hope to see more Watch D.O.G.S. this year as Atkinson and Otis are looking forward to a great year!

## Washington Activities



Washington Elementary kicked off the month of October with a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Students learned about various Hispanic traditions, participated in special activities, and enjoyed dancing with Mrs. Sandoval to the Macarena and Mexican Hat Dance. Mayor Sanchez came to our school to speak to the students and share his life experiences and contributions to our community. Also helping with our celebration was 3rd Ward Councilwoman, Angie Ruiz. She read to us, and we got to taste real tamales!! Mr. and Mrs. Costilla decorated our showcase, and Mr. Costilla read to kindergarten and fifth grade. What a special month!

Strings, strings, and more strings! It seems that the students at Washington have stepped into a time warp! Boys and girls alike, of all ages, are playing the string game, Cat's Cradle! Older students are patiently teaching younger students. The respectful and helpful interactions are proof positive of lessons learned at home and supported by our PBIS program at school. It's especially fun to see their faces when they see their teachers and principal know how to play the game, too!

November brings a time of giving thanks for the many wonderful people and experiences we enjoyed in the past year. From our Washington Family to your families, Happy Thanksgiving!

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FREMONT CITY SCHOOLS is in need of Substitute Teachers, all levels (elementary, middle, high) and in all subject areas. The pay is \$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 at -

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Educator-Licensure/Audiences/Substitute-Licensure>

Interested applicants can apply online at [www.fremontschools.net](http://www.fremontschools.net).

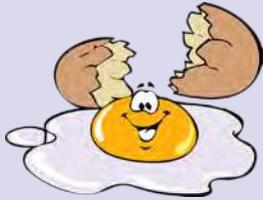
FREMONT CITY SCHOOLS is in need of Classified Substitutes for all positions (cook, custodian, licensed bus driver, paraprofessional, secretary, and student monitor). Pay depends on position, but starts at \$10.53 per hour. If you have a high school diploma, or its equivalent, and are interested in subbing, you can apply online at [www.fremontschools.net](http://www.fremontschools.net).

Questions regarding the online application can be directed to Human Resources at (419) 332-6454.



## Instructional Inspiration at FMS

Mr. Ben Sawdo's students were studying the Engineering Design Process. Students were given the chance to show their creativity outside the classroom with the "Egg Drop" project.



Creating is a higher level of thinking. Rigorous activities can be engaging and fun for our students. Mr. Schuppenies models math games then asks students to create their own game for others to play.



In 6th grade Science, Ms. Bissett's class has been working on the scientific method by using skills such as observation, description, inferencing, and explaining.



The year has started off with a flurry of clay activity in the 3D Art classes!! We are all currently working on our second clay project, which is to create a vessel out of coils. Cutting clay off of the big twenty-five pound blocks with the wire has become a favorite with some of the students. One of them even remarked, "There is something so satisfying about that!" Hopefully, we will be on to glazing soon and some of our fabulous creations can start heading home.

## FMS Cadet Orchestra Performs

The FMS Cadet Orchestra held their first concert of the year on Tuesday, October 3rd, in the Little Theater. The Cadet Orchestra played three pieces with one of them being "Fire in the Bow," which they will be performing for the State Orchestra Contest later this year and be able to be judged by State HS Directors.

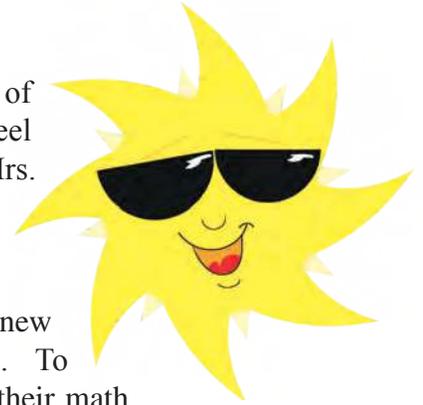


## Good Morning Stammerica!

How do you start your work day off on the right foot? A good cup of coffee? Meditative breathing? Singing loudly and drumming your steering wheel to a favorite song while on your morning commute? The second graders in Mrs. Batey's classroom have found that gathering together for a 15 minute "Morning Meeting" proves to be a fun and effective way to start the day off with a smile!

Creating a carpet circle, students greet each other in a variety of ways, sometimes in song form, playful and inventive handshakes, or even in a new language, "Bonjour Mon Ami!", which, of course, conjures up a few giggles. To encourage students' continued interaction with one another while also keeping their math skills sharp, they are each given a card with a math problem and must compliment the person who is holding the answer to their equation. Mrs. Batey has found this to be a great strategy in helping to determine a student's partner for any future activities during the day that might require pairing up! A briefing of the day's events and special news are also discussed at this time so students are prepared and aware of any changes to the norm. Lastly, a few students are chosen to speak openly to their classmates and share something on their minds within a controlled and safe space.

Mrs. Batey has graced the teaching profession for 23 years, and she loves this fresh approach to kicking the day off. "It is definitely worthwhile and a good way to set the tone for my classroom each morning. Usually, everyone has a smile on their face!"



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## FCS Supports Local Businesses!

The District hired the following local businesses for products/services during July - September 2017.

ACE Hardware, Action Printing, Adkins Sanitation, Amerigas, Anderson's Farm Center, Associated Buyers, B & W Welding, Beck Suppliers, Bel-Aire Cleaners, Bella Cosa, Benchmark Prints, Bobby's Truck and Bus Repair, Burkett Industries, Burmeister Bay Trophy, C & W Auto Supply, C. A. Kustoms, Chamber of Commerce, Chud's Inc., Clark and Associates, D Clark Online, LLC, Coco Beans, Color Haven Paint & Supply, LLC, Commercial Glazing Systems, Inc., Conn's, Contractors Equipment Rental, Croghan Colonial Bank, Crown Battery, CL Deemer Roofing & Sheet Metal Co., Inc., Dollar Tree, Judy Donnan, East of Chicago, Engler Printing, Famous Supply Co., Fastenal Company, Ken Flower, Fort Ball Pizza Palace, Frederick's Monuments Inc., Frederick's Power Equipment, Fremont Athletic Supply, Fremont Auto Parts, Fremont Candy & Cigar Co., Fremont Recreation Dept., Fremont Uniform Shoppe, HealthLink ProMedica Memorial, Hilty Office Supply, Jimmy G's BBQ, Journey's Family Amusement Center, Kiwanis Club of Fremont, Kroger Company, Kun's Northcoast Security, Lee's Famous Recipe, Lions Club International, Lowe's Company Inc. - Fremont, Lowery Glass & Drywall, Madison Motors, McCormack Painting, Metrotex Textile Rental LLC, O.E. Meyer & Sons, Northtown Storage, Otto & Urban Flower Shop, Papa Murphy's, Phaze I, Post Net, Prairie Flowers, ProMedica Memorial Hospital, RedShed Baseball & Softball, Root's Poultry, Rotary Club of Fremont, Rural King, S. A. Communale Co., Inc. Sabroske Electric, Sandusky County Health Department, Sheets Supply, Streaker Tractor Sales, Subway, Terra State Community College, The News Messenger, Trico Glass, Unique Fabrication, Universal Farms LLC, Vanguard-Sentinel CTC, Vantage Athletics LLC, WSOS, Walters' Boiler Works, Warner Mechanical, Weickert Insurance Agency, Inc., Westend Tire LLC, Young's RV Centers



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## Make Reading Time A Part of Family Time

Family time is so important! Why not make reading a part of this valuable time with your kids? Here are some tips for integrating reading into your daily family activities:

- Read bedtime stories
- Play board games
- Visit your local library
- Read a recipe and cook
- Create a comfy “read” space in your home
- Put your child in charge of reading the grocery list at the store



## HISPANIC HERITAGE

The months of September and October at Hayes Elementary School have been a time of celebration of Hispanic Heritage. Led by our Cultural Awareness committee, our school has been filled with decorations, student work, weekly lessons, and daily facts being read over the announcements to applaud the contributions of the Hispanic culture. Additionally, Hayes has hosted seven guest speakers/readers to talk about their Hispanic heritage, as well as, the positive impact they are now making in their community through their careers. By having local community members into our classrooms, students have had the opportunity to, not only, learn about these local role models, but also the jobs they have and the hard work and education it requires to achieve their successes. The lessons learned over the last month truly go beyond the traditional classroom, and have, hopefully, left a lasting impression on the students of Hayes Elementary.



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