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2 Fremont elementaries get top grades

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FREMONT -- Washington and Hayes elementary schools received excellent ratings on the state building report card.

During the Fremont local schools Board of Education meeting on Monday, teachers and staff were recognized as part of American Education Week.

Hayes Principal Laurie Selvey and Washington Principal Dwayne Arnold both received plaques on behalf of their schools and staff.

Superintendent Traci McCaudy read letters from the Ohio Department of Education to each of the school's staff, which stated why the schools received the rating.

McCaudy said Washington Elementary has received an excellent rating every school year since 2005. They also received 12 out of 12 performance standards on the report card.

Several teachers were recognized for becoming Martha Holden Jennings scholars. According to the Web site, the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation was founded in 1959 by Mrs. Andrew R. Jennings, a Cleveland woman with a deep interest in aiding in the improvement of elementary and secondary public school education in Ohio. She envisioned the foundation as a means to provide greater accomplishment on the part of the youth and their teachers.

In other news, the board approved a purchase of software known as the reading edge program from Success for All Foundation, Inc., for a yearly program fee of \$43,452, and a yearly materials fee of \$16,514.

There will also be an open house at 4 p.m. Dec. 3 in the Carr Lecture Lab on Cedar Street for contractors who are interested in the building of the new middle school. During the open house, contractors will learn about the scope of the project and the bidding process.
