

Fremont City Schools



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Building Hope, Trust and Respect with our Community

An Update From Fremont City Schools Superintendent Mr. Jon Detwiler

It is an exciting time to be a part of Fremont City Schools. As I write this article, we have just had our Visioning Meeting for the new facilities. We had about 100 people attend through the snow to be a part of the process.

It was an intense day. We began with sharing the Successes and Challenges of our current facilities. Those responses were very interesting, though not unpredictable. We then watched a video about how we need to meet the educational demands of the future. Chris Smith, architect from TDA, then shared many photos and stories of new schools from around the State. Seeing these photos was, for me, the most exhilarating part of the day.

After lunch, we spent a lot of time writing down our desires for our new spaces by category: athletics, special education, music, art, etc. We finished the day with actual overhead pictures of the sites and the corresponding cutouts of the “rooms” that will make up the schools. We had gyms, classrooms, cafeterias, parking lots and other spaces cutout of paper and were asked to lay out possible spatial concepts of the buildings. I think Mr. Zeller, Ross Principal, summed it up best at the end by saying that this is why he is an educator and not an architect. I believe it showed the many decisions that will have to be made as we go forward and the level of compromise that will be necessary during this process.

My closing comments for the day included the reminder that, along with the excitement, we have to recognize the huge amount of change that will be coming to our world. Change is never easy, and we have a LOT of change in our future.

I also mentioned that we must do our best to design buildings and have no regrets. We have to get this right!

We will make it through and share a fabulous ride that we can be proud of for our entire lives, knowing we have been a part of the future.

Thank you for allowing me to lead.

Jon

First Grade Surgeons

Students in Mrs. Carrick’s first grade classroom performed “vowel surgery”. Complete with surgeon coats, masks, gloves and tools, the students were assigned to surgical teams as they implanted vowels for each patient. The culminating activity consisted of students following a recipe to create an edible surgeon kit. What an exciting and engaging learning activity!



UPCOMING FCS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Please join us at an upcoming Board of Education Meeting:

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. • Fremont Middle School

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018 (Tentative) • 7:30 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.

Small but *Mighty*

Washington Elementary School's 4th and 5th Grade Leadership Club may have only nine members this year, but those nine students will definitely leave their mark on their school and community.

Washington's Leadership students participate in many activities and services throughout the school year including: Homecoming Parade, Pumpkin Raffle Fundraiser, Veterans Day Program, 50th Day of School Celebration, OSU vs. Michigan Food Drive (865 items were collected this year!), United Way Pennies by the Pound Fundraiser, Christmas Stocking Fundraiser, Spring Egg Hunt and more! The students work daily reading the morning announcements along with the weather forecast and lunch menu, and leading the student body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Students plan to donate the balance in their fundraising account at the end of the year to the Ronald McDonald House.

Leadership students meet during their lunch and recess time to work on upcoming events and programs. Students learn to plan projects and focus on one goal as a team. Students work together to execute their plan and calculate the outcome.

They have learned basic business skills by gathering information about local merchants and writing letters to ask for donations for fundraisers. Once donations were received, students followed proper business etiquette and mailed thank you letters back to donors.

Rarely a day goes by when a Leadership student is not involved in one or more of their activities.

Why is Leadership important?

- * Builds character and life skills
- * Helps students take ownership of their school
- * Students act as role models for other students
- * Builds a sense of community and school spirit

Leadership, while important for self-development, is also crucial for others to see, although it is not a competition. Leaders get ahead. Leaders get things done. Leaders do it selflessly.



Fremont FFA Attends National FFA Convention

October 24-27, 2017, the Fremont FFA, along with the Clyde FFA, traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana, for the 90th Annual National FFA Convention. FFA members from across the United States meet once a year to recognize accomplishments in agricultural experiences, including

the American FFA Degree ceremony. The week includes motivational speakers, highlighted musical talents and the election of new officers. Colleges and businesses were on hand for students to learn about future career opportunities at the career show.

Along the way, the students toured Unverferth Manufacturing Company, Inc., Universal Lettering, and Select Sires. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Lincoln Technical Institute, and Conner Prairie were visited the second day. The chapter members were a part of the 67,000+ people who attended opening session for the convention. Throughout the week, students also attended the Rascal Flatts concert, Buckeye Bash, a hypnotist show, and the National FFA Center.

Ross Senior Runner Signs With NCAA Div. II School!

With family, friends and coaches looking on, Matt Kuyken officially signed on to continue his running career at the collegiate level.

The Ross senior cross country/track runner signed a letter of intent to run at Malone University, an NCAA Division II program in Canton with a rich tradition of producing championship-caliber runners and teams.

“It’s really exciting,” Kuyken said. “I’m really happy to be committing to Malone and going there to such a great program and such a great coach.”

At Malone, Kuyken will run for Jack Hazen who has been coaching the program for more than half a century. His teams have won four men’s and one women’s national championships. Hazen was also an assistant coach for the 2012 USA Olympic team. “I got the impression that we’re going to work hard and drop time like crazy and have a good time while doing it,” Kuyken said. Ross Coach John Elder said running for a coach like Hazen will be a natural fit for Kuyken. “He’s very competitive and he’s very coachable,” Elder said. “He is one of the most coachable athletes I’ve ever had. He’s very open-minded to what you tell him.”

Kuyken will go to Malone having enjoyed a stellar career as a Little Giant. In cross country, his personal best time was 16 minutes, 1 second. He also ran for the track team in the 200 (23.58 seconds), 400 (49.00), 800 (1:58.26) and 1600 (4:33.23). He has earned five first team all-TRAC honors. He won regional championships in the 4x400 and 4x200 relay teams and was all-Ohio last year in the 4x400, helping his team to a third place finish at the State meet.

Kuyken has also excelled in the classroom as a six-time TRAC all-academic and three-time academic All-Ohio award-winner while sporting a 3.77 GPA.

Kuyken plans to study Zoology and Wildlife Biology. “I love the school, in general,” he said. “They have a great program and major that I want to go into. I liked how small it was. On the running side, it’s the best (program) I came in contact (with). It’s a great running school. I’m very excited to be there.”

FCS Supports Local Businesses

The District hired the following local businesses for products/services during October – November 2017.

ACE Hardware, Advantage Ford, Amerigas, Anderson’s Farm Center, Anstead Construction LLC, Associated Buyers, C&W Auto Supply, Beck Suppliers, Bel-Aire Cleaners, Bella Cosa, Benchmark Prints, Bobby’s Truck and Bus Repair, Burmeister Bay Trophy, Burn’s Iron & Metal, C.A. Kustoms, Chud’s Inc., City of Fremont, Clark and Associates, D Clark Online LLC, Color Haven Paint & Supply LLC, Commercial Glazing Systems Inc., S.A. Communale Co., Inc., Conn’s, Contractors Equipment Rental, Dollar Tree, Engler Printing, Famous Supply Co., Fastenal Company, Fortball Pizza Palace, Frederick’s Power Equipment, Fremont Athletic Supply, Fremont Auto Parts, Fremont Candy & Cigar Co., Fremont Fence, Fremont Floor Covering, Fremont Recreation Dept., Fremont Uniform Shoppe, Gordon Lumber Co., Hasselbach Meats, Hilty Office Supply, Jimmy G’s BBQ, Kun’s Northcoast Security, Lee’s Famous Recipe, Linke’s Wheel Alignment, Little Caesars, Lowe’s Company Inc. - Fremont, Lowery Glass & Drywall, Madison Motors, McMillan Sign, Metrotex Textile Rental LLC, O.E. Meyer & Sons, North Town Storage, Otto & Urban Flower Shop, Papa Murphy’s, Phaze I, Post Net, ProMedica Memorial Hospital, Ron’s Truck and Trailer, Root’s Poultry, Rural King, Sabroske Electric, Sheets Supply, Sherwin Williams Paint, State Street Properties Co. LTD, Streaker Tractor Sales, TNC Treats LLC, The News Messenger, Tire Man, Trico Glass, Universal Farms LLC, Vantage Athletics LLC, Walters’ Boiler Works, Woleslagel Moving Co., Young’s RV Center.



The FOILage of Fall

Aluminum foil isn't just for baking holiday cookies anymore. It can be cleverly used to make some fabulous artwork, too! First graders at Stamm Elementary School have been introduced to color theory in Mrs. Pollick's art class. They're learning about the three primary colors, red, yellow and blue and how, when they mix two of these colors together in different combinations, they magically create a secondary color of orange, green or purple. What better way to tie in color, but with the gorgeous leaves that paint our landscape.

Mrs. Pollick first led a class discussion on leaves, having students describe their colors, their shapes and their texture towards the end of their annual lives. The students were then given a sheet of aluminum foil to gently crumple up and unfold to create the crackles and creases found on a dried up leaf. The students were fascinated with the beautiful crystal-like design that they had just created. Mrs. Pollick then went around to each student and squeezed a dollop of red, yellow and blue finger paint onto their foil canvas. Using their fingertips, students were asked to take these colors and combine them properly to create their secondary colors of orange, green and purple while sweeping the paint across the foil until the shiny silver was covered. Beautiful colors started to emerge and the students loved the controlled chaos of painting with their hands!

The following week when the paint had dried, students were shown how to pinch and scrunch the foil into the shape of a leaf. They were also challenged to pinch and form a channel of veins within the leaf that made it truly come to life! With one spiraled pipe cleaner taped to the end, Mrs. Pollick hung the leaves for all to enjoy before the winter icicles start to appear. Those would be lovely made out of foil too!



Wall of Books!



The 4th graders at Croghan have been busy filling the wall with all of the books they have read. Students are encouraged to choose books that they are interested in reading and can read on their own.

They write about the different books in their journals, applying what they have learned in the classroom. Students are writing about characters, setting, conflicts and resolutions, identifying character traits, and drawing pictures of what they think characters and the setting look like. The students also put themselves in their book by identifying how they relate to characters, if they would react the same way the characters do, and if they were the author, what would they change in the book.

Once they are finished reading their book, they fill out a book cover to put on the wall. Our goal is to fill the wall with all of their books that they read throughout the year. By having a goal to fill the wall, the students have been enthusiastic in choosing books and taking their spare time to read. As a group, the students think they will read 1,000 books this school year. They have a set goal and are eager to reach it.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

WHAT: Open Registration for 2018-2019 kindergarten students

WHO: Children who will turn 5 years of age by August 1, 2018

WHEN: February 1 through February 28, 2018

CALL: (419) 334-5436 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

*Pick up registration packet and complete PRIOR to scheduled appointment at:

Fremont City Schools
500 W. State Street, Suite A
Fremont, Ohio 43420
Hours: 7:30 - 4:00

or

*Download and print from www.fremontschools.net/StudentRegistration and make note of the list of important documents to bring to your appointment.

Rotary Club Helps Fremont Students To STRIVE



Fremont Ross High School is partnering with the Rotary Club of Fremont again this year to provide a program called STRIVE for 18 high school seniors. STRIVE stands for Students Taking Renewed Interest in the Value of Education. This year's kick off was held on September 13th. 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.

THANK YOU FROM FCS

Thank you to the following community members, businesses, and organizations for donating to Fremont City Schools during October & November 2017.

Applebee's	85 Free Food Coupons
Arby's	15 Free Meal Coupons
Lynn Bassett	Misc. Campus Wear Items
Benchmark Prints	Cash
Dawn Broski	School Supplies
Burger King	Free Food Coupons
Joseph & Ashley Corbin	Hats & Gloves
Tim & Kim Ellenberger	Cash
Kay Enderlin	Cash
Brenda Fisher	Computer Equipment
Fremont Baseball Club	Cash
Fremont Exchange Club	4 Comfort Bags
Fremont Ross Music Boosters	Cash
Frisch's Big Boy (Bennett Enterprises)	100 Free Food Coupons; Four Gift Certificates
Gonya-Hull Game Feed/Chris Hull Awards Foundation	Cash
Great Eastern Theatres	2 Movie Passes
Great Lakes Seminars	Hats & Gloves
Gries Seed & Feed	Cash
KFC	160 Free Food Coupons
Kiwanis Young Children Priority One Service	Cash
Little Caesars Pizza	Free Food Coupons
McDonald's	Free Food Coupons
David & Shannon Olds	Misc. Campus Wear Items, Shoes, Winter Coats
Chad & Wendy Overmyer	Books
Prevention Partnership Coalition	Playground Toys & Pencils
Sand Otter Swimming Club	Cash
Gara Sauer	School Supplies
Patricia M. Smith	Heavy Grade Paper
Taco Bell	Free Food Coupons
Lary Tullis	Cash
Wendy's	16 Free Food Coupons; 8 Free Meal Coupons





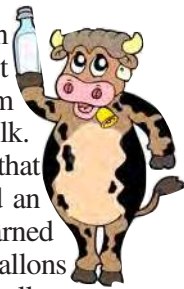
Breakfast of Champions

There are some awesome things going on at FMS this school year. Something that was added this year, in hopes to help recognize our students who are working hard, is our Breakfast of Champions. Each quarter, we are recognizing students for a variety of reasons by inviting them to the breakfast. Students who will receive invitations either have all A's for the quarter, were chosen by their team of teachers as a weekly PBIS VIP, and/or were chosen as a student of the month. The Breakfast of Champions takes place at the end of each quarter.

Our Quarter One Breakfast of Champions took place on November 1st. There were 58 students from the 6th grade, 76 students from the 7th grade, and 40 students from the 8th grade. It was amazing to be able to recognize the 174 students who were invited to attend. Also invited to the Breakfast of Champions were some community members. All members of the School Board, FCS Directors, Superintendent Detwiler, Police Chief Bliss, and Mayor Sanchez were also invited to attend. At the Breakfast of Champions, students were honored for their hard work and fantastic behavior at school. They were served donuts and apple cider and each student was given a certificate for the areas in which they were being recognized. The administrators and staff of FMS are very proud of these students. They are hoping that even more students are able to attend these breakfasts throughout the school year.

VISITING A DAIRY FARM

Atkinson's second graders went to Jer-Bel Dairy Farm for a field trip to learn how dairy farming was done in the past and now with technology. This farm supplies Toft's with delicious, local milk. They learned about goods and services that the farm provides, too. The students had an amazing time meeting the cows. They learned that the cows can each give around 8 gallons of milk a day. The cows wear special collars to monitor their health, how much they eat, and how much they sleep. The cows even have special mattresses to sleep on to keep them well-rested and ready to give milk. The cows have special machines to help scoot the food to them! The students saw the robotic milking area. Cows line up to get milked by the robotic machines. The lasers line up the milking tubes and attach to the cows. Everything is tracked electronically. The students even got to milk cows like they did in the old days. It was amazing to get up close and personal with the cows. Then, the students were able to visit the area where the calves are kept. The babies loved licking our hands. The students now know where milk comes from and where it ends up. They had some Toft's milk for lunch that day!



Fun Times on the Ice



Students from Lutz Elementary School visited the Fremont Rec Center to introduce students to ice skating and the basics of floor hockey. We had students of all ice skating ability levels. Some students were able to use the assistance of the ice skating walkers, buckets, or the wall to help them with their balance. Other students came prepared with their own skates, hockey helmets, and hockey gloves. The students had a great time on the ice! After their ice time was over, students were then sent to the gymnasium to learn about floor hockey basics such as passing, stickhandling, and shooting on the goal. This taught them teamwork, sportsmanship, and a healthy physical activity that they can enjoy for their lifetime.

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SHOWING LEADERSHIP SKILLS

You may have noticed the sign at Hayes Elementary that reads, “Our students are Learners, Leaders, and Loved.” During the fall conferences, the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students all had a chance to showcase their leadership skills as they led the conference. Students were in charge of all aspects of the conference as they were truly responsible and accountable for their academics and behavior over the past few months. At the student-led conferences, students invited their parents to the conference, provided proper introductions, reviewed their work, and set future goals. For our younger students, they had a part in conferences as well. First grade students were responsible for showing their parents how to log into our Chromebooks, as well as reciting a poem. Second grade students reviewed ProgressBook log in procedures with parents and showed off some of the websites that they are using in class. All Hayes Elementary students had a chance to be leaders at conferences.



MATH FACTS

Otis’ Intervention Tutor, Mrs. Zeller, has started a math “facts club” at school. Third, fourth, and fifth grade students can come before school for 15 minutes every day to practice their multiplication and division facts. It’s very important that students learn their basic facts because it will help them when they are doing more complicated skills like multiplying multi-digit numbers or long division. Students have enjoyed getting the extra practice with learning their basic facts.

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