

Fremont City Schools

Building Hope, Trust and Respect with our Community



An Update From Fremont City Schools Superintendent Mr. Jon Detwiler

Greetings Fremont City School Families,

On March 24, 1997, the Supreme Court of Ohio declared the public school funding system unconstitutional. For 21 years, legislators have failed to address the issue. The funding system that we have in Ohio has become so complicated that it is very difficult to understand. The current system forces many districts to repeatedly go to their communities for additional funds. This process erodes the public's confidence in our school leaders.

Fremont City Schools has done an admirable job managing its budget and has not received additional operating money since 2003. The levy on the ballot on Tuesday, May 8th, is not additional money. It is a Renewal. This levy was originally passed in 1993 and has been passed in its current form every five years since 2003. This will be the fourth renewal of this levy. The citizens of Fremont have seen this as a necessary funding source since the students in our current senior class were three years old.

If the Renewal Levy does not pass, we would have to eliminate over 150 employees to make up this loss of revenue. Please vote on May 8th.

Everywhere I go in this community, I hear about the positive momentum we are experiencing. New elementary schools and a new high school coming soon, revitalized downtown, respected civic leaders, growing businesses, and a flourishing public park system are just some of the things happening in our community.

First Graders Building Community Miles From Home...

Mrs. Carrick's first graders were invited to assist small business owner, Lisa Handshoe, of Handshoe Cakes & Cookies, with a very special program.

The program, named *Project Cookies from Home*, was developed to offer overseas military members tasty treats and letters from home.

Students wrote letters that were randomly placed inside the boxes of delicious, homemade cookies. Wow! The letters were amazing. The first graders worked very hard, remembering what a good sentence is made of, and using their best handwriting. An invitation to become pen pals was also extended.



UPCOMING FCS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Please join us at an upcoming Board of Education Meeting:

MONDAY, MAY 14th • 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.

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FACTS ABOUT THE RENEWAL INCOME TAX (1.25%) LEVY

On May 8, 2018, Fremont City Schools will ask the Fremont community to vote on the **RENEWAL** Income Tax Levy.

- ✓ Passage of the **RENEWAL** Income Tax Levy will **NOT** increase taxes.
- ✓ This 1.25% income tax generates \$7.75 million per year and makes up 19% of the District's total revenue.
- ✓ These monies are used to pay day-to-day operating expenses of Fremont City Schools.
- ✓ This **RENEWAL** is necessary to maintain the District's current services and programs for our students.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **Will this RENEWAL Income Tax Levy increase my taxes?**

No. This is a **RENEWAL** levy. **No increase.**

2. **Who pays the RENEWAL Income Tax?**

All Fremont City School District residents pay the 1.25% income tax through employer withholdings, individual quarterly estimated payments or annual returns.

3. **Why is the levy on the ballot now and what is the length/duration of the RENEWAL Income Tax?**

This 1.25% income tax was **RENEWED** in November 2012 for five years and will expire in December 2018. In order to maintain the current services and programs for our students for another five years, the support of the community is needed.



QUESTIONS?

Contact Jon Detwiler, FCS Superintendent at 419-334-5432 or detwilerj@fremontschools.net

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CAREER DAY



Hayes Elementary attempted to answer the age old question of - “What do you want to be when you grow up?” with their Career Day 2018. Future teachers, nurses, roller coaster designers, engineers, farmers, construction workers and about every career imaginable walked the halls of Hayes Elementary to outwardly say “My future is bright!” Classroom teachers also participated with goal setting activities and lessons about what training, skill, and education it takes for various careers. Some older students created Google slide presentations from material they have been researching about specific future careers over the last month. While this day is an annual event at Hayes, the excitement it brings each and every year in watching the limitless potential of our students is amazing!



GOING BACK IN TIME WITH LUTZ 3rd GRADERS

Students in Ms. Morris and Mrs. Anstead’s classes began their unit on timelines by researching fashion trends of the decades. Each group picked a decade from the 1920’s through 2000. Using technology to aid in their research, students discovered how people wore their hair and how they dressed. Groups created a poster and then presented the information to the rest of the class. The posters were then assembled into a Trend of the Decades Timeline. Some students even dressed according to the decade they researched.

FCS Business Partnership Spotlight On Century Tool and Die

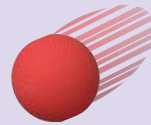


Working together to build awareness of business contributions to our community and career opportunities for our students.



DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

PBIS is still going strong throughout the year at Otis. If students don't have any office referrals throughout each month, they get to participate in a school wide activity. March's activity was a dodgeball tournament. Kindergarten, first, and second grades competed in the morning to get a champion of the lower grade levels. Then, third, fourth, and fifth grades competed in the afternoon to get a champion of the upper grades. Teachers were encouraged to participate as well to help their team "dodge" to victory. Congratulations to Mrs. Axe's class and Mr. Stotz's class for being the champions for their levels! An unexpected turn of events brought Mrs. Axe's class against Mr. Stotz's class to determine an overall school winner. In the end, Mr. Stotz's class came out on top and is the Otis School Dodgeball Champions (at least for one year)!



HISTORY COMES TO LIFE FOR ATKINSON FOURTH GRADERS

The Sandusky County Park District has brought two great educational programs to our classrooms this year. The first was in the fall to discuss how this area was formerly *The Great Black Swamp*. Recently, Deb Nofzinger visited our 4th grade classrooms to talk to us about the Algonquin Native American tribes that once inhabited our area. Their round shelters with round roofs, which were called wigwams, were constructed from long, tall, skinny trees. Holes were dug in a circle and the poles were placed in the holes. They would use mats woven from cattails in the summer months and bark peeled off of trees in the winter months to cover the poles.

After the presentation, the students were invited to participate in several hands-on activities that Deb had brought along with her. Students had the opportunity to grind corn, add water to pipe stone to create a paint-like substance that they could put on their skin, and carry a cradle board that the women would have used to carry their small children around with them on their backs while they worked. Many animal hides were also brought so that the students could see what it would have been like to have to scrape the meat off in order to properly clean the hide. It was a fun-filled and exciting morning! Thank you to the Sandusky County Park District for sharing your resources and knowledge with us!





MINERS FOR A DAY

Washington Elementary School students were recently treated to a combination of fun and education when Matrix Mining Company paid a visit and students became miners for a day!



Each student received a two pound bag of Gemstone Mining Rough that included over 3 oz. of gemstones, a collection bag, a scoop of Gold Mining Rough (pyrite a.k.a. fool's gold), a small plastic container, and an illustrated ID card to identify the gems. The ID card had pictures on the front for visual comparison as well as a few facts about each gemstone on the back, including which were birthstones.



Mr. Matt Hoffman, owner of the Matrix Mining Company, shared a few fun facts with the students about the California Gold Rush and the origins of many gemstones, specifically which ones were

mined in the United States. Gems mined in the U.S. include jasper, obsidian and many different types of quartz.

The students got a feel for how hard miners had to work for each little flake of gold they found all while waiting on the BIG payday!

My DAY IN COURT



Exchange Club of Fremont and Sandusky County Common Pleas Courts worked collaboratively with Fremont City Schools and Bishop Hoffman Catholic School to organize and implement an educational experience for area high school students. Ross and SJCC government students recently participated in "My Day in Court". The planning for the day included options to align with the Court's daily schedule. After receiving valuable information from Common Pleas Court Administrator, Brock Kimmet, Ross and SJCC students were able to view a few probation violations that came before Judge Dewey. Students heard from Prosecutors Ken Walz and Tim Braun, Judge Dewey, and Judge Hart to learn details of the court system. It was a great learning experience for all students to see the dynamics of the judicial system in action.

FCS Supports Local Businesses

The District hired the following local businesses for products/services during February 2018 – March 2018.



ACE Hardware, Action Printing, Amerigas, Baker’s Diversified Vehicle, Beck Suppliers, Bel-Aire Cleaners, Bella Cosa, Benchmark Prints, Burkett Industries, Burmeister Bay Trophy, C&W Auto Supply, Cass Enterprises, Clark Associates, Inc., D Clark Online LLC, Color Haven Paint & Supply LLC, Computer Man, Contractors Equipment Rental, Croghan Colonial Bank, Crown Battery, Damschroder Roofing Inc., Dollar Tree, East of Chicago, Engler Printing, Famous Supply Co., Fortball Pizza Palace, Fremont Athletic Supply, Fremont Auto Parts, Fremont Candy & Cigar Co., Gordon Lumber Co., Healthlink-ProMedica Memorial, Jimmy G’s BBQ, Kroger Co., Kun’s Northcoast Security, C.A. Kustoms, Lowe’s Company Inc. - Fremont, Metrotex Textile Rental LLC, Mosser Construction, Otto & Urban Flower Shop, Papa Murphy’s, Post Net, ProMedica Memorial Hospital, Root’s Poultry, Sabroske Electric, Sandusky County Food Pantry, Sheets Supply, State Street Properties Co. LTD, Superior Salt, Terra State Community College, Trico Glass, United Way of Sandusky County, Walters’ Boiler Works, Joseph Wise Fine Clocks, Woleslagel Moving Co.



Audited and Accurate!

Congratulations to the Fremont City Schools Treasurer’s Department for receiving the Auditor of State Award for clean and accurate record-keeping! Pictured from left to right are Kim Spann, Nanette Celek, Kelli Wells, Treasurer Amelia Gioffredo, Shelly Biddle and Megan Parkhurst.

THANK YOU FROM FCS

Thank you to the following community members, businesses, and organizations for donating to Fremont City Schools during February & March, 2018

Atkinson Elementary School Staff	Cash
The Family of Marlene Fisher	Cash
Fremont Ross Music Boosters	Cash for Payment of Charter Bus
Taryn Patton	Miscellaneous Campus Wear Items
Ohio Army National Guard SSG Gary Pendleton	8 Dozen Bagels
Pun-kin-Place – Stephanie Martin	Gift Certificate
St. Mark Lutheran Church	Hats and Gloves
Trinity United Methodist Church	4 Winter Coats
Peter and Sandra Werling	Cash in Memory of Grover Dowell



A CERAMIC ROSE FOR MOM

Second grade students at Stamm Elementary School got their hands dirty to make something quite beautiful for their mothers just in time for their honorary day! Students were first taught how clay is created naturally by the geological weathering of the earth's surface.

They learned that clay is used to make forms and sculpture that have height, width, and depth, also known as 3-dimensional art.

Students were shown by Mrs. Pollick, their art teacher, how to roll and model 8 spheres from large to small and then flatten them into pancakes. Overlapping these discs slightly from biggest to smallest, students rolled them up gently pinching and modeling them as they went to create the rose. They were then shown how to model two leaves to place as a base underneath their blossom. They will later glaze them to add a brilliant hue!

Students also discussed the symbolic meaning of a rose and words such as love, beautiful, delicate and special were mentioned....sounds like the perfect description of a Mom, too!

ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROJECT

Mr. Adame and Mr. Gallagher's Little Giant Pathway students recently completed a unit on entrepreneurship. In the unit, students created their own small businesses and presented them to their class Shark Tank style. Each class voted for what they thought was the best idea and a prize was given to the selected student. Also during the unit, students participated in an entrepreneurship symposium in the Ross Gym with following local business owners: Tom Price (Cookie Lady), Roger Kuns (Northcoast Security), Lindi Cahill (Northcoast Showtime Volleyball) and Stephanie Martin (Pun-kin-Place). The invited guests shared their knowledge and experiences with the students to give them "real life" examples of starting and operating a business.

Sophomore Tori Cole said, "The small business project was beneficial because you learn how much money, effort, and creativity it takes to start your own business from scratch." While sophomore, Noah Brickner, added, "Through this project, I learned of the many possibilities for our generation to share their passions throughout our country."

Pictured is Freshman Jamyn Meza and his Meza's Motors small business.



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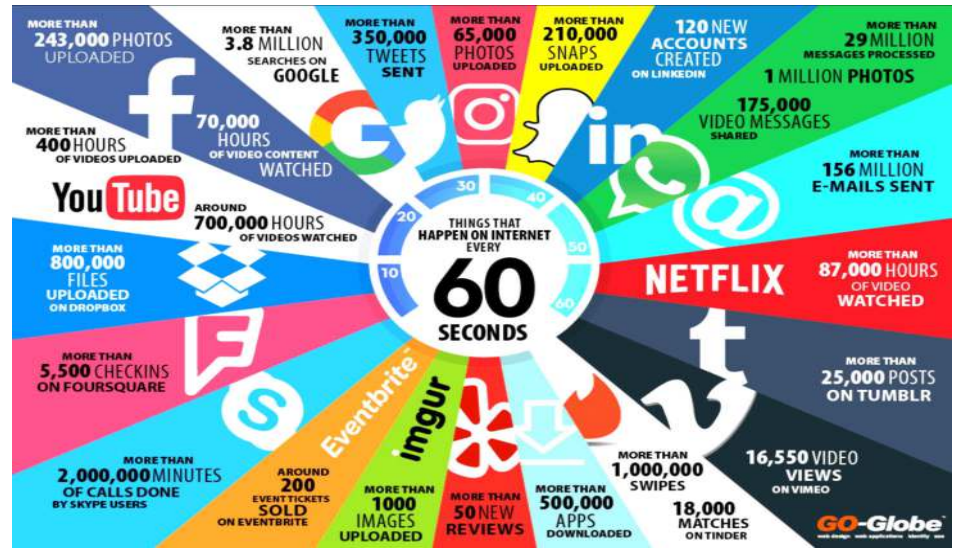
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DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

On March 22, 2018, all students at Fremont Middle School had the opportunity to hear from Scott Frank. In 2012, Scott formed Safely Intact LLC. Scott spent 12 years as an “Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)” investigator. His role as an investigator was to pose as a child. The world that he found himself immersed in was almost beyond descriptive words. In 2005, he began presenting the DIGITAL DIVIDE program to parents, educators and children. Since that time, he has provided vital information on the risks of the digital world to thousands of presentation attendees.

When he spoke with students at FMS, he shared with them the impact that the digital world has on all of us. On his website, Scott stated, “I knew that my investigations were important and they were making a difference – one online predator at a time. But my heart told me that I had to do more, that I needed to share my unique perspective on the risks and dangers of the digital world. I knew that I needed to empower others to make safe and healthy choices in their digital lives.”

A parent event was also held on March 27, 2018. At that event, information was shared with parents regarding the digital world and the dangers that exist for students. Both events were very informative and beneficial for all who attended. If you were unable to attend the parent event or would like more information about Scott Frank and his program, visit his website: <http://digitalempowermentproject.com>.



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