

Fremont City Schools



Building Hope, Trust and Respect with our Community

An Update From Fremont City Schools Superintendent Mr. Jon Detwiler

Greetings Fremont City Schools Families,

After more than a year of planning, the new elementary schools are coming up out of the ground. We have our contractors on board and the footers and foundations are underway. The energized economy and competitive bidding climate have made the budget and schedule a challenge, but we remain on schedule and on budget. The Gilbane Construction Team, who has partnered locally with Mosser Construction, has worked hard to help us achieve our building goals. We have already brought a lot of business to our community and anticipate more opportunities with the high school project that will follow the opening of the elementaries by one year. We currently have about 68% of the work at the elementary schools coming from union contractors. We have also partnered with the Sandusky County Visitor's Bureau to offer Contractor Discount Cards to give our workers deals at local businesses during this project. Some of the other impacts include...

- The consolidation of the seven elementaries into four will allow us to be more efficient with our staffing needs. We have begun the process of paring down our staff to match the new scenario.
- We have shortened our school year breaks for next year in order to allow for a slightly longer summer for moving into the new buildings in the fall of 2020.
- We are looking at the new boundaries that will be necessary as we reduce our district into four identical elementary schools from seven.

All of these positive developments are due to the generosity of this community that so graciously supported this building program along with the State's matching dollar program. It is a good time to be a Little Giant.

Jon C. Detwiler



THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

Students in Mrs. Dix's class, at Otis Elementary School, got the chance to read The Very Hungry Caterpillar this spring. After they finished reading the story, the students were asked to answer comprehension questions and to sequence the events that happened in the story. These are important State standards that students need to be able to do with all stories that are read. The students were then able to make their own very hungry caterpillars using egg cartons. Great job!

UPCOMING FCS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Please join us at an upcoming Board of Education Meeting:

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019 • 6:00 p.m. • Fremont Middle School

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019 • 6:00 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.

ECONOMICS IN ACTION AT ATKINSON

Atkinson's second and third graders had the opportunity to create economic businesses. They have been learning about goods and services during their social studies lessons, and what better way to show their learning by becoming a business! Each student created a business of their own providing goods or a service to their customers. On their Business Market Day, they were to sell their goods or service to their classmates. Signs and advertisements were on display for foods, products created by the students, games, and more. Students were able to spend their "Market Day Money" that they have earned this year. Everyone did an amazing job with this project and learned the real world skills of independence and problem solving.



Youthful Art at Stamm

What better way to promote and recognize "Youth Art Month" than to showcase and display the visual art talents of our Stamm students. Mrs. Pollick, art teacher at Stamm Elementary School, invited the community to come and observe and appreciate the student artwork that has been created throughout the school year. A maze of tables presented framed and easled artwork from Kindergarten through 5th grade and directed attendees to complete their visual journey at a refreshment table filled with treats donated by local vendors. Artwork was also hung clothesline style amid fun oversized cardboard cutout art supplies that were provided by Green Bay Packaging. A wonderful playlist of music was piped in overhead adding a great vibe for discussion and a bit of movin' and groovin'! Mrs. Griffin and her orchestra students performed musical pieces during the event that added a very classy touch to the evening. Students were excited to find their artwork and proud parents snapped adorable pictures of glowing pride as their child stood next to their wonderful creation! It was an evening filled with wonderful tastes, sounds and of course the best of sights! Mrs. Pollick would like to send out a huge thank you to Coco Beans Candy & More, Bob Evans, The Cookie Lady, Elroy's Deli Market and The Stamm PTO for their kind donations!



“Stepping Into Character”

This year at Lutz Elementary, the fifth graders had the opportunity to “walk in someone else’s shoes” as they chose a famous person to study and portray in the Wax Museum. On March 7th, the students stepped into character to portray their person of study for visitors like their fellow Lutz students, parents, and community members. This project not only took the students through the research and writing process, but allowed them to learn about the life characteristics and qualities that made their person a positive influence on American history. Our project began with a visit to Birchard Public Library where research skills and tips for using the library and its website were discussed. For some, this field trip was a first-time experience learning about the wonderful resources available at the public library.

Throughout the writing process, the students learned how to complete research and note-taking, and how to outline their information for their rough drafts. We also discussed the importance of revising and editing to make sure their information was presented clearly. Many of the students showed an improvement in work ethic as they worked to meet the deadlines given for the writing process. Next, the students had to “step” into character and craft a speech from first person point of view to perform at the museum. Many students found that they had built confidence and self-esteem as they took notes and then memorized their speech to practice in front of the class before taking on their new personality on March 7th. As fifth graders, they have had an opportunity to experience public speaking and feel successful in their new “shoes”.



MATH LIONS

Have you ever knowingly, willingly and purposefully challenged yourself with a task that many say is impossible? That is exactly what sixteen Hayes Elementary Math Lions did! After two months of preparation, the Math Lions participated in a National Math Challenge for higher level thinking and problem solving. These students showed tremendous grit and perseverance as they worked through math problems that were more like complicated math riddles than your traditional arithmetic. The most valuable lessons in this process, however, were the life lessons of collaborating with others, challenging yourself beyond what you may have thought you were capable, and of course never ever giving up!



Congratulation to all of our Math Lions!

A Carnival of Service

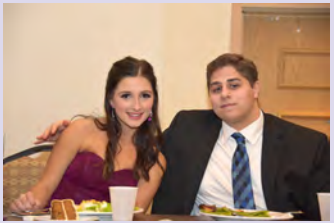


What in the world is Key Club? Founded in 1925, Key Club International is the oldest service program for high school students. There are thousands of clubs in over thirty-eight countries. It is a student-led organization whose goal is to encourage leadership through serving others.

Key Club empowers its members to lead and serve by cultivating leadership skills, developing friendships, and performing community service. Key Club members have a passion for helping others while they gain leadership skills that they will carry with them for a lifetime.



Key Clubbers perform acts of service in their communities, such as cleaning parks and yards, collecting clothing and organizing food drives. This year alone, the Fremont Ross Key Club has served with the Kiwanis Pancake Festival, Peanut Day, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, School of Hope Movie Day, A Night to Shine, assembling 50 birthday cake kits for Share & Care/Food Pantry, creating 24 hygiene backpack kits for those in need, raking leaves, cleaning and sorting toys at the Village House, plus many more. They also worked to assemble several no-sew fleece blankets and made valentines for our local hometown heroes at the Fremont and Gibsonburg police and fire stations as well as for the emergency personnel at Fremont Memorial ProMedica ER.



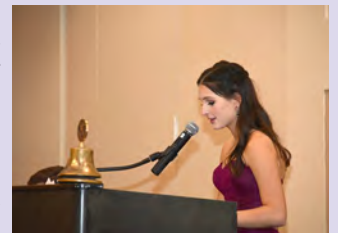
Earlier this spring, six Ross students attended the Ohio Key Club District Leadership Conference in Dublin, Ohio. Commonly known as DLC, this is a weekend long conference which celebrates the end of the Key Club service year. This year, it was centered around the theme of “A Carnival of Service.”

For those Fremont Ross Key Clubbers, this really was a carnival, simply because when one door closes, another one opens. Freshman Veronica Bowlus, Sophomore Bryanna Schermerhorn, and Junior, Ross Key Club President, Sarah Widman attended DLC for their very first time. It was a sad farewell for the Division 12W District Lieutenant Governor, Gage Koenig, who will be graduating at the end of the school year. He needed to be replaced with a newly elected LTG, who is Junior Olivia Thomas. She was sworn in as part of the 2019-2020 Ohio District Board during that weekend.



Those in attendance participated in service projects, attended engaging and informative forums, competed in various contests, elected new State officers and then danced away the night at a Governor’s Ball.

The election of new state officers meant that anyone could run for a State position for the upcoming year. Fremont Ross High School, part of Division 12W, had one student run for the Ohio Governor’s position. A special Little Giant Congratulations goes out to Junior Lillie Swinehart for being elected as the Governor of the State of Ohio Key Club!



As State Governor, Lillie will lead over 14,000 Ohio Key Clubbers in the planning and implementation of service programming throughout the State. She is coming to this position with much experience behind her. Prior to her being elected as State Governor, Lillie worked with Olivia on two global projects, Hands for Others and The Thirst Project. Her sophomore year, she was the Lieutenant Governor for Division 12E when no one else from that division wanted to do the work. This past year, Lillie was elected and served as the State Secretary/Treasurer. Lillie is the first Little Giant to hold this office and the first person from Northwest Ohio as well.

Fremont Ross is creating and developing our future leaders. The Ross Key Club is only one example. The Middle School has a growing Builder’s Club which feeds into the Ross Key Club. All of them work individually and collectively with other clubs on service projects in the community. Each organization has their own amusement ride to complete the carnival while working together to make a difference within Fremont and beyond.



If you or anyone you know are interested in making a difference in the lives of others, please contact Ross Key Club Advisor Brenda Widman at widmanb@fremontschools.net or FMS Builder’s Club Advisor Nick Doehr at doehrn@fremontschools.net.

Healthy Meals for Healthy Students!

Meal Prices

- * Elementary (grades preschool through fifth): We have reapplied for the Community Eligibility Program for the 2019-2020 school year. This program allows all children enrolled in FCS elementary schools to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at no cost each school day.
- * Full price meals for middle and high school students are as follows:
 - Fremont Middle School: \$1.35/breakfast and \$2.70/lunch
 - Ross High School: \$1.35/breakfast and \$2.90/lunch
- * Parents may apply on-line for free/reduced lunches at www.lunchapp.com after July 1, 2019, for the 2019-2020 school year.
- * Meal payments can be made on-line at www.sendmoneytoschool.com.

Summer Programs

- * Fremont City Schools Purple and White Delight Summer Meal Program will begin June 10th and run through August 16th, Monday - Friday with the exception of July 4, 2019. We invite kids and teens to join us for daily activities and a free lunch. This program is open to ALL kids and teens, not just Fremont City School students. Meals will be served at Casa Nueva, Hayes Meadows, and Fremont YMCA.
- * We are proud to announce that we have been approved for the Summer Weekend Meal Program. The Ohio Food Bank, in partnership with the Governor's Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives, has approved three sites for us to be able to distribute pre-packaged meals to the children in our community. The sites include Casa Nueva, Hayes Meadows, and Fremont YMCA. The meals are shelf stable items and each bag contains 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners. Meals will be available every Friday during the duration of the program from June 14th- August 16th. During the first week of the program, applications will be sent home with each bag that is distributed. In order for children to continue to participate in the program, applications must be completed and returned to one of the three sites listed above.

Child Find: Title VI-B

Every child in this country is entitled to a free, appropriate public education. The law applies to handicapped children as well, regardless of their handicap or the severity of the handicap. Because of their handicaps, these children may be out of the community mainstream. Sometimes, especially in the preschool years, the child's problems or disability may not be clearly evident. If you suspect your child has a handicap, please call the Director of Student Services at (419) 334-3871.

We can help, but we must first find the child. Fremont City Schools works collaboratively with the Help Me Grow Program, which assists families with early identification and services for children under the age of three. We also have a collaborative agreement with the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Board of DD) for early childhood and school-age programs provided through the School of Hope. Together, we will work to find the right services for each child.

Title VI-B funds are Federal allocations for the exclusive benefit of children with disabilities. Input as to how best to utilize these funds for Fremont City Schools is welcome. For more information or to share ideas, please call the Director of Student Services at (419) 334-3871. A public meeting for input will be held on June 10, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., at Fremont Middle School.

BASKETBALL JONES



With the State testing season upon us, Washington called in reinforcements to help our kids feel more confident and relaxed going into the tests. “Basketball (Jim) Jones” came, and not only entertained, but really focused on the importance of always trying your best and to never give up. He shared his story of growing up with his own learning disability and how his mom and teachers never gave up on him. He also shared that because he never gave up, he ended up graduating first in his class from Bowling Green State University’s College of Business!

He also exemplified the ability that each and every one of us has to do something simple that can make someone else’s day better. Here, ironically, we have brother and sister, Alec and Adrienne Albrecht, standing to be recognized as the only two who were willing to give up their spot in the game so someone else could have fun. The power of positive-reinforcement is incredible! Our students (and staff) left the assembly excited and more relaxed with the State Tests looming overhead. He left them with this thought to keep in mind as they got ready to take their tests: “This test is going to need a Band-Aid when I’m through with it. It’s going to hurt so bad!” So, each child had a Band-Aid waiting for them on their desks testing morning! Boo-yea!!! Go Bulldogs!

FIRST GRADE EASTER CENTERS



First grade students participated in Easter centers to “kick-off” their Easter Break, including a Sight Word Race, Easter Bingo, Shape Creations and much more. Croghan is very thankful to have so many parent and grandparent volunteers to make this a successful opportunity for Croghan students.

Immunizations

Students entering seventh grade are required to have a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) booster and an MCV4 Meningococcal vaccine prior to the first day of school.

Students entering twelfth grade are required to have an MCV4 Meningococcal vaccine prior to the first day of school.

Please contact the Sandusky County Health Department at (419) 334-6367 or your family physician to schedule an appointment. You must take your child’s immunization record with you to the appointment. If you need a copy of our child’s record, please contact your school nurse prior to the end of the school year.

GREEN BOX DERBY

The Fremont Ross Classroom to Career's program is working with Terra State Community College to design, build and race two cars for the upcoming Green Box Derby. Mr. Kevin Walker, a professor in the Machining and Mechanical Maintenance Department, challenges students to use their creativity, teamwork and leadership skills as they try to design a car that will safely run down the track. Lessons on shop safety, physics, and even the use of



the scientific method can be seen as the students break down their raw materials and design their racing vehicles.



PI DAY

In March, FMS celebrated Pi Day (3/14) with some fun activities. The Asset Team planned the events for the day. During all lunch periods, students had the opportunity to participate in a math quiz bowl game. Students answered math questions submitted by the math teachers. It was a great competition between each set of teams in each grade level. The students did a wonderful job cheering on their classmates who were answering the math questions. Students who participated in the math quiz bowl were awarded with a dress down day.

Another Pi Day activity that the students enjoyed was being able to “pie” a teacher in the face. Any student who had no missing work had their name put in for a drawing. If their name was drawn, they were able to “pie” a teacher in the face with a shaving cream pie. This was a big hit for everyone!

FMS has a spirit stick that gets passed around to different teams. After the Pi Day activities, 7th grade Team Akron was awarded the spirit stick. They were awarded this because their team was supportive and encouraging during the math quiz bowl, their math quiz bowl team won both rounds of questions, and Team Akron had the most teachers that participated in having pie thrown in their faces.



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