



Fremont City Schools

Superintendent's Message

Important Dates:

March 20, 21, 22 -
Ross Musical - Godspell
- 7:00 p.m. Friday and
Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sun-
day at Ross Little Giant
Theatre

April 18 - Storybook
Festival 10 a.m.-1:00
p.m. Ross High School



Board of Education Meetings:

All meetings begin at 6:00
p.m.

February 10, 2020
at Fremont Middle School

February 24, 2020
at District Office

Please visit the FCS
website,
www.fremontschools.net,
for a complete list of
meetings, meeting
minutes and other perti-
nent information.

Dear Fremont Families,

The brick veneer is going onto the four new elementary schools and the final touches on the roofs are being completed. Interior painting is beginning and the HVAC systems are being installed. We are within our budget and on track to move in this fall. We will be releasing the boundaries for the new buildings very soon.

We are making progress on the new Ross High School and will see the building walls come out of the ground soon. The bids for the high school came in under budget. The move in to the new high school will most likely be over Christmas Break 2021. The Gilbane/Mosser team has kept us moving forward and we have been able to include many local contractors in our project. Due to the generosity of our community, the future of our district is bright indeed.

We have expanded the course offerings at Ross High School to include courses from BGSU that are taught by our teachers. This helps keep those kids in our buildings and helps families save on future costs.

The topic of safety has been on the forefront lately. As a parent of two Little Giant graduates, I always expected the school system to keep my boys safe while they were at school. As the Superintendent, I want to assure you that we take that responsibility very seriously. Every day, the parents of this community trust us with their precious children. We will continue to do all we can to make sure they return home each afternoon safe and sound.

Jon Detwiler

It is a great time to be a Little Giant!

Our Newest Board Member



Mary Alice Espiritu is a life-long resident of Fremont and a 1998 graduate of Ross High School. Mrs. Espiritu received her Bachelor Degree in Human Service Management from the University of Phoenix in 2014. She has been employed by the Migrant/ Seasonal Head Start in Fremont for the past twelve years and is currently the Center Supervisor.

Mary Alice is looking forward to enrolling her child at Fremont City Schools in the near future.

Out Of This World!



Hayes Elementary 5th grade students recently had a project and bonus challenge as part of their extensive science curriculum. Mrs. Sloma had all students create a model of the solar system. Students were then additionally challenged, if possible, NOT to buy anything to do it! Many students used everyday household items, repurposed items, packing material, and items found in that deepest part of the junk drawer to make an accurate depiction of our solar system. The results - truly out of this world! This project continued our yearlong push of creativity, higher thinking, and simply having a blast in science!

A Trip Back in Time

Fourth grade students district wide were treated to a trip back in time thanks to the local Fremont steel manufacturing business Unique Fabrications, Inc. They gifted the fourth grade students a field trip to the Rutherford B.



Hayes Presidential Library and Museum just before winter break. Students were given the opportunity to stroll the grounds and home of the 19th President of The United States of America. They marveled at the magnitude of the home, architecture and furnishings from a different time period and gazed at authentic uniforms and weaponry from military soldiers that had been used long ago. Students were fascinated by the electric train diorama that was also on display for the holiday season. It was a wonderful chance for this generation of learners to witness the great history that resides in Fremont and has hopefully sparked some to continue their curiosity of the past into the future!



Pennies by the Pound

Pennies by the Pound is a fundraising campaign where schools can make a difference in the community by bringing in spare change. In the 2018 school year, elementary schools from around the county brought in over \$4,000. This is the 19th year that United Way has teamed up to raise funds in our local schools for programs in the county, such as Girl Scouts, 4-H, Camp Fire, and the YMCA.



Pennies by the Pound is a fun and convenient way to raise money. Each classroom competes for a pizza party, which is provided by United Way, by bringing in their spare change. During the designated week, containers are provided for students to put change in throughout the week. At the end of each day, the containers are weighed and the amounts are announced to encourage the rivalry among the grades. This year, 4th grade received first place with a total of 71 pounds. Otis' total for the week was 159 pounds!!

THANK YOU FROM FCS

Thank you to the following community members, businesses and organizations for donating to Fremont City Schools from November 2019 – January 2020.

SCORTA	4 Hardcover Books to each Elementary School
Mr. & Mrs. Mears & Family	Hats, Gloves, Supplies and Money
St. Paul's Episcopal Church	Hats and Gloves
Paul & Kathy Druckenmiller	Legos and Action Toys
Deborah Randall	Roland DP-970 Digital Piano
Sand Otter Swim Club	300 Bookmarks
Carmeuse Lime & Stone, Inc.	Cash
Elmwood	School Supplies
Connie, Grace & Alyssa Wilson	Croghan Shirts
Fremont Athletic Supply	T-Shirt
Fremont Community Theatre	Tickets for Frozen Jr.
East Side Dairy Queen	Gift Certificate
Kiwanis Club	Hot Chocolate Mix
Paramount Theatre	Movie Tickets
YMCA	Miscellaneous Items
GameTime	Grant for Playground Equipment
Goodwill Industries	500 Aprons
Sound Solutions	Sound Reinforcement
Amber Green	Toys, Games and Books
Jamie Roth	Campus Wear
Jenny Mears	Violin
McDonalds	Coupon Books
Cheryl Hesselbart	Campus Wear



FMS Clubs



Did you know that FMS offers several clubs for students to join? Over 15 different clubs are offered for students to join. We have a club to meet the need of all students.

Interested in learning more about the visual arts? Join Art Club! Do you love to hang outside and do outdoor activities and sports? Join the Outdoor Adventure Club! The S.P.I.R.I.T. (Student Pride Includes Real Involvement Together) Club was designed to demonstrate complete and total support for all members of the athletic teams and cheerleading squads. There are also service-oriented clubs such as Make a Difference Club (M.A.D.) and Builder's Club. Students in the Technology Club put on the FMS News Program daily in a state of the art video lab. Other clubs offered include: Chess Club, History Club, Student Council, Drama Club, Asset Club, Golf Club, Newspaper Club, Yearbook, Little Giant Club, and Proud to be Me Club.

Students are encouraged to find a club that interests them and attend a meeting. A list of clubs offered and their descriptions is available in the FMS office. Also, if parents are interested in joining a club to help students at FMS, we offer a PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). The PTO is a great way to be involved in helping make decisions about what the year could look like for your student(s). The PTO hosted a Fall Party, and the students who attended had a great time!



We are Ross



Ross students are stepping up to the plate and working hard to prove that there is more to being a Little Giant and MORE is expected. Students are striving for excellence in and out of the classroom. Students are realizing that their attendance, attitude and work ethic matter.

The music groups at Ross work hard to provide wonderful, award-winning programs for everyone to enjoy. Ross athletic teams work hard and work together both on and off the court/field/lane/mat to become stronger and better together. Many students are involved in after-school clubs and activities that help them learn and grow. Other students hold after-school jobs that teach them the values of time and money management as well as hard work. Students are finding their niche and striving to make things better every day.

Students are learning the value of community service and understanding what it means to give back to the community. They are seeking out ways to give back. Whether it be a new recycling project at Ross, a project to give back to our Veterans, helping those less fortunate, working at the Village House, Share & Care, the Humane Society and/or the Soup Kitchen, or even mentoring or peer tutoring other students, students are giving back to the community. Ross students are working hard in and out of the classroom. They are engaged and involved and are successful examples of what it means to be a Little Giant!



And the Winner Is...

Teachers reward their students in a variety of ways. Some give out high fives or fist bumps. Some teach their students the “silent cheer”. Some hand out peppermints or other types of treats. These incentives, of course, are all used by teachers as a way to motivate students to want to give the correct answer and/or make the right choice.

At Washington Elementary, in room 7, you will find that each student has a baggie filled with 50/50 tickets in his or her desk. No, this teacher isn't selling tickets to her students and keeping half for herself. Instead, she is using these tickets as a form of reward. During class when a question is asked, a name is randomly drawn. If the student answers correctly, a ticket is rewarded. Tickets can also be rewarded for receiving the highest score on a test, for being a good friend to someone in need, for coming to class with all the necessary materials, and maybe even for having no incomplete or late homework assignments for the week.

After four weeks of rewarding tickets, a prize drawing takes place. Ten tickets are drawn at random. Each winning ticket earns a prize. The prizes include homework passes, chapter books, crafts, school/art supplies, lunch with a buddy, and special chair. You can hear a pin drop as the students anxiously wait to hear the next seven digit number. And the winner is...



Mission Accomplished!

In fourth grade math, it is necessary to have the basic multiplication times tables memorized in order to succeed. Our District has implemented a reward incentive to motivate our fourth graders to memorize their multiplication facts. This program is called Mission Multiplication, and when a student memorizes their facts they receive a special math medal on a purple and white ribbon! In Mrs. McBride's fourth grade math class at Atkinson, the students take a three minute multiplication timed test once a week. The timed test consists of 50 mixed multiplication problems from the zero through ten times tables. When a student gets all 50 problems correct (for the first time) in the three minutes, they earn their medal and a special certificate from Mrs. McBride! Mrs. McBride begins this program at the start of the second nine weeks, and her students have until the end of the school year to earn their medal. So far, more than half of her students have already passed their timed test. Once students have mastered their multiplication facts in her class, she starts challenging them with division timed tests as well as addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division mixed tests.



Past Life

The fourth graders at Lutz Elementary have had some wonderful extension activities to begin their year in Social Studies. In October, they all had the opportunity to travel to Sauder's Museum in Archbold, Ohio. They were able to experience the way the early settlers made a living in Northwest Ohio. In the fall, the students also had Mrs. Nofzinger make a visit to their classroom. She was able to describe the Great Black Swamp in great detail and explain how the Native Americans lived before the settlers arrived.



Class of 2033

Begin gathering your tools to build a **GIANT** future

If your child will be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2020, register now for kindergarten.

Registration is now online at www.fremontschools.net
(on any computer, smartphone or tablet)

Go to: Student Registration....Final Forms

- *Complete all forms online.
- *When you have completed the forms online you will be notified to schedule an appointment to bring all required documentation to finish the registration process.
- *Student(s) will not start school until all online forms are complete and required documentation has been received.

Building a Bright Future!

There is a lot of excitement and anticipation surrounding the opening of the four new elementary buildings next school year. With this comes a flurry of questions about what may or may not be happening in the District. We will try to address your questions as we are made aware of them. The first being whether Fremont City Schools will continue to accept open enrollment from other districts and between the elementary buildings. The answer is yes, we will continue to accept open enrollment students from other districts. We will also continue to accept intra-district open enrollment.

The open enrollment period for both will continue to be March 1st thru March 31st. The guidelines and applications can be found on the Fremont City Schools website fremontschools.net under the Student Registration tab.

If you are interested in seeing the building project progress, a live stream of each elementary building and a virtual tour of the new high school building can be found on the District website. If you have questions about the building project that you would like addressed, please email them to fcsconstruction@fremontschools.net.

Classroom to Careers Afterschool Program



The amazing veterinarians and staff at the Westview Veterinary Hospital came to Fremont Ross High School's Classrooms to Careers Program to discuss pet care, careers in the animal field, and the required schooling it takes to acquire these positions. Students were able to learn and interact with several animals, and learn how to keep these animals healthy and happy. Kris Bliss, owner and operator of Canine Bliss, LLC, shared her vast knowledge and experience in training

dogs with the students in the Classroom to Careers Program. She explained that by using positive reinforcement, patience, and determination, a student can train their dogs to live and thrive in their homes. Mrs. Bliss also expressed how important it is for a student to follow their dreams and not be afraid to make the sacrifices needed to be successful.





In early 2000, it became evident that the community of Fremont was not able to operate independently with respect to athletic facilities shared by our local public and parochial schools. As such, The Fremont Area Athletic Foundation was formed, currently named, "The Fremont Area Foundation". This Foundation was formed in order to pool resources in order to focus all efforts in repairing and rebuilding the area facilities with private, state, and/or local dollars.

Under the leadership of the foundation, a 501c3 corporation, many subcommittees have advanced on a broad front. Collectively, the completed projects include:

- New tennis courts behind Ross High School
- A new baseball/softball complex, Alumni Fields, for Ross High School
- Baseball fields for SJCC
- A new stadium, named Don Paul Stadium at Harmon Field, which includes field turf, bleachers, locker rooms, team meeting areas, and restrooms (shared by Ross and SJCC)
- A new wrestling facility at Ross High School
- A new natatorium at Ross High School (shared by Ross and SJCC)
- Seven new classrooms for Ross High School

7TH ANNUAL SEAFOOD FEST

May 2, 2020

Fremont Country Club

Doors open at 4PM - Dinner 6PM

Program and Auction to Follow

\$125 per Ticket Includes:

Appetizers	Clams	Lobster Tail	Chicken
	King Crab	Beef Tenderloin	

50/50 - Live/Silent Auction - Horse Squares -
Live Viewing of Kentucky Derby
with DJ Devin Clark & More

For tickets contact: Doug Bischoff at 419-707-4666
or email: contact@fremontareafoundation.org
www.fremontareafoundation.org

Thus far, these projects have been funded with private or foundation grants.

While we continue to raise funds privately, we are always exploring new ways to reach our alumni base and expand our reach to prospective donors.

If you would like information or to make a donation, please contact info@fremontareafoundation.org.

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

Fremont City Schools is in need of Substitute Teachers, all levels (elementary, middle, high) and in all subject areas. 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 Department of Education's website at <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Educator-Licensure/Audiences/Substitute-Licensure>.

We are also in need of support staff substitutes. These positions include bus drivers, cooks, custodians, student monitors, paraprofessionals and secretaries.

Interested applicants can apply online at www.fremontschools.net. Questions regarding the online application can be directed to Human Resources at (419) 332-6454.

LOCAL
POSTAL CUSTOMER



It's Great to be a Third Grader at Croghan

There are so many fun and exciting things going on in the third grade classrooms at Croghan Elementary! Mrs. Paxon and Mr. Mayle have created lessons that leave their third grade students wanting to learn more. Students examined different rocks and worked on some very interesting experiments during geology lessons. In math, students learned a valuable life skill of finding area! They even worked on finding the area of different shapes, both regular and irregular. Many professions, along with home owners, use the formula for finding area. In reading, students are learning about informational text and author's purpose. The third graders were introduced to writing persuasive letters. Their teachers put a twist on this in November and had the students write persuasive letters from a turkey's point of view. Each third grade student wrote a letter to convince a farmer to either eat a Thanksgiving turkey or something else. The Croghan Jets have been "taking off" with their writing and have come up with some interesting and fun ideas. Croghan students are rocking it through this school year. This was just a small sample of the fun and exciting learning opportunities that make being a third grader at Croghan GREAT!



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