

Fremont City Schools

Building Hope, Trust and Respect with our Community

April
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FCS All-Stars Take on ABC All-Stars to Benefit Make-A-Wish

Those who attended the March 23rd "Pack the Pit" event saw the last second shot by the 13 ABC all-stars fall just short; securing the 56-53 win for the Fremont City School Ballers and their coach Camden Arriaga. In total, the event proved to be a huge success, raising just over \$3,000. The proceeds from this event will go directly to the Make-A-Wish Foundation to help grant the wish of Atkinson fourth grader Camden Arriaga. The Athletic Department would like to thank all those who helped make this event possible – the countless volunteers, the many generous donors and, of course, the many fans who came out to support this great cause.



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Use your Smartphone and scan the tag below to view *The Fremont Focus*, a video production of FCS
Or go to www.fremontschools.net to view!

Honorary Coach

Camden Arriaga

Player/Coach

Juan Vela

Team Manager

Christine Oravets

Players

Becky Babione
Chad Berndt
Dave Chambers
Troy Dull
Darryl Edge
Gregg Gallagher
Jill Gilliland
Meghan Michaels

Lee Root
Courtney Schuster
Laramie Spurlock
Rob Stotz
Jeff Straka
Chris Ward

Cheerleaders

Wendy Carrick
Tonya Cook
Heidi Gallagher
Jennifer Hartman
Jessica Kerman
Korie Lather
Sophia Ratliff

Announcer

Tony Walker

Ball Boys

Braden Ward
Trenton Ward

Volunteer Officials

Bob Gross
Mark Larrick
Marty Oravets

Volunteer Workers

Stan Barnes
Abby Berndt
Mike Green
Susan King
Scott Logan
Dr. Traci McCaudy
Mike and Robin Mohr
Bradley Mohr
Chris Opelt

Student Volunteers

Mikeisha Ford (Ross)
Taya Kralik (FMS)
Tonisha Laird (Ross)
Allidrea Mulvane (FMS)
Alison Ou (Ross)

Donors

Rob Hershey – Wal-Mart
Dan Wagner – Fremont
Cycle & Fitness
Fremont Baseball Club
Terra State Community College

Dr. McCaudy Honored by OSBA



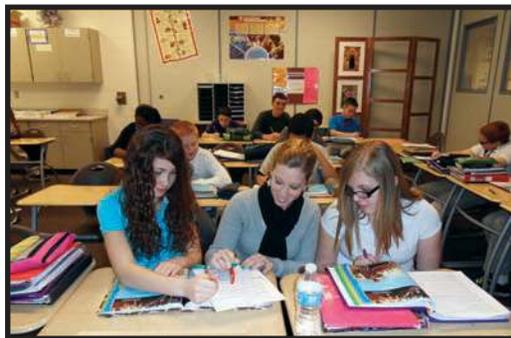
Dr. McCaudy received the "Who's Who Excellence Award for Outstanding Leadership" on March 14, 2013 at the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) NW Region Spring Conference. Dr. McCaudy was nominated for this award by FCS Board of Education Vice President, Cindy Young. Congratulations Dr. McCaudy! Pictured are OSBA Representative, Alex Gorobetz, FCS Board of Education President, Dr. McCaudy and Cindy Young, FCS Board of Education Vice President and OSBA representative.



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Big GAP at FMS

Wednesday is our favorite day of the week. On this day, students and staff of Team Xavier have been working to make sure that all concepts get mastered in all core subjects. This time is called "Big GAP"; an extension of the normal Giant Academic Prep time. It is time set aside to pre-teach and post-teach areas of concern. The extra time that has been put in, has proven to be beneficial. Because of this, we have expanded our time together on Wednesday from twenty-five minutes, to almost an hour. Pictured is Mrs. Ivy working with Iris Scott (left) and Mikaylah Collins (right).



Science is a "Blast" at Otis

Fourth grade science can be a "blast!" Recently, Mr. Melter and his science classes have been looking at landforms, including volcanoes. To help show how and why a volcano erupts, they made a Rice Crispy volcano in a clear two-liter bottle. Students could see how pressure builds up with the use of a hand pump, and then, when the top was removed, they could see the Rice Crispies jump similarly to how lava would erupt from a real volcano. Elly Stotz, one of Mr. Melter's students commented, "The experiments are fun and help us learn."



Some of the other experiments the class has done this year include growing green beans to help students learn about the life cycle of a plant. The classes will actually plant seeds from harvested beans to see if new plants will grow this spring. We have also made barometers to help predict the weather, and students checked their predictions using the weather.com web site each day for a week. Another student, Hannah Ickes, says, "Science is fun with the experiments. You learn stuff that you never knew."

Mr. Melter likes doing experiments too. He sometimes isn't quite sure how they are going to come out, which isn't always bad. This creates a lot of rich conversation in which students discuss what might have gone wrong, evaluate whether their original hypothesis was flawed, and analyze whether the steps of the experiment were followed correctly. Sometimes as much or more can be learned from an experiment not going perfectly. Either way, science at Otis is a real "blast" for both the teacher and the students. Submitted by: Glenn Melter

What is Gifted Education?

Gifted Education is a commonly misunderstood area. While there are many definitions of giftedness, the U.S. Department of Education defines it as follows: "Children and youth with outstanding talent who perform or show the potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment." The state of Ohio has set up very specific processes for testing students for gifted identification, and they have also stipulated stringent requirements that must be attained to be identified as a gifted student.

Throughout the country and the state, students identified as gifted are provided services in a variety of different methods. Some of the most common methods are: pulling students out of their regular classroom to participate in gifted classes or programs; putting gifted students together in one class to be taught by a teacher with a background in gifted education; or clustering gifted students into classrooms and then providing the classroom teacher with gifted information and support. Many districts use a combination of these methods to serve their gifted students.

If you are interested in more information about the gifted program in Fremont City Schools please visit the gifted services webpage located on the district website, under the Student Services tab. <http://www.fremontschools.net/StudentServices/GiftedServices/GiftedServices.asp>

Curriculum Corner

Mark your calendars! With the spring season comes the opportunity to get out and enjoy some FREE educational yet fun filled evenings with your family. Look for building and district events on our website www.fremontschools.net for additional events. Here's a sneak peek!

SAVE THE DATE

- April 20, 2013 Earth Day Clean-up @ Christy Farm Preserve
- April 20, 2013 2013 Sandusky County Storybook Festival has expanded their age groups! Students in grades K-5 and their parents are invited to Ross High School from 10:00am-1:30pm to "Get Spotted Reading with Olivia."
 - Activity rooms
 - Puppet shows
 - Meet the author
 - Prize drawings
 - Take home snacks
 - And of course Olivia (don't forget to bring your camera)
- April 25, 2013 Academic Boosters-Top 25 Banquet
- April 25, 2013 Title I Spring Family Night is recruiting all K-5 readers and their parents to attend Reading Book Camp. From 6:00-7:30pm at Ross High School, students are being challenged to complete Reading and Math missions in order to stay physically and mentally fit. Come for an event with food, fun, and prizes!
- April 30, 2013 FMS Band Concert is a time to enjoy music from our middle school band students as they share their talents that they have developed throughout the year.

Croghan 5th Graders Prepare for Tests

Fifth graders at Croghan Elementary are working together to prepare for the Science portion of the Ohio Achievement Assessment by creating traveler brochures about each of the world's biomes. Each group of students are responsible for using the internet in order to research their biome. Students are then expected to be knowledgeable about the location of the biome, as well as the climate and the plants and animals that live there. Once the students finished their research, they will take their information and write interesting eye-catching paragraphs to insert into their brochure. The students then use the computer to create their brochure, inserting their paragraphs, maps, and illustrations.

In reading class, the students are making sure they know by heart all the skills and strategies needed to pass the reading section of the state test. Every Thursday is Reading Readiness Bingo Day! When students bingo, they must then explain each skill or strategy in order to win a tasty treat. This is a challenge, but worth the hard work. In exchange for showing understanding of the fifth grade reading level content, the students feel confident they will do well on the test in April and enjoy the treats! Pictured: Lilly Day, Lilah Baumann, Jaden Greene, and Viyanca Palacios



Too Early to Think College?

Fremont City Schools has scheduled a College Awareness Night for any elementary school parent who wishes to learn more about preparing their elementary child for college success. This program is designed to provide parents with information regarding characteristics that children can develop to help ensure a successful college career. It is never too early to begin!

Kristen Taylor, Director of Admissions at Terra Community College, will be our special guest speaker and will share tips to build academic perseverance and resiliency to overcome challenges along the way. Please join us from 5-6 PM at Otis Elementary School, 718 North Brush Street in Fremont, Ohio on **Thursday, May 9, 2013**. For additional information please visit our website at www.fremontschools.net

“Stepping into Character” at Stamm

Once again this year at Stamm Elementary the fifth graders had the opportunity to “walk in someone else’s shoes” as they chose a famous African American to study and portray in the annual Wax Museum. On March 1st the students stepped into character to portray their person of study for visitors like their fellow Stamm 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 about how to use index cards for 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 1st. As fifth graders, they have had an opportunity to experience public speaking and feel successful in their new “shoes”. Article submitted by Nichole Almroth Pictured above: Christasia Burns as Wilma Rudolph



Students of the Month



The Learning and Liberty Foundation of the Fremont City Schools and Old Fort Bank are pleased to announce their February and March student of the month winners. Fourth Graders, pictured left to right: Alyssa Batey daughter of Dick & Renee Batey, Croghan Elementary; Ariana Cunningham daughter of Jacob & Ashley Cunningham, Atkinson Elementary; Aaron Harris son of Steven Harris & Hoy Compton, Otis Elementary; Joshua Lozano son of Joshua & Kristy Lozano, Lutz Elementary; Not pictured: Angelina Puente daughter of Joaquin & Melissa Puente, Stamm Elementary; Raquel Segura daughter of Joseph & Kristen Segura, Washington Elementary; Aviva McAfee daughter of Heather McAfee & Craig McAfee, Hayes Elementary. Fifth Graders-Pictured left to right: Front row: Vivian Kunkle daughter of Ryan & Kathryn Rusch and Zack & Nichole Kunkle, Stamm Elementary; McKela Elder daughter of Eric & Melissa Elder, Otis Elementary; Connor Ratliff son of Daniel & Sophia Ratliff, Croghan Elementary; Back row: Olivia Lagrou-Godfrey daughter of Tony & Sabrina Wallace, Lutz Elementary; Madison Hunt daughter of Jarrod & Angela Hunt, Atkinson Elementary; Juan Moreno-Abundis son of Juan Moreno & Marcelina Abundis, Hayes Elementary. Not pictured: Marissa Terraza-Cobo daughter of Jennifer Rodriguez & Pedro Terraza, Washington Elementary.

Make the Effort to Prevent Heart Disease

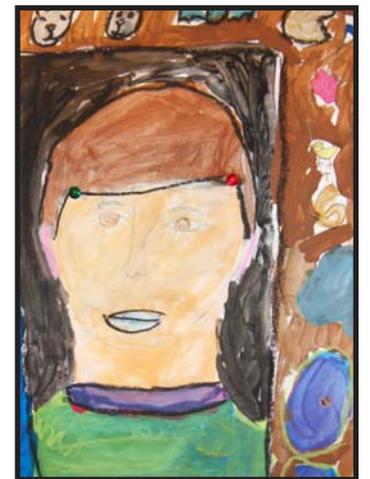
More than one in three adults has some form of cardiovascular disease. The good news is 80 percent of heart disease and stroke can be prevented. So how do you protect yourself? Just take a look:

- 1. Get Active.** Start small by incorporating physical activity into your daily routine more and more: Take the stairs instead of the elevator, park at the farthest end of the parking lot or use your lunch break to take a quick walk.
- 2. Eat Better.** Eating the right foods can help you control your weight, blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol. What’s a heart-smart diet? Looking for foods stamped with the American Heart Association’s Heart-Check mark is one sure way to know you’re choosing a food low in saturated fat and cholesterol.
- 3. Lose Weight.** Extra weight can do serious damage to your heart. Too much fat, especially around the belly, increases your risk for high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes. So give your heart a break by dropping the extra pounds — and keeping them off. The trick is to increase your aerobic physical activity each week while reducing the calories you take in, to a point where you can achieve energy balance and a healthy weight.
- 4. Stop Smoking.** It’s time to kick the habit. With one in five deaths caused by smoking, going smoke-free can help prevent not only heart disease and stroke, but also cancer and chronic lung disease. The payoff is almost immediate. Quit smoking and you’ll have the same risk level for developing heart disease as non-smokers within only a few years.

By following these simple four tips, you can be on your way to a heart healthy life. Submitted by: Fremont City School Nurses

Hayes School’s Character Shines through Music and Art

What a great way to celebrate the arts during Hayes Elementary “Spring Festival of the Arts.” This year art was displayed from second through fifth grade and a spring-themed musical performance presented by the 3rd graders! We had such a great turn out. Here is one example of what the third graders created this year, Jaren Nofzinger’s artwork from Mrs. Spurlock’s homeroom, created in the style of Frida Kahlo.



The musical portion of the Spring Festival of the Arts featured three songs, each showcasing the students’ broad vocal range, timbres, and techniques learned in their general music classes. The opening song *Spring Fever*, demonstrated the students enthusiasm for articulation, musicality, and vocal techniques. While the second song, *Stand By Me* directly related to the Hayes Elementary emphasis on the value of good character. During the song the children performed a choreographed simulation of how their voice box works when singing! The songfest ended on a high note, with an energetic performance of *Rockin’ Robin* while wearing Springy bird masks. Thank you for continuous support of art and music education. Submitted by: Anna Ballmer & Pamela Kerper

New Student Registration

Fremont City Schools is currently registering new students for the 2013-2014 school year and scheduling appointments for kindergarten registration during the week of May 13-17. Applications are also being accepted for open enrollment. Contact Cheryl Overmyer today at 419-334-5436 to schedule an appointment. Visit our website at fremontschools.net for more information. Become a part of Fremont City Schools, rated by the Ohio Department of Education as a school of excellence!!

Did You Know?

1. Did you know that the district recently installed “buzz in” security systems and cameras at the front entrance doors of all elementary schools? Fremont Middle School already has this security feature.
2. Did you know that the new FMS had floor tiles “curling” in the student union and hallway areas and because of this all floor tiles will be replaced this summer by the sub-contractor at NO cost to the school district?
3. Did you know that the district hired the following local businesses for products/services during the third quarter?

ACE HARDWARE
ADVANCED AUTO PARTS
ADKINS FENCE
ADKINS SANITATION
AMERIGAS
ASSOCIATED BUYERS
AUTO-TECH LTD.
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ECONOMY PLUMBERS
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FASTENAL COMPANY
FLOWER REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS
FORTBALL PIZZA PALACE
FREMONT ATHLETIC SUPPLY
FREMONT AUTO PARTS
FREMONT BATTING RANGE
FREMONT CANDY & CIGAR CO
FREMONT COMMUNITY THEATRE
FREMONT COUNTRY CLUB
FREMONT FLOOR COVERING
FREMONT PRINTING
FREMONT RECREATION DEPT.
FREMONT UNIFORM SHOPPE
GIFT BASKETS AND BOUQUETS
GORDON LUMBER COMPANY
GREAT LAKES INTERNET & COMPUTER
HEALTHLINK
HILTY OFFICE SUPPLY
HOME SUPPLY CENTER
JIMMY G'S BBQ
JOSEPH WISE FINE CLOCKS
JUDY'S QUILTING & EMBROIDERY
KROGER CO
KUNS NORTHCOAST SECURITY
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LITTLE CEASARS
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LOWE'S CO., INC. FREMONT
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THE NEWS MESSENGER
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THE PARTY STARTS HERE
PHAZE I
PLAZA LANES
PONTIFEX, INC.
POSTMASTER-FREMONT
POST NET
QUALITY CLEANERS
RADIO SHACK
RALPH'S JOY OF LIVING
R & R IDENTIFICATION
SABROSKE ELECTRIC
SANDUSKY CO. HEALTH DEPT.
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SORG GRAPHICS
SWIM RITE POOLS
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VALLEY ELECTRIC
WALTERS' BOILER WORKS
WILLEY'S RADIATOR & TOWING LLC
WILLIAM S FLOWER OPERATING CO
WILLIE'S SALES &
SERVICE
WOLESLAGEL MOVING
WSOS
ZIEBOLD STRING INSTRUMENT

Healthy Smiles at Lutz

As part of Dental Health Month, the kindergarten classes at Lutz Elementary School invited local dentist Dr. Scott Mead to share some ways we can keep our teeth healthy. The students learned the proper way to brush their teeth, floss and the importance of eating healthy snacks. He showed us a tooth x-ray as well as many of the tools that he uses to clean teeth. He even brought each student a new toothbrush and balloon. We appreciate the time that Dr. Mead spent with our class.



Washington

Bingo, games, raffles, food, face painting, and fun. Those were just some of the activities going on at Washington Elementary's Annual Chili Festival Fundraiser in February. Current and former students, as well as friends, family, and community members of all ages packed the halls. It was a family friendly evening, a time to come together as a community, catch up and reminisce with friends, all while supporting our local youth.

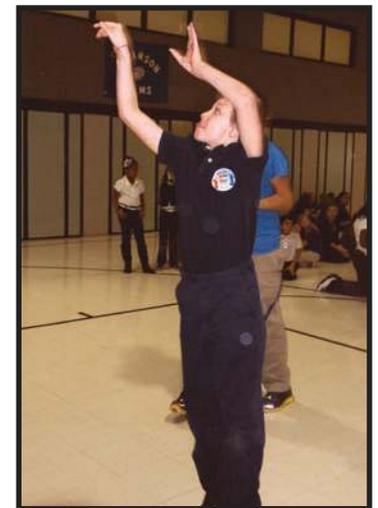


A huge thank you goes out to Washington PTO for planning the event, Jon “Big Nut” Peters as our local celebrity Bingo caller, the Lindsey Lions Club, Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department, Washington families and staff, and all volunteers. Thank you, also, to the many local businesses who donated to our fundraiser. Because of this collaborative effort, the Chili Festival was able to raise over \$6000 for our school!

Taking a quick break from all of the fun are brothers Chase, Hayden, Lance, and Mason Fought. Article Submitted by Abby Markwith

Atkinson Hoops It Up for the Heart

Atkinson students and the Prop Squad from Ross High joined together to help raise funds for the American Heart Association through the We Jump, We Shoot, We Save program. This service project was sponsored by the Atkinson Make A Difference Club in conjunction with Heart Healthy Month in February. The goal was to teach Atkinson students how to keep their heart healthy. The program empowers everyone to make better choices in regards to physical activity and nutrition and raise money for the American Heart Association. At recess each student was encouraged to either jump rope or shoot hoops. The students enjoyed signing their names to a banner for participation. Then for a two week period the students collected donations for the American Heart Association. This was the first year the Atkinson students participated in this activity. Everyone enjoyed the activity and raised over \$540. In the photograph, Malcolm Krienke aims for the hoop.



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