

# Fremont City Schools



**Building Hope, Trust and Respect with our Community**

## Top 25 Students Choose Honored Educator

The following seniors honored their most influential educator at an end-of-the-year banquet. The students are listed in alphabetical order, along with the honored educator: Nathan Baker-Calvin Vander Boon; Allison Bates-Tracy Lytle; Paige Collier-Mark Gedeon; Meghan Cook; Erica Ebert-Cynthia Burroughs; Elodia Erape-Margret Gfoeller; Zachary Ferguson-Jeffrey Wright; Maurene Fox-Mike Gilbert; Ivan Franks; Brianna Frost-Heidi Gallagher; Kylie Guhn-Debbie Cheek; Brina Hrynciw-Linda Schalk; Robert Joerg-Adam Steinmetz; Kali Keegan-Susan Frye; Theodore LeJeune-Tracie Dye; Connor Martin-Randall Macko; Grant McConnell-Mark Gedeon; Joseph Meyer-Randall Macko; Bryce Moreno-Adam Steinmetz; Danielle Osborn-Gregg Gallagher; Nathaniel Rellinger-Lisa Wolfe; Alesha Richter-Mike Gilbert; Patrick Rusher-Beth Muffler; Faye Sloma-Peggy Dorr and Jersie Spears-Sue Brickner.



This banquet is hosted by the Fremont Ross Academic Boosters.

## End of the Year Information

- Results from the Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA) for students in grades 3-8 will be mailed home after July 6, 2015.
- Students in grades 9-12 must show their student identification badges in order to attend home football games and school dances. Additionally, students eligible for drug testing must have their identification badges prior to testing. Students will receive their ID badges during their summer building orientations. High school students new to FCS may get their ID photos taken at Ross High School during their individual appointment with their counselor.

### Last School Day Information

Grade Level	Last Day of School	School Times
Seniors	Last Day: Thursday, May 28 <sup>th</sup> (Vanguard/Tech Center Last Day: May 28 <sup>th</sup> )	
	Exams: May 26 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>	Exam Schedule
	Mandatory Graduation Practice: May 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 - 12:00
Ross High School (grades 9-11) Fremont Middle School (grades 6-8) All Elementary Buildings (Preschool and grades K-5)	Thursday, June 4th	Regular Schedule

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## New Treasurer



Fremont City Schools is excited to announce Amelia Gioffredo as its new treasurer. Amelia is coming to Fremont from

Strongsville City School District where she served as an assistant treasurer for the last five years. She also has administrative treasurer assistant experience with Vermilion Local Schools and account manager experience with Lorain City Schools. Amelia holds accounting and fashion merchandising degrees from Bowling Green State University. She will be replacing James Estle who has been with the District for the past year.

# View video clips of our Fremont City Schools students...

## Hayes Students Enjoy Spring with a Book

Hayes Elementary School fourth graders enjoy one of the first pleasant days outside with the book "Because of Winn Dixie". The students in Mrs. Johnson's fourth grade reading class are currently enjoying the novel and its literary elements. The students shown in the picture are Jose Perez, Kayla Smith and Dillon Woodward, along with Mrs. Johnson reading in literature circles. The students chose to read in a group, partners, or by themselves outside on the green space. While they were reading they were asked to complete comprehension questions about the novel. The students enjoyed the opportunity to do classwork in the grass!



**Be sure to visit**

**[www.fremontschools.net](http://www.fremontschools.net)**

**for a list of summer programs  
and updates throughout the summer!**

## Students Helping Students at Stamm

Students in Stamm's first grade have a fun new way to practice their high frequency words and reading skills. They are using fourth grade buddies! Many fourth grade students have volunteered their time to come to the first grade classrooms and "buddy up" with a student in the hopes that they can help others learn to read.

Fourth grade buddies come into the classroom and work one-on-one with students. They are helping them practice high frequency words or listening to students as they read stories. Once the first graders have mastered their word lists, they then can show off their skills to their buddies by reading them a story.

While fourth graders are working on their leadership roles, they are helping their buddies gain confidence as readers, as well as helping them build fluency and gain important reading skills. They are helping teachers show their students, that while learning may be difficult for some, it can also be very fun. In the end, everyone achieves more. Pictured left to right: Amaya Grine and Marena Turner



## 2015-2016 School Year Info

### School Calendar:

- Please check the web site for the 2015-2016 school calendar. The first day of school for students in grades 1-12 is September 1, 2015.

### School Times:

- The school times for the 2015-2016 school year are as follows:

Elementary Schools	9:15-3:45
FMS	7:30-2:30 (Note: change from last school year)
Ross High School	7:30-2:30

### School Supply Lists:

- Elementary and FMS school supply lists for the 2015-2016 school year are available on the District web site or you may call the District Office at 419-332-6454.

### Student Dress Code:

- The dress code policy is available for pick-up at the District Office and in all school offices. In addition, the policy can be found in all Student Handbooks and on the District's web site: [www.fremontschools.net](http://www.fremontschools.net). For any questions and/or concerns regarding this policy, please call the Superintendent's Office at 419-334-5432.

### Immunizations:

- Students entering seventh grade are required to have a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) booster prior to the first day of school. Please contact the Sandusky County Health Department (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 your child's record, please contact your school nurse prior to the end of the school year.

### Additional Information:

- Please look for our August 18, 2015 newsletter for more information about the 2015-2016 school year and/or visit our web site.

### Summer Office Hours:

- Elementary Schools: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

All offices will close beginning on June 16th and reopen August 18th. (Summer school buildings are open but regular school staff will not be present.)

- Ross High School and Fremont Middle School are open 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. all summer, Monday through Friday.
- The District Office, located at 500 W. State Street, Suite A, is open all summer and office hours are 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Etiquette at Atkinson



Students at Atkinson have spent the last several weeks learning about etiquette. Students learned restaurant etiquette, as well as how to be polite while dining with family and friends. The skills were practiced within the classrooms during our weekly PBIS meetings. As

a follow up, and chance for the students to apply their newly learned skills, on April 8<sup>th</sup> the Atkinson cafeteria was transformed into the Atkinson Café where students were served and taken care of as if they were at an upscale restaurant. All who were involved enjoyed this experience, and many students have said they are looking forward to doing this again next year. Pictured above: Parker Lehmann

## Accepting Differences and Showing Good Character

In the resource room at Lutz Elementary School, the students learn lessons in social and behavioral skills. This month, they have been learning to understand and accept those who may seem different from them. For the past two weeks, we focused on Autism Awareness. After learning about autism, and how it affects those in their school and in their community, a few of the students shared that they knew friends or family members living with autism. Then, the



students decided to bake and decorate blue frosted cookies for the Lutz staff in order to raise awareness about the worldwide "Light it up Blue for Autism" initiative. Throughout the unit, students learned to accept and appreciate people on the autism spectrum. They showed great interest in the topic, and because of this, we have invited two guest speakers to further educate them. One of the speakers is Fremont Middle School student Jacob Herr, the nephew of Intervention Specialist Erin Lawrence. Jacob is on the autism spectrum, and he plans to speak to the students about how he succeeds in music, art and academics. The other speaker is Tyler Aldrich, the son of Paraprofessional Tami Aldrich, who has become an excellent keynote speaker. Tyler also leads a full life, working and attending school at Terra State Community College, and he is living with autism. These lessons about understanding and accepting the differences of others will help the students throughout their lives when working and interacting with others. This will help them to display good character traits and the students will benefit from what they learned in one way or another.

## Pet Parade



Each year, the elementary students in the gifted program complete a research project for the Gifted Expo to showcase their accelerated reading and math skills. The theme for this year is "Pet Parade". Each student researched several pets they may like to own. Narrowing

it down to a favorite, further research was completed to learn about the life cycle, special characteristics and costs to a pet owner. Students are currently working to summarize their findings using the technology of Google Slides on Chromebooks. Each building will be hosting a Gifted Expo in the school gymnasium beginning at 4:15 on the following dates:

May 14-Washington; May 18-Croghan; May 19-Lutz; May 21-Atkinson; May 26-Hayes and May 28-Stamm

Pictured above: Ava Smith

## Safe Routes to School



As part of the Safe Routes to School grant, safety programs and recreational opportunities have been created, piloted, and implemented throughout the District. Walk to School Day Events were piloted at three elementary buildings and pedestrian safety was addressed

through a classroom lecture. Along with educating students on pedestrian safety, an event was held to practice safe walking to school. The elementary students were accompanied by Fremont Ross High School students involved in the LINK Program. Together, the walking groups paraded to school from a designated location and demonstrated safe walking habits. Pictured left to right: Brandon Bliss, Ahlana Robinson, Mark Lutes, Lorenzo Lutes and Anastasia Reidenbach.

**Dr. Traci McCauley was spotted hanging out with some Lutz Elementary students recently. Pictured left to right: Kaylyn Klos and Monique Kimmet.**



# FMS Teaching Service



BGSU has many fine citizens in our community! We would like to introduce you to one of them. We have the privilege of working with Gillian Gallagher. She is the daughter of Gregg and Heidi Gallagher, both whom are teachers at Ross. Here is a look into Gillian's contributions to our community.

Outside of school, Gillian is involved with Youth Leadership of Sandusky County, church, dance and tennis. She also participates in student council and runs track for FMS.

Gillian organized a pie drive to benefit needy families, which donated over 140 pies. She shopped for children in need at Christmas and also graciously worked at the Pontifex Community Christmas.

Here are some of Gillian's responses when asked these insightful questions.

Q: What are three qualities of a good leader within a community?

A: Inspiring, trustworthy and determined

Q: Who is a role model that encourages you to aspire to be a contributing member of the community? A: My parents greatly inspire me to contribute to the community. If I am half the person they are, I will consider myself successful.

Q: How would you recommend others your age to get involved in the community?

A: I would invite them to volunteer. The more leaders, the better the community.

## From Athletics

The end of the school year is a time of transition; seniors are transitioning for the next chapter of their lives, while the rest of us begin preparing for another school year. So as we transition into the summer months, I would like to encourage all of our students in both the middle school and high school to stay active and to considering participating in one of our many summer conditioning programs. All program information can be obtained in either the Ross Athletic Office or the main office of the Middle School. If you should have any questions pertaining to the conditioning programs please contact the Athletic Department at 419-334-5424.

ProMedica Memorial Hospital will once again be offering sports physicals to students who will be entering grades 7-12. The physicals will be performed on Wednesday, June 10th at the hospital's Physical Medicine Department from 1:00-5:00 PM. Each athlete will need to call and schedule a time to have their physical examination. The cost for each physical will be \$20.00.

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**Mission Statement: The mission of Fremont City Schools is to develop well-educated, life-long learners prepared to be responsible, productive and respectful members of their communities.**  
**District Goals: \*Increase Student Achievement**  
**\*Close Socio-Economic, Ethnic and Disability Gaps in Student Achievement**  
**\*Build Hope, Trust and Respect with our Community**  
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# Croghan Hosts Grandfriends' Day



Croghan's staff loves to get all family members involved. Croghan Elementary shared three afternoons with Grandfriends. Due to the overwhelming response Croghan Grandfriends filled

the cafeteria, classrooms and stage during their luncheons. "Running out of space due to family involvement is a problem everyone likes to have" stated Dr. Pierce, new principal of Croghan Elementary. After the luncheon students were anxious to visit the Book Fair with their "special" friend. Over 250 Grandfriends visited and were responsible for many smiles on students' faces. Thank you Grandfriends! Pictured left to right: Paige Wott and Darlene Bergefurd

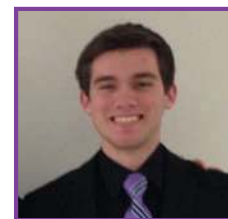
## Otis Safety Patrol



The Otis Elementary safety patrol team has been serving the Otis community for the entire 2014-15 school year. This team is comprised of dedicated fifth grade students whose main goal is to keep the students at Otis safe. The team members perform several jobs

throughout the school and are always willing to help out a fellow classmate or teacher. As fourth graders these students were trained by last year's fifth graders on the ins and outs of being a safety patrol member. This training really helped the current fifth grade team prepare for the current year. These students have learned the importance of being on time as well as the importance of working together as a team. The Otis community is very lucky to have a safety patrol team that strives to keep every student at Otis safe! Pictured left to right: Reva Myers and Lee Sommers on their duty.

## Caleb Calvillo Debates It Up!



Caleb Calvillo, a sophomore at Fremont Ross High School, competed on the speech and debate team during the 2014-2015 school year. This is the first year that our school has had a program in more than thirty years and Caleb put our school on the map right out of the gate. He competed in the Lincoln Douglas Debate, which is an event where he competes with other students head to head from other schools (any-

where from five or six rounds in a given tournament) on topics that promote logic, critical thinking, and in depth analysis on controversial topics. He will be competing at the National Speech and Debate Tournament in Florida later this month.