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# **New Schools and Next Steps**

Listed below are the next steps regarding the construction of our new schools.

- During the month of May, Fremont City Schools and the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) will meet to discuss the design/construction process and timeline.
- The OFCC and FCS will work together to hire an architect.
- The OFCC and FCS will then hire a construction manager. The architect will be part of the hiring process.
- The architect, construction manager and FCS representatives will develop a project schedule and timeline.
- The design process will take approximately 1 year for the elementary buildings and 1.5 years for the high school.
- The construction process will take approximately 1.5 years for the elementary buildings and 2 years for the high school.
- The goal is to have all buildings ready for occupancy by the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

We will continue to update you as we move forward with this very exciting project.

#### UPCOMING FCS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

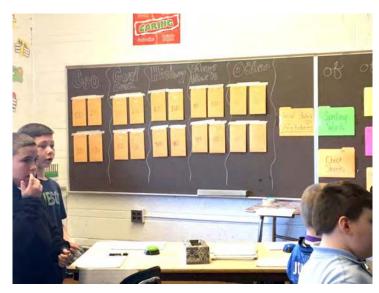
Please join us at an upcoming Board of Education Meeting:

June 5, 2017 • 5:30 p.m • Fremont Middle School

June 26, 2017 • 5:30 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.

# Intensive Studying Puts 4th Grade Students In "Jeopardy" Of Succeeding



The 4th grade students have been busy preparing for their Social Studies State Test. Throughout the year, the students have completed weekly homework assignments that revisited concepts and events previously taught. This allows the students to continuously be exposed to geography, history, government and economics. To review for the Social Studies State Test, the students played a game of Jeopardy that included material from September through April. By playing a game, the students are able to relax while still learning, and they are able to enjoy reviewing the material without the stress of thinking about the test. Testing time can be stressful, not just for the students, but for the teachers as well. To be successful, students should be getting enough sleep each night and eating a nutritious breakfast each morning.

# **Kick it to Cancer**

Fremont Ross' Leadership class took the "Kick it to Cancer" challenge on full force this year, which consisted of a fundraiser that culminated with a kickball tournament on April 9th against other local schools at Sports Force Park at Cedar Point. Shout out to the hard work of the Leadership students for raising the most money of all the teams that played!

Together the team raised over \$1,500 to donate to childhood cancer research. To make the fundraiser a little more fun(d), Mr. Whitmer promised that, if Leadership students made \$1,000, he would shave his extra long hair.x When they quickly met that goal, a new challenge was issued to "save the man-bun!" If they raised a total of \$2,000, he would keep it. Unfortunately, they did not reach their \$2000 goal, so say "good bye" to Mr. Whitmer's luscious locks!

Kick-It is a national program that raises money for childhood cancer through kickball games. The organization has partnered with the Cleveland Indians, along with other sponsors such as the Cleveland Cavaliers, which helped spread popularity nationally. Kick-It has inspired people to help raise money for pediatric cancer for as faraway as Australia.

Although the Leadership class did not win their kickball game, they still raised awareness and money to help children with cancer. Congrats to the Leadership team, and keep up the hard work!

# **Martin Luther King Day Oratory Winners**



**Primary Division** 1st Victoria Rhea 2nd Jeriah Martin 3rd Jaxon Sommers

# **Elementary Division**

1st Breanna Rhea 2nd Kayla Schwochow 3rd Ruby Smith

## **Intermediate Division**

1st Akira Haun 2nd Kamiya Harmon 3rd Hunter Wheeler



**Middle School Division** 1st Alana Smith

> 2nd Morgan Shetzer & Seth Brickner 3rd Ava Smith

**High School Division** 

1st Jazmin Bulger 2nd Idallas Bulger



# 2016 - 2017 4th Quarter Insert



# **Top 25 of 2017**



The following seniors most honored their influential educator an end-of-the-year banquet. The students are listed in alphabetical order along with their honored educator. Kirsten Baker - Susan Frye; Zachary Baker - Calvin Vanderboon: Michael Borjas - Carrie Wallick; Caleb Calvillo - Joshua Furrie; Nick Dorobek -

Brenda Fisher; Jared Fox - Joseph "Doc" Hershey; Cierra Gonzales - John Calhoun; Brianna Goodwin - Shawn Hineline; Abigail Havice - Scott Havice; Emma Kaufmann - Brenda Widman; Logan Lamalie - Beth Muffler; Logan Laurer - Heidi Gallagher; Kyle Montgomery - Randy Macko; Nathaniel Mayle - Linda Pasch; Mann Patel - Cynthia Burroughs; Jacob Paxson - Jeff Miller; Tiffany Peck - Karen Oberst; Abbi Riedmaier - John Elder; Jacob Schott - Jim Kettner; Dylan Smith - Mark King; Carolyn Wiersma - Beth Muffler; Taylor Weickert - Chad Berndt; Kristen Widman - Heidi Gallagher; and Dylan Witt - Katie Gerber. The banquet is hosted by the Fremont Ross Academic Boosters.

# **Atkinson Fifth Graders Lead with Character and Cooperation**



Ten fifth graders at Atkinson School are showing their character and cooperation skills this year as our Morning Announcement teams. There are five students on each team. Team 1 consists of Tucker King, Laci Sayre, Gavin Dicker, Hailee Ickes, and Lailah Heidelburg. Team 2 includes Nate Barnett, Channing Stevenson, Stephanie Logan, Briyana Simms, and Ava Thomas. Within a team, the students have to determine who will be in front of the camera and who will be behind the camera. Each morning their speaking responsibilities include leading the school in the Pledge of Allegiance and Positive Pledge, announcing birthdays, special events of the day, lunch menu and also sharing any other important information. Since

their voices are heard daily, other students look up to these fifth graders because they demonstrate excellent character traits and show how cooperation makes our morning announcements run smoothly. We are very proud of our fifth grade teams.

## 2017-2018 School Year Information

#### School Calendar:

• Please check the website for the 2017-2018 school calendar. The first day of school for students in grades 1-12 is August 29, 2017.

#### **School Times:**

• The school times are as follows:

Elementary Schools 9:15-3:45 Fremont Middle School 7:30-2:30 Ross High School 7:30-2:30

#### School Supply Lists:

• Elementary and FMS school supply lists are available on the District website 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 website. For any questions and/or concerns regarding this policy, please call the Superintendent's Office at 419-334-5432.

#### Full Priced Lunches:

- Elementary (grades preschool through fifth): We are pleased to inform you that FCS will once again be implementing the Community Eligibility Program for the 2017-2018 school year. This grant allows all children enrolled in Fremont's elementary schools to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at no cost each school day. Students who bring packed lunches to school may receive milk at no cost.
- Fremont Middle School: \$2.45
- Ross High School: \$2.70
- Parents can view student meal accounts and pre-pay on-line at www.sendmoneytoschool.com.
   Parents can apply on-line for free/reduced lunches at www.lunchapp.com after July 1, 2017, for the 2017-2018 school year.

#### **Immunizations:**

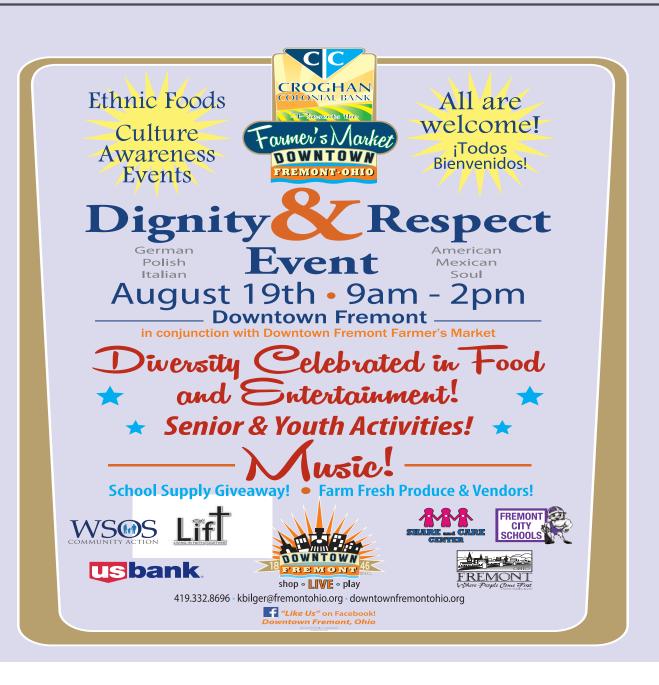
- Students entering seventh grade are required to have a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) booster and a MCV4 Meningococcal vaccine prior to the first day of school.
- Students entering twelfth grade are required to have a MCV4 Meningococcal vaccine prior to the first day of school.
- Please contact 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 newsletter for more information about the 2017-2018 school year and/or visit our website.

#### **Summer Office Hours:**

- Elementary Schools: 7:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. All offices will close beginning on June 6th and will reopen on August 17th. (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, is open all summer and office hours are 7:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



#### **End of the Year Information**

- Results from the Ohio State Tests (OST) for students in grade 3-12 will be mailed home after July 28th. Results for grade 3 ELA only will be communicated to families after June 15th.
- 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	<b>School Times</b>
Seniors	Last Day: Thursday, May 25 <sup>th</sup> (Vanguard/Tech Center Seniors: May 17 <sup>th</sup> )	
	Exams: May 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	Exam Schedule
	Mandatory Graduation Practice: May 31 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 - 12:00
Preschool	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	
Ross High School	(Vanguard/Tech Center Last Day: May 25 <sup>th</sup> )	
(grades 9-11)		
Fremont Middle School	Wednesday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Regular Schedule
(grades 6-8)		
All Elementary Buildings		
(grades K-5)		



If your Ross graduating class will be having a reunion this summer, and you are interested in a tour of any school facilities, please contact the Superintendent's Office at (419) 334-5432.

# **Summer Conditioning Opportunities Help Keep You On Top Of Your Game**

As we say good bye to another school year and welcome the "Lazy Days" of summer, I would like to encourage all of our students in both the middle school and high school to stay active and to consider participating in one of our many summer conditioning programs. All program information can be found on the district's athletic website <a href="https://www.littlegiantathletics.com">www.littlegiantathletics.com</a> or can be acquired by visiting either the Ross Athletic Office or at the main office of the Middle School. If you should have any questions pertaining to any of the conditioning programs currently being offered, please contact the Athletic Department at 419-334-5424



# What Happens After?

The Fremont Middle School recently put on a fabulous production of the play, "What really happened after "once upon a time?" In this fractured fairy tale, a substitute narrator is called in on short notice to present stories from a stack of fairy tale books. But just as each tale begins its "once upon a time," the main characters show up to interrupt and correct the newbie narrator's telling of their story. Turns out, these characters have hysterical idiosyncrasies: Rapunzel is an

insufferable diva, Cinderella is a clean freak, the Three Little Pigs are hypochondriacs, Little Red Riding Hood is a lawyer defending the Wolf, and more. The chaos continues until the frustrated narrator finally breaks down. It's up to the characters to comfort the narrator and explain what really happened after "once upon a time." Wouldn't you know? Everyone lived happily ever after, of course! We are so proud of our students and for Mr. Detzel, the Drama Club advisor, for such an amazing production! BRAVO!

# **FMS Art Happenings!**

Congratulations to the following FMS Artists for having their dessert themed works of art on display at DJ's Ice Cream and Coffee in Fremont! Kimora Rapp, Bianca LeMaitre, Noemi Sanchez, Audia Swain, Alyssa Franks, Trenton King and Madeline Holskey represent the creative and artistic students at FMS.

Several of the paintings were inspired by the work of Wayne Thiebaud, who was known as the "dessert painter". Wayne Thiebaud received his art training in the army, then he went on to teach art for many years in California. The students learned about Wayne and viewed many of his works for inspiration.





# **Improving Fluency with a Buddy**

Students in Washington's first grade have a fun way to practice their high frequency words and reading skills. They are using fifth grade buddies! Fifth 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. While fifth 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.

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#### **Lutz First Grade Students Read Ahead!**



The Lutz first grade classes welcomed the fourth grade students as they performed several holiday readers' theaters for our listening pleasure throughout the first half of the year. Now that we have become independent readers, it is our turn to perform a variety of readers' theater scripts for the kindergarten classes. Each week, the students are given a new story to practice in their groups. Students work on fluency, tone, intonation and even an occasional "special voice" to play their character. Once the script is mastered we invite the kindergarten classes to be our audience so that we can share our finished production. The kindergarten teachers are thrilled to see the progress their former students have made with their reading skills. This is a project that will be continued for many years to come, as it is such a wonderful experience for all of us.

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