

Fremont City Schools

Home of the Little Giants

FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT DETWILER

Dear Fremont City Schools Families,

I hope this finds you all well. I would like to invite everyone to a community-wide open house to tour all of our buildings on Sunday, December 5, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Both the new and old Ross buildings will be open to the public as well as our middle and elementary schools. We will have a brief Opening Ceremony in front of the new high school at 2:00 PM.

As I write this letter, I am reflecting on everything we have been through over the last 19 months. It has been quite a ride. In March of 2020 when Governor DeWine shut down our schools, I remember thinking we would be back to normal in a few weeks. We are now approaching 2 years.

During that span of time, Fremont City Schools has gone through some tremendous changes that would be a challenge in regular times. We built and moved into four new elementary schools, re-drew the boundary lines, and demolished the seven old buildings. We moved the running track, the transportation center, and the maintenance department. We are close to moving into our new Fremont Ross High School. All of these changes have happened under the shadow of COVID 19 which led to shutdowns, remote learning, hybrid schedules, labor shortages, and mandated masks. We are truly making history. Throughout it all, this community has been patient and supportive. It's a great time to be a Little Giant.

John Detwiler

BACK IN ACTION

ROSS HIGH SCHOOL

Ross High School offers a wide variety of extracurricular clubs and activities in which students are able to get involved and participate. Students are able to easily find something that fits all sorts of diverse interests.

Finally, after a couple of unconventional years, all of the extracurricular clubs at Ross are back in action. One can read to find out what's happening in the daily public announcement emails or view them on FRTV, the student-produced daily news broadcast. Signs are also posted around the building inviting students to join and get involved.

By joining a club and participating, students can actually earn one of their three required seals for their diploma for graduation.

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The Student Engagement seal is earned by “participating in extracurricular activities such as athletics, clubs or student government to a meaningful extent” (ODE;education.ohio.gov).

Participating in any of the various clubs at Ross helps students explore their interests and create broader perspectives of the world around them. They are provided with social opportunities beyond a phone or computer screen and given a productive break from the day to day aspects of life as they also learn real-life skills such as time management, prioritization, problem-solving, teamwork, analytical thinking, public speaking, creative expression, goal setting, and leadership skills.

The clubs at Ross find ways to give back to the school &/ or community and explore the world around them while also working to increase school spirit. The Art Club does a lot of painting and decorating in the building and around town. The Science Club and the FFA are always working on “greener” ways to make the world a better place. The AFS/YFU, French and Spanish clubs open the doors to different ways of thinking and even learn how to cook authentic foods and participate in cultural activities that can’t always happen within the classroom experience. The Chatter, FRTV and Quiz Bowl are surefire ways to improve one’s public speaking skills.

Giving back to the community and taking charge are two of the key components of the Key Club, LINK/Interact, and the Leadership class. The Class Cabinets plan and carry out grade-specific events while learning valuable leadership and organizational skills. The Student Council has merged &



morphed its goal this year to focus on school spirit, referring to themselves as the Purple Pit Crew. Their main goal is to increase school spirit and have students be proud of where they attend school and where they come from! They will be accomplishing this through pep rallies, meetings about spirit week, making signs for games, and making and dressing up for themes for football games, volleyball games, and basketball games, etc. They will also be hosting a dodgeball game in the spring!

Encourage students to get involved in something so that they are able to learn and use those real-life skills that will carry them into their adult life. When looking back over their high school years, they may not always remember their classroom experiences, but they will have stories to tell about their life lessons learned through their participation in their extracurricular activities. The clubs at Ross are back in action and better than ever!



FINANCIAL UPDATE

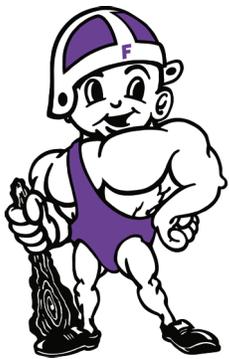
The Fremont City School District, along with all Ohio districts, is required to create a five year forecast. The financial forecast functions as a “road map” for school leaders. It is assembled from input from the Board of Education, the District’s Administrative Team, the State budget, and general economic data. School districts are required to prepare a five-year financial forecast at least twice each fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). The forecast is to be filed with the Ohio Department of Education in the Fall, and updated in the Spring. The five year forecast is reviewed with the Board of Education at an upcoming meeting and can be found on the District website by going to the Treasurer’s tab.

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CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE

ATKINSON ELEMENTARY

Hispanic Heritage month is happening at Atkinson school. Mrs. Ratliff and Mrs. Villarreal have created a fiesta theme throughout the entire building. The trophy case has been filled with maracas, sombreros, and beautifully painted pottery. The students are admiring the photo backdrop on the second floor while taking pictures with the creative photo props. They had a school fiesta, by grade level, on October 14th, during school hours. Piñatas were raffled off, scavenger hunts took place, and music was enjoyed by all.



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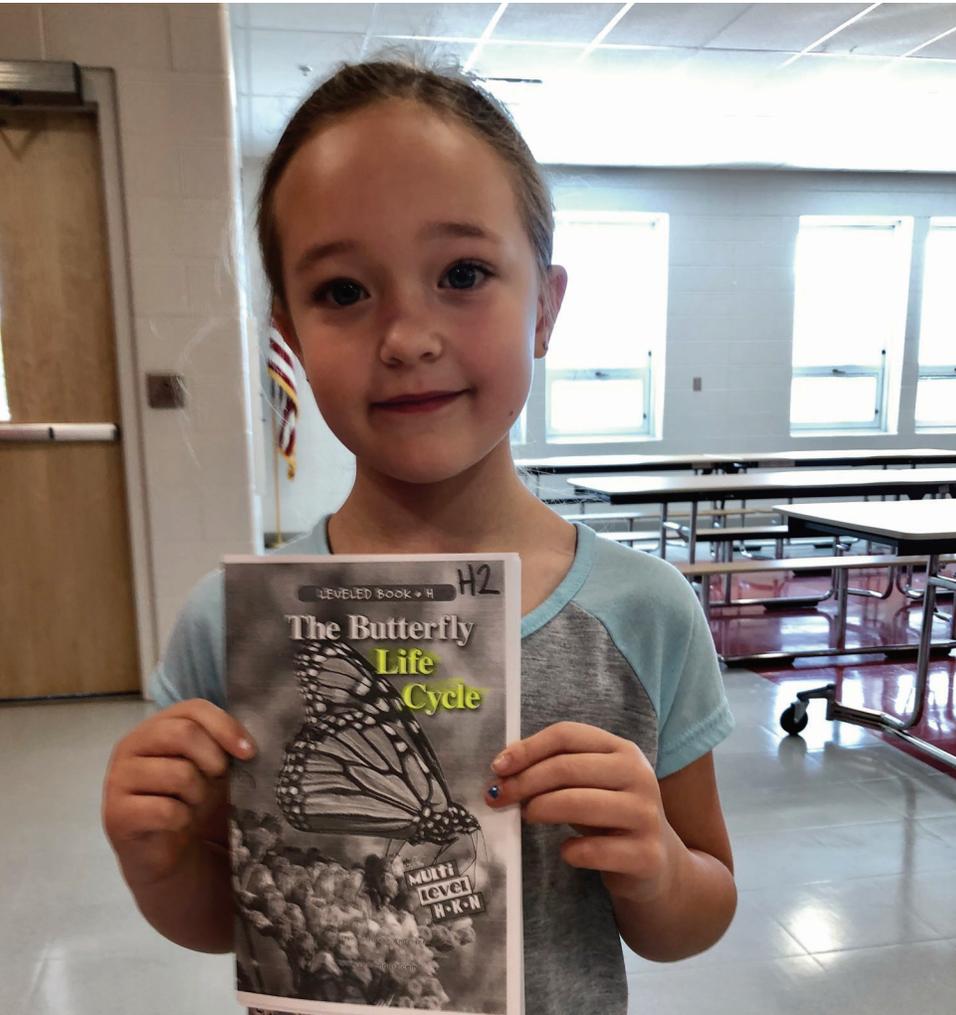
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LEARNING STUDIOS

LUTZ ELEMENTARY

The beautiful new elementary buildings were designed to have a learning studio attached to grades 1-5 classrooms. These studios can be used for a multitude of purposes from coat storage to a gathering place for students. The Lutz teachers and students are utilizing their learning studios daily. First grade students are divided into small groups during guided reading instruction. Simultaneously, there are students in the learning studios while other students are taking part in small group instruction within their classrooms. Students actively rotate from guided reading groups to reading stations, consisting of differentiated activities to meet the needs of all learners. Guided reading time is a favorite for a lot of students due to the small group interaction with the teacher and their other first grade friends. Mrs. Costilla, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. McAfee, Mrs. Scherger, and Ms. Kulasa collaborate weekly to implement effective instructional practices supported through reading research.



TIME OFF?

OTIS ELEMENTARY

Summer is traditionally a little 'time off' for students. Otis Elementary, however, had 92 students participate in a voluntary and parent-led summer learning program that kept students actively engaged in the lifelong skills of reading and math!

Throughout the summer, students completed reading and math assignments that focused on fluency, comprehension, and the pure enjoyment of a good story!

Each week, students would 'check in' at the school and then were treated to a celebration in August. Most importantly, however, these students avoided the 'summer slide' and came into the 2021-2022 school year ready to keep advancing their academic skills.

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DEVELOPING CHARACTER

FREMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Fremont Middle School is focusing on character development this year to address the individual qualities of each of our students. This recent initiative, crafted by our FMS Guidance Counselors, serves to develop positive character traits within the student body. Each month, the building will focus on different character traits that are essential to middle-school life and student socioemotional growth. Participation and activities take place during Giant Time, lunch, and class time. At the end of each month, one student from each grade level will be recognized for their excellent exhibition of that month's featured character trait.

In September, the featured character trait was Responsibility. Students reviewed the understanding of responsibility for its aspects of accountability of both behaviors and actions. Grade level counselors shared with students that responsibility is also about doing the right thing at the right time, taking care of themselves, all property, and others. It is important for students to know what their job is and to do it to the best of their ability. When students choose to make a poor

decision, which is inevitable for almost all middle schoolers at some point, admit to it, apologize for it, and then take steps to change it. Demonstrations of responsibility at FMS include completing assignments on time without constant reminders, arriving to class on time prepared to learn, and following through with commitments; even if they don't really feel motivated to do so.



For the month of October, students are working on the featured character trait of Respect.

Students are models of respect when they respond to everyone in an appropriate way, work to produce high-quality work, respect the personal space of others, and show attention to instruction while actively participating. Students further exemplify respect when they encourage others, arrive ready to learn, and own their actions. We will continue to work on this character trait throughout the month and persist in reflecting on past traits throughout the process.

Thank you to the FMS Guidance Counselors for working hard to develop our students' individual character traits.

From FMS, stay happy and stay healthy!

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.

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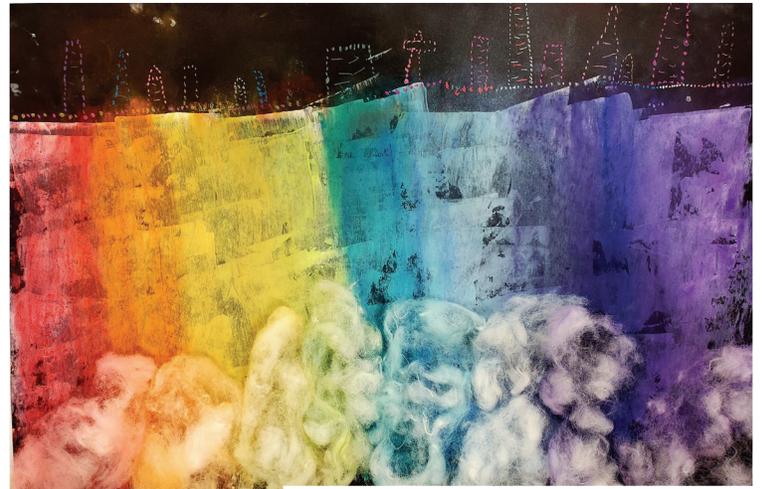
UNIQUE TECHNIQUES

CROGHAN ELEMENTARY

The art class at Croghan is in full swing! Mrs. Pollick has been showing her fourth graders, second graders, and kindergarten students some very unique and unusual ways to apply and move paint across their canvas.

The fourth graders have been learning watercolor techniques that build up a visual texture such as “wet into wet”, “sgraffito”, “saran wrapping” and toothbrush spray painting. They will later use all of these paintings collectively to create the fur or feathers of their “Abstract Animal Eyes” mixed-media project. The second graders learned how to “scrape paint” white tempera paint to

build up the motion and movement of a waterfall plummeting downward for their “Niagara Falls at Night” landscape. Lastly, kindergarteners learned the different parts of a tree. They later observed and practiced how to grow a tree by using balloon pumps to push their ink puddles up the page with air pressure, a wonderful exercise in art creation and a perfect way to build their forearm muscles in the process!



District webpage:

<http://www.fremontschools.net>

Student Registration:

<https://fremont-oh.finalforms.com>

Social Media Directory:

<http://www.fremontschools.net/Departments/Communications/Social-Media-Directory/>



Save The Date!

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Invites you to an open house at the new buildings

Who: The Community

When: December 5, 2021

Time: 2:00 - 5:00 Open House at All Buildings

Opening Ceremony: 2:00 at 1100 North Street
(New Ross High School)



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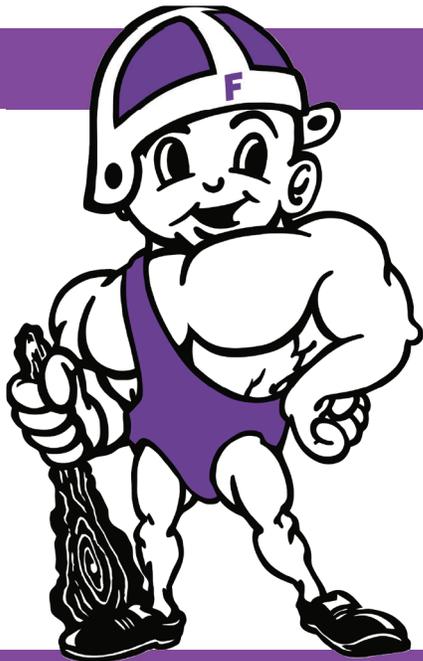
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