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Ross Honors Top 25 and Honored Educators

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What is better than a nice dinner with twenty five of your peers, families and honored educators? When the end of your senior year is rapidly approaching, not much can top this.

The Top 25 students for the class of 2009 shared a wonderful dinner with their families, peers and honored educators at Crystal Arbors Banquet Hall on Thursday April 30, 2009. The banquet was sponsored by the



Fremont Ross Academic Boosters. Those students who were honored, along with his/her honored educator were:

Marissa Bauer- Mrs. Beth Muffler
Jessica Clinebell- Mr. Joseph Hershey
Alayna Dorobek- Mr. Mike Gilbert
Shelby Grubb- Mrs. Tracy Lytle
Jason Keckler- Mrs. Vicki McAfee
Cameron Michael- Mr. Dave Rapp
Natashia Novitski- Mrs. Beth Muffler
Nina Schueren- Mrs. Heidi Gallagher
Kelsey Szymanowski- Mrs. Lyne Walby
Kyle Wasserman- Mr. Phil Moran
Riley Wildman- Ms. Ginna Fall
Meghan Wonderly- Mrs. Heidi Gallagher
Seth Zeiter- Mr. Paul Reed

Taylor Brown- Ms. Andrea Rivera
Anna Dayringer-
Brittney Gnepper- Mrs. Catherine Lewis
Andrew House- Mr. Joseph Hershey
Erica Meek- Mrs. Brenda Fisher
Hannah Morris- Mr. Floyd Collins
Julie Overmeyer- Mrs. Barb McNutt
Amanda Sears- Mrs. Beth Muffler
Brittany Wagner- Mr. Mike Gilbert
Erick White- Mr. Randall Macko
Tessa Woodruff- Mrs. Nora MacDowell
Michael Yuhás- Mr. Phil Moran

The evening was very enjoyable, beginning with a nice dinner, and finishing with speeches from the Top 25 students, recognizing the educators they had chosen to honor.

Mr. Gilbert, who was honored twice at the banquet said, "It is amazing to see so many intelligent and disciplined young men and women from Ross. It is always a great honor to be chosen, and it makes me proud to be a part of the community, especially a teacher."

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Fremont Focus

Check out the May video of "Fremont Focus" at www.fremontschools.net and click on the Communications tab. This month's features include the Storybook Festival and Eath Day Celebration.

Strong Academics + Strong Character = Strong Community

Stamm did a little Jig



The students in first grade at Stamm enjoyed learning about Irish dancing from a visiting BGSU student. In addition to watching her perform several types of Irish dances, students learned about the history of that style of dance and the cultural importance. A traditional costume was shared along with an explanation of each aspect of that style of dress. The students were

then taught a traditional circle dance, and all three classes participated. The students were all very excited and had many questions for the dancer. They really enjoyed her visit.

Curriculum Corner

As our students leave for the summer, they may be leaving a school where they have spent a few years. They've come to know their way around the halls. They know the familiar faces of the secretary and the principal. There's a comfort in knowing. Moving on, moving up is very exciting, but it can make a student a bit nervous, too. That's why we invite students and parents to orientations and open houses at the new school in order to get acquainted. I hope if your child is transitioning that you'll take advantage of the opportunity.

This year our Kindergarten teachers are making a difference in the transitioning between pre-school and Kindergarten. Our Kindergarten teachers spent one-half a day at the Stricker Family center in the classroom of a PreK teacher--sharing and collaborating about curriculum and the children. Then on another day, the PreK teacher visited the FCS teacher's classroom observing the growth in the children and how the curriculum expands--all the while taking pictures of the hallways, the secretary, the teacher and the principal. These pictures are now a part of a bulletin board display at the Stricker Family Center pre-school--helping those young children make the transition to a more familiar place in Fremont City Schools.

On June 8, 2009 Fremont City Schools will begin Central Registration for new students. Parents may call the Administration Office at 419-334-6454 to set up an appointment. Forms will also be available online if parents want to print and fill them out before their appointment.

Writing is Fun at FMS



The students of Eagle Team 7C recognize the importance of community. As a part of a letter writing unit, and as part of the 7th grade state writing standards, students of Team 7C have written letters to various service men and women during the course of the school year. Students of Team 7C have written three letters to servicemen. Two of the service members happened to be FMS and Fremont Ross alumni.

Our first 100 letters were sent at Christmas time to various community servicemen and servicewomen. Students selected names of service men and women from a listing in the newspaper. The students enclosed their letters in Christmas cards wishing the military men and women a happy holiday season and thanking them for sacrificing their time with their family and friends to serve our country. To our surprise, two soldiers responded back to our letters, giving us a little insight into what life is like serving in the military during war time.

Our next batch of letters was sent to Jacob Sterling. Jacob is serving in Afghanistan and is a graduate of Fremont Ross. Students were very excited to learn about many of Jacob's favorite things and to see the many pictures of Jacob that his mom lent us. Students asked many questions about what life is like serving in a foreign country, what foreign foods taste like and what it is like flying a military plane. Jacob's mom works in the FMS library.

Lastly, Eagle Team 7C students have written to Steven Snyder. Steven was in Mrs. Beardmore's eighth grade language arts class several years ago. We learned that Steven enjoys playing various video games and watching TV shows like "Scrubs" and "Smallville." Students have asked Steven what it is like to participate in basic training and what it is like serving in Japan. Currently, Steven's mom is a bus driver for Fremont City Schools.

Overall, through the letter writing unit activities, students of Team 7C not only learned the components of a letter, but also learned the sacrifice given by others in our community. Furthermore, through their letters, students were able to give a little piece of our local community to our local service men and women who are serving far away from their homes and community.

Hayes Jump Rope Club



Just recently, the Hayes Jump Rope Club, ended in Physical Education classes for grades 1-6. To become a member, a student had to jump rope without a miss for 30 seconds. Each week, Mrs. Morris, the P. E. teacher, increased the time to jump by 30 seconds. Students tried to make the new levels, working on their jump rope skills and building endurance. The

students who could jump for 4 minutes (4:00) earned the title of "master jumper". They received a special bracelet and jump rope token. Students who could jump rope for 5:00 and 6:00, earned titles called "professional" and "expert". Over 70 students achieved the three titles this year! Mrs. Morris is very proud of all the students and how hard they worked to improve their jump rope skills.

Lutz Pride Campaign



Since the beginning of the second semester, Lutz Elementary has been involved in the Lutz PRIDE campaign. PRIDE is an acronym for the words proud, respectful, innovative, dynamic, and excellence. If a student is observed by an adult in the building performing an act that is representative of one of those words he or she could be presented

with a button recognizing that deed. The child is presented with a certificate describing the deed at a later time and his name is also read on Eagle TV. Mrs. Erickson observed one of the second graders going back to open the door for a kindergartener who had her hands full. He received his button for being respectful. A fifth grade student earned a badge for being dynamic. She was always cheerful even when struggling with a math concept she didn't understand. A fourth grader was innovative when she solved a classroom problem when her friend couldn't see the board while waiting for her new pair of glasses. The students in Mrs. Pasch's first grade class won the Lutz Chant contest. They performed it in front of the entire school and now it is recited every morning on Eagle TV. There was a poster contest held celebrating Lutz PRIDE and all the posters were hung throughout the school. On the first Friday of every month all staff and students are asked to wear their Lutz shirts. At the present time approximately three quarters of the students have earned a button. Everyone agrees that the students are taking more PRIDE in both themselves and Lutz School. Picture above: Dre Fox earned the PRIDE button for being dynamic.

Students of the Month



Left to Right (6th-Grade):

Andrew Earnhart (Croghan)
Erica Ebert (Lutz)
Nathan Baker (Hayes)
Karry Walls (Otis)
Robert Joerg (Atkinson)
Chelsea Myers (Stamm)
Holly Fisher (Washington)

Alumni:

All Ross graduates should have received a postcard in the mail. Please take a few minutes to call the alumni hotline and update your information for our new directory.

A Great Night for GOOD Kids

On the evening of Monday, April 27th seven students, their families and Washington Elementary staff gathered together at Ol' Zimm's Wagon Shed restaurant to recognize students of strong character. Every year the Lindsey's Lions Club sponsors



this event to acknowledge the efforts of students who demonstrate 10 criteria as set for by Mr. Ron Derry. These criteria consist of everything you would want a GOOD student to be throughout their educational career. This list includes being a good listener, completing all homework, showing respect for all school personnel and displaying acts of good citizenship, as well as several other GOOD qualities. Mr. Derry started offering the GOOD (Go On Or Defeated) Program to Parent Teacher Organizations in 1996 as an initiative to recognize students who display these characteristics. This program is now in several other countries as well as other parts of the United States. Mr. Rod Opelt of the Lindsey Lions Organization said "Recognizing these students is the highlight of the year for their organization". Pictured to the (XXXX) are Washington Elementary Schools GOOD award recipients for the 2008-2009 school year. Congratulations Faith, Victoria, Sydney, Alyssa, Logan, Alex and Nick. You have made everyone at Washington very proud. Keep up the GOOD work!

Atkinson School Friendship Group



In order to promote friendship building skills, Mrs. Moxley has been working with a group of second grade girls in Miss Randolph's room. They have been meeting once a week for eight weeks during their recess period. Some of the issues that they have been talking about are what makes you want to be friends with someone, some things friends have in common, and how to be "nice". They have made a chain with some of the character traits that they like to find in a friend. Some traits that they look for in a friend are respect, sincerity, helpfulness, truthfulness, loyalty, and trustworthiness.

Jar Wars at Croghan

May is National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month, and Tonya Cook and the Student Council have very generously vowed to take on a CF Fundraiser called "Jar Wars". During the week of May 11-May 15, we are encouraging everyone to bring in change (or the green paper stuff). This contest is counting value and not weight. At the end of the week, the winning classrooms will be announced. The 1st place class will get their choice of a pizza party or an ice cream party. The 2nd place class will get what the 1st place class didn't choose, and the 3rd place class will get popsicles. A family notice is also going home during the first week of May to let families know what we will be doing. Please remember that all money raised will go directly toward CF research.

Jennifer Hartman, fourth grade teacher at Croghan, has been raising money for CF for one year now. The culminating event is at the Great Strides of Cleveland Walk for CF on Saturday, May 16. On that day, Mrs. Hartman and her family will be walking at the Cleveland Zoo and will turn in the rest of the money raised. During this first year, over \$35,000.00 has been raised. Sponsor forms are available from Mrs. Hartman. It's not too late --- if you are interested. Go to the website at www.cff.org/Great_Strides/JenniferHartman5997.

From the desk of Superintendent Dr. McCaudy

Dear Fremont Community:

It is hard to believe that the 2008-2009 academic year is coming to an end. Because this is our final newsletter for the school year, I want to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

Our beginning of the year newsletter will be available on August 18th. The newsletter will contain important district information that you may find helpful as you prepare for the 2009-2010 school year.

I wish to extend my appreciation to Heidi Gallagher, Ross High School teacher, and her Journalism students for creating our monthly newsletters, and lastly, I wish to thank our generous sponsors for their financial assistance. We would not be able to publish our monthly district newsletters without their support. Our 2008-2009 sponsors were as follows:

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Valley Electric
Warner Mechanical

Sincerely,
Dr. Traci McCaudy
Superintendent

Otis Thanks Volunteers



Otis Elementary has many community volunteers who work with students to improve their reading skills. First grader, Gabriel Meza reads with Linda Willis weekly. This extra reading helps Gabe to build vocabulary skills and have extra practice with reading. Otis is very thankful for all of our volunteers who work with our students. We will be recognizing them at the end of the year for all of their hard

work and dedication!

Another volunteer program that is active at Otis Elementary is our PAL program. Pets Assisting Learning volunteers, Laurie and Ken Buchele visit with second grade students weekly. During this time, Mr. and Mrs. Buchele bring two of their certified dogs, Huskers and Daisy, to read with students. Blake Dority and Oakley Alliman have the opportunity to read with the dogs to build their skills in a quiet, calm, risk-free manner.

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