

Fremont City Schools

Building Hope, Trust and Respect with our Community

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Croghan Named A School of Promise

The FCS Board of Education recognized the Croghan faculty and staff at the Board of Education Meeting held on October 21st for being named a School of Promise by the Ohio Department of Education.

The Schools of Promise award program recognizes schools attaining solid student achievement in reading and mathematics while serving a significant number of economically disadvantaged students. As an incentive to help close achievement gaps in Ohio, the Ohio Department of Education developed the Schools of Promise program to identify, recognize and highlight schools that are making substantial progress in ensuring high achievement for all students.

Schools of Promise must have a 75% or better average proficiency rate on the Ohio Achievement Assessments and Ohio Graduation Tests for the 2012-2013 school year. They must also have a 75% proficiency rate in two sub-groups; an A or B grade for their annual measurable objective for narrowing performance gaps between groups of students on the local report card; an A, B or C progress on the local school report card; and a graduation rate of A or B. The schools also must serve 40% or more economically disadvantaged students. This year Ohio awarded 141 Schools of Promise including Croghan Elementary School.

Croghan Elementary School received the following on their 2012-2013 Report Card:

Achievement

Performance Index: 86.1% out of possible 120 Grade: B
Indicators Met: 7 out of possible 7 Grade: A

Gap Closing

Annual Measurable Objective: 100% Grade: A

Progress (Value Added)

Overall: Students achieved one year of expected growth Grade: C

Gifted: N/R

Students with Disabilities: N/R

Lowest 20% in Achievement: Students achieved one year of expected growth Grade: C

Congratulations to Principal, Mrs. Shanita Aaron, and her entire faculty, staff, students, parents and other partners for receiving this award. You make us all very proud.

Ross Honors Veterans During Assembly



Veterans and their families were honored at the annual Ross Veterans Day Assembly on November 8th. The assembly is organized by the leadership students at Ross. The assembly featured performances by the Ross Little Giant band and a patriotic rendition of "God Bless America" sung by Tamarra Damschroder. The keynote speaker was Ned McElfresh, a local serviceman, who has served in four of the five branches of the military. He shared his experiences and explained how it was difficult to not be with his brothers in the service. He also expressed his appreciation for his family and the role that military families have in the mission of the military.

The oldest living Sandusky County Veteran Jim McGrady was introduced to the student body.

This is a student-organized program, and the co-chairman for the event were Leadership students, Bryce Duke-shire and Robert Joerg (pictured at left with Jim McGrady).

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Our goal is to
reach
600 friends
by Dec. 1, 2013.



Strong Academics + Strong Character = Strong Community

Reading Centers Excites Stamm

Mrs. Hetrick's class is working on their learning centers for reading. These centers allow for the students to work on reading skills at their ability level. While some students can learn spelling words by forming them with Wiki Sticks; others can work on their own reading a Junie B. Jones book and answering higher level thinking questions at the end of each chapter. Another center includes sorting pictures by figuring out how many syllables are in each word/picture. Reading centers are changed weekly according to the skills being taught in class and the needs of the students in the class. In the above picture, Mena Wylykanowitz works hard at learning her reading skills. Submitted by: Heather Hetrick.



Curriculum Corner

October 15, 2013 was a staff professional development day in Fremont City Schools. Trainings were planned for all staff throughout the district. Teachers prepared for their new teacher evaluation system by writing detailed goals to lead their instructional work for the year. Some teachers continued to work on the development and investigation of their new learning standards. Secretaries were involved in excel training and Child Nutrition staff investigated new recipes to implement. The day held something for everyone and regardless if you were learning Google, refreshing your skills on safety, or hearing more about new rules for IEP's, all FCS staff completed a full day of training!

Did You Know?

1. Did you know that the district hired the following local businesses for products/services from June through October 2013?

AA FIRE EXTINGUISHER	FORTBALL PIZZA PALACE	PHAZE I
ACE HARDWARE	FREDERICK MONUMENTS INC.	PLAZA LANES
ADKINS FENCE	FREMONT ATHLETIC SUPPLY	POSITIVE PEOPLE
ADKINS SANITATION	FREMONT AUTO PARTS	POST NET
ADVANCED AUTO PARTS	FREMONT CANDY & CIGAR	PRAIRIE FLOWERS
ADVANTAGE FORD	FREMONT FLOOR COVERING	R & R IDENTIFICATION
AJ'S HEAVENLY PIZZA	FREMONT PRINTING	RADIO SHACK
AMERIGAS	FREMONT RECREATION DEPT	RURAL KING
ANDERSON'S FARM CENTER	FREMONT SUPER KMART	RUTHERFORD B HAYES CENTER
ASSOCIATED BUYERS	FREMONT UNIFORM SHOPPE	SABROSKE ELECTRIC
AUTO-TECH COLLISION CENTER	FREMONT WATER BLASTING	S.C. DEPT OF JOB & FAMILY
BAKER'S DIVERSIFIED VEHICLE TECH	GIFT BUCKETS AND BOXES	S. C. SANATARY ENGINEER
BAY TROPHY	GORDON LUMBER CO	S.C. YMCA
BECK SUPPLIERS	GREAT LAKES INTERNET	S.C. HEALTH DEPT
BEL-AIRE CLEANERS	HAMPTON INN AND SUITES	S.C. BOARD OF MD
BELLA COSA	HEALTHLINK	S.C. COMMUNITY CORRECT.
BENCHMARK PRINTS	HILTY OFFICE SUPPLY	S.C. FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST
BLOOM BY JILLY GRAY	HOME SUPPLY CENTER	S.C. JUNIOR FAIR BOARD
BOB EVANS RESTAURANT	JOSEPH WISE FINE CLOCKS	S.C. POSITIVE PEOPLE
C & W AUTO SUPPLY	JUDY DONNAN	S.C. SAFETY COUNCIL
C.A. KUSTOMS	JUDY'S QUILTING	SHEETS SUPPLY
CAMPFIRE BUCKEYE COUNCIL	KIWANIS	SHERWIN WILLIAMS PAINT
CELEK BROS.	KROGER CO.	SORG GRAPHICS
CHICK'S CANVAS	KUNS NORTHCOAST SEC.	STREAKER TRACTOR SALES
CITY OF FREMONT	LEE'S FAMOUS RECIPE	SUBWAY
CLARK ASSOCIATES, INC.	LESHER PRINTERS	SWIM RITE POOLS
COLOR HAVEN PAINT SUPPLY	LITTLE CEASARS	TERRA STATE
CONTRACTORS EQUIP RENTAL	LOTYCZ & SONS	THE NEWS MESSENGER
CROGHAN COLONIAL BANK	LOWE'S CO., INC. FREMONT	THE PARTY STARTS HERE
CROWN AWARDS	MADISON MOTORS	TIRE MAN
CROWN BATTERY	MARCO'S PIZZA	TRICO GLASS
DAIRY QUEEN	MCMILLAN SIGNS	U NEW TENT RENTAL
DAMMAN PAINT CO.	MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE SYS	UNIVERSAL COM LINK
DAMSCHRODER CONSTRUCTION	MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	UNIVERSAL FARMS
DAVINCI'S COFFEE HOUSE	METROTEX	VANGUARD-SENTINEL CTC
DOLLAR TREE	NICKEL PAINT & SUPPLY	WALTERS' BOILER WORKS
DOMINOS PIZZA	NORTH TOWN STORAGE	WARNER MECHANICAL
ECONOMY PLUMBERS	NORTHWESTERN MASONRY	WILLEY'S RADIATOR
ENGLER PRINTING	O.E. MEYER & SONS	WILLIE'S SALES & SERVICE
FAMOUS SUPPLY CO.	OTTO & URBAN FLOWERS	WOESLAGEL MOVING
FASTENAL COMPANY	PAPA MURPHY'S	WSOS
FLOWER REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS		ZIEBOLD STRING INSTR RPR

2. Did you know that the following repair work is being completed due to the severe storms this past summer? The district's liability insurance is covering the costs of all repairs.

Areas in Need of Repair to Complete Work	Repair Cost	Business Hired
Baseball and Softball Dugouts	\$24,989	Mosser Construction
Baseball and Softball Fencing	\$11,598	Adkins Fence Co.
Flooring at Atkinson Elementary		
•Removal of asbestos tile	\$4,515	H & H Environmental
•Carpet and tile replacement	\$9,506	Lotycz & Sons

Focus on Reading at Hayes School



After reflecting on student data from last year, Hayes School is focusing on reading. Our At Home Reading Program, which started over 20 years ago by volunteer Kathy Hudson, has added a fluency packet. Students practice a reading passage for 1 minute and have their parents listen to them daily. Parents are asked to listen and sign the student packet at the end of

each week. The students are witnessing growth in their fluency speed and accuracy as shown from the amount of words they are reading from the beginning of the week to the end. Teachers are monitoring the fluency of students using AIMSweb in the classroom. Hayes is looking to make great gains by the addition of this program along with the many other reading strategies that teachers are using in the classroom.

Pictured from left to right: Volunteer Kathy Hudson, Ella Warner, Alison Gill-Glenn and Jalissa Henry.

Dr. McCaudy Honored



On October 7th, Dr. McCaudy was recognized by the Ohio Department of Education for receiving the Betsy M. Cowles Leadership Award by the Buckeye Association of School Administrators. Pictured: Dr. Richard Ross, State Superintendent, Debe Terhar, President, Dr. McCaudy and Ann Jacobs, Board Member.

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

Washington Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

In the early morning session, during Hispanic Heritage Month, students at Washington Elementary were taught to speak Spanish words and phrases by Ms. Sandoval. They also learned to say the days of the week, counted to 20 in Spanish, and listened and danced to a variety of Mexican music. Hispanic historical events and birthdays were shared



by the Washington Leadership Team. A beautiful showcase of Mexican artifacts were displayed by Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Costilla of Fremont. On October 18th, an assembly was held and the guest speaker was Senor Sylvester Duran, Sr. – a Mexican-American of parents born in Mexico. He spoke to us about how important having an education is and sang a very special song that left us with a powerful message, *“Take One Day at a Time.”*

Our assembly ended with students, teachers, and staff members on the gym floor dancing to the *“Macarena”* and then dancing to the ever so famous *“Cha Cha Slide.”* *Nosotros tuvimos un buen tiempo!* We had a fun-tastic time! Submitted by: Evilia Sandoval, Kindergarten Teacher

LINK



The Link (Leaders Influence and Nurture Kids) is a group of high school teens who are committed to a drug free, alcohol free and abstinent lifestyle who want to be involved in educating others in our community about the importance of healthy choices. These youth spend a day each summer at a “teen training” discussing and learning about topics that affect young people and how the choices we make today influence our future. These topics

include the risks of early sexual involvement, tobacco use, alcohol and other drugs and violence.

The Link meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 3:30-5 p.m. to plan campaigns and provide updates on current issues and programming. These teens speak to the youth of Fremont City Schools about making good choices and healthy decisions. Providing input to local committees and coalitions is another way the Link teens’ views and opinions are evident in the community.

Recruitment for The Link is in the spring before the next school year. Interested 10th, 11th and 12th graders are encouraged to fill out an application and get two letters of recommendation from school and community people to support that they are true role models to the youth of Fremont.

Link Projects and Campaigns

- Asset Luncheon
- Community Christmas
- Prop Squad
- Teen Nights
- Youth Summit
- Change of Heart
- Parents Who Host Lose the Most
- Red Ribbon Spooktacular
- Ohio Teen Institute
- School Buddies

Atkinson Leads with Character

Eight fifth graders at Atkinson School are showing their character this year as they make up the Morning Announcement team. The students tried out for this team during the first week of school and were chosen by their teachers, Mrs. Brandon and Mrs. Plihall. Two students perform this special job each morning for a quarter and then train the next two students for the positions. The eight team members are Camden Arriaga, Emmalee Crispen (1st Quarter), Lucy Miller, Trenton Ward (2nd Quarter), Emma Hunt, Albanee Jones (3rd Quarter), and Emmah Calvillo, Camryn Kidwell (4th Quarter). Each morning their 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. We are very proud of this fifth grade team.



PHOTO: Pictured left to right are Emmalee Crispen, Trenton Ward, Camryn Kidwell, Emma Hunt, Emma Calvillo, Albanee Jones, and Camden Arriaga. Not pictured: Lucy Miller Submitted by Mrs. Brandon and Mrs. Plihall, Atkinson 5th grade teachers.

Lutz: Heroes Among Us



The Lutz students and staff are focusing on the “Heroes Among Us” this school year. Students are invited to appear on our morning Eagle TV to share their stories with everyone. So far this year Hailey Stearns, Evan Souders and Taylor Ruppert have been recognized for their accomplishments. Hailey earned Grand Champion Beef Feeder at the Sandusky

County Fair this summer. Evan raised over \$140 to donate to the Alexa Brown Memorial 5K Run in September by selling baked goods at a local supermarket. Evan completed the race with a time of 41 minutes and 48 seconds. Taylor cut 10” of her hair and donated it to Wigs for Kids, a non-profit organization that helps pediatric cancer patients. Also, numerous students have been recognized for their talents on the sports fields this fall season. We are very proud of our student heroes!

The first grade classes are busy preparing for the annual Veterans’ Day Program to honor our local service heroes. Students are inviting family and friends who are active service people or military veterans to attend. The program will include songs and marches. Students will be playing a variety of percussion instruments throughout the program. The American Legion Color Guard will be presenting the flag at the beginning of the program, as well. Our Make a Difference Club has created wreaths and cards to pass out to our heroes who attend the program. They have also made place cards that will be delivered to the VFW to thank and honor them.

As you can see, many good things are happening at Lutz School as we take time to honor the “Heroes Among Us”.

Students pictured above from left to right: Taylor Ruppert, Evan Souders, Hailey Stearns

“Spook”tacular Rocks Red Ribbon Week



All Croghan students joined our surrounding counties in The Prevention Partnership Red Ribbon Week lessons and activities October 21st -25th. The highlight event this year was the Red Ribbon “Spook” tacular Tuesday, October 22nd at Terra State Community College! Thanks to generous donations from Terra Community College, Memorial Hospital, The Sandusky County Health Department, Prevention Partnership, Freeman and The Sandusky County Sheriff’s Department, many Croghan families had a safe place to “show off” their Halloween costumes, as they enjoyed candy, cookies, popcorn, caramel apples, cotton candy, punch, and many games. During the event, we caught a few of our students enjoying drug and alcohol prevention games and activities.

Giant Step Awards



Fremont City Schools Communication Committee implemented a recognition program designed to ensure all Fremont City Schools employees feel valued and connected to our system.

We reward and recognize individual achievements in the following three categories: 1. Leadership 2. Motivation 3. Dedication

Nomination forms are available on both the internet, www.fremontschools.net

and nomination boxes and forms are available in the office area at each building. Congratulations to the following employees for the first quarter of the 2013-2014 school year pictured left to right: **Front Row (L to R):** Juanita Sanchez (Board Member), Shirley LaBonte, Lorrie Smith, Alex Gorobetz (Board Member), Billie Pickerel, Michelle Dumminger, Michealeen Rogers. **Back Row:** Pamela Crawford, Linda Hershey (Board Member), Marc Glotzbecker (Board Member), Tom Anway, Chris Witmer, CJ Swain and Cindy Young (Board Member). **Not Pictured:** Bob Decker

Congratulations to Louis Guardiola



For the second straight year, Louis Guardiola (13) earned himself a trip back to Columbus to compete in this year’s State Cross Country Championship. Despite posting a 5:23 average mile, Louis finished 89 overall - a great way to end not only his season but his career as a Little Giant.

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Million Misfit Sock March at FMS



On Friday, October 25th, Fremont Middle School and the Make A Difference Club participated in the nationwide “Million Mismatch Sock March.” We are thankful to a student in our school who brought this great program to our attention. The Million Misfit Sock March was born out of Misfit University, which is a curriculum that includes an anti-bullying initiative. The message of Misfit

University is that we are all unique individuals with talents and abilities that can sometimes divide us, but instead should be nurtured and celebrated. Their three guiding purposes are to support an end to bullying, grow creativity, and demonstrate respect for all people.

Misfit University implemented the “Million Misfit Sock March,” to be a visible display that we are all unique, and should be celebrated for our differences. By wearing misfit socks on Friday, October 25th, we all had a chance to tell others that bullying is not okay. Some might think it odd to use socks as a visual for bullying, but Misfit University explains it like this, “A misfit sock is a sock that has lost its match during the laundry cycle. Through no fault of its own, it is immediately labeled ‘a misfit’ and marginalized.” (Misfituniversity.com). They go on to explain that, sometimes, students are marginalized due to their differences, and are made to feel like they are outsiders. By wearing mismatched socks for the Million Mismatch Sock March, our students represented that differences are what make us each our own person, and they should not be something that causes division amongst us. We are glad to have students and staff who recognize the strength in diversity and how it makes our community stronger!

As a part of the Million Mismatch Sock March, students were encouraged, with their parents’ permission, to take a picture of their mismatched socks and share it on social media to show that they are against bullying. If you’d like more information about this event or the message of Misfit University, you can go to misfituniversity.com or www.facebook.com/millionmisfitsockmarch.

Otis’ Favorite Kind of Therapy

At Otis Elementary, the students with multiple disabilities benefit from many different types of therapy. They receive services in speech, occupational and physical therapy, but the most popular is the visit from Husker, a trained therapy dog. Ken Buchele, Husker’s owner, has been visiting Miss Schuster’s multiple disabilities classroom for the last four years. Mr. Buchele brings in Husker and allows the students to sit and visit with the dog. Husker, a Golden Retriever, brings friendliness and calmness to the students and allows them to relax during the busy school day. Mr. Buchele is a long-time volunteer at Otis, and his many years of service to our kids is greatly appreciated.



Pictured are left to right, front to back: Mr. Buchele, Israel Guzman, Husker, Aireus Harris, Silas Cover and Marcus Moringelli. Submitted by: Courtney Schuster