

# Fremont Pre-School = Quality Pre-School

Fremont City Schools' preschool program was recently awarded a 5-Star Step Up To Quality Preschool rating by the Ohio Department of Education. The 5-star rating is the highest rating awarded to public preschools for meeting the quality standards established by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Ohio Department of Education.



Fremont City Schools works in conjunction with North Central Ohio Educational Service Center for our preschool program. Without the hard work and dedication of the teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators, this rating would not have been possible. A special thank you to the preschool staff, including Heather Justen and Kristal Lockwood, for their outstanding work.

Our five preschool classrooms are located at Stamm and Otis Elementary Schools. Students attend a minimum two full days weekly. For more information on preschool enrollment, please contact Fremont City Schools' District Office at 419-334-6738.

# **Quiz Bowl Is Breaking Records**

Quiz Bowl competes in seasons, which consists of many individual matches that are 3 rounds long. Matches act similar to the game Jeopardy; a correct answer in the first two rounds is worth 10 points and a rebounded question is worth 5 points. The third round offers a potential loss of points. After meeting twice a week to bond and going through sample questions, Ross' team has competed themselves to first place in the North Division by earning 1345 points, 35 points ahead of the second place team.

"The team discovered our potential last year. This year, we're working as hard as possible to do even better," Nick Dorobek, 2 year Quiz Bowl member, expressed in regards to the major changes between this year's team and last year's. Their hard work is definitely paying off. This year marks the first time Ross has ever placed first in our Quiz Bowl division, and 8 of our students will be representing our school in the league tournament at Heidelberg University. Josh Recker, Nick Dorobek, Tristan Sidenburg,



Jacob Neiling, Aaron Dorobek, Clara Diaz, Trevor Weickert, and Merica Wolf have all earned the top points on the team, designating them as the 8 members going to the league tournament.



### **Voices of Democracy**



The Voice of Democracy Speech Contest is the VFW's premier scholarship contest. Fremont Ross High School students MaKenna Fitzgerald, Savannah Kreuger, and Jazmin Bulger took first, second, and third places at the local level. Fitzgerald, who placed first locally, advanced to district competition where she placed third. Students each wrote and recorded an original speech on the theme

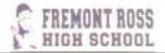
"My Responsibility to America". Winners were awarded cash prizes and certificates at the January VFW meeting.



## **Ross Hosts Speech and Debate Tournament**

A Speech and Debate tournament was held Saturday, January 27, 2017, at Ross High School. There were 15 schools, 143 students and 50 judges and coaches. Caleb Calvillo and Nick Dorobek won 1st place in Public Forum Debate. Trevor Weickert won 3rd place in U.S. Extemporaneous Speaking.





#### **Hayes Students Publish Books!**

Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students all had the opportunity to showcase their writing skills with a Book Publishing Party. Students



wrote on a class selected topic and then had their work published into a hardback book. These budding authors attended an unveiling party along with proud parents, grandparents, and friends.

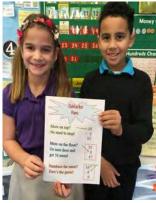
## **Atkinson Second Grade Students Burning to Learn!**

The second graders at Atkinson have been working hard this year! Second grade students have focused on reading fluently with comprehension. The students recently took a trip to the Fremont Fire Station. They were able to make connections to what is being

read about in class. It was great to be able to see a real pumper truck up close and ask the firefighters questions about fire safety. They also were able to spray a fire hose, which was very exciting for the children. One fire fighter dressed in his gear so the students could see and hear what it would sound like if he was coming into rescue them. Students then returned to school and practiced their fluency by reading a Trip to the Fire Station. Our students have been making a lot of great connections this year!



### **Little Giant Wrestlers Grapple With Success!**



The Poetry Of Arithmetic

The second graders at Croghan Elementary School have been working hard on subtracting two-digit numbers with and without regrouping in Mrs. Price's classroom. Second graders work in small groups in order to better understand the concepts that are being taught and practiced. They have learned a subtraction poem to help them remember if they have to regroup. The children say the poem every day and you can hear them reminding each other to regroup. This poem has really helped the students understand subtraction and regrouping.



The Little Giant Wrestling Team won the League title February 3, 2017, edging out on Oregon Clay 209.5 to 208. This is the first league title the wrestling program has won since 1988. In addition to winning the team title, Coach Mezinger and Coach Long were selected as this year's Coaches of the Year.

### **Well-Behaved Birds**

Otis Elementary has lots of fun and exciting things happening to help encourage good behavioral choices. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Intervention Supports, a proactive framework for teaching and modeling good behavior. Daily behavior is monitored via colored behavior charts in each classroom. Students are able to move their clothespin up and down along a behavior chart to reflect their choices. Although one might have had a bad morning in which they had to move down the chart, he/she then can work on changing their behavior throughout the day in order to move back up the chart. Embedded in this practice is the belief that students can "redeem themselves" thus encouraging positive choices in every situation. When students go above and beyond the expectations that are set for the school/classroom, they can clip-off onto the classroom "Cardy the Cardinal" for extra recognition. Monthly incentives for good behavior include fun events such as The Spooky Lunch, extra recesses, ice cream parties, PJ's and a movie, glow stick dance parties and more. Every month we offer a different activity in which students really enjoy participating. New this year to the Otis PBIS program is "The Cardy Club" which recognizes seven outstanding students each quarter. The most rewarding part of membership in The Cardy Club is being allowed to wear the club t-shirt each Friday. These are just a few of the ways we ensure students making good behavioral choices receive the attention they deserve!



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Congratulations to Little Giants Baseball Coach Mark King who was awarded the Ohio High School Baseball Association Sportsmanship Coaches Award for Integrity and Ethics.

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