

Spring 2023
Newsletter

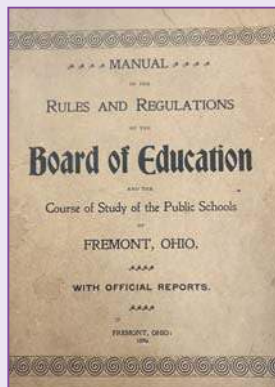
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FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT DETWILER

I had the pleasure of saying a few words at graduation. In my closing comments, I quoted Dr. Martin Stamm, for whom our Stamm School was named. In 1896, he served as President of the school board and had this to say to the community, "It may be assumed that graduates of our high school enter practical life well prepared for the manifold duties which are required of them." As I looked over at the graduates in their purple and white robes blowing in the breeze, I thought how different the lives of these students will be compared to the students 127 years ago. Yet, in many ways, they are exactly the same. They will pick careers, partners, and places to live. They are nervous about "adulting" and aren't sure what the future holds. Just like back then, the world is getting smaller and technology is changing everything. As different as the world is, this is still true...our graduates are ready for what will be required of them. We wish them well.

Jon Detwiler
Superintendent



EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

Mr. Detwiler presented members of the Gonya-Hull Game Feed with the Excellence in Education Award for their many contributions over the years to the Ross High School Athletics Program at the May Board of Education meeting. Mr. Detwiler gave the history of the Feed and how they started 47 years ago. Throughout the years, they have given over \$300,000 to the Ross Athletic Department and St. Joe Boosters. These dollars are mainly used to purchase awards and recognition for our athletes. Charlie Gonya, Art Bucci, Greg Streacker, and Jim Yeager attended the meeting so we could thank them publicly. Thank you for your tremendous donations and sense of community pride!



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MR. MADNESS

LUTZ ELEMENTARY

Mr. Madness strikes again! Fifth grade ELA gifted students at Lutz Elementary had been trying to crack the case all year. Students within the classroom designed and created several escape rooms throughout the year to help us solve the Mr.



Madness Mystery. Using their critical thinking skills, students worked together to complete the escape rooms. The Mr. Madness Mystery was solved!! Learning and fun was had by all.

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

OTIS ELEMENTARY

Otis Elementary was proud to present our annual Fine Arts Festival in May. Parents, families, friends, and, of course, our students all had the opportunity to attend this event to celebrate the talents of our students. Over 400



pieces of artwork, two special student musical performances, the fifth grade orchestra, and multiple other items were all showcased and on full display for everyone to enjoy. This event also showcases the importance

that the Fine Arts play in elementary education. Art and music education helps children develop needed motor skills, language skills, social skills, decision-making, and certainly allows for student creativity to shine. A thank you to Ms. King, Mrs. Pollick, Mrs. Schultz, and Mrs. Tarnavsky for creating such joy and such memories for our Otis families.

END OF YEAR LEARNING FUN!

FREMONT MIDDLE

As the end of the year came to a close, the students and teachers had some fun new experiences with learning. The entire seventh grade began reading the end-of-year novel, *The Outsiders*. To commemorate the start of this book, the seventh grade teachers dressed up like "Greasers", which is the descriptor of the protagonist's social group.

In eighth grade, Mrs. Simcic's Honors English Language Arts class had a surprise birthday party for William Shakespeare, the author of their current reading, *Romeo and Juliet*.

In sixth grade, Ms. Bissett explored potential and kinetic energy in a project design for creating their own roller coasters with some uniform requirements. It has been a great year for learning at Fremont Middle School and these are only some examples of the experiences our students had across the grade levels. We hope that everyone looks back on this year fondly and looks forward to the upcoming school year. Have a great summer!



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THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION

Fremont City Schools would like to extend our thanks to these Educators in the Making for their participation in our first annual educator job shadowing day. On May 9th, the Fremont Middle School Future Educators Club, traveled to Atkinson Elementary and were able to observe and actively participate with students and teachers in various grades. "We loved it! "I want to do this again!", and "Can I participate in this club next year?" are just some of the student reactions that we heard as they traveled back to the Middle School.



The Future Educators Club would like to thank the amazing students and staff at Atkinson. They look forward to continuing on their journey to becoming educators.



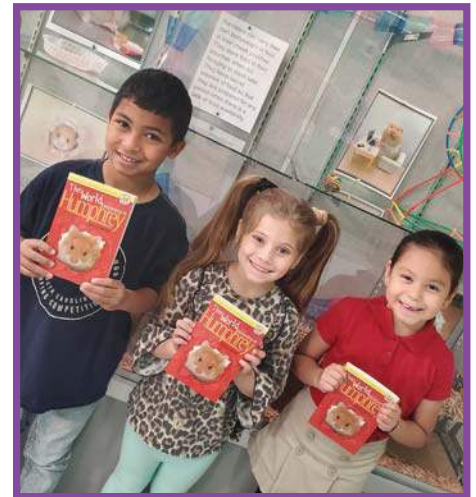
CROGHAN READS!

CROGHAN ELEMENTARY

Croghan students had a month of fun reading one book together as one entire school! Each Croghan family will be receiving their own free personal copy of the story "The World according to Humphrey", by Betty G. Birney, a book whose main character is an endearing, furry, and opinionated hamster who has a unique perspective on life.

Croghan families were invited to participate in the assigned nightly chapter readings to unite our school even further and to

continue to bolster and encourage our district initiative of strengthening our students' literacy skills. All Croghan students were presented with daily trivia, book related games, and enrichment activities to spur student comprehension, curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the entire month of May! When the final chapter is read and in the books, all students participated in a day filled with Humphrey inspired stations to bring the story full circle, much like a hamster wheel!



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TOP GRADUATING STUDENTS HONORED AT ROSS

“A teacher affects eternity; he/she can never tell where his/her influence stops. In teaching, you cannot see the fruit of a day's work. It is invisible and remains so, maybe for twenty years. The greatest use of a life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.” Henry Adams

To be a part of the top 9% of your graduating class is quite an honor. On April 25, 2023, the top graduating students of the Class of 2023 were honored for their



accomplishments and also honored the educator that inspired them the most at the Ross High School Performing Arts Center. Each graduating student shared why this educator made a difference and the impact that helped shape his/her future.

All of these graduating students deserve recognition for their hard work throughout their high school years and their perseverance to achieve high academics to be at the top of the Class of 2023.

HONORED STUDENT

Sydney Aberg
Cameran Alspach
Alexandria Bishop
Ayden Carter
Henry Colvin
Peyton Dymond
Sammuel Garcia
Manuel Gomez Osorio
Makenna Gonya
Jenna Gooslin
Emma Gross
Hailey Held
Alexander Hinline
Adam Hrynciw
Aryn Kauble
Benjamin Lindenberger
Braxton Linder
Aurora Loreti
Macy Merrill
Alyssa Nagy
Kylah Olds
Hadley Rios
Hannah Rios
Ava Smith
Mackenzie Smith
Caley Wagner
Logan Weisenauer
Aidan Zimmerman

HONORED EDUCATOR

Tonya Cook
Beth Muffler
Beth Muffler
Allison Kaczynski
Adam Steinmetz
Steve Ebert
Cristyn Kocsis
Norma Vela
Alan Mehlow
Mindy Gedeon
Brenda Widman
Liz Held
Brenda Fisher
Mark Gedeon
Russ Brennan
Beth Muffler
Beth Muffler
Beth Muffler
Laura Ward
Travis Bates
Lori Nossaman
Laura Ward
Christine Oravets
Beth Muffler
Nicole Weiker
Kerry Wendling
Phil Moran
Joe Hershey

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FREMONT AREA FOUNDATION

In early 2000, it became evident that the community of Fremont was not able to operate independently with respect to athletic facilities shared by our local public and parochial schools. As such, the Fremont Area Athletic Foundation was formed, currently named, the Fremont Area Foundation. This Foundation was formed to pool resources in order to focus all efforts in repairing and rebuilding the area facilities with private, state and/or local dollars.

Under the leadership of the foundation, a 501c3 corporation, many subcommittees have advanced on a broad front. Collectively, the completed projects include:

- New tennis courts behind Ross High School
- A new baseball/softball complex, Alumni Fields, for Ross High School
- Baseball fields for SJCC
- A new stadium shared by Ross and SJCC, named Don Paul Stadium at Harmon Field, which includes field turf, bleachers, locker rooms, team meeting areas, and restrooms
- A new wrestling facility at Ross High School
- A new natatorium at Ross High School, shared by Ross and SJCC
- Seven new classrooms for Ross High School

Thus far, these projects have been funded with private or foundation grants. While we continue to raise funds privately, we are always exploring new ways to reach our alumni base and expand our reach to prospective donors. If you would like information, or want to make a donation, please contact info@fremontareafoundation.org.



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LEARNING ETIQUETTE

ATKINSON ELEMENTARY

Atkinson Elementary School hosted their annual Etiquette Lunch on April 28th. This is a cherished yearly event that takes place after classroom teachers instruct a lesson on Etiquette and Table Manners. The week-long event begins when the classroom teachers are given a formal invitation to the Etiquette Lunch. The invitation is read aloud to each class and the students are asked to R.S.V.P. to the event. This is a lesson in itself, teaching the students the purpose and respect of responding formally to an invitation. The written responses are made either individually or as a class and sent to Mr. Ward and Mrs. Garcia.

During the classroom lessons, students are taught valuable social skills that they can use when dining with friends, family, and in a public setting. The students are taught to chew with their mouths closed, keep their elbows off the table, ask for items to be passed instead of reaching, saying please and thank you, and conversing in a quiet manner so as to not disturb others' dining



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[Learning Etiquette continued below...](#)

experience around them. The cafeteria staff, along with many other Atkinson staff members, create a truly magical dining experience in the cafeteria. The lights are dimmed and the tables are lit with tea lights. Tables are nicely decorated with table cloths, place settings, and beautiful floral arrangements. The students are invited to wear their nicest outfits to school on the day of the event.

On the day of the Etiquette Lunch, students approach the “Ram Restaurant” doors where they are greeted by Hostess Mrs. Garcia. She checks the class in who had previously RSVP’d. The students receive a nice meal of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, applesauce, and celery and are seated. The Atkinson wait staff walks around to deliver dinner rolls, butter, and dessert cookies. Students put their table manners to good use as they use their napkins appropriately, say please and thank you, compliment the chef, and enjoy the company of their friends. At the end of the lunch, the Atkinson wait staff removes their trays from the table. This event is something the students look forward to each year and, in the process, teaches invaluable social skills and life lessons.

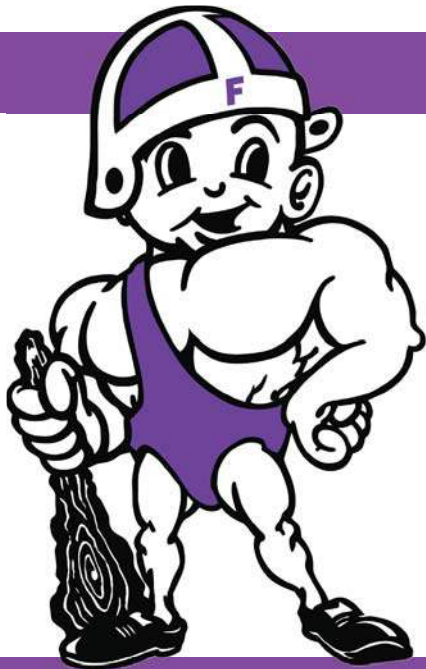




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