

Summer 2024
Newsletter

Fremont City Schools

Home of the Little Giants

FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT DETWILER

Fremont Families,

After 33 years in education and seven years as Superintendent of Fremont City Schools, I am retiring in August. This is my last newsletter.

It seems appropriate to end my career in Fremont where it began as a 6th grade teacher at Otis Elementary School in 1991. I came to Fremont in hot pursuit of a beautiful young lady named Miss Mann who was teaching Spanish at the junior high. The Lovely Mrs. Detwiler and I stayed in the community and raised two of our own Little Giants that have been shaped and prepared for life by this community.

I am also grateful to Clyde-Green Springs and Lakota Schools for allowing me to serve their great communities and learn so much from them.

One of my deepest joys is to see the children of former students and have them say, "My mom had you as a teacher/principal".

While my time as Superintendent may be ending, my commitment to FCS has never been stronger. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I hope I have made a difference. Once a Little Giant, always a Little Giant.

Sincerely,
Jon Detwiler



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THANK YOU, MR DETWILER, FOR YOUR TIME



Through your time with us, you have been a symbol of pride and respect. You are an everyday example of what it means to be a Little Giant. We want to thank you for the many memories and milestones that have helped shape FCS into what it is today and for the future to come.

NOT everyone can do what you do but anyone can see you made a difference!

Best wishes!
Wendy Eakin
Korie Lather
Lori Willey

Croghan Kindergarten.

Dear Mr. Detwiler, you've worked real hard, you've come this far, I hope you know how blessed you are! New tomorrows, brand new plans, all of them are in God's hands. You'll have more hours in the day to hope, dream, rest and play. You'll find new ways to be inspired. Congratulations! You've retired! We will never forget you! Thank you for helping Croghan Elementary school! ♥

Sincerely,
5th grade

Dear Mr. Detwiler,

I am sad to hear that you will be retiring, but I am happy to hear you will be able to relax and be able to enjoy the rest of your life without having work on your shoulders. I congratulate you on your work and on the smiles you put on people's faces.

Sincerely,

Luciana 5th grade Mrs. Brandon

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ME HERE AT FREMONT CITY SCHOOLS!



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READ WITH ATKINSON

ATKINSON ELEMENTARY

Each school year Atkinson students and staff participate in "Read with Atkinson" in which the entire school reads the same book and completes activities centered around the book. Students have assigned chapters to read each day and are encouraged to take the book home. Parents and families are encouraged to read aloud to younger students, while older students are able to read aloud to their families at home. Teachers and students spent time reading and completing learning activities centered around the book *Balto to the Rescue*, which coincided with the famous Iditarod throughout the month of March.

Each class chose a "musher" (driver of a dog sled) to research and follow along the Iditarod sled dog race. Mrs. Fleming and staff created a large map showing the route of the Iditarod, as well as where the mushers are along the route. Also, members of the Siberian Husky Club of Greater Cleveland brought a sled, dogs, and many visuals to help students learn more about sled dog teams and mushers.

The students had so much fun reading, exploring, and learning about this historic event!



PUTTING PEP IN CROGHAN'S STEP!

CROGHAN ELEMENTARY

Croghan's 3rd through 5th grade students were invited to an assembly that literally had them cheering, dancing, and excited for the upcoming Ohio State Tests?! An enthusiastic group of Ross High School students, along with the formidable Ross Little Giant mascot, Roscoe, made a surprise appearance to encourage students to do their best and to avoid sweating the small stuff! They each passed the microphone along and shared some words of wisdom as veteran test takers in the hopes that it would settle some of the butterflies in the student's stomachs. The Little Giant mascot also challenged some students to a dance-off and duelled some volunteer participants in heated matches of Rock, Paper, Scissors for prizes!



At this pep rally, students were also introduced to the roll-out of an incentivizing point system that students could earn each day that they took their OST. Points could be accrued through attendance, punctuality, use of all testing time allotted, focus and effort, not causing disruptions or distractions to other students, and utilizing their scrap paper to work out their writing or math problems. The accumulation of these points will then allow students to purchase a slew of different items or fun activities for themselves that were made possible by local vendors and from the huge help and support of our awesome Croghan PTO!

Croghan staff and administration hopes this new approach to shining a positive light on test taking will ultimately alleviate student stress, improve testing outcomes, and gradually turn testing season into something we can all cheer for!

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FREMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL REFLECTION

FREMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL

As we approach the end of the school year, we want to take a moment to reflect on the accomplishments of our students. As we prepare to head into summer, we want to celebrate the collective achievements of our students across all grade levels. Throughout the academic year, our students have demonstrated remarkable dedication, resilience, and perseverance.

Each month, our sixth grade students focused on building good character. Over the course of the year, 32 students were recognized for showing character traits such as respect, responsibility, empathy, kindness, perseverance, gratitude, courage, and integrity. Sixth grade also honored 110 students for maintaining a 3.5 GPA or higher for the school year at the Academic Awards.

Our seventh grade students have been working hard on their academics. They have had floor wide iReady competitions to see which team could master the most lessons with the highest accuracy. At the Academic Awards ceremony, 123 seventh grade students were honored for maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or higher for the school year.

The eighth grade students have been working on getting ready to walk across the parking lot in order to become freshmen at Ross next year. They have spent the year working hard and are ready to say goodbye to middle school and hello to high school. There were 100 eighth grade students that were honored for having a GPA of 3.5 or higher for the year at the Academic Awards.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our students, parents, teachers, and staff for their support, dedication, and commitment to excellence throughout the year. It is through all of your collective efforts that we have achieved success, and we look forward to continuing this journey of learning and growth together in the years to come.

As we say goodbye to the 2023-2024 school year, let us do so with gratitude, pride, and optimism for the future. Congratulations to all of our students on a year of academic success.

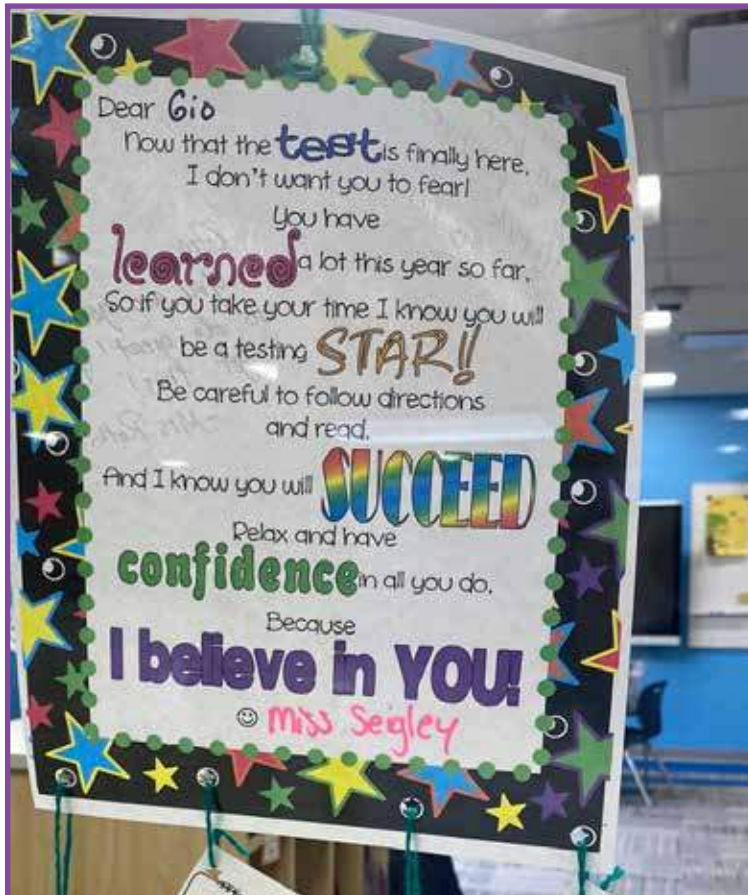


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LUTZ OHIO STATE TESTING

LUTZ ELEMENTARY

The 4th grade students at Lutz Elementary were surprised by positive affirmations before their Ohio State Test (OST) began. Each student had their very own wind chime, with encouraging words written by their parents, teacher (Miss Seigley), and principals (Dr. Pierce and Mrs. Roth). As educators, we know that motivation has a powerful influence on student performance and learning outcomes. Fourth grader Mady said, "I was surprised to see my wind chime. The personal notes made me feel less nervous." Classmate Greg said, "I was excited when I saw it. It helped me and gave me confidence." Simple phrases such as "you can do anything," "try your best," and "I am proud of you," can give a student the assurance they need when facing challenges like state testing.



OTIS'S LEMONADE WAR

OTIS ELEMENTARY

What goes best with warm weather and sunshine? The answer - Lemonade! This month Otis Elementary will not only be celebrating the joy of reading with every child receiving the book *The Lemonade War*, but by reading the book they will also be participating in a great cause too! *The Lemonade War* is about a contest of which sibling's lemonade stand can earn the most money. For our school, grade levels were challenged with creating a product to sell with all money raised going to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. This is an amazing organization that helps us all move one step closer to finding a cure for childhood cancer. For our Otis students, they will not only be able to share in a great story, they will be supporting a great cause. Of course, there was actual lemonade for all as well!



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PHONE USE AT FREMONT ROSS

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Fremont City Schools is dedicated to not only the education of every student, but also to their overall well-being. One of the biggest hurdles in today's youth is the amount of phone use. Recent data shows that teenagers are spending an average of 8.5 hours per day looking at a screen, a full 40 hour work week. As Ohio Governor Mike DeWine explores the real possibility of banning cell phone use in schools, FRHS would like to find a balance between using phones as a tool and using them socially. Each classroom will be equipped with a phone pocket chart or some form of a phone carrying case. Students will be expected to place their phone in this immediately when entering the classroom and then may retrieve it at the end of class. There are times that teachers allow phone use for projects during class and they will communicate this to administration by posting a phone use sign on their door. On a typical day and a majority of the time, students will only be allowed to use their phones in the hallways, study hall, and lunch. Failure to follow this rule will result in confiscation of the phone with the requirement of a parent or guardian to pick it up. By making this a joint building wide initiative, we are confident that the mental health of our students will be improved.

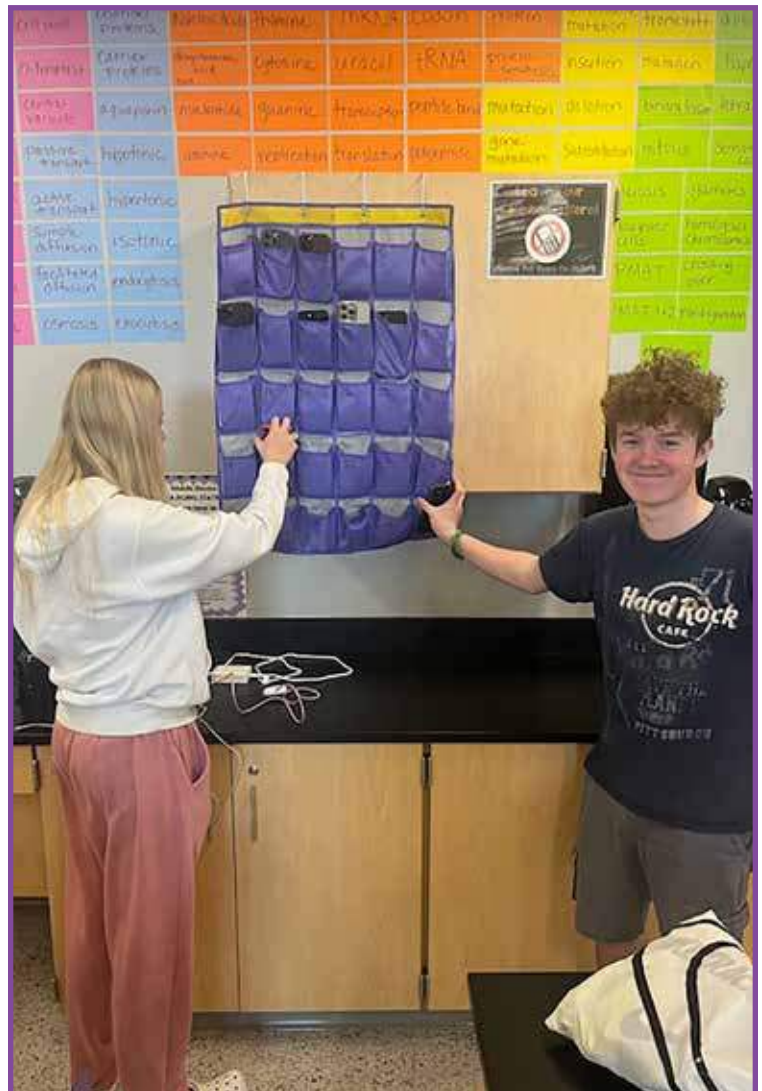
Are you addicted to your phone?

- Do you feel anxious if your phone is not around?
- Do you feel like you need your phone with you constantly?
- Do you favor time with your phone over time with family and friends?
- Is your sleep disrupted due to phone usage late at night?
- Has there been a decrease in motivation, productivity, and creativity?

Ideas and ways to fight the addiction at home:

- Set limits. Set a specific amount of time each day that you're allowed to spend on your phone and stick to it.

- Make it inaccessible. Put your phone in another room or turn it off when you need to focus on something else.
- Be mindful of notifications. Turn off notifications and alerts that can distract you from your work.
- Be intentional. Unsubscribe from email lists and social media accounts that don't bring value to your life.

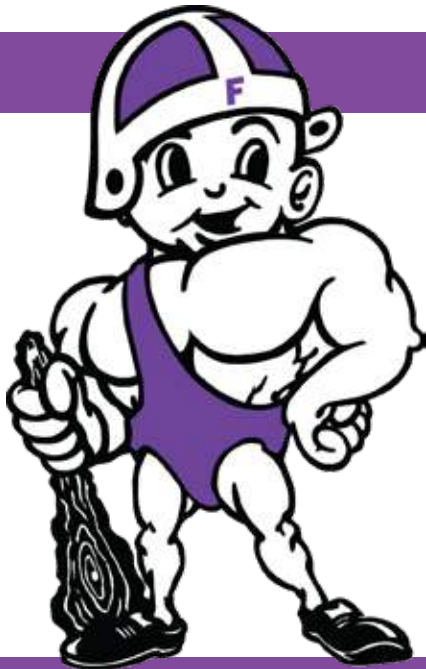




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