



THE LION'S ROAR

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Submitted by Tim Dettwiller, Superintendent

Hi folks,

We are pleased to have this opportunity to share with you the many wonderful stories of success we are seeing here at Fairfield. Please enjoy this edition of the Lions Roar and especially note the addition of the "Student Spotlight" articles written by our students.

A few months ago we were uncertain if we would be back on campus as the COVID-19 crisis challenged us to think seriously about the impact of students learning from home versus in our schools. I am happy to report as of the writing of this article we have had no positive COVID-19 test results amongst our students or staff since the school year began. I credit this healthy start to the students and staff adhering to the safety protocols we established and for the parents in monitoring their children to insure they do not send them to school sick.

Now that school is back in session, our focus has shifted. Our first task was to assess our students to determine if they had slid back academically due to the COVID-19 shutdown. Our initial assessments are indicating our students did suffer a significant gap in their academic growth. This academic growth gap is a major discussion for our District Leadership team as well as our Administrative Teams. A plan to address this gap is being formulated and will include additional assessing and support for students who are not making up academic ground.

Another focus for this school year is to provide clarity to all stakeholders as to what the goals are for our district and buildings. We have named the combination of all our goals the **"Path to Excellence"**. We are in the final stages of our District Strategic Plan (Board and Community level) which will be rolled out online in the next few weeks. Our Ohio Improvement Plan (district level) focuses on academics and environment. The building level goals are as noted in the name - at the building level and will be met by the Administration. On the next page is a summarized version of the goals to be met on our "Path to Excellence".

I want to thank the community for your patience and support through these unprecedented and trying times over the last 6 months. As always, my door is open to questions, concerns or ideas to help improve how we operate our school.



BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hey everyone,

Being a Board of Education member is always a challenging yet rewarding public service that I know each of my fellow board members and I take very seriously. This past June we were asked to make the toughest decision in our time on the board. We were tasked with deciding to open our schools in a traditional manner or under a hybrid model. After considering the administrative recommendation and input from community members we voted to begin school in a traditional manner. To date, it appears that was a good decision as we have our staff and children in school every day with no reported positive cases of COVID19.

We pray, as we know our community does, for the continued health and well being of our students and staff. I want to thank members of the community for their continued support of our students and staff as they work through these new challenges.

Jimmy Craycraft, Board President



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - "Path to Excellence"

Strategic Plan Goals (Tentative)

- Goal #1 - Develop and implement a cutting-edge academic program through continuous improvement.
- Goal #2 - Provide a strong leadership program for all students along with a safe learning environment.
- Goal #3 - Provide consistent, effective, and relevant school information to Fairfield community stakeholders.
- Goal #4 - Provide strong fiscal management and optimize resources to support the growth of our students into leaders, while being transparent to our community.
- Goal #5 - Improve intentional collaboration with people and organizations in order to leverage limited resources to maximize staff and student growth.



Ohio Improvement Plan Goals

- Goal #1 - By the end of the 2018-2022 Path to Excellence, all teachers in the district will understand and use data from assessments. This data will be used to drive instruction and significantly improve achievement of all students, as measured by an average annual increase of 4% in the district's Performance Index score.
- Goal #2 - Provide a safe and positive learning environment to engage and support students emotionally and academically as measured by annual student/parent surveys. (based on grade level).
- Goal #3 - The District will complete an analysis and evaluation of our current grading practices and policies.

Building Goals

- Goal #1 - Research, evaluate and provide a recommendation for the creation of a pre-school for Fairfield local Schools.
- Goal #2 - Develop and implement a plan to provide more opportunities and motivational supports for student learning in the area of Math.
- Goal #3 - Develop a plan to evaluate and implement steps to make available more AP course offerings for our students.
- Goal #4 - Create a building improvement plan with a focus of improving student performance on the ACT.
- Goal #5 - Prepare an implementation plan for the incorporation of STEAM programming into the Fairfield Middle School for the 2021/2022 school year.
- Goal #6 - Evaluate the current PBIS program in place at Fairfield Local Schools and develop an action plan to address how the district can improve our programming.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Submitted by Mike Morrow, Treasurer

The Treasurer's Office recently received the Ohio Auditor of State's Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The award is evidence that the district's financial practices are effective and accountable. I want to thank all staff members involved in the district finances for their diligence and hard work.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to remind everyone to complete the 2020 Census and respond to Census questions if you are asked in any year. A piece of our funding is tied to your responses, and *we recently lost \$180,000 in state funding due to the Census data.*

2020 has been a challenging year in the school finance world due to the uncertainties surrounding COVID-19, but we have continued to operate efficiently while seeking out additional revenue sources.

I encourage all to reach out to me or stop by the district office with any questions. Also, check out BoardDocs through the link on the district website for monthly updates on District finances.



**ARE YOU AWESOME?
WE NEED SUBS!**

- Do you have a college degree? Make \$115 per day as a Substitute Teacher!
- Do you have a CDL? Make \$13.79 per hour as a Substitute Bus Driver!
- Do you enjoy helping kids? Make \$10.72 per hour as a Substitute Educational Aide!
- Do you enjoy cooking and serving others? Make \$9.45 per hour as a Substitute Cook!
- Do you like to clean? Make \$10.51 per hour as a Substitute Custodian!

STAFF - Changes for 2020-2021 School Year

Welcome to Fairfield!

Angy Trent - Kindergarten Teacher
Tyler Barton - MS Intervention Specialist
Jennifer Zins - Kindergarten Teacher
Erin Goddard - Guidance Counselor
Emily Ward - Custodian

New Assignments

Jennie Pierson - from ES Intervention Specialist to Special Education Director
Ashley Carruthers - from MS to ES Intervention Specialist
Michelle VanWinkle - from 3rd Grade Math to ES Intervention Specialist
Morgan McFarland - from Kindergarten to 3rd Grade Math
Katie Campbell - from 4th Grade ELA to 4th Grade Math
Emily Moore - from Kindergarten to 4th Grade ELA

When needed, our students receive the following services through the Southern Ohio ESC:



- Psychological Services
- Social Worker Services
- Audiological Services
- Counseling Services
- Occupational Therapy Services
- Physical Therapy Services
- Interpreter Services
- Itinerant Services
- Adapted Phys. Ed. Services
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing Services
- Speech and Language Services
- Tutoring Services



TECHNOLOGY – Submitted by TJ Crowder, Director of Technology

Technology is constantly changing, evolving - revolutionizing the learning environment of our children. As we began to see in March, teaching and learning extends far beyond the walls of our classrooms. We have spent a good majority of our time preparing, planning and anticipating the arrival of 300 new chromebooks to deploy an effective and efficient 1:1 program to our students. With these upcoming changes, we had to come up with creative solutions to ensure the overall success of our students - whether at school or home.

As more changes, perhaps adaptations, are on the horizon I want to assure all members of the community that we are here to support not only your child, but also any questions you may have regarding Fairfield Local Schools technology. However, I want to clarify that technology does not, and will not, drive instruction/learning. These are simply tools to assist teachers in delivering the curriculum to their students who have become very fluent with the use of technology over the past few years.

As we are expecting chromebooks this month, we are planning the deployment of getting these devices into the hands of our students. More information coming soon!



MY SCHOOL BUCKS - Fee Payments and Meal Accounts

We are excited to announce that My School Bucks is a FREE service this year! We have also expanded this service and added a "School Store" to allow for online payment of the annual student fees.

To help ensure the health and safety of all our students and staff, we ask that parents please consider paying for their student's school fee and funding their student's meal account through MySchoolBucks. This will minimize the amount of cash and checks that need to be handled by our staff, which allows us to focus on keeping your student safe.

- **Pay student fees**
- Browse fees and know when fees are due
- **Add money to student's meal account**
- View cafeteria purchases and check balance
- Set up low balance alerts for meal account
- Schedule automatic payments for meal account

If you need assistance with your account, you can find helpful how-to videos and answers to commonly asked questions by visiting myschoolbucks.com. Or, you can contact MySchoolBucks directly by logging into your account to start a chat conversation or give them a call at (855) 832-5226.

Don't have an account yet? Visit [MySchoolBucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com) to sign up today!

There's also a mobile app! Just like the MySchoolBucks website, you can pay fees and manage your student's meal account.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - Submitted by Cody Ayers, Senior



My Covid Experience

If there is one thing I can take away from this past year, it would be to make the best out of a bad situation. Bad things happen in life and most of the time we have no control over them. We are left wondering "Why did this happen to me?" and "How long is this going to last?". We don't always have the answers. Looking back, none of us expected to not finish the 2019-2020 school year in school. Over the course of the past few months, things have drastically changed and we're all taking it day by day, doing our best to adjust and learning how to approach life.

The week that school closed down was a very stressful week for me. Between the ACT, dress rehearsals for the musical, and multiple tests in my classes, I was beginning to feel worn out and exhausted. Once Thursday arrived that week, our day and lives were about to change majorly. Some days of our lives stick with us forever, burned into our memories. That Thursday, March 12th, will be one of those days in my life. One second I was worried about studying for my government test, the next minute we were all anxiously awaiting Mike DeWine to update us on the order given to schools. Upon finding out that school would be closed that Friday, my friends and I were all very excited to be able to have a 3-day weekend. Little did we know, three days would turn into three weeks, and three weeks would turn into three months. It is very unfortunate that we all had to lose three months of our high school experience. During those three months, we all had to adjust to virtual learning, which, to me, was a very difficult and unpleasant task. School wasn't the same as what it normally was, and that struck some difficulties for me. I had a hard time learning the material in my classes and being ordered to stay home for months caused me to become very restless. Now, I can look back on those times and see the good that came from them. I was able to focus on myself, giving myself some much needed relaxation and stress relief. Also, I was able to explore different hobbies and work on bettering myself as a person. This is what makes finding the good in bad situations so important.

When I found out that we would be returning to school in the fall, I was pleasantly surprised. I was tired of virtual learning and wanted to start and finish my senior year in the school building where I've spent my entire life. As expected, things weren't going to be the same as they had been all the years before, but the opportunity to return to school gave me hope for the new ways of school. One of the main changes in our everyday school life is the wearing of masks. This is one thing I will probably always struggle with. I get uncomfortable very easily when wearing a mask. I also find it difficult to breathe well at times. Although I dislike wearing masks, I will continue to do so to protect the health of myself and others, until told differently. My friends and I were also all very apprehensive about the new rules in school going into effect during our senior year. We've spent so long dreaming about our senior year and it's difficult at times to compare our senior year with the senior years of those that came before us.

The school year started off on an unsure note, but things are starting to move much more smoothly, but there is still uncertainty that exists in the situation we're living in. Through all of the changes that teachers, students, and staff have dealt with, I feel that we're all making the best of the poor situation that was presented to us.

All in all, the Coronavirus pandemic that has swept the nation has devastated families, changed the course of peoples plans, and adjusted the way that we all live our lives. Many people go on and on about all of the hardships and difficulties that the pandemic has brought, but I think it is also important to focus on the things that we have persevered through, and the good that may be just around the corner. The Coronavirus gave us a very bad situation, but in my opinion, every bad situation can be made into something better.

REQUIRED PUBLICATIONS

The following information can be found on our website:

- Child Find Policy
- Federal Funding Information
- Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)
- Discrimination Statement
- Locker Ownership
- Title I - Parents' Right to Know
- Students' Rights & Responsibilities
- Student Privacy & Parental Access to Information
- Parent Participation in Title 1 Programs
- Gifted Identification Policies

CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE - Submitted by John Wisecup and Wyatt Sowders



The Custodial Department was faced with many new challenges this year. Cleaning and disinfecting is now more important than ever. The custodial crew is transitioning to a new cleaning program that includes new products and increased duties to make the school a cleaner, safer environment. The entire staff is working together to make a difference - from the teachers to the transportation staff to the kitchen staff - we are all making the school a safer, cleaner environment for everyone.

We currently have a years' supply of cleaning materials on hand, including improved products aimed at combatting the flu.

Recently, we purchased an additional Clorox 360 spray mist machine. These machines improve the effectiveness and efficiency of disinfecting the building.

Maintenance Projects - 2020

- Installed new commercial dishwasher
- Constructed divider wall in Special Education Office
- Installed additional security cameras
- Repaired, seal-coated and striped parking lots
- Built foot bridge over creek to shelter house to create an outdoor classroom



ATHLETICS - Submitted by Tony Williams, Athletic Director



The start of the 2020-2021 school year has been unprecedented. Our teams and student athletes have been working hard to manage all of the COVID-19 regulations. I want to provide a sincere thank you to all of the coaches, administrators, student athletes, parents, and boosters that have assisted in helping to meet all of our needs.

We are nearing the start of the Fall Sports Tournament season. Our Boys Golf team competed in the Sectional Tournament, finishing 7th overall.

Our Boys Cross Country team is having another successful season. They have won 5 of 7 meets entered. Senior Cohen Frost has finished first at every meet and is working hard to top his 16th place finish at last year's State Meet.



The Girls Soccer team is showing great progress, as they are currently 7-3 on the season. The Volleyball program is seeing success as well, with the Varsity team sitting on a 10-5 record and the 8th Gr team is battling for a SHAC Championship.

Please visit our school website for updated schedules. You can also look for updates on the Fairfield Local Schools Facebook page and on Twitter - @fairfield_lions

Please continue to support our student athletes. GO LIONS!!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - Submitted by Conner Hamilton, 4th Grade



#StayHome #ComeBack

Back in March when Covid-19 started spreading to a lot of people, I was scared that maybe one of my family members would get the virus. So, I was happy that school was closed so we were all safer from getting ill. The school packets we did at home were very frustrating for me, but some people like homework and enjoyed it. I stayed home a lot and mostly played video games. I also spent a lot of time with my family. I enjoyed being home a lot with my family, actually!

In August I was nervous when we returned to school because the math was harder and I had new teachers. This year, I have to bring a mask and a water bottle to school every day, but I am not mad about it. We also have to have our desks spread apart and I am okay with it, but it is a little weird to see in each of my classrooms. We have to do a lot of cleaning every day. I love having such a clean school. I wish we had to wear gloves, too. I just want to learn and be safe.



SPECIAL EDUCATION - Submitted by Jennie Pierson, Director of Special Education

Hello! I'm Jennie Pierson, the new Special Education Director. This is my 16th year in education. I spent 14 years at East Clinton Local schools as a Kindergarten Teacher, Reading Specialist, Intervention Specialist and the last 4 years as Principal. I came to Fairfield last year as an Intervention Specialist and I truly love being part of the Fairfield family! I attended Wilmington College and received my Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. I then received my Master's degree and Intervention Specialist license from Ohio Dominican University and I finished up at Antioch University where I received my Principal license. My husband, Jason, farms and we have a 9 year old little girl, Jacey and a 7 year old little boy, Jaxson. I enjoy spending time with my family, riding horses, and collecting antiques.

I'm pleased to introduce our new team members:

- Tyler Barton has joined our middle and high school intervention specialist teams. He is a recent graduate of Wilmington College.
- Michelle VanWinkle has joined our elementary team. Michelle previously taught 3rd grade.
- Ashley Carruthers joined our elementary team after moving from middle school.
- Lola Royalty has joined our team as the new School Psychologist. Lola has been a School Psychologist for over 30 years. She comes to us through the SOESC.



OG TRAINING:

Fairfield Elementary Intervention Specialists were trained in OG (Orton- Gillingham) this past summer. Our goal is to train all Intervention Specialists across the District with this specialized reading approach. This approach is very beneficial to our students and will certainly show academic growth in all areas. This is a specialized reading approach to help students who are struggling readers. This program is research based and proven to be successful.

The Orton-Gillingham Approach is a direct, explicit, multisensory, structured, sequential, diagnostic, and prescriptive way to teach literacy when reading, writing, and spelling does not come easily to individuals, such as those with dyslexia. It is most properly understood and practiced as an approach, not a method, program, or system. In the hands of a well-trained and experienced instructor, it is a powerful tool of exceptional breadth, depth, and flexibility.

I'm blessed to be a FAIRFIELD LION! Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns!

TRANSPORTATION

In our annual back-to-school meeting, Clint (the Transportation Director) announced that we were going to be cleaning our buses A LOT - and he wasn't joking!! Our daily routine is:

- Spray Lysol between MS/HS and Elementary routes both in the morning and afternoon
- Each day, after all students are at school, all seats (back & front) are sanitized and wiped down.

That's four times a day we are cleaning/disinfecting our seats!

On the bus, we also make sure we keep our students and driver safe - everyone is required use hand sanitizer as they are boarding the bus and keep their face covering on for the entire ride. Our awesome transportation staff is doing everything possible to keep our students safe while riding our buses and vans.

Submitted by Deb Cockerill, Bus Driver



>> PARENTS <<

Please be sure your child has a face covering to ride the bus/van.

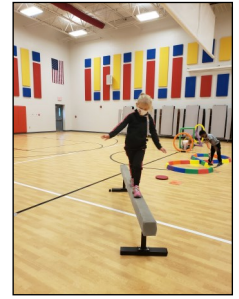
THANK YOU PARENTS...

...for having your student(s) ready to exit your vehicle in the morning in a timely manner - with mask on and book bag ready to go. This helps keep the car rider line moving!
...for maintaining social distancing on the sidewalk while waiting in line to pick up your child after school.

SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS NEEDED! Looking for a fun, rewarding part-time job? Sub bus drivers fill-in for regular routes, take teams to athletic contests and transport students to field trips. Contact the Transportation Director for more information at 937-780-2221.

ELEMENTARY - Submitted by Katie Streber, Principal

We are very grateful to be in the building with the majority of our students in attendance. While this year has brought new guidelines and uncertainty, Fairfield Elementary continues to rise above and make learning a priority. Regardless of the many challenges, students and staff have continued to make our building a positive environment while moving forward and aiming towards continuous improvement.



This year is our 4th and final year in the Ohio Literacy Pilot. K-3 teachers have spent the last 3 years strengthening their craft of teaching through the Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling professional development. The focus of this school year is to improve the school-home relationship by building family engagement. A team was formed with staff members and families where the Partnerships for Literacy Inventory was completed. The team used the results to form 3 major goals for the school year which include the following:

1. Enhance annual fall Curriculum Night
2. Greater support for families to increase young children's literacy development
3. Improve communications between school and home, especially for students receiving anything other than core instruction

With new guidelines in place, our team has had to think outside the box and get creative. Look for information on links to The "Mane" Connection. Rather than hosting one curriculum night, The "Mane" Connection is the website where teachers will post videos with curriculum information and strategies throughout the school year. You will be able to locate The "Mane" Connection through the district website at fairfieldlocal.org.

Our reading specialists are working to develop stronger relationships with area preschools in order to bridge the gap between preschool and kindergarten. As a building, we would like to provide not only local preschools but also our preschool families with resources to better prepare their child for the transition into elementary school.

While English Language Arts continues to be an area of focus for the elementary, we are very excited to start placing a greater emphasis on improvement in math through our new curriculum, enVision Math. The Math Curriculum Team, consisting of K-12 staff members, reviewed numerous curriculum options last school year. The enVision Math curriculum stood out from others as it uses problem-based learning, small group instruction, visual learning and technology integration to help students develop a deeper understanding of math concepts. The elementary teachers have participated in one enVision professional development session and will have additional sessions this school year. We are anxious to see the impact the new curriculum and further professional development will have on the growth of our students in the area of math.



Fairfield Elementary staff and students have come back from the closure and summer break ready to work hard and make up for any lost time! If there is one takeaway from the start of the school year, it is that everyone is excited and feeling blessed to be back together again!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - Submitted by Aylah Humphreys, 8th Grade



Just months ago, could you have imagined a world where schools were shuttered and you had to take your classes online? A world where events and sports competitions were cancelled? The Covid-19 pandemic certainly has created an unprecedented world of uncertainty, and in many cases of disappointment, anxiety and worry.

This year's 20-21 school year has been very unusual compared to past years here at Fairfield Local. Besides the masks and social distancing, this year has started off as a really entertaining year. However, there are many regulations involved. On the bus in the mornings, you are only allowed to sit with your siblings and you have to wear a mask the whole ride. Next, we have to get our temperature checked before we enter the building to make sure we enter safely. During lunch time, we are each assigned a number. Once we get the number, we go to the table that has our number on it and sit at that seat every time we eat lunch.

Aside from these complications, I am very thankful to even be here at Fairfield Local due to the Corona Virus outbreak. Even though this year is much different and more stressful than previous years, always remember, "We are all in this together!"



HIGH SCHOOL - Submitted by Steve Hackett, Principal

Welcome back! It seems as though it has been an eternity since we have been able to resume classes at Fairfield. We are excited to have the majority of our students in the building and continue education each day. This will continue to be a challenging year and we hope to continue receiving the support and cooperation that we have experienced from both the community and student body.



We have hired a new Guidance Counselor, Erin Goddard. Erin comes to us with a lot of excitement and eagerness to continue the fine work that has been accomplished through the Guidance Department. Please welcome her when you get the chance. We also have a part time social worker/counselor in our building this year. Vickey Leasure will be working with our students this year that need additional support or just an ear to listen. We welcome her experience and support for our students.

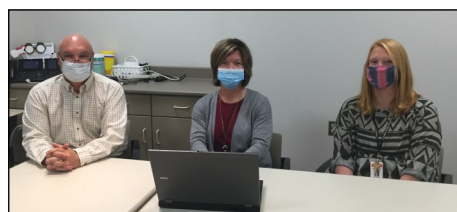


You may have noticed our FFA field located at the old soccer field. We are very proud of the hard work and dedication that has been put into this project by students, teachers, and community members. Our Ag Program has been quite successful over recent times. In the past four years two of our students have excelled at the state level. Ryan Matthews was the state vice-president in 2016-2017 and became president in 2017-2018. Paige Teeters is currently the state vice-president and is serving the 2020-2021 school

year. This is quite an accomplishment for Fairfield Local Schools. We are looking forward to another exciting year in ag as we continue to grow our program.



Our teachers are back in full swing as we have met in our Teacher Based Teams to implement teaching strategies for our students that are developed through the use of data proven methods. Our teachers are excited to return to a normal educational routine and are looking forward to working in person with our kids again. At this point in time we are conducting business as usual with very few hiccups to begin this school year. We continue to have college credit courses offered here at the high school and are being taken advantage of by many students.



Several of our students attend local colleges during the school day to receive college credit. We are also excited to start the school year with a new math curriculum. Math teachers reviewed numerous math curriculums last year and chose enVisionAGA 9-12. Our teachers love the new curriculum and are excited for its implementation this school year. This will be the second year for our new English curriculum - myPerspectives. So far we have had very good results.

We are happy to report that at the time of this article sports are being played here at Fairfield. We hope this trend will continue throughout the entire school year as sports are an extension of the classroom and a positive experience for our student body. We look forward to working with our students both in and out of the classroom.

On July 9, 2020, Fairfield Schools lost an amazing woman. Debbie Mangus was our Guidance Counselor for the past 16 years and was beloved by all. Debbie was a compassionate, hard working, caring person that loved our students. She was a mentor, coach and friend to many and worked hard for our students to succeed each and every day. Before she left us, she wrote a short note to the Fairfield graduates of 2020...

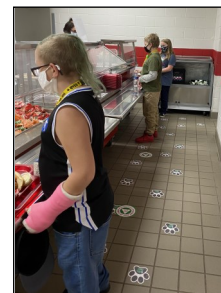
I wish I had known the last time I saw you would be the last. I would have hugged you tightly. I am saddened you missed all you longed for in your senior year; concerts, athletics, art shows, academic nights, dances, dodgeball, spirit weeks, and chicken nugget lunches. However, I rejoice that you had the opportunity to become closer to your family, de-stress, clean your bedrooms, enjoy the great outdoors, work, exercise, and develop your passions and hobbies. The pain you felt this year will subside over time, and you will be left with the knowledge to celebrate friendships and to hug tightly each time you say goodbye. You are truly remarkable and I wish you all the best. -Mrs. Mangus



FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT - Mary Beth Craycraft, District Head Cook



WOW this year has sure been an exciting one so far! We are so glad to see so many students taking advantage of the **FREE** meals! During the last week of September we served **4,026** meals, this is 1,065 more than the same week last year! We are still trying to explore some new ideas for our upcoming menus so keep a look out for those items. Furthermore, the K-5 students now have a new meal option of turkey lunchables.



Here are a few reminders:

- **FREE Meals** (breakfast & lunch) until December 31, 2020 or until Federal funds are depleted.
- Adding money to student's lunch accounts on myschoolbucks.com is free this year.
- Please fill out a Free/Reduced form. This is available to all families. Here's how it can help your family and school:
 - Free/reduced breakfast & lunch
 - If you qualify for free meals (on the app), school fees can be waived
 - Qualified families save time and money
 - Discounted rates on college application fees associated with applying for college
 - Most importantly, it helps fund your school!



You can print out a form from the Food Services page of the school's website or we can send one home. If you would qualify, it would take effect January 1, 2021.

Please take a peek at our upcoming terrifying and gory menu for the week of Halloween!



Thank you for allowing us to serve your students nutritious meals at Fairfield Schools!

MONDAY OCT. 26 VAMPIRE BLOOD SOUP MOLDY GRILLED CHEESE ROTTEN PUMPKIN CHUNKS	TUESDAY OCT. 27 TOXIC TACO BLACK WIDOW SPIDER EGGS POISONOUS APPLE	WEDNESDAY OCT. 28 FACULTY FINGERS ON A BUN LUNCH LADY BRAINS FROZEN SLIVERS OF LIVER
THURSDAY OCT. 29 PERTRIFYING POPCORN CHICKEN GHOST MUSH W/ SLIME YELLOW MUMMY TEETH & BAKED FLESH ROLL VARIETY OF WITCHES POTION	FRIDAY OCT. 30 DOMINO'S DEADLY PIZZA OOZING ZOMBIE BRAINS DICED JACK-O-LANTERN GRAVEYARD DESSERT	

COUNSELING SERVICES - Important Dates

FAFSA: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will open **October 1**. All students considering post high school study of any kind should fill out this form, even if you doubt you may qualify. This form allows educational institutions to award free financial support and other aids such as scholarships, loans and work-study. Your info is safe on this site. Go to FAFSA.ed.gov

If you need assistance, contact one of your counselors, Erin Goddard or Vickey Leasure. We are here to assist you.

PSAT: The PSAT exam will be given at Fairfield Local the morning of October 14. Students have signed up and tests have been ordered. Your school pays for these tests. This test provides practice for college entrance exams and gives students eligibility for additional scholarships. Encourage your child to get a good night's rest, and remind them no phones allowed in the test site. A PSAT pre-administration session is scheduled **October 7**, 7:30 a.m. at Fairfield High School to fill out all forms required for the test.

ASVAB: ASVAB test will be taken by the Seniors here at Fairfield. We are looking forward to the great information it can provide for students.

COMMUNICATION



Fairfield Schools use a variety of sources to communicate, including School Messenger, Facebook, Twitter, and the Website. If your contact information changes, please be sure to update the secretaries.

www.fairfieldlocal.org

Facebook Pages

Fairfield Local Schools
 Fairfield Local Elementary
 Fairfield Local Middle School
 Fairfield Local High School
 Fairfield Local Schools Food and Nutrition
 Fairfield PTO



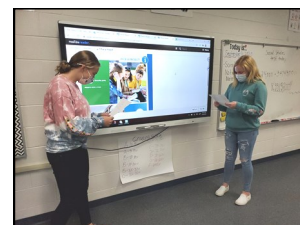
Twitter

@fairfield_lions
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CURRICULUM - Submitted by Kesia McCoy, Director of Curriculum and Gifted Services



The Fairfield Local School District is pleased to announce the implementation of a new comprehensive K-12 math program. The new enVision2020 K-5, enVision2021 6-8 and enVisionAGA 9-12 focuses on mathematical practices, in-depth understanding of mathematical concepts and individualized instruction through both a print and digital format. The goal is to not only prepare our students for the Ohio State Tests, but also prepare them to master the skills outlined in the Framework for 21st Century Learning. enVision2020, enVision2021 and enVisionAGA is rooted in problem based learning and engages students through interactive aids and video tutorials as well as personalized practice and immediate feedback.



Students will be actively involved in using printed materials and digital tools to develop deep mathematics understanding and will apply this understanding through practice and problem-solving in every math lesson. In addition, students will learn and practice new math ideas and concepts in a variety of ways, such as:

- Solving problems and explaining their thinking in a write-in text and online.
- Using online animations to help build understanding in a visual way.
- Work individually, in pairs and in small groups to solve problems and share their thinking.
- Complete assignments that promotes computational thinking, fluency and application through rich problem solving.
- Engaging in online practice that provides help as needed through worked-out examples and self-help videos.
- Experiencing a variety of math activities that include Math Games, STEM Activities, and enrichment opportunities.
- Embedded 3-Act tasks for thinking mathematically and access to on-demand Desmos calculators.



We look forward to the experiences this program will provide for the students in our school district.

MIDDLE SCHOOL - Submitted by Deanne Miller, Principal

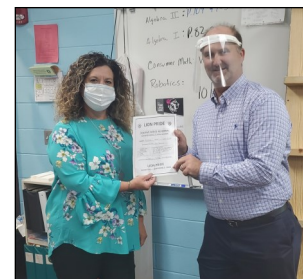


The Fairfield Middle School staff was excited to welcome students back to the building and to our virtual classrooms after the prolonged school closure! It's great to see many returning and new students! The challenges of returning were great, but our staff and students rose above the hurdles to place learning and academic excellence as our number one priority!

The Middle School is implementing a new mathematics curriculum and entering year two of implementing the My Perspectives English Language Arts curriculum. We are grateful to the Curriculum teams for their time researching, discussing, and selecting these curriculums. Teachers will continue to receive professional development in the ELA and Math curriculums throughout the school year.

The Middle/High School Positive Behavior Intervention Support Team met prior to the start of school to address concerns that may arise from the extended leave and COVID19. In August, the PBIS team focused upon recognizing students for taking responsibility to meet the Reset/Restart expectations for all 6-12 students, revamping the PBIS incentives, and discussed the effectiveness of the PBIS program.

Important Fairfield Middle School updates and information can be found on Facebook on the Fairfield Local Middle School page.



VIRTUAL SCHOOL OPTION

Due to the uncertainties and health risks of Covid-19 this school year, Fairfield Local School District offered a virtual school option to all of our K-12 students. In a partnership with the Southern Ohio ESC and Fairfield County ESC, Fairfield was able to offer the Florida Virtual School curriculum to our students. Students may choose to return to in-person learning after the first semester or remain in the online school for the remainder of the year. Currently, the elementary school (K-5) has 32 students enrolled, the middle school (6-8) has 27 students enrolled and the high school (9-12) has 22 students enrolled.

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR



Academic Calendar

Aug 10..... 1st Day - Teachers
 Aug 11..... 1st Day - All Staff
 Aug 12..... Professional Day
Aug 17..... 1st Day - Students
 Aug 28..... NO SCHOOL - Professional Day
 Sep 7..... NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
 Sep 8-11..... NO SCHOOL - Fair Break
 Sep 22..... Interims - Grades 6-12
 Sep 25..... Interims - Grades K-5
 Sep 30..... 1 Hour Early Release
 Oct 8..... Parent/Teacher Conferences
 Oct 14..... 1 Hour Early Release
 Oct 15..... Parent/Teacher Conferences
 Oct 22..... End 1st Quarter
 Oct 23..... NO SCHOOL - Professional Day
 Oct 26..... Begin 2nd Quarter
 Nov 2..... Grade Cards - 1st Quarter
 Nov 11..... 1 Hour Early Release
 Nov 25..... NO SCHOOL - P/T Comp Day
 Nov 26-27..... NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
 Nov 30..... NO SCHOOL - Professional Day
 Dec 1..... Interims - Grades 6-12
 Dec 4..... Interims - Grades K-5
 Dec 21 to Jan 1..... NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
 Jan 15..... End 2nd Quarter
 Jan 18..... NO SCHOOL - MLK Day
 Jan 19..... Begin 3rd Quarter
 Jan 22..... Grade Cards - 2nd Quarter
 Jan 27..... 1 Hour Early Release
 Feb 12..... NO SCHOOL - Professional Day
 Feb 15..... NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day
 Feb 16..... Interims - Grades 6-12
 Feb 18..... Parent/Teacher Conferences
 Feb 19..... Interims - Grades K-5
 Feb 24..... 1 Hour Early Release
 Feb 25..... Parent/Teacher Conferences
 Mar 10..... 1 Hour Early Release
 Mar 19..... End 3rd Quarter
 Mar 22..... Begin 4th Quarter
 Mar 24..... 1 Hour Early Release
 Mar 26..... Grade Cards - 3rd Quarter
 Apr 1..... NO SCHOOL - P/T Comp Day
 Apr 2..... NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
 Apr 5..... NO SCHOOL - Professional Day
 Apr 20..... Interims - Grades 6-12
 Apr 23..... Interims - Grades K-5
May 20..... Last Day - Students (1 Hr Early Release)
 May 21..... Graduation (6pm)
 May 21..... Last Day - Teachers

School Day Hours

Middle/High School (6-12) - 7:30am - 2:30pm
 Elementary (K-5) - 8:30am - 3:30pm

Activities Calendar

Oct. 16.....PTO Carnival *Cancelled*
 Oct. 18.....HS Band - Fall Festival of Leaves *Cancelled*
 Oct. 20.....HS Marching Band Concert
 Oct. 21.....HS Choir Concert
 Oct. 23.....HS Band - Pumpkin Show *Cancelled*
 Nov. 9.....Veteran's Day Programs *Cancelled*
 Dec. 4.....National Honor Society Induction
 Dec. 4.....PTO "I Made It" Bazaar
 Dec. 9.....MS Christmas Concert (Band/Choir)
 Dec. 11.....3rd Grade Winter Program
 Dec. 16.....HS Christmas Concert (Band/Choir)
 Jan. 9.....HS Homecoming Dance
 Feb. 12.....Elementary Valentine's Day Program
 Mar. 3.....HS Late Winter Concert (Band/Choir)
 Mar. 12 & 13 ..HS Musical
 Apr. 7.....Kindergarten Registration (21-22 SY)
 Apr. 24.....Junior/Senior Prom
 May 4.....HS Spring Concert (Band/Choir)
 May 6.....MS Spring Concert (Band/Choir)
 May 6.....Kindergarten Field Trip
 May 7.....2nd Grade Mother's Day Tea
 May 10.....HS Scholastic Achievement/Art Show
 May 12.....4th Grade Book Gallery
 May 13.....MS/HS Music Banquet
 May 14.....Elementary Grandparents' Day Program
 May 18.....Kindergarten End-of-Year Program

Many events have been cancelled or postponed due to the guidelines for COVID-19. Please check our website regularly for calendar updates.

Calamity Days

After 7 days missed, these dates will be
 make-up days: January 18, February 12,
 February 15, April 5, May 21



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THANK YOU for respecting the policies and procedures set forth by the Fairfield Local Schools Board of Education.

- ◆ FACE COVERINGS are required to enter our buildings and vehicles.
- ◆ All visitors must check in at offices.
- ◆ Tobacco products are prohibited on school grounds.
- ◆ Do not park on the grass.
- ◆ Main Entrances are to be used for all public events.
- ◆ Main Entrance circles are for drop-off/pick-up only; not parking.

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Kind
Lion Pride!**

MISSION STATEMENT

As a part of a rural community rich in traditional values, our mission is to enable each individual to reach his/her highest potential to succeed in an ever-changing global society by providing the highest level of academic instruction in a safe, positive learning environment.