



FOCUS ON FAIRLESS

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New High School Principal

Chad Merritt will be the new principal of Fairless High School beginning August 2022. Chad started his career in 1998 as a science teacher at GlenOak High School. In 2007, he became an administrator at Perry Local, serving as high school assistant principal and principal at Pfeiffer Intermediate School. Since 2019, Chad has been serving as the Assistant Principal at Oakwood Middle School in the Plain Local School District. Chad brings 15 years of successful experience as a building leader to Fairless High School.

Upon high school graduation, Chad was accepted into the Air Force Academy. After serving two years in the Air Force, he realized his life passion was education and serving young people. Chad came home from the Academy and attended Malone University to complete his degree. Chad and his wife Liz have three children.

Julie Weyandt returning to Fairless

Julie Weyandt will become the Director of Curriculum and Special Programs. Julie is a 1991 Fairless High School graduate, and started her education career at Navarre Elementary School in 1997 as a third-grade teacher. Julie was named Principal of Beach City Elementary School in 2004, and in 2007 served with Julie Kerby as the inaugural principal team at the new Fairless Elementary School. In 2015, she joined the Ohio Department of Education as a State Support Team 9 Consultant, where she also served as a part-time Curriculum Director for Fairless Local Schools during the 2015-2016 school year. During her time at SST 9, Julie has focused on school improvement, principal coaching, and Universal Design for Learning.

JOIN FAIRLESS ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB

Fairless Academic Boosters is looking for new members to join the group and support students. This important club provides and manages many scholarships for our senior students.

If you are interested in getting involved,
please contact
connie.horton@fairless.sparcc.org.

USDA SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM

- By Phone: Call the USDA National Hunger Hotline, which operates from 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM Eastern Time. If you need food assistance, call 1-866-3-HUNGRY or 1-877-8-HAMBRE to speak with a representative who will find food resources such as meal sites, food banks, and other social services available near your location.
- By Text: Text the word Summer, Food, or Meals to the automated service at 914-342-7744, to receive an automated response to resources located near an address and/or zip code.

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Fairless Mother's Day



Saturday, May 7, 2022 • 9am
Register at [Fairless5K.org](https://www.fairless5k.org)



Visit Fairless Future Committee

For the most up-to-date Fairless Local Schools information,
visit our website at www.fairlesslocalschools.org



@FHSathletics for athletic information
@FairlessHS for high school information
@bab18231 for Fairless Superintendent

District News



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 330-767-3577

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Lyon's Den Golf Course

Saturday, May 14, 2022

Shotgun – Scramble

Fee: \$65 PP Includes Golf, Cart,

Hot Dog - Beverage & Dinner

50/50- Skins- Hole Contests

~Door Prizes

Cash for 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place



Registration: 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.
Tee Off: 8:30 a.m.
Format: Four Person Scramble
Hot Dog & Beverage: Turn
Dinner: Following Golf

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY-Make Checks Payable to: Fairless Alumni Association, Inc.

Hole Sponsor \$100

Company/ Individual Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

REGISTRATION- Make Checks Payable to: Fairless Alumni Association, Inc.

Players: \$65/person (4 players per team)

1. _____	_____	_____
Name	Address	Phone
2. _____	_____	_____
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3. _____	_____	_____
Name	Address	Phone
4. _____	_____	_____
Name	Address	Phone

Questions:

Jacqueline

330.603.6535

Mike

330.232.6779

Return to: Elizabeth Musacchia, 320 S Wabash Ave, Brewster, Oh 44613

High School News



The Falcon Concert Band performed at the OMEA Ohio Competition.



Four seniors signing for their college commitments: Coltin Colucci, Hunter Campbell, Max Kirby, and Gracie Lyon.



Fairless Aultman Ambassadors received an AAP HS grant to purchase under-the-desk cycles to promote movement in classrooms.



Spring Sports Seniors



Girls' Track and Field

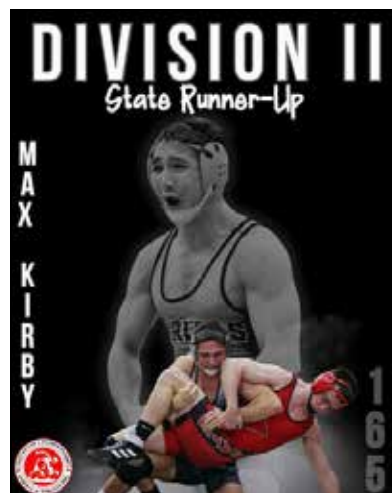


Boys' Track and Field

Annual Golf Outing
May 14, 2022

fairless
Mother's Day
5K
Walk/Run

Saturday, May 7, 2022 • 9am
Register at Fairless5K.org



Fairless Wrestler, Max Kirby, State Runner-up.



Softball



Falcon Playhouse puts on two performances: "Steel Magnolias" and "The Nerd."

Middle School News

Spelling Bee

On February 9, Fairless Middle School students competed in a spelling bee. Thirty contestants participated, these were the top ten finishers:

1. Rachael Ickes..... seventh grade
2. Sawyer Murrayeighth grade
3. Annie Scheetz.....sixth grade
4. Adaline Borojevich.....sixth grade
5. Jasmine Mann.....eighth grade
6. Colten Swegheimersixth grade
7. Ontrell Hunter..... seventh grade
8. Adelyn Petersonsixth grade
9. Blake Hess..... seventh grade
10. Kenyon Sheegog..... seventh grade

Rachael won by correctly spelling “pulverized.” She placed fifteenth at the regional spelling bee at GlenOak High School in March. Great job, everyone!



Rachael Ickes

P-U-L-V-E-R-I-Z-E-D

Power of the Pen

The Power of the Pen writing team had a great time over the past year. They wrote stories, gave each other feedback, and participated in a tournament. The team is open to seventh and eighth graders. This year, the team consisted of eighth-graders **Alannah Bailey, Riley Brothers, Jacob Postlewaite, Isaac Renner, and Gracey Smithberger** and seventh-graders **Angel Boyles, Andrea Ecenbarger, Emma Hagi, Rachael Ickes, Violet Kryah, Lane Malcuit, Haley Rhodes, A.J. Stracke, and Izzy Underwood.**

After the district tournament in January, SIX FINALISTS moved on to the regional tournament. They were **Alannah Bailey, Riley Brothers, Andrea Ecenbarger, Emma Hagi, Rachael Ickes, and Isaac Renner.** Alannah placed 17th out of 91 writers, and is eligible to compete in the state tournament in May. Everyone should be congratulated on a fabulous season. The team is coached by **Angela Ferrell and Julie Feucht.**



Donuts for Character

February

March 2022

Sixth Gr.

Bena Craver
Wesley Weeks
Adaline Borojevich
Bridget Newtz

Jack Bucher
Brice Fuller
Annie Scheetz
Ada Warehime

Seventh Gr.

Sara Spencer
Sammy Durant
Knox Hughes
Izzy Underwood

Morgan Burdge
Kaleb Roudebush
Machenzie Gatschet
Mia Lewis
Sydney Miller

Eighth Gr.

Dharma Rittmaier
Taylor Poulson
Wyatt Studer
Bradlee Keehn

Caleb Lucas
Jaxon Sadie
Gracey Smithberger
Madison Yarger

Middle School News

THE LION KING



The Ensemble



Timon and Pumbaa



Simba



Lionesses



The Crew

Awesome!, Fantastic!, and Amazing! were some of the comments given about Fairless Middle School Drama's presentation of Disney's *The Lion King Jr.* Mrs. Brunckhart (Choir) and Mrs. Perich (Art) worked with the cast and crew (grades 6-8) over two months, in preparation for the performances. Over 500 guests attended the show.



Wrestling

Connor Shephard

PAC-7 Champion @ 172lbs

OAC Brecksville District Champion @ 176lbs

OAC Jr High State Qualifier

Emma Shephard

PAC-7 3rd Place @ 104lbs

OAC Jr High State Qualifier

OAC Jr High Girls State 5th Place @98lbs

Logan Slatzer

PAC-7 Champion @ 80lbs

Sixth Graders

Jack Bucher

OYWA (Ohio Youth Wrestling Association)
State Qualifier

OAC Troy Christian District 2nd Place

OAC Grade School State Qualifier

Brandon Slatzer

OYWA State Qualifier



Indoor State Track Meet

Andrew Hearn, 4th in 1600, 3rd in 800

Lily Askren, 18th in 1600, 17th in 800

Elementary News

Kindergarten



Mrs. Ruffier's kindergarten class designed and used drawings to build Leprechaun traps on St. Patrick's Day. The students used marshmallows, toothpicks and construction paper to create their Leprechaun traps!

First Grade



First grade celebrated 120 days of school with fun activities throughout their day! Above are just a few of the activities. A group building with 120 cubes, Mason Pulley in his super cool 120th day shirt, and making cereal necklaces with 120 fruit loops.



First graders making polygons with straws for their math lesson with Ms. Schoepner.

Second Grade



One of our second-grade students, **Piper Freeman**, was Teacher-for-the-Day in her classroom!



Second-grade students made rain clouds during their Science Stations in March.



Principal Neuenschwander visited Mrs. Cox's second-grade classroom to read them a story.

Third Grade



Third grade had a Glow Day Math Review for their state testing!

Elementary News

Fourth Grade



Some of the fourth-grade students show off their artwork.



Fourth-graders take pride in showing their artwork that was displayed in the annual art show.

Art Show

The Fairless Elementary School spring art show took place in the evening on April 5. Students in grades K-5 shared both two-dimensional and three-dimensional pieces of artwork throughout the school building. The event encouraged students, along with their friends and family, to stroll the halls and share in the love of art.

There were raffle baskets and clay magnets/ornaments sold during this time. As a result, \$262 was collected to share with the Wilderness Center, Akron Children's Hospital, and the Fairless Alumni Association/Fairless Helping Fairless. The students are so grateful for everyone who continues to support the arts program in our district!

Fifth Grade



Fifth graders studying for state testing.

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GO Club!

Our after-school program for Girls Only! This program combines character education and individualized training for a 5K run/walk event. This program is designed to build positive self-esteem and optimize the girls' full potential in mind, body and spirit.



Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day

Our staff and students wore green to celebrate our friends on National Cerebral Palsy Day!



Fourth-Grade Solos



Fifth-Grade Choir



Bucket Drummers

Music

The second and fourth-grade classes presented their Spring Programs on March 10. The audiences were treated to singing, dancing and drumming, as well as boomwhacker and recorder playing. We are very proud of our talented "Little Falcons!"

District News

FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOLS

2022-2023

August
 12 Teacher Day – No School
 Open House K-12
 15 & 16 Teacher Day – No School
 17 First Student Day
September
 2 Teacher Day - No School
 5 Labor Day
October
 5 & 12 P/T Conf. – Evening
 7 P/T Conf. All Day - No School
 10 Teacher Day – No School
 14 End of 9 weeks (39 days)
November
 23- 25 Thanksgiving Break
 28 No School
December
 20 End of 9 weeks (43 days)
 End of semester (82 days)
 21-30 Christmas Break
January
 2-3 Christmas Break
 16 Martin Luther King Day
February
 2 & 9 P/T Conf. – Evening
 3 Teacher Day – No School
 20 Presidents' Day
March
 11 End of 9 weeks (45 days)
 27-31 Spring Break
April
 7 No School – Good Friday
May
 26 Last Student Day
 Last Teacher Day
 End of 9 weeks (49 days)
 End of semester (94 days)
 29 Memorial Day

Calamity Day Make-Up Schedule:
 1st Day – May 30, 2023 – consecutive
 weekdays as needed

- Teacher Day - No School for Students
- First & Last Student Day
- No School
- Teacher Exchange Day – No School

Student Days 176
 Teacher Days 185



KINDERGARTEN CHANGE!

Effective with the 2022-2023 school
 year, all kindergarten students must be
 five (5) years old as of AUGUST 1.

February 2023						
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May 2023						
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June 2023						
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July 2023						
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SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

is available on
 WHBC 94.1 FM and 1480 AM,
 channels ABC, CBS, and Fox 8.

Asbestos Notification

Each year Fairless Local Schools are inspected for any change in condition of asbestos-containing material, and results are posted in the Asbestos Management plan. A copy of this plan is available for public inspection. The Fairless management plan is updated twice a year as part of a six-month periodic surveillance. These measures and this notification are required to comply with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regulation 40 CFR, Part 763.