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Superintendent's Message

Fairless Community,

We have reached the halfway mark in the 20–21 school year, and I felt the need to highlight some things for you. Even though the pandemic has forced us to do things differently, we have been determined to not let it stop progress or crush our spirit. Our staff have been phenomenal every day keeping our students in the classrooms learning face-to-face. Many times, the staff have adapted their instruction and lessons for students who have been quarantined from school. We are very thankful for technology, which has allowed us to continue teaching and learning with our students, when the pandemic has forced us to be separated for a period of time. You will read in this newsletter how our staff and students have continued to learn, adapt and be creative in the midst of navigating mask-wearing and social distancing.

We were able to successfully complete fall sports seasons, and I must thank the parents and fans for working with us in following the pandemic protocols while attending all of these events.

Second semester is in full swing, winter sports are active, plans for spring events are being finalized, the 21- 22 school calendar has been adopted, and now is the time in our school year that we engage in planning for next year. We will begin high school scheduling, staff transitions and/or retirements, planning purchases and professional development.

Construction work on the new baseball field has stopped for the winter, but will resume when the weather breaks in the spring (see pictures on page two showing the progress of the new baseball field). The new field will be ready for the 2022 baseball season. The Village of Brewster is allowing our baseball program to use one of their fields in the spring for practices, and some games, due to the construction of the new high school where the current baseball field is located. The construction of the new high school is still on schedule to begin this spring. The construction documents are in the final stages of being completed, and contractor bidding should begin in late February.

Happy winter to all of you and Go Falcons!

Sincerely
Broc Bidlack

USDA Extends Free Meals for All Students

The USDA has extended FREE breakfasts and lunches (a la carte not included) for all K-12 students for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. Our cafeterias are self-funded programs, and since we are not charging for meals at this time, it is difficult to keep up the revenue. Have your student(s) enjoy free meals; the cafeterias will be reimbursed from the government, for every meal served. Eat FREE, and help our cafeteria program stay in the black.

Remote or Quarantined Students

Free meals are also available to remote and quarantined students. Follow the instructions below to sign up for lunch and breakfast weekly. You MUST order on Fridays, for pickup on Wednesdays. Pickups are Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the high school loading dock. Thank you for supporting the cafeteria.

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- Click on Schools
- Click on Digital Academy
- Scroll down to link for Grab and Go

Join our Falcon Cafeteria Team

Fairless is looking for friendly, dependable, hard-working people to become substitute cooks. If interested or need more information, call 330-767-7071 or fill out the online application for classified positions under the employment section on the Fairless Local School District website.



Visit Fairless Future Committee

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visit our website at www.fairlesslocalschools.org



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New Baseball Field Underway



SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

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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.

High School News



(L to R): Evelyn Morrison, Jenna Maher, Matthew Gilkerson, Grace Snavelly, Adviser, Mrs. Meredith

Academic Challenge

Academic Challenge is different this year. Instead of traveling to different schools to participate, meets will be done through google meet, and their cellular devices become their individual buzzers. The first meet was on Monday, January 11 with Alliance and Tuslaw. They will have a total of four meets, and compete with eight different schools.



Senior Athletes



(L to R): Annabelle Ehmer, Reise Lanier, Mackenzie Pavlik, Jerrod Haburn, Brandi Carter, Lucas Cline, Emily Cole, Dawson Fortner, Paige Lowder, Conner Durant, Zachary Taylor, Ethan Witting. Not Pictured: Joshua Webb.



Teen of the Month

The December Teen of the Month is **Mr. Luke Gill**, son of James and Kathryn Gill of Beach City. He is a member of National Honor Society, Fairless Key Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Sons of the American Legion Post #549. He will finish his high school career as a letterman in football and baseball. Luke has been on the honor roll his entire high school career, and does community service projects with Fairless and his church. He is a member of the Beach City First Lutheran Church and plans to attend college to pursue a career in education.

Middle School News



Bob Baltzer (middle) pictured with family members during his retirement party.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Bob Baltzer on his retirement in December, after 35 years as a custodian with Fairless Local Schools. While at Fairless, he was known for his patience and knowledge, and enjoyed building relationships with students and staff. In his downtime, he enjoyed woodworking and playing computer games. Thanks for all your hard work over the years!



Charles Lowe is pictured holding a handmade snowflake. He created it with the help of the Falcon Volunteers during their monthly visit to Mr. Ferrell's classroom. Students do activities and build relationships during their visits.



Ceiling Tiles

Our current sixth-graders missed out on an exciting project during their fifth grade year. This year, Mrs. Best and Mrs. Perich have teamed up to give students the opportunity to complete the project. The project includes decorating ceiling tiles. The students decorate each tile with their own unique theme. The completed projects will be part of the ceiling at the elementary school.

The Prism Award Winners

We are proud to announce that **Mercedes Morris** and **Alexus Vincent** have both earned the Prism Award! The Prism Award is presented each year by the Massillon Public Library to recognize students who excel in leadership, citizenship and scholarship.

Mercedes is a very bright, hardworking, self-motivated and respectful young lady who is very humble. She is always reaching and striving for excellence in class, to meet her goals for academic success. Mercedes is always helpful to her group members, and all classmates in general, no matter what assistance is needed. Mercedes never allows her daily challenges to stop her from being the best she can be in and outside of the school environment.



Alexis Vincent

Alexus has really blossomed in the classroom. She showed tremendous progress in just one school year. At the beginning of the year, she was very quiet in class and never spoke out. Since her increased achievement and newfound confidence in the classroom, she is participating more, working hard, and asking questions. She has become an active, self-motivated learner. Her incredible growth was noticed by the entire team of teachers. We are extremely proud of the student she has become.

We are very proud of these young ladies and look forward to seeing what is next for them.



Mercedes Morris

Student Council Toy Drive

Student Council members collected toys to donate to Akron Children's Hospital prior to the holiday break. Toys were given to students in the hospital to comfort them. Thank you to everyone who donated toys to the Toy Drive.



(L to R): **Addison Blackwood** and **Angelina Boyles**

Middle School News

Fairless MS/HS Music Department Displays Creativity and Connection

Although this school year has looked remarkably different, the Pride, Tradition and Spirit of Fairless remains strong. Here are just a few of the highlights:



Marching Band performed at all home football games, donning a new tracksuit.



Marching Band held its first ever “Rock Brideweser” event. We featured the eighth grade band members, and recognized the achievements of several band members.



Eighth grade band performed “live” during the sixth grade lunch periods and presented an audio concert to the families of the performers.



After nearly 20 years of fundraising, the marching band received new uniforms. The uniforms take details from the previous two uniforms for a sleek look.



With your help, the music department sold over 700 Troyer Pies in our annual sale. The students who sold more than 25 pies had the opportunity to “pie a director” in the face.

Proud of Our Students

We have so many students who demonstrate good character. We would like to feature two of them, who go above and beyond in their behavior, attitude, and overall outlook.



First is seventh grader, **Chloe Hurst**. Chloe has gone out of her way to make other students feel welcome. She shows respect for all students and teachers. She is thoughtful when interacting with others.

We are so proud of her!

Next, is **Nathan Forte**. He is a true fighter! This young man faced adversity at a young age and endured months of hospitalizations and surgeries. Nathan’s goal was to walk through our middle school doors without crutches. He succeeded, and his fierce determination to succeed is truly admirable!



After over 100 hours of video editing, the 6-12 choirs presented a combined virtual performance of “Let Heaven and Nature Sing”. You can see the video by visiting: <https://youtu.be/NSu3fso8iuc>.

Elementary School News



Mrs. Werker's class enjoying the snow (above) and making play-doh (left).



Mrs. Leitch staying connected with her digital class!

Kindergarten

Miss Martin's class and their third grade book buddies (Mrs. Huffman's class) meeting through Google Meets. We have been meeting a couple times a month to read stories to each other, share educational songs, complete activities together, and this year we even added in some fun math games. This week the third grade buddies gave the kindergartners addition number sentences to complete and then they help up their boards to show their buddies their work. Both the third graders and kindergartners look forward to meeting book buddies, even if it has to be virtually.



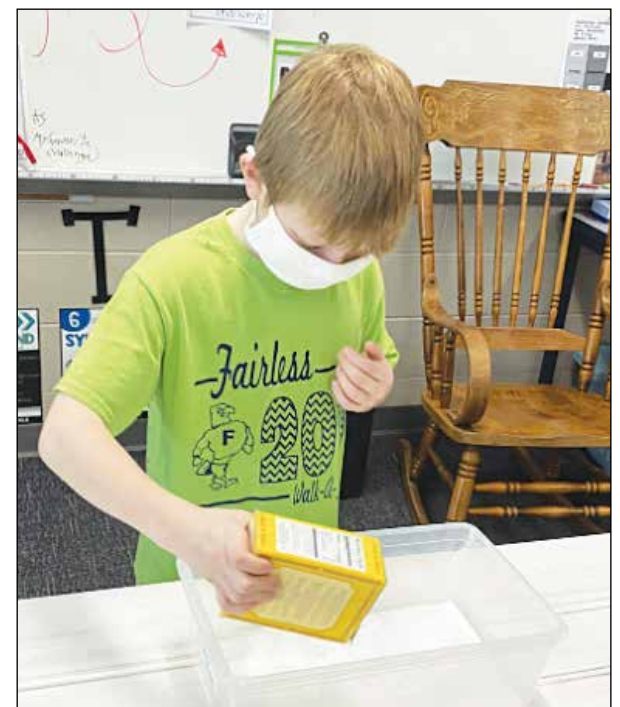
Elementary School News



First graders have been busy learning about place value. They are having fun using base ten blocks at their desks.



First graders practicing their reading skills by the fireplace during Right to Read Week!



Third Grade

Third graders learned all about the different states of matter. They participated in five different demonstrations/experiments to better understand the nature of solids, liquids, and gases. We made a big mess but had so much fun!



Some second graders were very excited to get chapter books for Christmas. We love to read in second grade!

Building News

Stark County District Library
715 Market Ave N
Canton, OH 44702
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What Is It?

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a 60 volume set of books beginning with the children's classic *The Little Engine That Could*™. Each month a new, carefully selected book will be mailed in your child's name directly to your home. Best of all it is a **FREE GIFT!** There is no cost or obligation to your family.

Who Is Eligible?

Preschool children ages birth to five who are residents of Stark County.

What Are My Responsibilities?

1. Be a resident of Stark County.
2. Submit an official registration form, completely filled out by parent or guardian. (Form must be approved and on file with Stark County District Library.)
3. Notify Stark County District Library any time your address changes. Books are mailed to the address listed on the official registration form. *If the child's address changes, you must contact the folks at the address on this card in order to continue receiving books.*
4. Read with your child.

When Will I Receive Books?

Eight to ten weeks after your registration form has been received, books will begin arriving at your home and will continue until your child turns five or you move out of Stark County.



Sign up your child today!

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FAIRLESS LOCAL 2021-2022

August	
16 & 17	Teacher Day – No School
17	Open House 1-12
18	First Student Day
September	
3	Teacher Day-No School
6	Labor Day
30	P/T Conf. – Evening
October	
1	P/T Conf. All Day-No School
6	P/T Conf. Evening
11	Teacher Day – No School
15	End of 9 weeks (39 days)
November	
24-26	Thanksgiving Break
29	Teacher Ex. Day-No School
December	
17	End 9wk/Sem. (41/80 days)
20-31	Christmas Break
January	
14	Teacher Day – No School
17	MLK Day – No School
February	
2 & 10	P/T Conf. – Evening
21	President's Day-No School
March	
11	End of 9 weeks (47 days)
28-31	Spring Break – No School
April	
1	Teacher Ex. Day-No School
15	No School
May	
27	Last Student Day
27	End 9 wk/Sem. (49/96 days)
30	Memorial Day
31	Last Teacher Day

Calamity Day Make-Up Schedule:
1st Day – May 31, 2022 – 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

February 2022						
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Dolly Parton's IMAGINATION LIBRARY Official Registration Form

1st Preschool Child's FULL Name _____

Child's Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Sex: M F Phone _____

2nd Preschool Child's FULL Name _____

Child's Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Sex: M F Phone _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Child's Home Address _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

Email Address _____

I hereby explicitly consent to allow the Dollywood Foundation, Inc. to use the information provided herein for the purposes of participating in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library book gifting program. To measure the benefits of this program we may create datasets with the information provided herein and share them with research and educational advancement partners. You agree to review our full Terms & Conditions and Privacy Policy by visiting imaginationlibrary.com. By signing and submitting this form you expressly consent to the terms set forth herein.

"This child is a resident of **Stark County, OH.**"

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received: _____ Group Code: _____