



FOCUS ON FAIRLESS

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Superintendent's Message

Dear Parents and Community,

I wish to share additional facts and details regarding our district academic growth and performance this past year, which is not reflected in our report card, which was recently released. The students and staff have been very focused on setting academic goals, and working hard to achieve them. In addition to serving academic needs, the district has also been diligent in increasing safety measures, and meeting social, emotional, and basic needs of our students and families.

Our district CARE teams served 130 students during the 2017-18 school year, and increased to 418 for the

2018-19 school year. This is a significant increase in student non-academic needs, and by expanding our support services to address these needs, this is a positive impact on our overall academic growth. All district buildings have a family support specialist, a school counselor and mental health professionals, to work at meeting our student needs.

Our district has invested time, professional development, and financial resources in the following areas, to strengthen our academic performance and growth:

- Updated English language arts, math and science curriculums
- Additional literacy trainings with teachers

- Implementation of MAP Growth assessments with our students, to help us identify when students are on/off track academically, and to set growth goals.

We have grown academically this past school year in the following ways:

- Overall District Grade has grown to a "C"
- Overall District GAP Closing has grown to a "C"
- Graduation Rate is still maintained at an "A", but we improved to 99.2% from 95.7%.
- Progress (Value-Added) - this component is the only one on the report card to have a three-year average data point, all the others

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Free & Reduced Lunch

Fairless Local Schools have announced the 2019-2020 program year policy for Free & Reduced – Price Meals for students unable to pay the full price of meals, served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast. Each school office and the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party. You may contact the school office to receive a Free & Reduced Application, or obtain online at fairlesslocalschools.org. Fairless Local Schools is an equal opportunity provider.

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District News



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are single year data point. Our single year results for this component for the 2018-19 school year, was a grade of "C", an improvement of 11.7 points or 94% from 2017-18. It is important to know that Ohio defines a Value-Added Grade of C, as expected Growth. We still have much room to grow and perform better, but we also celebrate that our students did accomplish a full year's worth of academic growth in 2018-19.

- Prepared for Success has grown to a "D" - our grade improved based on more of our high school students earning an honors diploma, and remedial free scores on the ACT.

Our goal is to take another large step forward this school year in our academic growth, and we are confident we have identified the steps for this to be achieved.



Outdoor Classroom

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! FES will be opening its new outdoor classroom soon. This engaging learning environment can be utilized by classes throughout the district, to connect lessons to nature and the pond. Fairless students, community members, businesses and PTO are very appreciated, for supporting this project through the walk-a-thon fundraiser. A special thank you to **Jim Miller** of Miller Reno for putting the plan into action.

Fairless is seeking substitute custodians, bus drivers, and cooks, as well as a full-time bus driver for the 2019-2020 school year.

Applications available at www.fairlesslocalschools.org



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.

High School News

Stark County Fair

Did you get a chance to attend the 170th annual Progressive Stark County Fair? Fairless had many representatives, who succeeded in a variety of projects.

On the first night of the fair, multiple Fairless students had a memorable night. The members of the Fairless Falcon Marching Band had the opportunity to perform in front of the Grandstand. Their show, titled "Summer Vibes," featured songs *Already Gone*, *The Lazy Song*, and *Bang the Drum*. Outstanding youth and royalty awards were handed out to 4-H students. Two of our very own students were crowned as royalty; senior, **Chase Snyder** was crowned the 2019 Stark County Fair King, and junior, **Sullivan Kennedy** was crowned 2019 Stark County Fair 1st Runner-Up. However, instead of a crown they were honored with a hat.



Chase Snyder

Many FHS students represented themselves in various clubs and groups. **Sullivan Kennedy**, **Emma Fisher**, **Bailey Poths**, and **Kayla Carter** were all members of the Junior Fair Board, helping the fair run smoothly. Many students took part in junior committees, including **Emma Klick**, **Ila Klick**, and **Kendra Feucht** with the swine committee, and **Chase Snyder** with the beef committee.

All of the students had a very memorable and fun fair, with their hard work from the past year paying off. **Kendra Feucht** received fifth place carcass hog for meat quality, with the chance to auction it off at the sale; **Sullivan Kennedy** achieved the award of Reserve Grand Champion Broilers; **Matt Wentling**

received Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Feeder Showman; and **Billy Kegley** was awarded Grand Champion Steer Showman. These are just a few of the many awards acquired by Fairless 4-H students.

Overall, this year's fair was quite a success. Most days were full of excitement, beautiful weather, fun, and many awards! If you see a participant from the fair, be sure to congratulate them on all of their hard work.



Billy Kegley



Eric Ruegg



Lucas Ruegg



Elliot Walters



Olivia Fortner and Kayla Carter

Chris Byler



Senior Chris Byler spent the summer transforming from an ordinary high school student to a soldier in the United States Army Reserve at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. On November 8, 2018, he made the decision to repeat words he will never forget, "I, Christopher Byler, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice, So help me God." Byler completed the three phases, Red, White and Blue, and returned back to high school a week after school had started, as an American Soldier. He will continue to drill with his reserve unit during this school year, and after graduation he will attend Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Thank you, Private Byler, for your service!



Stark County Education Service Center Special Needs Class

Miss Hanna's class of 9th-12th graders has been enjoying field trips to job sites such as Massillon Goodwill and Winking Lizard to practice and learn job skills. They have practiced maneuvering the local community independently at spots like Bimeler Park and the Football Hall of Fame! Ninth grader, **Cameron Legg**, said the Playmaker's Program at the Football Hall of Fame was "really, really good! I got to kick and throw the football inside the stadium!" Students from around Stark County participated in this event, led by local football coaches. Students learned to punt, throw and kick, then were treated to a tour through the museum. Their next big trip will be to Trailhead Canoe Livery in Massillon.

Middle School News



(l to r): Trisha Brunckhart, Denise Carter, Jennifer Wickham, Danielle Perich

New Staff

Fairless Middle School welcomes our new staff members! Four tutors will be working with our middle school students this year, they are **Denise Carter, Ray Ohlinger, Dean Rodgers, and Jennifer Wickham**. **Danielle Perich** is our new art teacher, and our new choir director is **Trisha Brunckhart**. **Melanie Scheibe** has also joined our cafeteria staff. These new staff members are full of energy and exciting ideas. We are so glad for the opportunity to work alongside them this year.



(l to r): Ray Ohlinger and Dean Rodgers



Melanie Scheibe



Eighth Grade

Eighth-grade students are off to a great start this school year. To kick things off in Mrs. Zwick's science class, students worked on a team-building activity, requiring them to duplicate towers and patterns of various difficulty, using plastic cups and rubber bands. The fact that they could neither touch the cups, nor use their voices, made this task even more challenging. Students had to problem solve using their scientific creativity, cooperation, and innovation skills, which will undoubtedly help them this year, and in years to come.

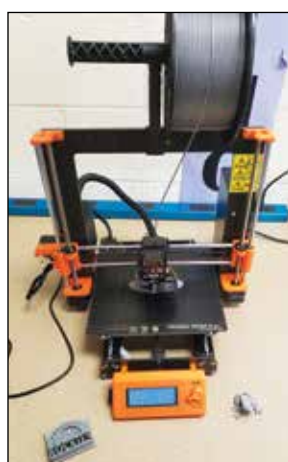


Sixth Grade Science

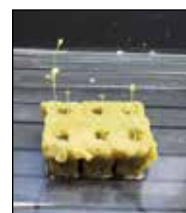
Sixth grade science, had their first opportunity to use the IPEVO document camera. Using the camera, students had to figure out if the substance in the petri dish, was a living or a non-living thing. Prior to using the camera, students had to characterize life by developing certain criteria, which could be used as the standard to test all substances against, to determine if they are living or not. Some of their initial ideas of characterizing life, was determining if the substance could breathe, had a pulse, could reproduce, could respond to their environment, had cells, could take in food and water, movement, and have blood flowing through it. After critically thinking about their initial ideas, many of the students were able to conclude that the substance they were looking at through the IPEVO document camera was a nonliving thing.



Seventh Grade STEM



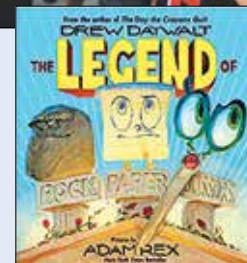
Seventh grade students will be using new technology this year in the STEM program. FMS acquired three 3D printers, and STEM teacher Will Hansen assembled them over the summer. Students are designing a variety of products on a CAD software called TinkerCAD and printing their work out during the nine-week course. In addition to the 3D printers, there are eight new hydroponic kits. Eighth grade students will be growing lettuce and learning about the nutrient requirements, plant life cycle, and the overall upkeep of indoor crops. Students may even be able to produce enough lettuce to contribute to the cafeteria to be used for school lunches. Great job, Mr. Hansen.



Elementary News



Fifth Grade Rock, Paper, Scissors - Mrs. Miller pictured with students.



Fifth Grade

Fifth graders read the book *The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors*. They discussed the importance of goal setting and rooting for each other, as they achieve their goals. As a culminating activity, the entire fifth grade went outside and participated in Rock, Paper, Scissors, Train.



(l to r): Denise Greenfelder, Jennifer Evans, Amy Leatherman, Alyssa Craver, Kassidy Swiger, Elisabeth Carpico, Taylor Spring.

New Staff for the 2019-20 School Year

- **Denise Greenfelder** - CARE Team
- **Jennifer Evans** - Intervention Specialist
- **Amy Leatherman** - Paraprofessional
- **Alyssa Craver** - Paraprofessional
- **Kassidy Swiger** - Second Grade Teacher
- **Elisabeth Carpico** - First Grade Teacher
- **Taylor Spring** - Kindergarten Teacher



New Principal **Lori Neuenschwander**, and Interim Assistant Principal **Dan Nero**



Second Grade

The second grade has been busy getting into the routine of school. They are learning how they can help improve their neighborhoods in their new reading series. Students are learning how to work with partners and in small groups, to become better listeners and supporters to each other.

Kindergarten

Today A Reader, Tomorrow A Leader

Miss Martin's class is excited to have their first free book of the school year. Miss Maggie gathered enough donations from people in the community for every kindergarten student to get one free book each month of the school year. Their September book is *If You Give a Mouse a Brownie*. The Kindergarten Team would like to thank each of the book sponsors for their generous donation and support to help instill a life-long love of reading.



Elementary News

First Grade



Students playing a math game, Bunny Hop in first grade.



These two students are creatively using linking shapes in Miss Carpico's first grade class.



Students playing one of their House Challenges.



Mrs. Pfeiffer's Class



Mrs. Huffman's Class

Third Grade

Third grade students were sorted into five "Harry Potter" style houses to encourage leadership, team building, and participation. They competed in various House Challenges, and had a great time cheering on each other!

Hall of Honor

The Distinguished Fairless Falcon Award Committee exists to annually recognize outstanding Fairless individuals that have achieved distinction in their lives and/or chosen fields after high school through significant contributions to their careers, communities, or personal achievements. The purpose of the Hall of Honor is threefold:

1. Recognize and honor alumni, faculty, staff, non-graduates, and community members, who have brought honor to the Fairless Local Schools.
2. To establish in the hearts of our youth, a motivating influence to excel.
3. To foster pride, scholarship, preserve good sportsmanship, and citizenship in our school, city, and community.

Those who receive the Distinguished Fairless Falcon Award, become members of the Fairless Hall of Honor.

The Class of 2019 Distinguished Fairless Falcons to be inducted into the Hall of Honor are:

Mr. Jon Dwyer - Jon graduated from Fairless High School in 1976. He was a three-year letterman at Fairless and was the last Fairless player to be named All Federal League in 1974. He held the record for the longest rushing touchdown (88 yards) vs. Akron Hoban in 1975 and held the single-game record for rushing attempts, (52), versus Oakwood in 1974. Jon was also a two-year letterman in track at Fairless.

He was the first district qualifier for track since 1966, in the 100-yard dash in 1975. He also qualified for State in 1976, in the 100-yard dash. He set the school record for accumulated points in running events for the season in 100, 200, and 400 relays. Among all of his athletic accomplishments, Jon was also involved with National Honor Society. Upon graduation, Jon was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point. There he was the third leading rusher, and fourth in receptions, in both 1976 and 1977. Jon later transferred to Kent State University, where he became co-captain of the 1980 team. Jon has spent over 35 years in sales in the woodworking industry. He was the regional sales manager at Reneer Films, the Vice President of sales at Therm O Web, Inc. and is currently self-employed at JL Sales Associates.

Mr. Gene Feucht - Gene graduated in 1953 from Navarre High School. Gene began his career in education as a teacher at the former Beach City Elementary School, where he taught fifth through eighth grade. Gene was also a teacher at North Canton Junior High School. Gene became the principal at Northwest Intermediate School in 1968 and moved on to become principal at Northwest High School. When Perry opened their new Pfeiffer Middle School in 1975, Gene was brought in to be the first principal. Gene later became the Director of Curriculum, the Assistant Superintendent, and ultimately the Superintendent at Perry Local Schools. Gene was also the Interim Superintendent

at Osnaburg Local Schools, and from 1994 to 2001 served as the director of the Stark/Portage Area Computer Consortium. Most recently, Gene served as the Interim Superintendent of Strasburg School District, and is currently Board President of the Stark County Educational Service Center.

Mr. Brett Niver - Brett graduated from Fairless High School in 1978. While at Fairless, Brett was involved in the band, French Club, track, and was on the Academic Challenge Team. Brett went on to obtain his master's of science in Computer Science from Kent State University. Brett credits his interest in computer science to his father, who began the computer science program at a small liberal college where he taught. Throughout his professional career, Brett has left his mark on the technological world. He was a Senior Software Engineer at Eastman Kodak, an engineer and consultant at Diebold, a software department manager at Electric Device Corp., a Consultant for Data General, and was a Senior Manager at Dell EMC. Brett also earned his Diplom. Ing. (the German equivalent of a master's degree in Engineering) in Karlsruhe, Germany. Brett has been involved in developing twenty-two patents and was awarded the Blackstone Valley Entrepreneur of the Year in 2013. Currently, Brett is the President of Irrigation Automation Systems, and is a Senior Global Software Manager at Red Hat, Inc.

The Class of 2019 will be inducted in a ceremony at Fairless High School on November 1 at 1:00 p.m.

Thank You from the Alumni Association

The Fairless Alumni Association and Fairless Helping Fairless would like to thank:

Fairless HS Cheer Team and Coaches

Fairless HS Football Team and Coaches

Fairless HS Volleyball Team and Coaches

The Musacchia Family

The Janson Family

The Rush Family

The Whitmore Family

The Belloni Family

The Falcons have volunteered to work the Children's Meal Program, serving hundreds of families each month school is not in session. The program could not happen without their dedication and time.



School Supplies to ALL

For the 2019/20 school year, the Fairless Alumni Association and Fairless Helping Fairless, worked with many area businesses and individuals to provide school supplies to ALL students in the district. In addition, a Back to the Nest Fest was held to celebrate the start of a new school year, and families were able to enjoy food, games, and visit with community organizations. Thank you to all of the donors listed below who helped make this possible:

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Fairless Custodial Staff
Fairless Administration
Fairless Teachers
Fairless Board of Education

A Night of HOPE



Enjoy an Evening of Community

Meet **Greg Pruitt**, former running back of **The Cleveland Browns**, and hear his motivating story while enjoying dinner catered by **Newt's Place**.

Celebrate our Fairless Hall of Honor 2019 Inductees.

Then bid on fabulous auction items sure to please with all proceeds going back into the **Fairless community**. Finish the evening dancing the night away with the sounds of **La Flavour**.

Doors will open one hour prior to event. Cash bar available.

Limited seats available!

Pre-sale tickets recommended, only limited number available at door!



Greg Pruitt

November 2, 2019

Dinner 6:30

Music 8:30

\$30.00/person

(Tables of 8 - \$240)

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