

THE LION'S QUARTERLY NEWS

2023-2024 - 1st Quarter

Welcome to our first issue of The Lion's Quarterly News!

This issue highlights events and activities from the 1st 9 weeks of school.

DID YOU KNOW??

Our school district offers three remarkable Career Tech programs, each catering to diverse passions and career paths?



1. Engineering: In our Engineering program, students don't just learn the fundamentals of engineering; they immerse themselves in hands-on projects that ignite their creativity and problem-solving skills. This program fosters future engineers and innovators by offering them opportunities to collaborate with local professionals and gain real-world experience.

2. Agriculture: Our Agriculture program isn't just about farming; it's a gateway to the future of sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship. Students get their hands dirty as they learn about planting, animal science, and even agriculture entrepreneurship. This program sets the stage for budding farmers, conservationists, and agribusiness leaders.



3. Business: The Business program equips students with the skills and knowledge they need to excel in the dynamic world of commerce. From finance to marketing, management to entrepreneurship, students learn the ropes from industry professionals and gain practical experience that will serve them well in the business world, whether they aim to start their own venture or join established companies.

These programs highlight the rich tapestry of opportunities available in our district, allowing students to explore their passions and acquire a strong foundation for their future careers. Whether they're building robots, growing crops, or shaping the business landscape, our Career Tech programs are shaping the leaders and innovators of tomorrow.

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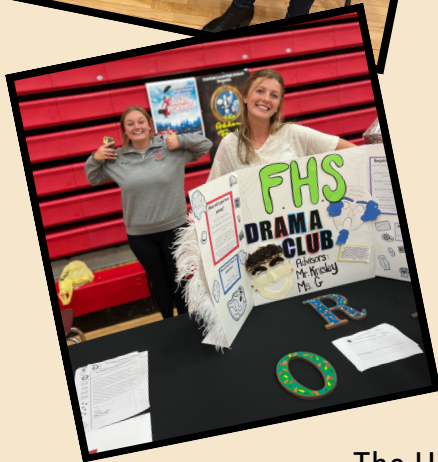
The high school has been off to a great start this school year. Students are now in a routine of learning each and every day. We have accomplished numerous positive things in this short period of time. Our students did very well at the Highland County Fair. We had many students finish first in their respective areas of showings. A big thank you to the AG/FFA teachers that work with our kids day in and day out.



The high school has Club Days once a month throughout the entire school year. Not too long ago we had each club set up a booth in the gym and each grade level was able to visit each booth and decide which club they would be interested in joining. The day was a huge success and we now have an overwhelming majority of our students involved in a club. Our first Club Day was held Friday, October 13th.



The high school has two new additions to the faculty/staff this year. Anita Miller has joined us to be the librarian and previously was an English teacher at Miami Trace. We are fortunate to have her expertise as she will be helping students during their study halls in the form of interventions to help struggling students.



Levi Badgley was hired as a Math teacher this year. Mr. Badgley previously taught at Chillicothe High School. Both Mrs. Miller and Mr. Badgley has fit in very well and love being at Fairfield High School.



The High School Volleyball Team coordinated a fundraising assembly for the high school to raise money for three families that live in our district. Each grade level had teams that competed with one another and the winning team then played the faculty team. A good time was had by all for a worthy cause. We wish the best for the three families.

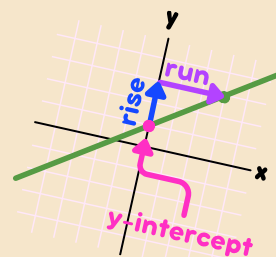
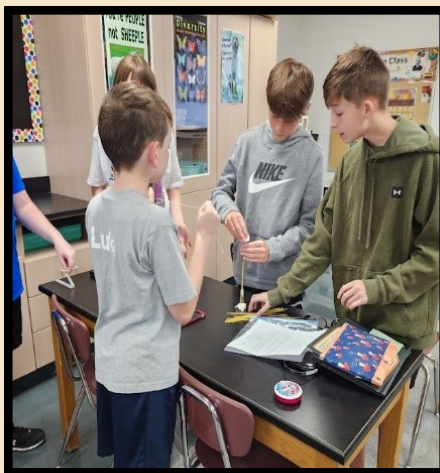
A big thank you to our student body and faculty and staff as Fairfield High School once again received very high marks on the district report card for last year. Fairfield Local Schools continues to be a shining star in southern Ohio.



DID YOU KNOW??



Fairfield Middle School students have completed several Project-Based Learning Activities through their selected electives. You may notice some amazing barn quilt squares that were researched, designed, and created during PBL Science! Several students create a monthly FMS Newsletter that highlights events in PBL English class. A PBL Math class has undertaken recycling materials in the building. The students collect the bins, weigh the bins, and take them to a local recycling bin!

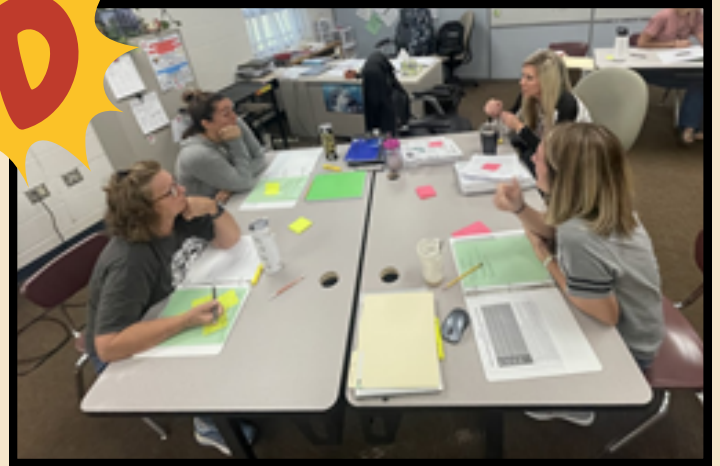


Students in our 8th grade PBL math class were introduced to linear equations through a cheeseburger project! Students had to find out how much a single, double, triple, and even 100x100 cheeseburger would cost! In the end, they found that the one time cost of the buns and toppings represented the y-intercept and adding additional patties over and over again represented the slope. To celebrate all our learning, we grilled out some yummy hamburgers!

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The Middle School Staff has been participating in Next Level Engagement professional development. Holly Burgess and Debbie Mickey from the ESC have actively participated and led these PD sessions with the goal of increasing teacher and paraprofessional engagement.

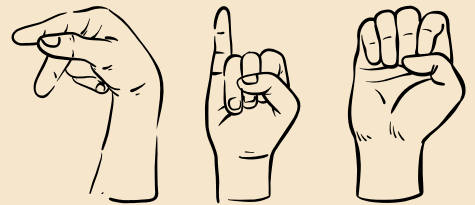


The staff has reviewed the structure and format of their instructional periods, analyzed student screen time usage, and alignment of curriculum to State Standards.

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High school students in Mr. Webb's Office Management class create daily morning announcements that are shared to staff and students throughout Fairfield Local. During the "Sign of the Day" segment, sophomore Josh White shares American Sign Language (ASL). Josh chooses words to share based on various themes - lately it has been Halloween or fall.



When asked about his favorite part of the "Sign of the Day" segment, Josh stated "letting people see ASL and how to use my language." He also went on to explain the segment is designed to teach a word in ASL each day Monday through Thursday. Then on Friday, a phrase is taught using the words learned during the week - "my favorite pie is pumpkinin."

DID YOU KNOW??

Fall sports are coming to a close and the Lions had a great start to the school year. This fall our student-athletes, ranging from middle school to high school, made strides in their respective sports and each team had its successes throughout the season. Some of those successes were big and others small, but each success made an impact on the future of our programs.

The Varsity boys and girls soccer programs recently wrapped up their regular seasons as well. The boys program finished league play 4-3 and 5-12 overall. The girls program finished league play 5-1 and 12-3-1 overall. This soccer season was an exciting one and the future is bright for Fairfield soccer.

The girls soccer team has made school history as they are the first ever District Champions in girls soccer program history. The Lady Lions defeated Minford in the District Finals.



The middle school volleyball teams had many students interested in playing this year and they were able to grow and improve throughout the year. It was fun and exciting to see the girls' growth from the first week of the season to the last.

JV and Varsity Volleyball also had good seasons. The Varsity team finished 12-1 in the SHAC and 15-7 overall in the regular season.





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The middle school and high school cross-country teams also had great years and just recently competed in the SHAC league meet at Ripley. The middle school boys finished 4th in the league, while the middle school girl's only runner finished 20th overall! The high school boys finished as SHAC league champions taking home 1st place and the high school girls had runners finish 22nd, 38th, 39th and 40th overall! It was a great season for both high school teams. Cross-country is a tough sport mentally and physically, but the Lions continue to push through and carry on the legacy set by teams in the past.



Girls and boys golf wrapped their seasons up in September at the sectional tournament. The girls had a strong year and are looking to improve going into next season. The boys also had a strong year and shot some team best rounds throughout the year. There is a lot to look forward to for both of our golf teams heading into next year!

Next up, winter sports. We are looking forward to a great winter for our basketball and bowling teams. Be sure to come out and support the Lions!

FALL SPORTS ALL-SHAC HONORS

Volleyball - Mackenzie Anderson, Kelsey Clark and Jobey Hattan (Co-Player of the Year)

Girls Soccer - Faith Donley, Hannah Hamilton, Avery Teeters and Kennedy Zink

Boys Soccer - Larkin Friend, Zane Matthews and Logan McIntosh

Boys Cross Country - Zach Ahsaruk, Britton Campbell, Nolan Campbell, Caleb Rice and Ryan Smith; Coach of the Year - Cohen Frost

Boys Golf - Brody Fauber

DID YOU KNOW??

Fairfield Elementary's Art Department has been working hard at not only connecting art with curriculum, but also connecting art projects between grade levels. Check out some of the elementary's newest projects!



- Each year, our 4th grade curriculum introduces poetry to students by completing a book study on Love That Dog by Sharon Creech. In this compilation of poems, Jack, a student that hates poetry, finds that with a little support, he may have some poetry of his own to write about. Following the reading, 4th graders used their essay model to write about a favorite poet of their own. Our art teacher, Mrs. Priest then used this module to introduce the artistic style of "instinctualism," which produces art that makes a connection with the person looking directly at it.

Valerie Worth
By: Layla Wilson

Valerie Worth is a poet born in Philadelphia in 1933. She went to Swarthmore college where she met her future husband George Bahlke. She published her books in 1972. She died in 1994 at the age of 60. She was inspired by everyday things and her family.

She was inspired by everyday objects; you can see that in her poetry. In the poem bull it talks about elephants, lions and horses and in the poem cat it talks about a fence, bushes and weeds. Also in the poem toads it talks about leaves, windows and Earth.

Valerie Worth's parents inspired her at an early age. Reading poems to her. Her father also wrote poems about his job. From that love of poetry led her to Swarthmore college.

So this is how Valerie Worth got inspired to write poems from her parents. Also everyday things. I also like the poem dog because I had too dogs but we had to put one of them down and I miss him.



- 3rd graders used the "painted essay" method to learn all the parts of a great essay. Students were able to use this method when writing a contract on their personal reading challenges and how to overcome them.

My Reading Contract
By: Ariel

Reading is important because books, cards and road signs will be challenging for me. Periods and lots of big words. And how I will work on them. Reading accurately when reading aloud. Figuring out the meaning of unknown words.

The most significant challenge I have when reading is Reading accurately when reading aloud. Something I will do to work on this challenge is Reread the book out loud. I will also Read it to myself first. These strategies will help me read better.

Another significant challenge I have is Figuring out the meaning of unknown words. To work on this, I will Look it up in a dictionary. I will also Ask for help. These strategies will help me figure it out.

Reading can be challenging but it is an important skill because if you don't read you won't get smarter. I'm going to become a better reader when I overcome my challenges. This will help me learn faster.

My Reading Contract
By: Noah

R-reading is important because it helps us learn. For example we Books, road signs, and teix megeg. Reading can be challenging because There are so many spelling rules. In this reading contract, I will Talk about my reading challenges and now I will work them. This year I am going to focus on Figuring out the meaning of unknown words and reading puting so that it mites scene.

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- A group of our kindergarten students designed a shape monster using only cut out construction paper pieces. 6th graders studied those designs, interviewed the kindergartners, then surprised them with a 3-D version of their monsters!



The Fairfield Local Schools Strategic Planning Committee has been entrusted with the important responsibility of crafting the district's Portrait of a Graduate, collaboratively shaping the educational vision with the invaluable input from our stakeholders. The Portrait of a Graduate will serve as the district's north star, guiding the Fairfield Local Schools toward a future where students are equipped with essential skills and qualities that our stakeholders find invaluable.



We received an outstanding response from our initial survey that was sent out in September. The results of the survey provided the core attributes our stakeholders value the most in our graduates: career readiness, critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, a growth mindset, effective communication, and successful life skills. In the upcoming months, the Strategic Planning Committee will continue to work closely with the stakeholders who expressed interest in the initial survey in order to delve deeper into the five core attributes. We are excited for the process and cannot wait to see the end result!

