

THE FREDDIESCOPE

A NEWSLETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF THE FREDERICKTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



Fredericktown Schools...

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Mr. Chapman's Update

Dear Fredericktown Families and School Community,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I would like to extend my gratitude to our incredible teachers and support staff for their dedication and hard work in providing a wonderful start to the new year.

As we continue into the school year, our commitment remains steadfast, to strengthen our sense of community and togetherness, with a primary focus on "taking care of our students and each other." This guiding principle is at the core of our focus, and we believe that it forms the foundation for a successful school experience.

Central to our focus this year is the assurance that every student is:

- **Connected to a Trusted Adult:** We believe in the power of positive relationships. Every student should have access to a trusted adult within our school community who can provide support, guidance, and mentorship.
- **Physically and Emotionally Safe:** We are dedicated to creating a safe and inviting environment where all students feel physically and emotionally secure. It's essential for their well-being and their ability to thrive academically.
- **Challenged and Engaged in Learning:** Our commitment to academic excellence means that we will challenge our students to reach their full potential. We aim to provide engaging and stimulating educational experiences that foster curiosity and a love for learning.
- **Connected to the School and Broader Community:** Education goes beyond the classroom. We want our students to feel connected not only to their school but also to the broader community.



The District's belief statement defines the "responsibility for education as an active partnership among our students, teachers, families, and all community stakeholders". I am extremely grateful for these partnerships and relationships as they are so critical to our student's achievement and success.

Together, we are not only stronger, but better for our kids.

Thank you and Go Fredies!

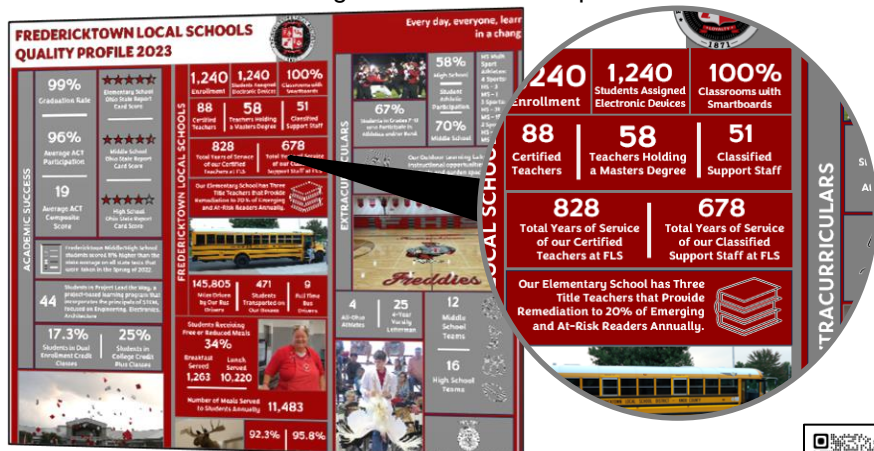
Questions? Or to learn more about the District, stop by and talk to Mr. Chapman:

- **October 25th** - Senior Activity Center at 12:45PM
117 Columbus Road
- **November 2nd** - Brickhouse Grind at 4:15PM
- **November 8th** - Seniors on the Square at 12:30PM
- **November 9th** - Municipal Building at 7PM

Fredericktown Quality Profile 2023 & State Report Card

A Quality Profile is a comprehensive overview of the district, its mission, programs, achievements, goals, and overall performance. It serves as a valuable resource to demonstrate the district's transparency and accountability. It allows stakeholders to understand our district's strengths and areas for improvement.

The Ohio School Report Cards provide parents, caregivers, community members, and policymakers information about district and school performance, to celebrate successes and identify areas for improvement. The information provides transparent reporting to drive local conversations on continuous improvement. You can find the FLS Report Card on our website or by scanning this code:



FLS has created a Quality Profile with our most recent trends and data. You can find it on our website or by scanning this code:



Freddies Shine at the 2023 Tomato Show!

From our outstanding bands, and the football team in the parade, to classroom map navigation, vegetable measuring, tomato creatures and salsa making, our teachers and community celebrated this year's Tomato Show!



Volley for Awareness

Our Freshman Volleyball team organized a recent "Volley for Awareness" event to create greater awareness on mental health and suicide prevention.

The event raised over \$1,000 for the Knox County Suicide Prevention Coalition. A testament to the resilience of our community, the "Volley for Awareness" was made possible through the dedication of our volunteers, the support of the players, both Centerburg and Fredericktown, and the generosity of our community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each one of you who participated, donated, or simply words of encouragement. Together, we have taken a step forward in raising awareness about the importance of mental health and suicide prevention. We hope to build on this momentum in the future and continue to support those who need it most.

Thank you, Fredericktown, for showing that our community stands strong and compassionate even in the face of tragedy. Let us always remember that we can make a difference by working together.



Denny Stevens Annual Invitational

Our athletes ran the annual Denny Stevens Cross Country Invitational last week, we wanted to look back at the history of the event.



Denny Stevens, Cross-Country coach, and Health and PE teacher served our High School from 1985 until his retirement in 2010. His passion for athletics, dedication to our students, and ability to inspire young athletes were qualities that made him an integral part of our community. After Coach Stevens retired in 2010, the invitational was renamed in his honor, and has become a symbol of his enduring legacy and a tribute to the values he instilled in his athletes.

One of the most notable changes over the years is the transformation of the racecourse. The original course featured three challenging hills that tested the mettle of every runner. However, in recent years, the course has evolved, and it now offers a flatter, faster track. While the absence of those iconic hills may ease the course, we are sure there are many stories about the endurance needed to conquer the hills!

Supporting Our Freddies

Our priority is to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students. We encourage everyone to actively participate in creating a nurturing environment that promotes open communication, empathy, and understanding.

If you know a student who may need support, or if you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to our social workers or school counselors. Working together, we can make a profound difference in the lives of our students.

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Homecoming 2023: Freddie's Win 28-14!

Homecoming was a Success!! From the pep rally to the bonfire....football wins to dancing the night away!



Why is There a MOOSE in the Commons?

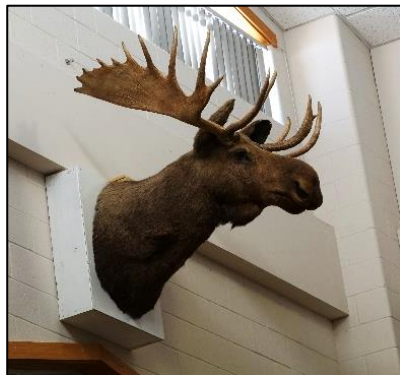
Have you ever wondered why there is a moose head hanging in the commons? There is a story:

The largest moose, for its time, was killed in the Yukon territory in 1922 by Helen Wells Struble, wife of R.Y. Struble, it originally came to Fredericktown to decorate the walls of the new Dan Struble & Son Bank building which opened on April 5, 1924.

In 1949 the giant moose head was given to Fredericktown High School and named "Gus" after Dr. Gus Lintner, FHS Vocational Agricultural teacher, who designed the national FFA jacket. Gus was hung near the principal's office and watched over the students, occasionally becoming a target for innocent pranks.

In 1964, the decision was made to not bring Gus to the new high school, this decision lead custodian Allen Rine to store Gus until Dan Snyder, FHS class of '61, tracked down and refurbished Gus, moving him to his next home, Judge Otho Eyster's (FHS class of '61) office, in the Knox County Court of Common Pleas. Upon his retirement Judge Eyster, wanted Gus to be

returned to the high school to watch over Freddie's as he did in the 1950s and 1960s. "Bring Gus . Home" became part of the alumni association scholarship fundraising campaign to provide scholarships for future Freddie's, Gus returned to FHS on January 22, 2018, where you can find him today in the commons, watching over our current and future Freddie's!



Thank You Educational Aides!

The dedication and hard work of our Educational Aides do not go unnoticed. They are one of the pillars of our school, offering unwavering support to our teachers and students alike. Their presence in our classrooms and hallways makes our school a better place for learning and personal growth. We wanted to express our heartfelt gratitude for their commitment to our students' success. They are an integral part of the FLS family, and we couldn't imagine our school without them.



Elementary Educational Aides



Middle & High School Educational Aides

Thank you to our Educational Aides, for all that you do for our school community. You are the unsung heroes who help our students reach for the stars! You are Appreciated!

Over 60? Come and Cheer the Freddie's for FREE!

The **Golden Age Pass** is available to any citizen living in the Fredericktown Local School District who is 60 years of age. This pass is good for free admission to the district's sporting events. Please stop by the District Office to fill out your paperwork for your pass.

Come and Cheer on Your Freddie's!!

Questions?
Call (740) 694-2956





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