

THE FREDDIESCOPE

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Celebrating Fredericktown Since 1971

Mr. Chapman's Update

Dear Fredericktown Families and School Community,

As we transition into spring, I hope this message finds you well and filled with the promise of sunshine and warmer days ahead. While we anticipate that the worst of the inclement weather is behind us, I want to express my sincere gratitude to the entire community for your cooperation and support during the winter season. Your understanding and flexibility during weather-related closures and delays are very appreciated, and your commitment to the safety and well-being of our students is invaluable.

We are pleased to share that our school district has implemented an enhanced security feature, reinforcing a safer environment for everyone on our campus. One notable enhancement is installing new camera buzzer systems at the main entrances of our schools.

This system will require all visitors to buzz in before accessing our buildings. This step is a proactive measure designed to bolster the protection of our students and staff. By controlling access to our facilities, we can better ensure that only authorized individuals enter our school buildings. As always, the safety of our students remains our top priority, and we continue to evaluate and improve upon our security measures and safety protocols to provide a secure learning environment for all.

Thank you again for your continued partnership and support of our students and schools. I hope you enjoy the spring edition of the Fredgiescope and welcome you to discover why we are so proud to celebrate our students and their remarkable achievements.

Just a reminder that **spring break is scheduled for students from March 22 to March 28, with classes resuming on Monday, April 1.**

Remember, together, we are not only stronger but better for our kids!
Go Fredgies!



Please join the district as we celebrate the new members of the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Honor, a recognition given to graduates who reflect positively on the district through significant contributions in their fields of study, careers or community service. The ceremony is will be Friday, April 12, in the HS Gymnasium from 9:30-10:30. See you there!

We Need Your Help with Freddie Bird History!

We are currently embarking on a project to compile a comprehensive history of the Freddie Bird mascot. We are looking for individuals who may have personal experiences or knowledge about the Freddie Bird and the people who portrayed this beloved bird. Whether you or someone you know has donned the Freddie Bird costume or has insights into the origins and evolution of Freddie, we would greatly appreciate your contribution to our project. Stories, anecdotes, and memories associated with Freddie Bird are welcome and your assistance in this endeavor would be invaluable!

Please reach out to Mrs. Sonya Overholt in the district office, at (740) 694-2956, email her at soverholt@fredschools.com or stop by the district office if you are willing to share your experiences or if you know someone who might be able to provide valuable insights into the history our Freddie Bird.



Don't Forget Solar Eclipse Day!

Thanks to a grant from the Ohio Education Association, our Fredericktown Education Association was able to purchase glasses for all students and staff!



No School April 8th!

Freddie Fan of the Year!

The Fredericktown Athletic Boosters proudly announce Nate Bellman as the 2023 Fredericktown Fan of the Year. Nate, a Freddie parent, School Board member, and former Athletic Director, embodies the Freddie spirit wholeheartedly.

His commitment to the Fredgies is unmatched. As AD, he coined the motto **"It's Not About Me"** for Freddie sports, reflecting his selflessness. Nate tirelessly uplifts Fredericktown Athletics, supporting athletes, cheering alongside fans, and encouraging coaches.

The Outstanding Freddie Fan Award honors the memory of Dale S. Peterson, who tragically passed away after a Fredericktown Basketball game in 1994. Dale, a class officer, member of the NHS, played softball, and was a varsity cheerleader. Her beauty, energy, and involvement characterize the award that bears her name.

Thank you, Nate, for your unwavering dedication to the Fredgies!



Visiting Veteran: Mickey Cochran Inspires our 5th Graders

Mickey Cochran made a meaningful impact on our 5th grade students by sharing his experiences as a Vietnam Veteran. It's crucial for younger generations to hear firsthand accounts from veterans, as it helps them understand the sacrifices made and the importance of honoring those who have served their country.



Mr. Cochran's presentation provided valuable insights and inspiration for your students, fostering empathy, gratitude, and respect for veterans and their contributions to society. It's wonderful that your local community supports such initiatives to educate and inspire young minds. Thank you, Mr. Cochran for your service to our country and our community!

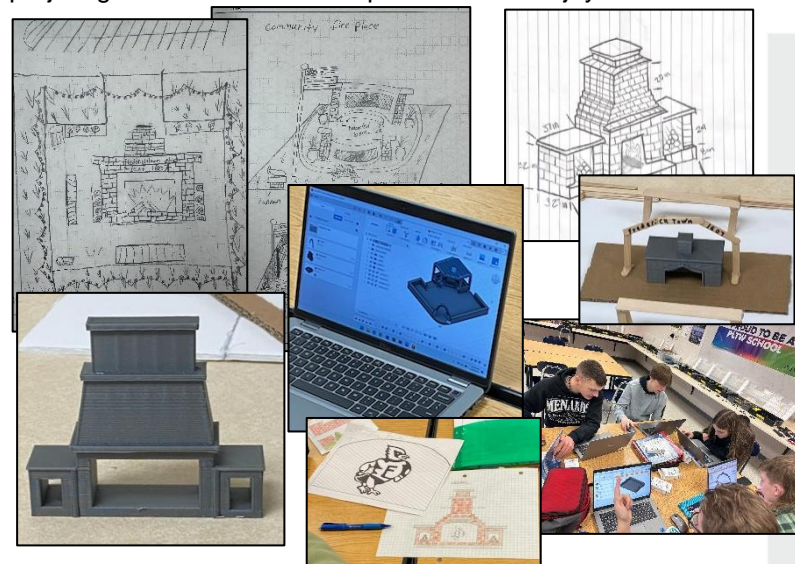
Project Lead the Way: Building Community

Something new is coming to downtown, and our Project Lead the Way students are spearheading the effort! The students have been asked to design an outdoor community area, incorporating a fireplace, intended to not only provide warmth in the winter, but a welcoming atmosphere for residents and guests alike.

The students were given an initial list of criteria, which was submitted and reviewed by the sponsors. After grasping the scope and size of the project and assessing the current state of the location, they started researching elements of the design. They want the final project to tie into the redevelopment of Main St, allowing the overall design to be cohesive.

Brainstorming and a decision matrix was used to create a proposal that is being vetted, updated, and assessed by the community sponsors. Students then move the designs from paper to 3D models, enhancing the visual effects, and test the design.

We hope to have a follow up in the next issue as this community project grows into a beautiful space for all to enjoy!



Kindness Week: Making Kindness the Norm

They're the people that end up brightening what otherwise would've been 'just a normal day'. You know the sort. The ones who always make the little, tender gestures when you need them most, (but expect them the least). Those are the ones that stay with you. The Random Acts of Kindness that connect you to humanity, reminds you how much love there is in the world, and inspires you to pay it forward.

February 12th-16th brought the spirit of kindness to our school community. From morning High 5's, to stickers at lunch, kindness cards to spread love, to Rock, Paper, Scissors to generate a spirit of kind competition, with bead necklaces for the winners. Our students were showered with and in turn showered their peers with kindness!



Congratulations to our Winter Athletes!

We are always excited to celebrate our Athletes. Thank you, Class of 2024 Seniors, for representing Freddie Pride on and off the field! We cannot wait to see what you will do!



Season Highlights:

- Boys Basketball defeated the Centerburg Trojans to clinch the League Championship
- Girls Bowling finished 4th at the District
- 3 KMAC Champs! Girls Bowling, Boys BB, and 7th Grade BB.

FMS Excels in Academic Challenge

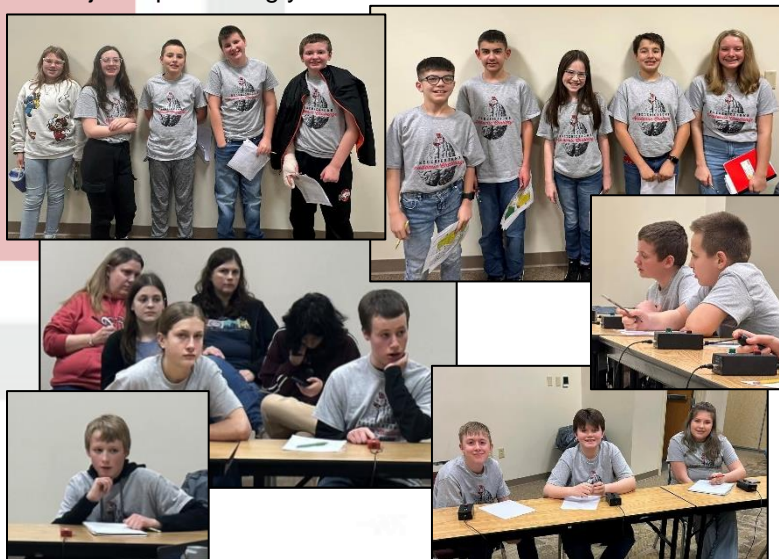
Fredericktown Middle School recently showcased its academic prowess at the 2024 Academic Challenge competition held at the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center in Mansfield. Twenty-eight teams from thirteen schools converged to test their knowledge and quick thinking across various subject areas. Our students secured the third position in this challenging event, marking a remarkable achievement for our school.

Under the guidance of Principal Adam Brown and Mr. Ben McClay, our talented and gifted coordinator, the Middle School fielded two 6th-grade teams and two combined 7th and 8th-grade teams for the January round. This endeavor marks a new adventure for our students, introducing them to the stimulating world of academic competitions.

The competition is designed to push students beyond the confines of traditional learning and encourage them to think critically and swiftly across diverse subjects. By participating in such events, students not only broaden their knowledge but also hone their ability to respond promptly to challenging questions.

As we celebrate our success, the students are eagerly gearing up for the upcoming competitions. With another round in March and the finals slated for May, our teams are committed to sharpening their skills and pushing the boundaries of their academic abilities.

Great job representing yourself and Fredericktown!



Spelling Bee Champion!

The 64th annual Knox County Spelling Bee began with 19 competitors, ranging from 5th to 8th grade. The competition in the Mount Vernon High School theater eventually came down to 6th grader Carsyn Adkins, and Lucas Colopy, an East Knox 7th grader. Carsyn emerged as the champion, correctly spelling "Macedonia" after 38 grueling rounds. Although she was a little nervous on stage, she had confidence in her spelling; honed from her love of reading and English being her favorite subject. Great job representing the Freddies!



Hats off to HATS!

Under the expert guidance of Mrs. Jess Overholt, our 2nd graders stepped into the limelight, delivering a stellar performance that left audiences enchanted and inspired. With its clever rhymes, catchy tunes, and poignant message, **Hats** took us on a whimsical journey through the wonderful world of headgear, where each hat tells a unique story, and every wearer is a shining star in their own right.



Looking for more musical theatre? Join our High Schoolers as they take on **The Jukebox Diner** – March 7/8/9 - Tickets now on sale!

Purchase from Mr. Don Lincicome, by emailing (dlincicome@fredschools.com or freddieshowtickets@gmail.com) \$8 for adults, \$7 for Sr Ctz, \$5 for Students, under 5 are free.



Kindergarten Screening is OPEN!

Kindergarten screening for the 2024-2025 school year will be held at the Fredericktown Board of Education office on Thursday, April 25th. During this time parents and guardians will complete enrollment paperwork, while students complete the kindergarten screening. The process should take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Please contact Nicky Gaddis, our Elementary Secretary, at (740) 694-2781 to schedule your screening appointment. Our staff and teachers look forward to meeting you and your child!

**When: Thursday, April 25th
9:00a – 3:00p**

Where: Fredericktown Board of Education (117 Columbus Rd)





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