



# WARRIOR WIRE

DISTRICT NEWS FROM FAIRVIEW PARK CITY SCHOOLS  
FALL 2024



## IMPORTANT DATES

- **NOVEMBER 15-17**  
FHS Fall Play:  
"Murder Runs in the Family"  
Fairview High School Auditorium  
Check website for showtimes
- **NOVEMBER 18**  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Fairview High School Warrior Room  
6:30 p.m.
- **NOVEMBER 25-26**  
Parent-Teacher Conferences  
No School for Students  
EEC Childcare open
- **NOVEMBER 27-29**  
Thanksgiving Break  
No School for Students or Staff  
EEC Childcare open 11/27  
EEC Childcare closed 11/28 & 11/29
- **DECEMBER 10**  
FHS/MMS Holiday Choir Concert  
Fairview High School Auditorium  
7:00 PM
- **DECEMBER 14**  
Holiday Band & Orchestra Concert  
Gilles-Sweet, Middle & High School  
Fairview High School Auditorium  
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- **DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 3**  
Winter Break  
No School for Students or Staff

FOR A FULL LIST OF  
SCHOOL CALENDAR EVENTS

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## District receives five star rating for second consecutive year

On September 13th, the Ohio Department of Education (ODEW) released its 2023-2024 Ohio State Report Cards. The state report card includes a "5-Star Rating" in five component areas. We are excited to share that, for the second year in a row, the Fairview Park City School District has achieved an overall 5-star rating, the highest overall rating possible, based on our results in these areas.

The District received 5-star ratings, significantly exceeding state standards, in three components: **Progress** (the growth all students make based on their past performance), **Graduation Rate** (a measure of the four-year and five-year adjusted cohort graduation rate), and **Early Literacy** (how well schools improve reading for at-risk students in grades K-3)

The district received a 4-star rating in the other two components: **Achievement** (how well students performed on state tests) and **Gap Closing** (how well schools are closing the achievement gap between students based on income, race, ethnicity, or disability).

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On October 2nd, these Gilles-Sweet Elementary students earned a Warrior Coin from School Resource Officer Kevin McLaughlin, right, and Officer Toth, left, from the Fairview Park Police Department. Warrior Coins are awarded when students demonstrate leadership and kindness to others. The coins can be redeemed for a cookie or donut at Giant Eagle in Fairview Park.

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These report card results are due to the incredibly hard work and perseverance of our students, teachers, administrators, staff, and families. As we celebrate these results, we will continue to build on our strengths while addressing opportunities for continuous improvement.

We also want to remind everyone that these results are just one benchmark we use to measure the quality and rigor of the education our students deserve and our community expects. The assessments used in this report card data show a single point in time, judged by a single assessment.

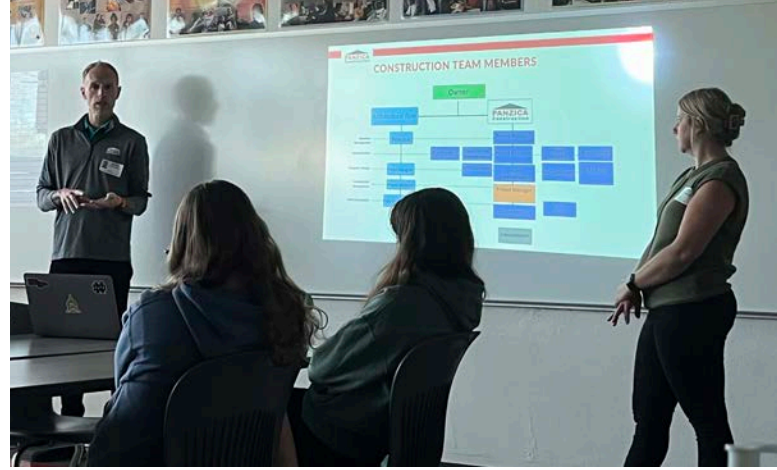
The skills profile outlined in our strategic plan, the Fairview Advantage, aims to give students an additional portfolio of skills to help them succeed in the workforce, college, or post-secondary career options.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the Fairview Park City Schools. Your involvement and dedication are invaluable to us.

Sincerely,

Keith Ahearn, Superintendent

## Eighth graders get a head start in career planning at Mayer Middle School



Chris Montgomery, left, and Danielle James, right from Panzica Construction speak with eighth grade students in the Career Explorations class, a new program examining potential career possibilities.

Eighth graders at Lewis F. Mayer Middle School are not only learning about careers and the job market, but they're also getting a head start on navigating it.

This year, the school introduced a new class called Career Explorations, an elective designed to introduce students to careers they may not have known about before. The class has three main components: a detailed look at 16 career clusters, the development of soft skills, and three service projects.

"We chose eighth grade because by the time they get to high school, where most schools use this program, they've already made decisions," Career Exploration Teacher Laura Ponsart explained. "We wanted to give kids the time to explore, introduce and learn about different careers, and then that would drive what they would be doing in high school."

Students interact with industry professionals from 16 different career clusters each week during the semester. Every five weeks, students then choose one career and present it to their peers in class.

"They talk about what interests them, why it interests them, and offer some highlights of that career," Ponsart added.

In addition to learning about different careers each week, students also learn and work on improving important soft skills needed for success in any industry.

"Most of the careers can teach you how to have that career, but if you don't have the soft skills you won't be marketable," Ponsart expressed. "If you don't know how to communicate effectively or you don't know how to work through an issue with a co-worker, that career probably is not going to last very long."

The class is also closely connected to the Polaris Career Center and the Greater Cleveland Career Consortium, two additional resources for students to learn more about potential future careers.

"The parents I've talked to are so excited to have this class, especially at eighth grade," Ponsart added. "I heard over and over again: 'I wish this was something I had when I was in high school' or 'I wish this was something that I knew more about.' So, it's been really positive and parents are really excited for the class and that their kids are taking it."

# Ohio SCHOOL REPORT CARD OVERVIEW

## Overall:



Districts and schools receive an overall rating of 1 to 5 stars in half-star increments. The overall rating is comprised of five rated components.

## Achievement:



This component represents whether student performance on state tests met established thresholds and how well students performed on tests overall.

## Progress:



This component looks closely at the growth all students are making based on their past performances.

## Gap Closing:



The Gap Closing Component is a measure of the reduction in educational gaps for student subgroups.

## Graduation:



The Graduation Component is a measure of the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate and the five-year adjusted cohort graduation rate.

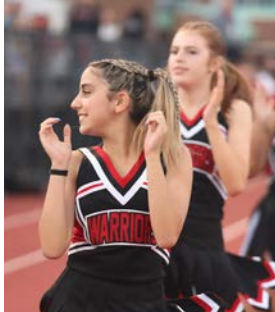
## Early Literacy:



The Early Literacy Component is a measure of reading improvement and proficiency for students in kindergarten through third grade.

More information online at [reportcard.education.ohio.gov](https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov)





# Homecoming 2024



Fairview High School & Mayer Middle School welcomed students, families, and alumni to campus for Homecoming on October 4. The weekend featured many traditions, including a creative and energetic Homecoming parade, recognition of Homecoming Royalty, and the annual football game. Over 50 FHS alums returned for a special Alumni Tailgate at the stadium.



## NEWS FROM AROUND THE FAIRVIEW PARK CITY SCHOOLS



### GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER EARNS CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

In their inaugural season in the Chagrin Valley Conference, the Warriors girls soccer team captured the Metro Division title after a win versus Brooklyn on October 3. The team finished the regular season with a 10-1-5 overall record, including a 4-0-1 conference record in the CVC.

### FAIRVIEW STAGECRAFTERS PRESENTS "MURDER RUNS IN THE FAMILY," NOV. 15-17

Join us in the Frank W. Barr Auditorium this November for "Murder Runs in the Family," a satirical comedy and murder mystery, featuring students from Stagecrafters and International Thespian Troupe 8671. Performances will be on Nov. 15 and Nov. 16 at 7 PM, and Nov. 17 at 2 PM. Tickets can be purchased at [fairviewparkschools.org/boxoffice](http://fairviewparkschools.org/boxoffice).



### CROSS COUNTRY HAS STRONG SHOWING AT CVC CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the CVC championships on Oct. 11, the Warriors boys team earned first place in the Valley Division, powered by senior Roman Ramsdell's first place finish at the meet. The girls team had a strong third place finish in the division. Four Warriors earned All-CVC honors.



### TREASURER'S OFFICE RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Fairview Park City School District Treasurer's Office was recently awarded the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, representing its highest honor in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

Earlier in the fall, the district also earned the Association of School Business Officials International Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting.





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# Empowering every student for future success

The Fairview Park City School District is committed to delivering high quality academic and extracurricular programs that inspire learning and promote responsible citizenship.

In 2023 and 2024, the district earned a five-star overall rating from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, the highest overall rating possible. In 2024, this recognition was awarded to only 68 of 607 public school districts in Ohio.

With over 100 courses, including Advanced Placement and College Credit Plus, the district offers various college preparatory, career technical, and elective classes that support all students. Unique features like electronic portfolios, an Innovation Center, STEAM labs, and maker spaces encourage creativity and collaboration, ensuring students acquire skills that prepare them for future success.



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