

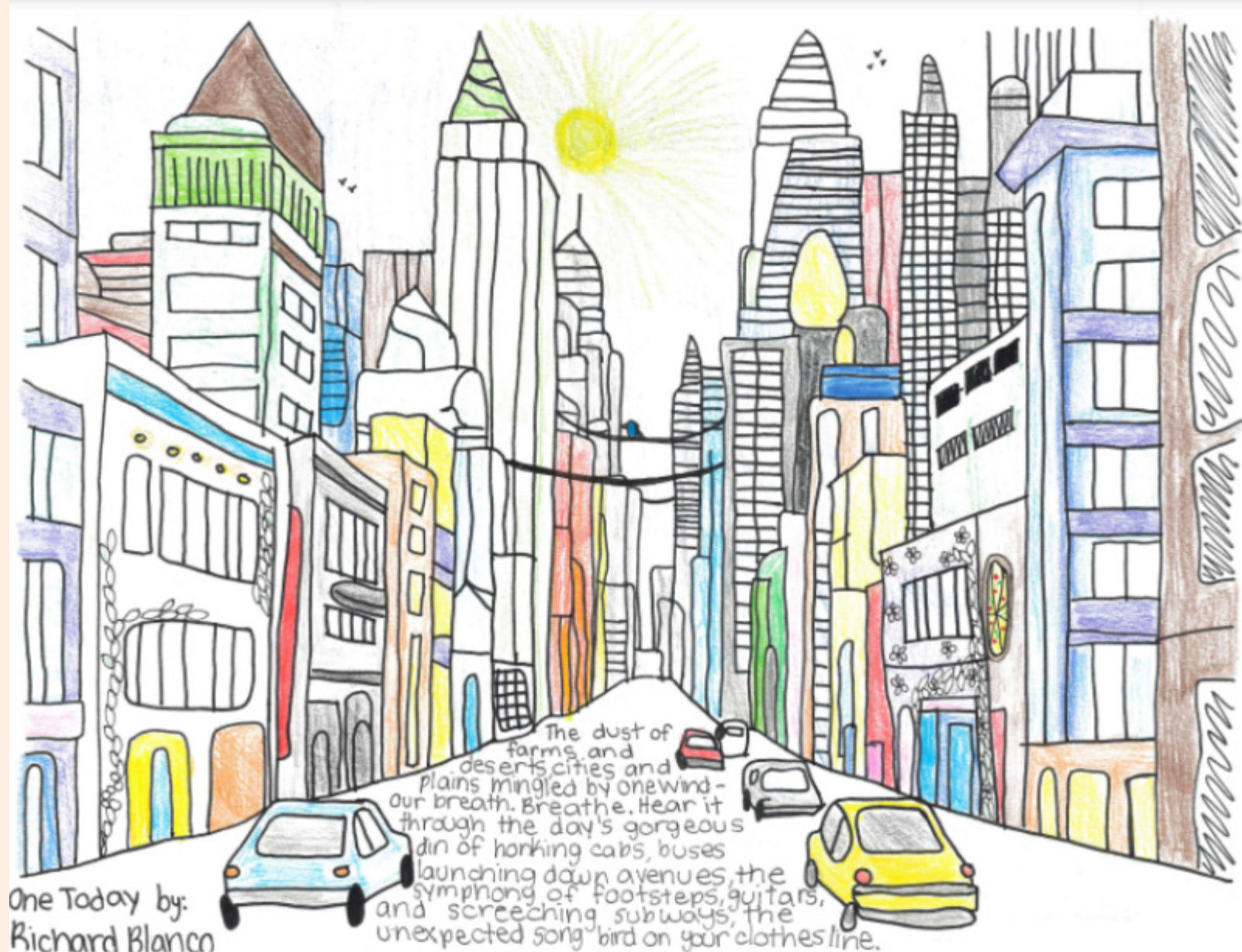
FREEPORT AREA SECONDARY SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

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Spanish Cultural Activity!

Several students in Ms. Gray's Spanish I class chose to illustrate a stanza from the poem "One Today" written by Richard Blanco, the first Latino poet to read at a U.S. presidential inauguration. Here is one of the creative pieces done by Paige Lithgow.

French T-Shirts

Students who are taking French at the high school should have received an order form for this year's French shirt fundraiser. The shirts are \$15 and can be paid by cash or check made out to "Freeport Student Activity Fund" (FSAF). All money earned from this sale goes directly back to the French classes at FHS. The last two sales have allowed the students to have a fondue day and a French snack and movie day. Money and orders are due on or before Wednesday November 6th. Here is the link to the order form in case the original form was misplaced. This year's shirt, decided on by French club members, has both a front and back design and is pictured below.



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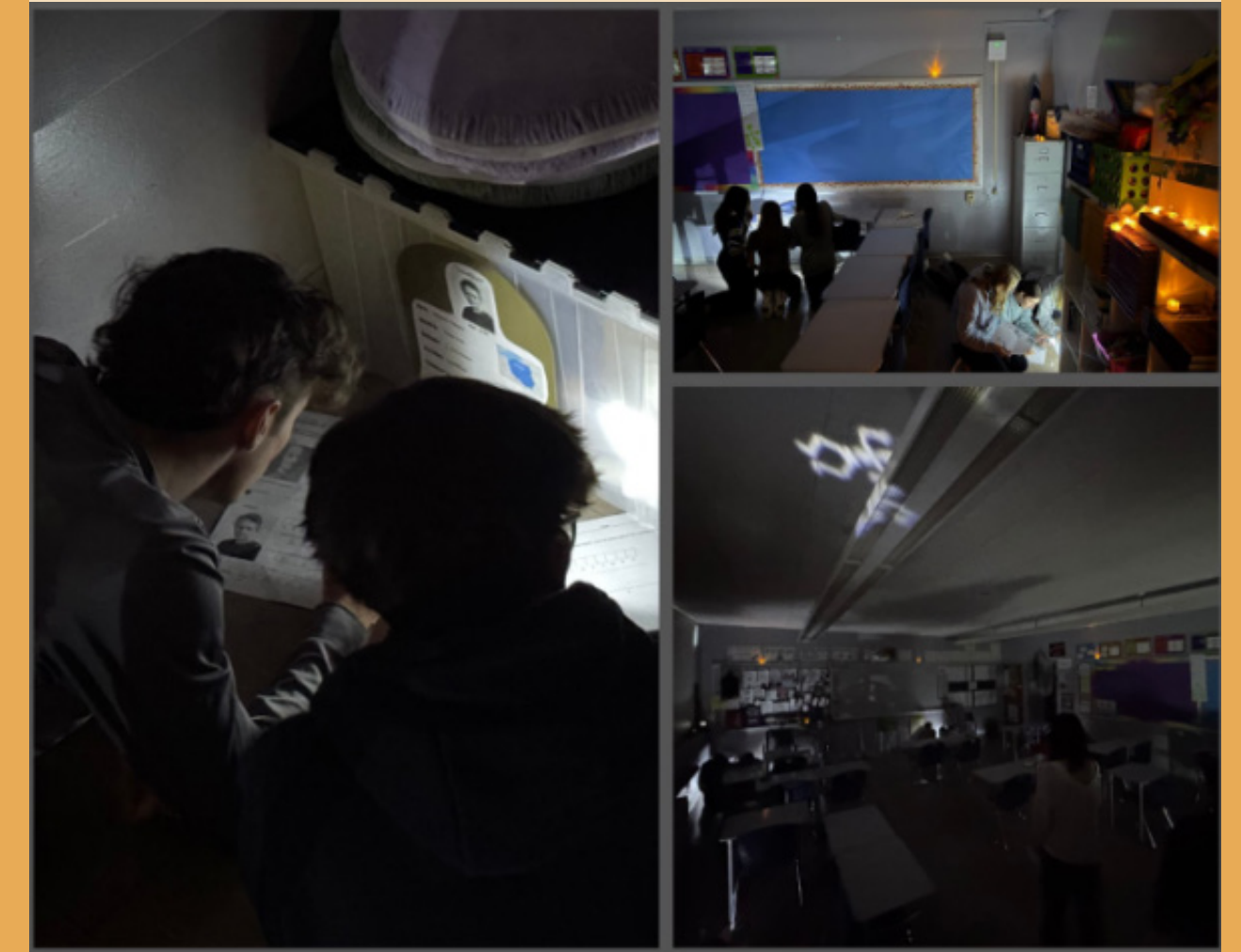
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AAPPL Tests

Senior students in both French and Spanish 4 recently completed the first round of their AAPPL test. These tests are nationally recognized proficiency exams that our 4th year language students take to measure their proficiency. This test is made up of 4 parts: listening, reading, speaking, and writing, and if students reach a proficiency level of Intermediate 5 or Advanced 1, they are considered to be proficient in that mode of communication. If they reach I5 or A1 in all 4 modes, they will earn the Seal of Biliteracy showing that they are considered proficient in a second language. The second round of testing will occur in the spring, and many of our students have already passed at least 1 of the tests so far. Félicitations et/ou felicitades!

Les Catacombes

French students in Mme Chounet's French classes participated in their annual catacomb activity on November 1st which is known in France as La Toussaint or All Saint's Day. Students in all 4 levels entered the catacombs of room 27 armed only with a flashlight and worksheet, and needed to find 5 "tombs" of famous dead French people. Once they found the tombs and answered the questions about the people on their sheet, they then needed to figure out who each person was by using numbered letters from the answers they wrote. Luckily, everyone escaped the catacombs and lived to see another day!



Peer Buddies

The Peer Buddies club/program at FAMS allows typically developing peers to engage with students from the autistic support and life skills classrooms. The students volunteer to spend their WIN time playing games, laughing, and having meaningful conversations. This not only helps build social skills but also fosters the development of friendships among all students. We want to thank all of our current Peer Buddies for bringing joy and happiness to the lives of our students with special needs. It is heartwarming to see so many students volunteering their time to make our days brighter.



Here is something that one of our Peer Buddies, Jordan Bouch, submitted: Peer Buddies has brought such a warm light in my heart. I didn't know what to think of autism but now I see. People are not all the same. I see that people are different but so amazing. By joining Peer Buddies I've got to connect with some people in the best way possible. It is a great thing and I believe everyone should join Peer Buddies. I've made some awesome friends there. It's been an amazing thing to be a part of.

Microsoft Office Certification

Eleven students from Mrs. Zboran's Microsoft Office Certification class recently achieved a significant milestone by passing the Microsoft Word Associate certification exam. This certification is an industry recognized credential that highlights their proficiency in using Microsoft Word. The certification exam tested their ability to create, edit, and manage documents, and their success reflects their determination and hard work. When you see them, offer congratulations to Aiden Bauman, Logan Check, Silas Conner, Jersey Diehl, Andie Ehalt, Abigail Legin, JJ Nicolls, Benedict Selinger, Bantam Semanko, Joseph Thompson and Judah Thompson.



**Thank You Armstrong Indiana
Clarion Drug & Alcohol
Commission and Trooper Rice
for speaking to Mr. Beale's and
Ms. Medwig's health classes
about the dangers of Drinking
and Driving.**



Google Doodles

A Google Doodle is a temporary, creative change to the Google homepage logo that celebrates a variety of topics. Mrs. Zboran's Graphic Design class is working on combining text and images using Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop to create their own unique Google Doodles. Shown in the top row are doodles created by Kailyn Schneider, Kirsten Van Sickle, Nick Emeloff and Benedict Selinger. Bottom row doodles are created by Makayla Bard, Natalie Wallisch, Rory Kirkpatrick and Elizabeth Schwarz.



6th Grade Cuneiform Writing

Students in Mr. Cartiff's social studies classes recently explored ancient Mesopotamian writing by learning to write and translate Cuneiform, the world's oldest written language. After studying the history and symbols, students practiced writing their names using the Cuneiform alphabet.

The project extended to Mrs. Koharchik's art class, where students shaped small clay tablets, just like ancient scribes. Using tools, they carefully etched their first names into the clay, experiencing firsthand the challenges of early communication.

This cross-curricular project brought history to life by giving students a hands-on experience. The students will be able take their finished tablets home to remember and celebrate their hard work.



High School Counseling Office:

Please scan the QR codes to learn more about our local scholarship and enrichment opportunities! This form will be continuously updated throughout the school year!



Middle School Yearbook

If you haven't ordered a Middle School Yearbook yet, there is still time! Yearbooks are on sale until December 31 at www.walsworthyearbooks.com for \$28.00.

Please email Mrs. Kirkwood if you have any questions.



FAMS Students Get Safety Trainings

Officer McKillop and Mrs. Ryan-Palm have been taking time during WIN periods from September through November training every homeroom on how to use a tourniquet and an AED. Students listen to instruction and then have the opportunity to practice using both devices in case there were ever an emergency. Tourniquets are located in every “Go Bucket” throughout the building. We also have 4 AEDS in the building.

FAMS Student Ambassadors Pledge to Stomp Out Bullying

FAMS had CommUNITY day on October 16. Students and staff were encouraged to wear orange to show school unity. On October 16, students had grade-level anti-bullying assemblies led by the Student Ambassadors. The theme was “Be Smart – Don’t Start.” Students played an interactive Jeopardy game full of questions and answers and audience participation leading students through scenarios of identifying what they should do in situations. Students are encouraged to be Upstanders rather than Bystanders.



8th Grade Students Head to Lenape

Students in 8th grade visited Lenape on October 21. Students had the opportunity to meet with some of the instructors and students that attend the school. Eighth graders were led through the school and provided with demonstrations of the programs that they offer. It is a great way to expose young students to what is offered to them once they get to high school.



FAMS Pink Out Walk

Students and staff at FAMS took part in large numbers for our annual Pink Out Day and Walk. Students purchased bracelets during lunches in October in order to participate in the Pink Out

Walk on October 25. Homerooms also competed by sending in donations for Breast Cancer Fighters in our community. A big shout out to Autumn Rogel who donated \$50 to the cause. Our school raised over \$600 dollars to be donated to a community member that is fighting the good fight! Thank you to all of our students and staff!



StuCo Sponsored Halloween Dance

Students came out in big numbers to our first dance of the school year, the Halloween Dance! Students came dressed in costumes and were entered into competitions like cutest costume, best group costume, and scariest costume. There was a DJ and a concession stand for all to enjoy. Thank you to StuCo for hosting a great event!



FAMS Craft Club Members Make Student Merchandise

Students in Mrs. Kirkwood's Craft Club are busy making student merchandise as a reward for our monthly Bee-Havior Buck winners in each homeroom. When a student is pulled from the homeroom drawing, they have the opportunity to select a blanket, t-shirt, hat, cinch sack and much more with a Freeport design. The craft club members take the orders and work on using our new Cricut machine to make the items. It is great seeing everyone sport their new Freeport gear!

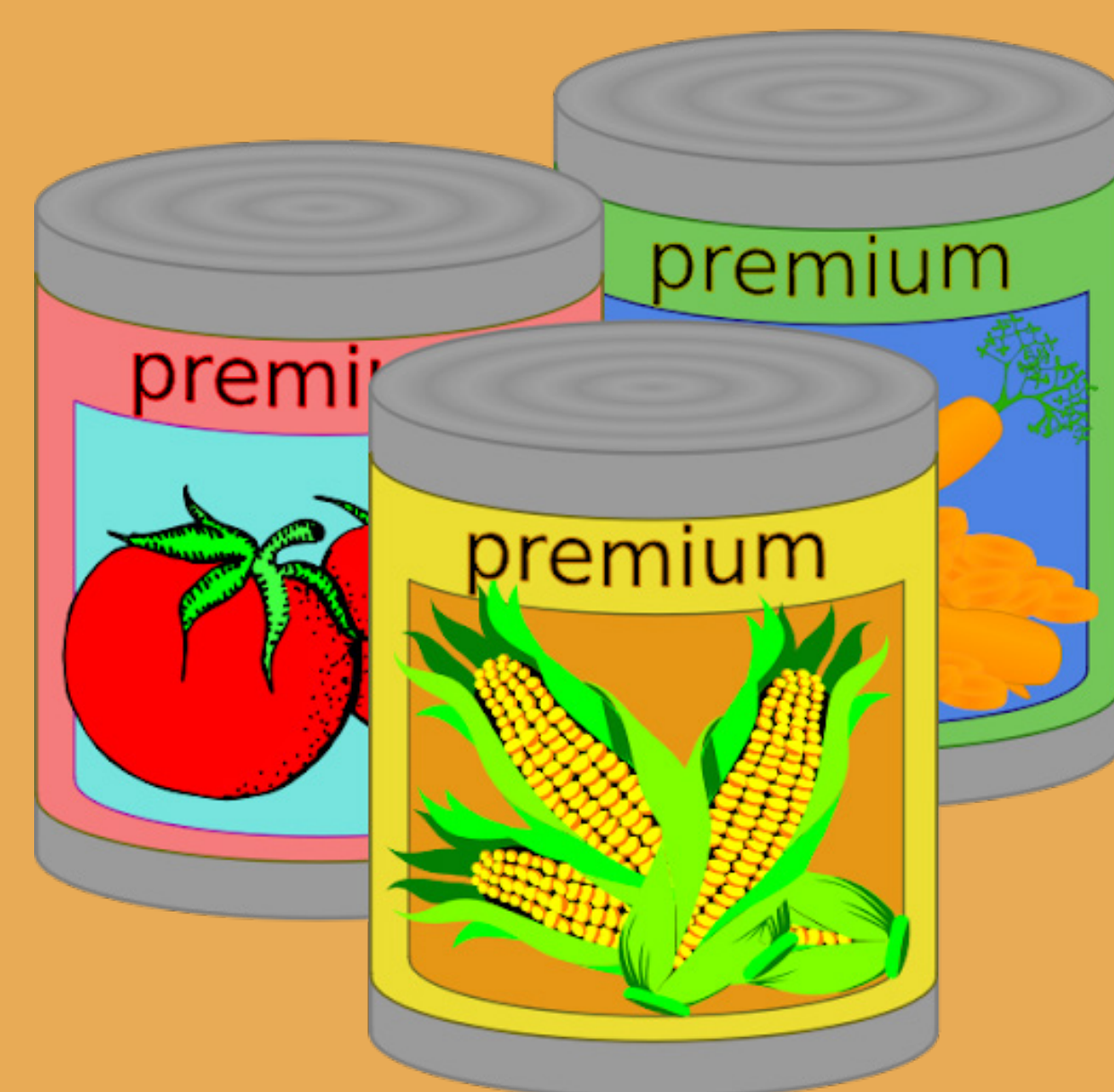
Toys For Tots ~ Stuff-A-Bus Toy Drive

FAMS will once again partner with Toys For Tots and KISS FM's Stuff-A-Bus to collect new and unwrapped toys starting on Monday, November 11 and running through Friday, November 22. Students are welcomed to drop off their donations in their homeroom classes. StuCo members will deliver the items to the Stuff-A-Bus event during the school day. Please be tuned-in as they may be announced that morning! Thank you in advance for your generosity and thoughtfulness!



FAMS Food Drive

To benefit the Freeport Area Food Bank, FAMS students will have a canned Food Drive Monday, November 11-Friday, November 22. Please consider donating a non-perishable item that will benefit a family in our community. Any student that donates an item or more to the Food Drive will get to participate in the Turkey Trot at school on Friday, November 22. Thank you in advance!



Freeport Area Middle School

Turkey Trot

RUN/WALK

Friday, November 22

6th Grade: 12:16 pm

7th Grade: 1:05 pm

8th Grade: 1:54 pm



REGISTRATION:

Entry Fee: - 1 canned food item (non-perishable)

*Bring canned food item to homeroom teacher between November 11
and November 22*

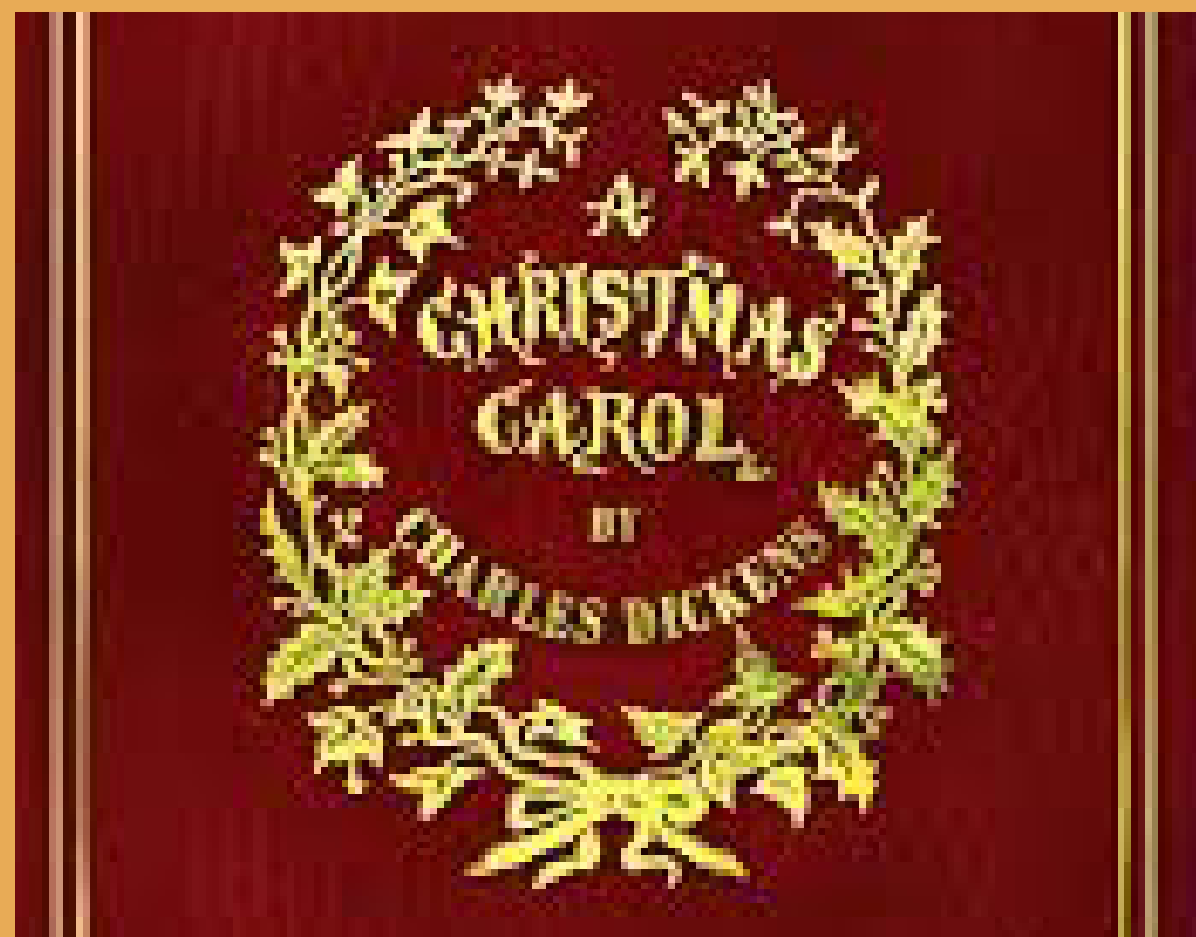
RACE DETAILS:

- 35-minute timed race
- Walkers complete 2-3 laps; Runners complete 3 laps; if there is time left, you may walk
- Prizes for top male & female finishers in each grade level AND for top overall finisher!
- Dress Warm & Costumes are encouraged!

Secondary Conferences

Don't forget to sign up for conferences with your child(ren)'s teachers for our fall conferences. Conferences will be held on Monday, November 25 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm and Tuesday, November 26 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. We prefer to meet with you in person, but if you need a virtual option, that is available too. Hope to see you soon!

A Christmas Carol Field Trip



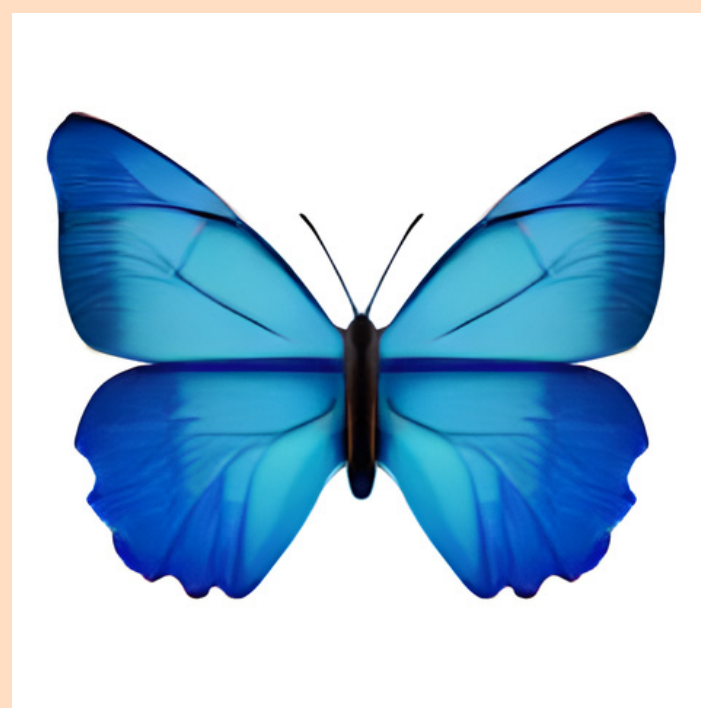
The 7th grade students and 8th grade chorus students will be attending a performance of A Christmas Carol at the Byham Theater in December. This is a culminating activity for the 7th grade English and reading classes of Mrs. Schnur, Mrs. Kirkwood, and Mrs. Pearson. Mr. Koharchik's chorus students will get to experience the performance for the chorus concert theme, "A Dickens of a Christmas." After the show, the students will enjoy lunch at Red Robin.

Welcome to the FAMS Family

Congratulations to Mrs. Osheskie and her family for welcoming their newest addition to their family tree, Alice Eve Osheskie! Alice was born on June 18, 2024.



Children's Grief Awareness Day



This year, we will be honoring Children's Grief Awareness Day on November 21st at both the middle school and high school buildings. We will join other children, teens, and adults across the nation in helping grieving kids know they are not alone.

The purpose of Children's Grief Awareness Day is to share how common children's grief is and how important it is to support those around us who have lost someone. This year's Children Grief Awareness Day Theme is "Here for Each Other."

Here are some ways we can help a grieving friend:

Listen if they want to talk

Sit with them even when they don't feel like talking

Ask how you can be helpful or ask what they need today

Call or text to let them know you are thinking of them

Do the same things you have always done together

Just be yourself with them

The secondary counseling team will provide activities for students to learn how to give support to each other, reminding them that they're not alone. On November 21st, students and staff will be encouraged to wear BLUE in support of the day! There will also be an opportunity for students to "ADD BLUE TO YOU" on the day of the event.

Some blue items will be complimentary while other items may be purchased. All proceeds will support our continued partnership with the Highmark Caring Place, a local community agency for grieving children, adolescents, and their families.

Information and resources regarding Children's Grief Awareness Day can be found at www.childgriefday.com. If you or your family are in need of grief counseling, please contact The Highmark Caring Place for additional support.



Senior High Key Club

October has been a busy month for Key Club Members.

Hurricane Relief Drive

We would like to thank everyone who donated items for the Hurricane Relief Drive. We were a little overwhelmed when the items started arriving, but five truck and four SUV's later all items were delivered to South Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department. Thank you again to everyone who donated and to those who answered the call for more trucks! A special thank you to the wonderful Volunteers at South Buffalo VFD who worked so hard to get the items delivered to North Carolina! It is so heartwarming to know we live in such a giving community!

Pumpkin Carving and Pumpkin Path

Members carved pumpkins and set them out on display for the Annual "Pumpkin Path" in conjunction with TRI-M's Haunted House and "Indoor Trunk or Treat". Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the haunted halls and/or haunted house. A special thank you to Renshaw Farms for donating the pumpkins and to the Freeport Kiwanis for supplying the refreshments!

Pickleball Tournament

Ten teams turned out on a chilly Saturday afternoon to enjoy themselves playing pickleball. A huge thank you to Alle-Kiski Pickleball, Inc. for letting us use their courts and to the members who were there to give instructions and assist the students who were playing. The winning teams chose to donate \$150 each to the Salvation Army in Butler and Judge's Park Small Animal Rescue!

Pink Out Shirt Sale

A huge thank you to everyone who purchased shirts during our annual Change for Cancer Shirt Sale! I have one YXL - T-shirt (\$18.00) and fourteen Adult Small Long Sleeve Shirts (\$20.00) for sale, if you are interested, please email me at haugh@freeport.k12.pa.us. As soon as the proceeds are totaled, we will announce how much we raised. The money will be donated to families within our district who are currently fighting Cancer.

Toy Drive

Key Club will be collecting new unwrapped toys on November 19th in front of the High School from 5:30 until 6:30. All toys will be donated to the Freeport Food Bank for distribution. Key Club Members will receive hours for donating.

HS Student Council

Student Council was involved in various activities over the past month. STUCO hosted the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, September 28th. It marked the first time the Homecoming Dance was held in the high school gym, and the reviews were positive. Students danced to the most popular music and were provided refreshments throughout the night. Over 350 students were dressed in their Saturday best and had a lot of fun!



STUCO also sponsored a table for the Halloween Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, November 19th at the High School to pass out candy to local children in their Halloween costumes. The STUCO table theme was “Spooky Game Show Hosts” and included students dressed as Alex Trebek and Steve Harvey.



During the week of November 11-15, STUCO will be collecting donations from students for the “Week of Giving” campaign to raise money for the Freeport Food Bank during the holidays. Students who donate will be honored with blue and gold rings featuring their name and hung through the hallways of the high school. We look forward to providing the Freeport Food Bank with a big check this year to help our fellow community members this holiday season!

Thank you to all parents and students who participated!



Senior High School Student's will dress
up for Holiday Spirit Week!

Christmas Holiday Sprit Week

Monday, 12-16: Dress
Like a Teacher Day

Tuesday, 12-17: Ugly
Sweater Day

Wednesday, 12-18:
Grinch Day

Thursday, 12-19: PJ
Day

Friday, 12-20: Dress
Like Santa, Mrs. Claus
Day or an Elf



HOMELESS AWARENESS WEEK

COLLECTION DRIVE

11/18/24 - 11/22/24

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO DONATE:
WINTER APPAREL
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS

DONATION BOXES WILL BE LOCATED IN
EACH BUILDING OFFICE.

For more information, contact Don Dell
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