



# FOCUS ON FAIRLESS

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## Renewal Levy to be on the Ballot in November 2025

In the November General Election, voters were asked to renew a 10-year Substitute Levy that would have supported the Fairless Local Schools' general fund. This levy, which generates \$1.8 million annually and accounts for 12% of the district's overall budget, is used to maintain the day-to-day operations of our schools. The renewal did not pass.

Recognizing the vital role the community plays in the success of our schools, the Fairless Board of Education has taken significant steps to engage with residents, be good listeners, and gain understanding. Since the election, the Board has held 35 meetings with community members representing a broad cross-section of our district. In these meetings, residents have learned about how their school is funded, reviewed the five-year forecast, and have asked questions about the financial health of the district.

The Board intends to place the renewal Substitute Levy back on the ballot in November 2025. Over the next 11 months while the Board continues to focus on maintaining a balanced budget, we will share detailed information about district finances and operations through newsletters, on our website and on social media. We will also continue to hold meetings to field and answer your questions. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Superintendent Mike Hearn at 330-767-3577 or [mike.hearn@fairless.sparcc.org](mailto:mike.hearn@fairless.sparcc.org).

## Fairless Local Schools to Welcome a New Symbol of Pride: The Falcon Sculpture

In an exciting project that has been two and a half years in the making, senior welding students at R.G. Drage are crafting a stainless steel falcon sculpture that will proudly stand at Fairless High School. The stainless steel sculpture will feature a 16-foot wingspan, 8-foot tall body, and soar over 11 feet in the air. This artistic endeavor, led by Canton artist **Patrick Buckohr**, aims to enhance school spirit and community pride. It will be prominently displayed in a courtyard between the athletic and academic wings of the new high school, ensuring visibility from Seventh Street and during significant events, such as graduation.

The project is being led by Fairless Alum and R.G. Drage welding instructor **Scott Burdge** with the support of a grant from ArtsinStark and contributions from local businesses. The project will be made entirely of stainless steel, all of which has been donated. While the project is still under construction, the current donor list includes: **Brewster Cheese**, **Compass Systems**, and **H and K Fabricating**.

Students involved in the project are excited about their contributions. **Carter Gardiner**, an 18-year-old welding student, expressed pride in being part of a creation that will endure for generations. His classmate, **Preston Cusano**, echoed this sentiment, noting the sculpture's lasting impact on the school community.

The project goal is to be completed by the end of the school year. It will stand as a testament to collaboration, creativity, and school spirit, reinforcing the connection between students and their community.



### KINDERGARTEN SCREENINGS

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### SCHEDULED SCREENING DATES

APRIL 16TH  
MAY 8TH

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# District News

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## Retirement

Congratulations and best wishes to **Nate Held**, Athletic Director, and **Cindy Class**, Middle School Principal, on their well-deserved retirement!

## MISSION

Educate and empower Fairless to SOAR to EXCELLENCE!

## VISION

Fairless is the community where families want to learn, live, work, and grow.

## VISION AREAS



### Learning

Ensure engaging, relevant, and rigorous educational opportunities where all become expert learners.



### Experience

Provide a positive experience where all feel valued.



### Culture and Climate

Ensure a culture that is safe, supportive, and successful for all.



### Communication

Provide clear and consistent two-way communication in which all remain informed and have a voice.



### Resources

Ensure responsible and transparent use of the community's resources to provide an exceptional education for all.



## Fairless Partners with Bluecoats



At its October 15, 2024 meeting, the Fairless Local Schools Board of Education approved a memorandum of understanding with Bluecoats to create a strategic partnership and officially name the school district as a Bluecoats Community Partner. Superintendent of Schools **Mike Hearn**, Bluecoats CEO **Mike Scott**, Fairless High School Band Director **Elizabeth Barkan**, and students **Ashton Haney** and **Noah Barkan** presented the partnership to the Board of Education.

The partnership between Fairless Local Schools and Bluecoats will create an educational home for the group to hold its audition camps at Fairless High School. The two-year agreement is renewable and provides Fairless a revenue stream from facility rental agreements and the Bluecoats access to a first-class facility. These camps will bring hundreds of student-musicians from across the nation and even from other countries to compete for a spot on the Bluecoats roster. According to Superintendent Mike Hearn, the agreement “works for both groups who have similar strategic goals. At Fairless, we are aiming to make our district the community where families want to learn, live, work, and grow. Access to world-class performing arts for our community is one way to do this.”

In addition to housing the camps at Fairless High School, the partnership aims to build a suite of performance-based educational events in cooperation with the district to be housed at Fairless facilities. In the early planning phases are a marching band festival with an educational component to be held at Brideweser Stadium, as well as a concert band festival and clinic event to be held at the Lucinda J. Frailly Performing Arts Center at Fairless High School. The Bluecoats takes seriously its mission to create performing arts experiences that inspire, educate, and promote excellence, and to enrich the lives of young people, and those who encounter their art. Bluecoats and Fairless Local

Schools each are committed to promulgate the value of performing arts education in their local communities and Stark County, and desire to work together to achieve objectives that further their mutual goals and vision, including, but not limited to, increasing performing arts education activities on the Fairless campus, providing quality facilities for Bluecoats programming, and creating new programming and opportunities for young performing arts students in the Stark County and surrounding communities.

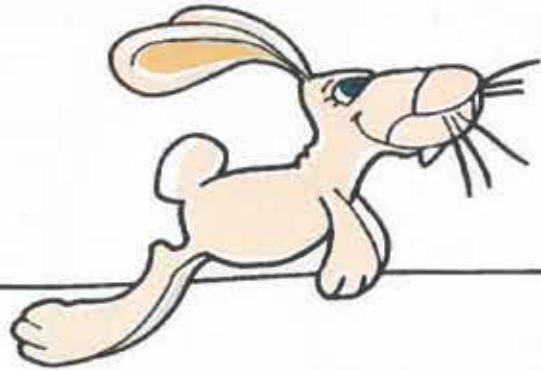
**Bluecoats is one of the most widely-celebrated performing arts education organizations in the world.**

This past year their flagship program, the Bluecoats Drum & Bugle Corps, earned a World Championship for the second time. The group was founded in Canton, OH in 1972 with a focus on local youth outreach. The organization has now grown into a renowned band education nonprofit with a variety of youth programming and world-class events, including BANDtastic!, Rhythm IN BLUE, The Blue Way Summer Arts Camp, and the Bluecoats Fellowship. This year the organization completed the construction of the \$2.2mm EN-RICH-MENT Arts Education Center, and announced the addition of EN-RICH-MENT of Stark County as an affiliate and programming partner. The center now provides a permanent home for the free after-school and weekend arts programming of EN-RICH-MENT. This summer, the Bluecoats Summer Music Series had nearly 20,000 in attendance in Stark County.

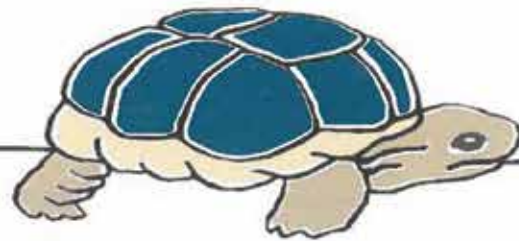




**Ate**  
**School Breakfast**



**Didn't eat**  
**School Breakfast**



**EAT SCHOOL BREAKFAST**  
**it gives you energy**

**BREAKFAST IS SERVED**

FAIRLESS HIGH SCHOOL 7:00-7:45

FAIRLESS MIDDLE SCHOOL 7:15-7:35

FAIRLESS ELEM. SCHOOL 8:45-9:00

BREAKFAST IS \$2.10 & FREE FOR  
REDUCED STUDENTS







## Canton Symphony Performs at Fairless High School





# District News

August 2025						
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## Fairless Local School District Calendar 2025-2026

### August

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18

19

20

### September

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26

### October

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10 & 13

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31

### November

26

27-28

### December

1

22-31

### January

1-2

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### February

10 & 12

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### March

27

30-31

### April

1-3

### May

25

28

28

28

29

Calamity Day Make-Up Schedule:

1<sup>st</sup> Day – June consecutive

Open House (Teacher 1/2 Day)

Teacher Day - No School

Teacher Day - No School

First Student Day

Grades 1-6, 9

Grades 1-12

Labor Day

Early Release

P/T Conference - Evening

P/T Conference ALL DAY &

Evening - No School

No School

End of 9 weeks (44 days)

Inservice Day - No School

Professional Development Trade

Day - No School

Thanksgiving Break

No School

No School

Christmas Break

Christmas Break

End of 9 weeks (46 days)

End of semester (90 days)

Martin Luther King Day

Inservice Day - No School

PT Conferences

Presidents Day

End of 9 weeks (46 days)

Spring Break

No School

No School

No School

Memorial Day

Last Student Day

End of 9 weeks (38 days)

End of semester (84 days)

Teacher Last Day

First & Last Student Day

No School

Early Release

Student Days - 175

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# FAIRLESS

## Preschool Screening 2025-2026

New  
Students  
Only

March 14, 2025 and  
April 4, 2025

AGE 3 OR 4  
BY AUGUST 1, 2025

CALL TO SCHEDULE

**(330) 767-3577**

CHOOSE OPTION 3



## Distinguished Fairless Falcon Award Nomination Form

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year of Graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Years of Employment:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Achievements:**

**Professional Career:**

**Community Service:**

**Military Service:**

**Submitted By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Procedure: Anyone may submit nominations to the selection committee by written form. Form must be legible in order to be considered. **Please send to:** Superintendent, Fairless Local Schools, 800 7th Street, SE, Brewster, OH 44613. Nominations should be received by March 31, 2025.





## CLASS OF 2025

5/9	SENIORS LAST DAY AT FHS
5/12-13	SENIOR EXAMS
5/13 7 PM	SENIOR SUNSET
5/14	SENIOR BREAKFAST, 7A GRADUATION PRAC, 9A
5/14 6 PM	SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT
5/16 5 PM	BACCALAUREATE
5/16 7 PM	GRADUATION

[Senior Webpage](#)

SAVE THE DATE  
FOR  
OUR NEXT DANCE

## Prom 2025

SENIORS & JUNIORS  
AND APPROVED GUESTS

MAY 3 2025

COST HAS NOT INCREASED IN 10 YEARS

\$45/PERSON  
WANT A FREE TICKET?  
JOIN PROM COMMITTEE  
BY SEEING MRS. WIDDER

DINNER AND DANCE 7-10 PM  
WITH GRAND MARCH BEFORE

NICKAJACK FARMS  
2955 MANCHESTER (ROUTE 93)  
NORTH LAWRENCE, OHIO

## Macy's Day Parade

Three fabulous Falcons flew to the Macy's Day Parade this Thanksgiving! **Alannah Bailey, Logan Barkan, and Josh Miller** marched with the Macy's Great American Marching Band. Participation in this incredible opportunity requires students to audition, and these three were selected to join the parade.

Community members generously supported their journey to New York City through sponsorships via the Fairless Music Boosters Association. Once in the Big Apple, they had a jam-packed schedule, including uniform fittings, a lunch cruise on the Spirit of New York, a Broadway show (*MJ THE MUSICAL*), and rehearsals. They perfected their positions in the Herald Square block, and viewers across the nation could spot them as they passed the TV cameras during the parade!

*Fairless Band Represented at*

At Macy's Day Parade in NYC



# High School News

## NOMINATION for LIFE CHANGER OF THE YEAR



National Life Group  
LIFECHANGER  
OF THE YEAR

### PAULA RADICH

Has been nominated for the National Life Group, Life Changer of the Year award.

FAIRLESS LOCAL SCHOOLS

by Mike Hearn

Please join us in congratulating Paula Radich on her recent nomination by the Fairless Admin Team for the Life Changer of the Year Award. Paula is a valuable member of our high school cafeteria staff who consistently goes above and beyond for everyone.

Best of luck! In our eyes, you're already a winner!

Check out her profile page on their website.

## playhouse

The fall production of CLUE was both fun and entertaining. Friday's show included an option for food which was designed and cooked by our own students. Job well done by the cast, crew, and staff.



WINTER 2025

PERFORMING ARTS

## UPCOMING

— FAIRLESS HIGH SCHOOL —

FEBRUARY 20, 7 PM

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

On a Winter's Evening Concert featuring the Symphonic Winds



MARCH 7 & 8, 7 PM

SPRING MUSICAL

Enjoy Fairless Playhouse's production of Annie, the musical in the Lucinda J. Frailly Performing Arts Center. Ticket information coming soon.







## MAPS Aviation Museum

In November, our Aviation Science students visited the MAPS Air Museum, where they had the opportunity to explore aircraft from various generations. The pilots who flew these planes shared inspiring stories, many of which resonated with our students, many of whom are aspiring pilots themselves.

One of the Blue Angels' aviation mechanics captivated our students with tales of the stunning airshows they perform across the nation. The students were thrilled to learn about this aspect of aviation, and who doesn't love seeing the Blue Angels in action at air shows?

In December, the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics visited to talk to our students about aviation mechanics and design. With campuses in both Pittsburgh and Youngstown, they provided valuable insight into the field.







## Legacies

The gym is now adorned with the names of past state champions and league title winners. This display serves as a meaningful connection to our history, while also inspiring current students to create their own legacies.



### Boys Basketball and Cheer

The boys basketball team continues to improve each week, led by seniors **Luke Buchanan**, **Logan Barkan**, and **Zach Long**. They're supported by our dedicated Falcon cheerleaders: **Lily Dayton**, **Delaney Boggs**, **Hannah Daniels**, **Kaiden Roberts**, and **Megan Gantz**.



**Our winter athletic season is coming to a close, and the Falcons have been putting in great effort across all sports.**

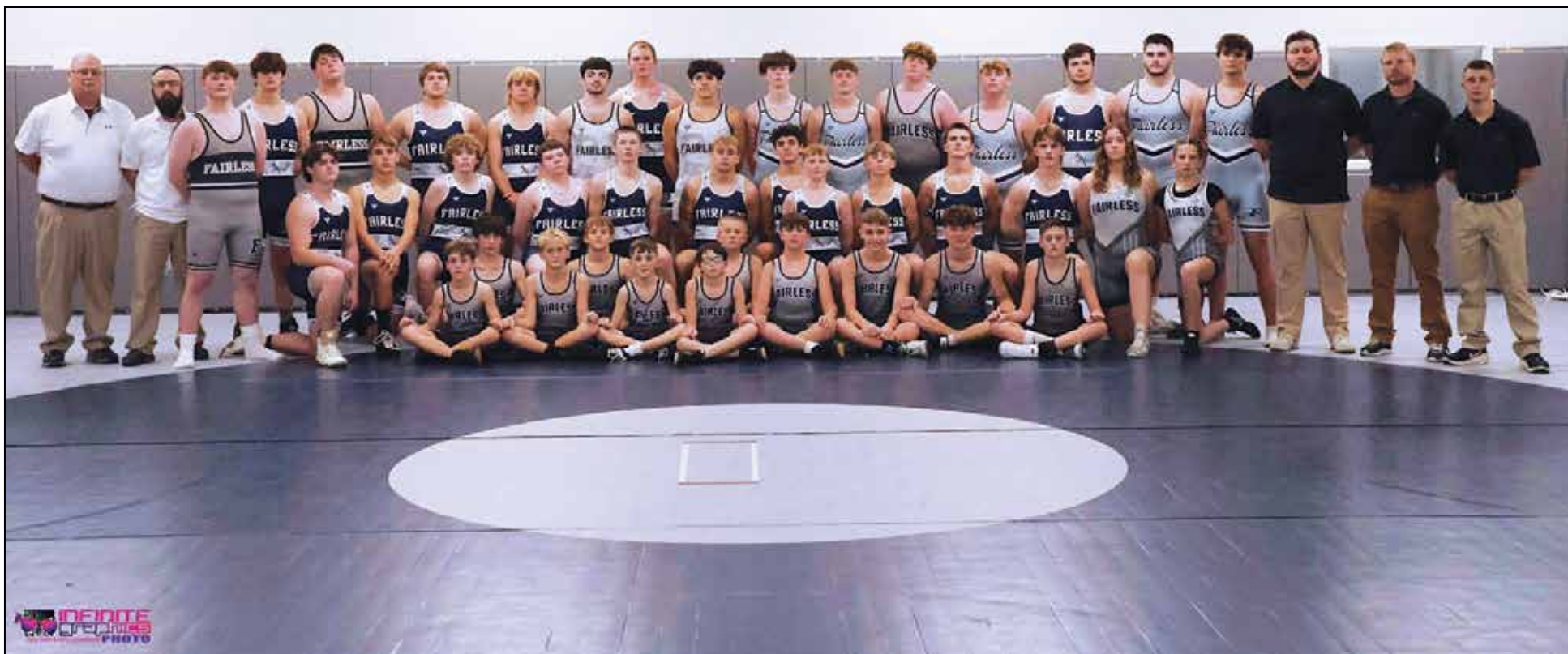


### Girls Basketball

The Lady Falcons basketball team is led by senior **Clara Snavelly**, who has committed to continuing her basketball career at Wheaton College. Good luck, Clara!

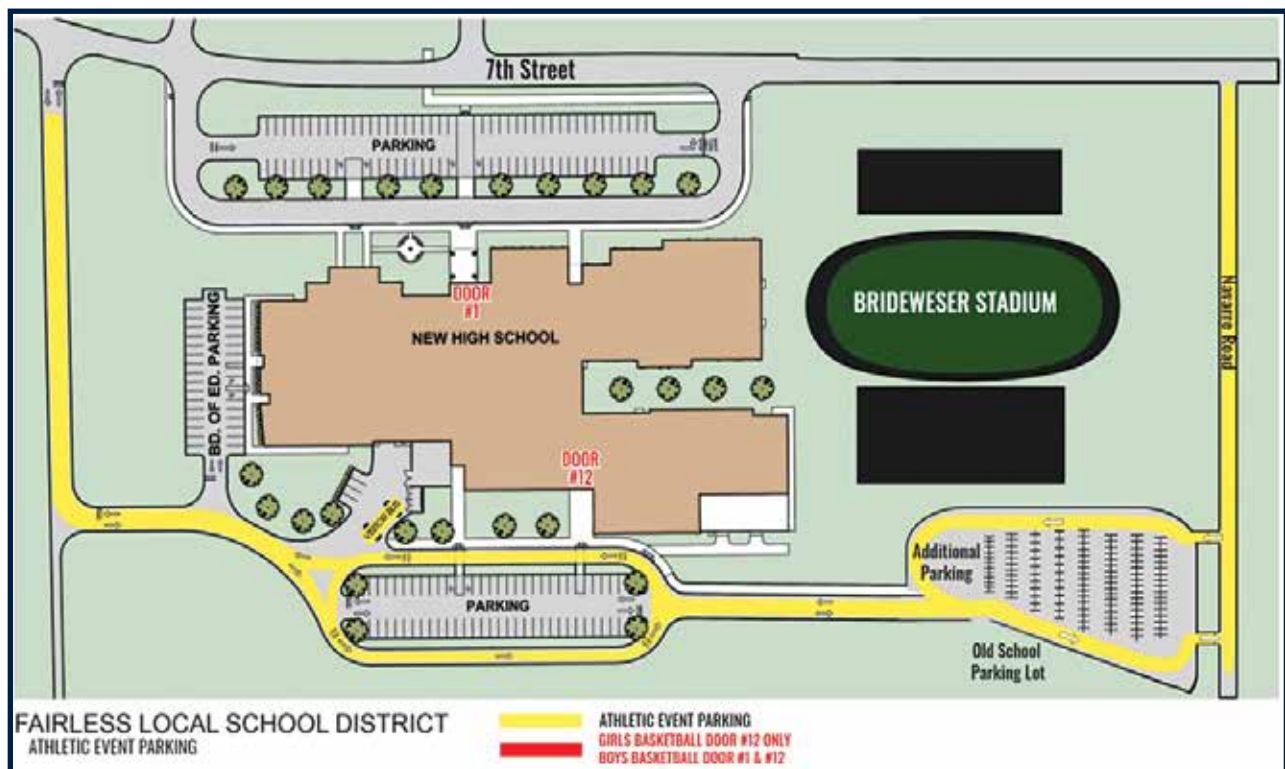
**Join us in supporting all of our Falcons as we gear up for OHSAA post-season play at the end of February. Go Falcons!**





## Wrestling

The Falcon wrestling team, led by seniors **David Post, Dean Pulley, Colin Sullivan, and Logan Wachtel**, has been dominating the mats. They took first place at both the Big Dog Duals at Tri-Valley and the tournament at East Palestine.



## Parking for Events at Fairless High School

The access road and sidewalk connecting Brideweser Stadium's parking lot to the new high school is now done and able to be used. This lot can be used as overflow parking for any event at FHS, FMS, or even FES as the Safe Routes to School sidewalk connects Brideweser Stadium with the middle and elementary school. Please be sure to only park in designated lots as grass is still being established and at our first few events several vehicles became stuck and damaged newly seeded areas.

*Congratulations and best wishes to Nate Held, Athletic Director, on his well-deserved retirement!*



# Middle School News



## A Christmas Carol

The seventh-grade students at Fairless recently attended a performance of *A Christmas Carol* at The Players Guild Theatre at Kent State Stark. The students enjoyed seeing the beloved holiday tale, which they are studying in their Reading class, come to life on stage. They were captivated by the performances and the timeless message of redemption. The students did an outstanding job representing the middle school!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the **Massillon Eagles** for their generous donation, which made it possible for us to attend this wonderful event!



*Student Council Members visiting with a resident from Brewster Parke.*

## FMS Student Council

In November, FMS Student Council members had the opportunity to visit the residents of Brewster Parke Nursing Home. They started the visit with some enjoyable conversations, followed by a fun game of Uno. The visit concluded with a lively game of Bingo. It was a wonderful experience for both the students and the residents, bridging generations with joy and connection.



## I Walk with Zombies

Fairless Middle School held a successful Zombie Walk on October 30, 2024, to raise funds for student activities and teacher and student recognition. The event raised over \$7,000 after covering the costs of T-shirts and supplies. Our top seller, **Aleighia Rinaldi**, an eighth-grader, raised \$1,000, with **Aleigha Schultz**, also in grade 8, securing second place at \$500. Students earned Halloween-themed T-shirts, socks, temporary tattoos, and were treated to ice cream and pizza parties for their fundraising efforts.

We would like to extend our gratitude to all the parents, students, and staff who contributed their time and talents to the event, including **Rego's Sporting Goods**, which provided high-quality T-shirts with our logo. We also want to recognize the businesses that donated \$100 or more: **Baylor Beach Park, Inc.**, **LDG Holdings**, **LG Mowing**, **Plumbing 911**, and **Xavier & Zoey's Yard Art**, each of whom donated \$200.

A special thank you goes to high school student **Nova Day**, FMS teacher **Kristine Twigg**, and parent **Michelle Zimmerman**, who attended every planning meeting and were instrumental in making the Zombie Walk a success. Go Falcons!

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KREMELAND  
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LG MOWING  
MAIN STREET DELI AND BAKING CO LLC  
MIRACLE PLUMBING & HEATING, CO. INC  
PLUMBING 911  
R+F CONSULTANT  
REAL DEAL DISCOUNTS LLC  
SCOTT GILKERSON CONSTRUCTION  
STONECRAFT CONSTRUCTION LLC  
TINA SLATZER KIKO REALTOR  
TRI-K ENTERPRISES INC  
VASCO ASPHALT COMPANY  
VINYL SUPPLY UNLIMITED  
WELCH PACKAGING  
WILLIAMS TOYOTA LIFT  
XAVIER & ZOEY'S YARD ART



*Lily Foster, Aleigha Schultz, and Piper Cunningham*

## Ugly Sweater Contest

The middle school was filled with fun and festivities throughout December, including an Ugly Sweater Contest for our students. **Lily Foster**, **Aleigha Schultz**, and **Piper Cunningham** won for having the ugliest sweaters in their respective grade levels. Each of them received a certificate and a treat bag as a reward for their creative and festive designs.



## Sixth Grade

In December, Mrs. Fritz's ninth-period reading class read the novel *Children of the Great Depression* by Russell Freedman. This story brings to life the hardships faced by American families, particularly children, during the Great Depression of the 1930s. Over Thanksgiving break, sixth graders were given the challenge to think about a toy they could create with a child of the Great Depression in mind. They were only allowed to use materials found around the house—nothing could be purchased by their parents or family members. The students then created and presented their toys in December, just before Christmas break. The sixth graders showcased an impressive amount of creativity and ingenuity in their projects!





## Career Day

Our annual Career Day was held on December 6, and we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the 48 guests who volunteered their time to participate in the event. Our students had the opportunity to learn about a wide range of careers, including nursing, engineering, manufacturing, transportation, and many more. We would also like to thank **Texas Roadhouse**, **Smith's Waco Market**, and our own **Cafe 140** for generously providing food for our guests. Your support made this event a great success!



High schoolers **Raedan Everly**, **Jacob Seifert**, **Lexus Mutersbaugh**, **Ethan Elkins**, **Gavin Young**, **Aiden Boggs**, **Lance Speicher**, **Kayden Mahaffey**, and **Felicity Jewell** from the Falcon Factory doing a presentation at the FMS Career Day.



## Choir Students performing "Christmas with the Celts"

For the second year in a row, the seventh-grade choir had the incredible opportunity to perform with Christmas with The Celts. This performance beautifully blends the joy of the holiday season with the rich traditions of Celtic music. It's especially inspiring that the group invites young performers to share the stage, allowing students to showcase their talents, learn from professionals, and be part of a larger musical production. Their performance at the Amish Country Theater was a memorable experience for both the students and the audience!



# Elementary School News



## Preschool

Preschoolers in Mrs. Kirby's class embraced the holiday spirit with festive activities and joyful celebrations! While enjoying the season, students have also been hard at work developing key early learning skills.

Throughout the month, they've been practicing identifying beginning sounds,



counting to 20, and comparing object sizes. These engaging lessons help build a strong foundation for future learning while keeping the excitement of the season alive. Mrs. Kirby's class is certainly making the most of this magical time of year!



## Kindergarten

Mrs. Zenk's kindergarten class enjoyed their time together celebrating the holiday season and participating in fun holiday activities.



# Elementary School News



## Kindergarten and Third Grade

Kindergarten and third grade students worked with their book buddies on Grinch Day! They wrote about ways to make the Grinch grin, problem-solved what the Grinch might have stolen, and enjoyed a fun Grinch-themed treat. It was a day full of creativity, teamwork, and holiday cheer!



## First Grade

First graders used ice cream cones to create edible Christmas trees in a hands-on activity that reinforced their understanding of three-dimensional shapes. As part of their geometry unit, students explored how they can compose larger structures by combining shapes such as cones, cylinders, and spheres. This engaging lesson helped students recognize and apply their knowledge of 3-D shapes in a fun and creative way!



## Fourth Grade by the Fireplace

Fourth-grade students got into the holiday spirit by sharing their favorite meaningful recipes. They worked to convince their classmates that their dish was the best by presenting a photo, a list of ingredients, and step-by-step directions for making their chosen meal or dessert. Teachers compiled all of the recipes into a cookbook and sent home a QR code so families could access and enjoy the collection together.

Mrs. Boker's fourth grade class relaxed by the fireplace reading their favorite books.



# Elementary News



## Fifth Grade

Fifth-grade students explored STEM concepts during Winter Stations through a variety of hands-on projects. They measured and created a yarn scarf for their snowman ornaments based on their height, designed heartfelt cards for local nursing home residents, and engineered edible sleds as festive treats.



## Fifth Grade Choir

Fifth grade choir went out into the community to help spread Christmas joy at Brewster Park Assisted Living and Country Lawn Nursing Home. The students and residents enjoyed singing carols together, and hope to make this an annual tradition.



## Holiday Music

Holiday music performances by first and fifth graders.

(Above) fifth-graders,  
(right) first-grades..





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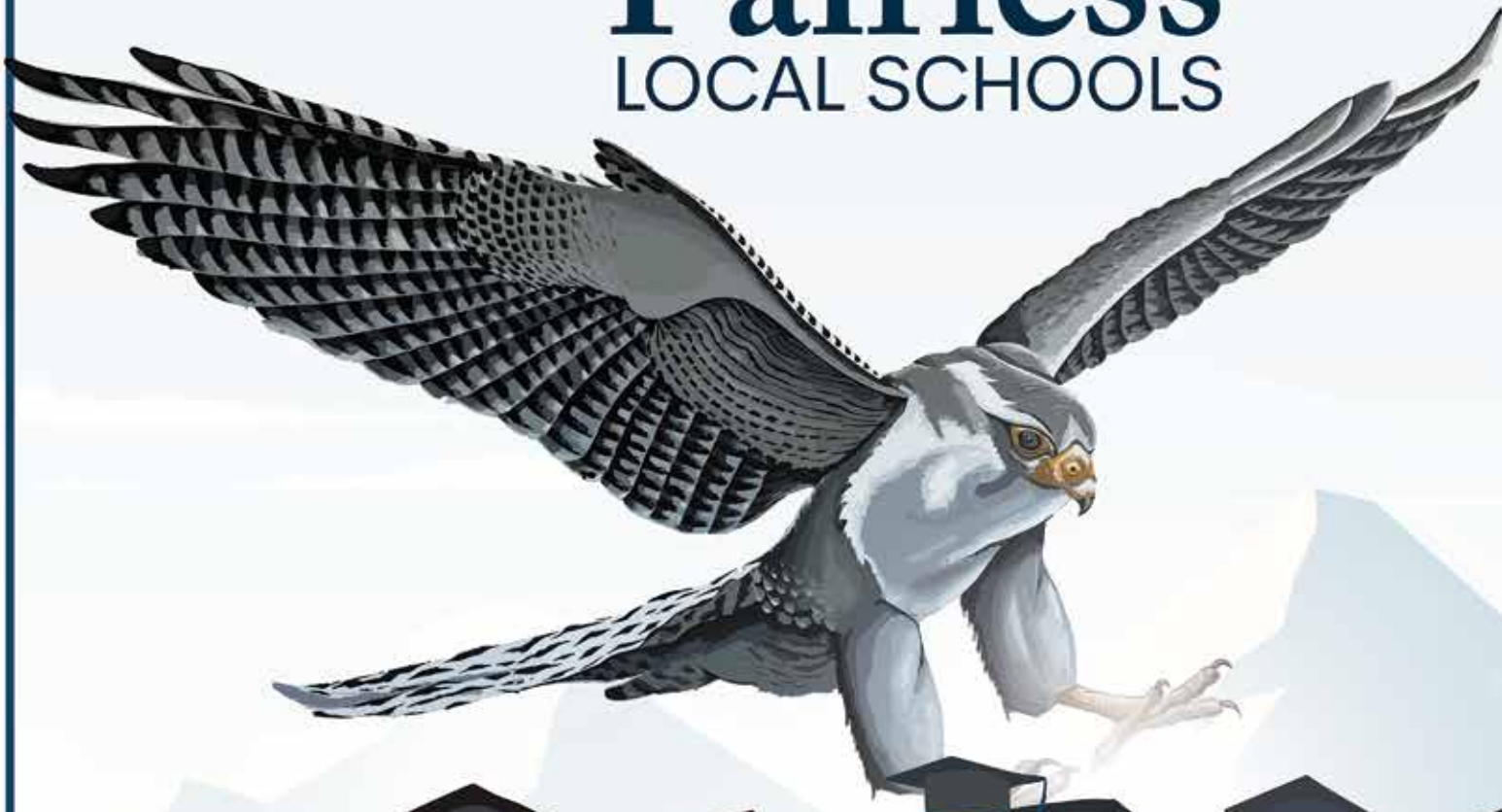
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## LOCAL SCHOOLS



### ACADEMICALLY PREPARED

#### Foundational Knowledge

Graduates will have an academic experience that achieves high expectations for each student's individual development.

#### Well-Rounded Content

Graduates will have access to a range of options for co-curricular and extracurricular activities that reflect students' interests, goals and learning profiles.



### RESILIENT INDIVIDUAL

#### Adaptability

Graduates will use their skills, knowledge, and experiences to identify possible solutions for complex problems.

#### Growth Mindset

Graduates will embrace challenges and be persistent in their learning.

#### Motivated

Graduates will show an eagerness to ask questions and explore beyond what is required; discovering, learning and understanding.



### FEARLESS LEARNER

#### Critical Thinking

Graduates will develop critical thinking and reasoning skills, problem solving competencies, and technology proficiency.

#### Innovative

Graduates will be self-directed learners, who are flexible with their knowledge and learn as they go, adapt to the situation, and use critical thinking skills.

#### Curious

Graduates will ask thoughtful questions, dig deeply into issues, and consider multiple perspectives when tackling problems and developing new processes.



### PROFESSIONAL COLLABORATOR

#### Intrapersonal Skills

Graduates will assume developmentally and age-appropriate responsibility for learning through effective decision-making, goal setting, and time management.

#### Effective Communication Skills

Graduates will clearly, concisely and truthfully articulate their thoughts in verbal and written formats while respecting the targeted audience and other points of view.

#### Collaborator

Graduates will work well with others by respecting differences and actively listening in order to practice cooperation and compromise in problem solving.



### CARING CITIZEN

#### Service Learning

Graduates will engage in community service experiences to help meet societal needs.

#### Ethical

Graduates will act with integrity and take responsibility for their actions and decisions.