



# WARRIOR WIRE

DISTRICT NEWS FROM FAIRVIEW PARK CITY SCHOOLS  
WINTER 2024-2025



## IMPORTANT DATES

- **MARCH 4**  
District Choir Concert  
Fairview High School Auditorium  
7:00 PM
- **MARCH 5**  
District Band Concert  
Fairview High School Auditorium  
7:00 PM
- **MARCH 6**  
District Orchestra Concert  
Fairview High School Auditorium  
7:00 PM
- **MARCH 18**  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
FHS Warrior Room  
6:30 PM
- **MARCH 21**  
Staff Development Day  
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS  
EEC Childcare Open
- **MARCH 24**  
Superintendent Town Hall Meeting  
on Facebook Live  
6:00 PM
- **MARCH 28-30**  
FHS Spring Musical  
"The Little Mermaid"  
Check website for showtimes
- **APRIL 18-25**  
Spring Break  
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS OR STAFF

## Reflecting on Success and Embracing the Future

The 2023-2024 Annual Report is now available, offering a detailed look at our district's achievements and initiatives. This newsletter provides a glimpse of the many highlights featured in the full report. Our schools continue to provide diverse learning opportunities, including Advanced Placement and College Credit Plus courses, as well as hands-on experiences in STEAM labs, maker spaces, and Career-Technical opportunities. These initiatives prepare students with essential skills for future success.

Beyond academics, we are proud of our extracurricular programs, including athletics, performing arts, and student organizations like the Builders Club that promote leadership and student-led service to our community.

We invite you to explore the 2023-2024 Annual Report to see the incredible work happening in our schools. Thank you to our staff, families, and community partners for your ongoing support.

Go, Warriors!  
Keith Ahearn, Superintendent



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Fairview High School's Warrior Athletic Council partnered with the 2nd & 7 Foundation to promote literacy at Gilles-Sweet Elementary. High school student-athletes read from the *Hog Mollies* book series to second graders, showcasing a love of reading and providing positive role models for children. This collaboration will continue into the spring of 2025 at Gilles-Sweet.

# 23 ANNUAL 24 REPORT

The accomplishments detailed in this annual report are a testament to the strength and unity of our community and the tireless dedication of everyone involved in the education of our students. While we celebrate these successes, we remain mindful of the challenges that lie ahead in the ever-evolving landscape of public education.

-Keith Ahearn, Superintendent



## OUR DISTRICT

### STRATEGIC PLAN

Student success is at the core of our **STRATEGIC PLAN**.

Students succeed when organizational decisions focus on continuously improving student experiences in and out of the classroom. The six focus areas broadly describe related organizational structures that, when aligned strategically, will improve performance and positively impact student success.



### MISSION

We will deliver exceptional academic and extracurricular programs that challenge the mind, instill the joy of learning, and promote responsible citizenship.

### VISION

To create a supportive and engaging learning environment where students acquire skills necessary for future success and every student is empowered to reach their potential.



### FOCUS AREAS

- » **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT & TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION**
- » **CLIMATE & CULTURE**
- » **CAREER EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT**
- » **FACILITIES, FINANCES & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**
- » **SAFETY & SECURITY**
- » **COMMUNICATION**

### SCHOOL REPORT CARD OVERVIEW



Overall



On September 13, 2024, the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW) released its 2023-2024 Ohio State Report Cards. 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.

**Only 11.2% of school districts in Ohio earned a five star overall rating.**

# BY THE NUMBERS

- 117** certified staff
- 102** classified staff
- 13:1** student-to-teacher ratio
- 72%** teachers with a Masters degree
- 31%** staff lives in Fairview Park
- 17** average years of teaching experience
- 1,517** students
- 96.7%** graduation rate
- 196** students (9-12) in Polaris programs \*
- 223** industry credentials earned at Polaris
- 34** students in College Credit Plus
- 43** students enrolled in AP
- 33%** economically disadvantaged
- 20%** students with disabilities

\* includes students enrolled in Project Lead the Way programs



## FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

As Treasurer of the Fairview Park City School District, I am honored to provide an overview of our financial performance for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Accurate reporting of our financial activities is not just a legal obligation, but a commitment to transparency and accountability. We understand that our community entrusts us with their hard-earned tax dollars, and I want to express my gratitude for the support and trust the Fairview Park City School District community has placed in us.

Find more in-depth information about all our finances on our website at [FAIRVIEWPARKSCHOOLS.ORG/TREASURER](http://FAIRVIEWPARKSCHOOLS.ORG/TREASURER).



**Rob Showalter**  
Treasurer

### GENERAL FUND REVENUES Fiscal Year 2023-2024



➤➤ **TOTAL: \$27,201,776**

- GENERAL PROPERTY TAX**  
\$19,263,685
- STATE GRANTS-IN-AID**  
\$2,709,494
- STATE SHARE OF LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES**  
\$2,367,093
- ALL OTHER REVENUES & ADVANCES**  
\$2,000,052
- PUBLIC UTILITY PERSONAL PROPERTY**  
\$861,452

### ➤➤ AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

-  **GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**
-  **ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING**
-  **OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE AWARD WITH DISTINCTION**
-  **OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE StaRS AWARD RATING: ★★★★★**

### GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES Fiscal Year 2023-2024



➤➤ **TOTAL: \$23,797,857**

- SALARIES**  
\$12,603,636
- BENEFITS**  
\$5,049,888
- PURCHASED SERVICES**  
\$3,672,059
- CAPITAL OUTLAY, TRANSFERS & ADVANCES, OTHER OBJECTS**  
\$2,088,642
- MATERIALS & SUPPLIES**  
\$383,632

# ACADEMICS

## UNIQUE LEARNING EXPERIENCES

- » STEAM Labs & Maker Spaces
- » Personalized Project Based Learning
- » PRIDE Houses
- » Enhanced Early Learning
- » Teacher Collaborative Time
- » Mentoring
- » Electronic Portfolios
- » Junior Experience
- » Career Night
- » Senior Exit Interviews
- » 15 Advanced Placement Courses
- » College Credit Plus options
- » 24 Career & Technical Education Options at Polaris Career Center
- » Project Lead the Way Programs at High School & Middle School
- » Student Clubs & Organizations
- » Elementary & Middle School Visual and Performing Arts Programs
- » 13 High School Visual Arts Options
- » 13 High School Performing Arts Options
- » Creative Arts & Design Showcase
- » 24 Varsity Athletic Teams



**We have a story that you don't want to miss!**

- » From big wins to inspiring moments, see all the incredible achievements inside our full 2023-2024 Annual Report.

Visit [fairviewparkschools.org/annualreport](https://fairviewparkschools.org/annualreport) or scan the QR code at right to read the full Annual Report online. You can also find limited printed copies at the Gemini Center and City Hall.



*#WarriorPride*

# Middle School Students Empower Community Through Builders Club

The Lewis F. Mayer Middle School Builders Club is more than just another group at the school.

"Builders Club is a way to build other people up, create a stronger sense of community, and give back to our community," Abigail Strozewski, a seventh grader in Builders Club explained.

"We're creating food drives, book drives, and winter attire drives to help the community out," Katelynn Wering, a sixth grader added. "It's basically to help out the community and the school, and make it all a better place and put it all in a better spot."

In November, the group celebrated an impressive accomplishment - collecting 903 books for the Cleveland Kids Book Bank in conjunction with the school's PTA.

The club initially targeted 130 books per grade level, or 390 for the whole middle school - about one book per student - a number



*(L-R): English Teacher and Builders Club Advisor Jeff Hicks, Katelynn Wering, and Abigail Strozewski.*

this year's collection far exceeded. The sixth and seventh graders earned the prize this year: ice cream.

"I was honestly really surprised because Mr. Hicks said that the PTA is used to getting 60 books for this drive," Strozewski stated. "We got over 100 books from just one classroom in one week."

**“ The whole reason we do what we do is to try and make the world a better place. ”**

"I felt a big swell of pride because I'm a big reader," Wering added. "My mom is a big reader, and we really love books. So to see that all of these kids and library are going to get much of this big donation from just one school - it made me really happy, proud, and lots of other positive feelings that I don't know the names of yet."

"The whole reason we do what we do is to try and make the world a better place," Builders Club Advisor Jeff Hicks explained. "I view it as another tool to help make the world a better place, especially locally."

With their upcoming Canned Food Drive this winter, these students are excited to continue to make that positive difference in Fairview Park and beyond.

"I'm really excited to see what happens for the food drive, because that one usually has the biggest turnout," Strozewski added. "If we can have this great turnout with the book drive, I feel like we're going to have a really great turnout with the food drive."

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE FAIRVIEW PARK CITY SCHOOLS

### TWO STUDENTS AWARDED FOR LETTERS OF THANKS TO ACTIVE MILITARY

Since 1976, Fairview Park's *We Do Care* program has honored military personnel through letters, care packages, and an essay contest. On Dec. 3, middle school students Rosie Jones (7), left, and Helena Goodall (8), right, were recognized for their heartfelt letters of gratitude to local soldiers.



### FAIRVIEW STAGECRAFTERS "THE LITTLE MERMAID," MARCH 28-30

Join us "Under the Sea" as Fairview Stagecrafters and International Thespian Troupe 8671 present Disney's *The Little Mermaid* in the Frank W. Barr Auditorium at FHS. Performances will be Mar. 28 & 29 at 7 PM and Mar. 30 at 2 PM. Purchase tickets at [fairviewparkschools.org/boxoffice](http://fairviewparkschools.org/boxoffice).



### FIRST PLACE FINISH FOR 8TH GRADE TEAM AT POWER OF THE PEN

Mayer Middle School's 7th and 8th graders excelled at the Power of the Pen competition on Jan. 11, including a first place finish by the 8th grade team, out of 22 schools. Several students now move on to the regional competition in March.

### FAMILY SAFETY FORUM FOCUSES ON PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR PARENTS

The Family Safety Forum at FHS on Jan. 30 provided parents with practical tools to enhance child safety. The evening featured presentations on internet safety by the Department of Homeland Security Project iGuardian, gun safety through the Be SMART program, and recognizing signs of substance abuse via the Hidden in Plain Sight initiative.

The event was organized by the Fairview Park Police Department, Fairview Park City School District, and the West Shore Enforcement Bureau.



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### **FAIRVIEW PARK CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Jennifer Bolander  
Dorin Jackson  
John Straka

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Keith Ahearn, Superintendent  
Rob Showalter, Treasurer

## **NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 3**

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

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.



Scan the QR code to schedule a visit to one of our school buildings today!



# **2025-2026 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

We offer full-day, tuition-free Kindergarten for all families living in Fairview Park. Students will enjoy an inclusive and supportive educational experience with lower student-to-teacher ratios where all students feel safe, valued, and respected.

Register your incoming Kindergarten student at [fairviewparkschools.org/kindergarten](http://fairviewparkschools.org/kindergarten) by April 16, 2025, and you will receive a special invitation to our official Kindergarten Round-Up event on May 8th!



Scan the QR code to begin online Kindergarten Registration!