Friday Firebird Focus

March 20, 2026

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

Firebird Families and Staff –

On Saturday, March 14, the Fairmont Girls Basketball Team made history at the University of Dayton Arena. In front of an amazing crowd of support, the Firebirds captured the Division I State Championship with a thrilling overtime win over Princeton.

The game was hard fought from start to finish, and our girls showed great heart, teamwork, and determination. With this win, they completed a perfect 28–0 season, a remarkable achievement that reflects their commitment and effort all year long.

We are proud of these student athletes and the way they represented Fairmont and the Kettering community. Thank you to everyone who came out to support them. This is a special moment that our schools and community will remember for years to come. Additional information will be provided regarding a community celebration in April!







Shape Our Future: Vote on the New Middle School Name

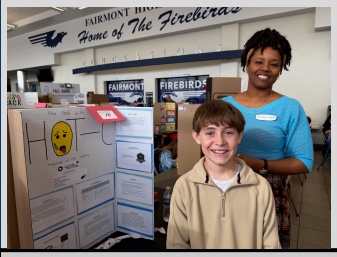
After reviewing over 1,400 submissions for our new middle school name, three finalists have been selected based on several key criteria: prioritizing a cohesive community, celebrating local heritage and geography, ensuring longevity, and considering brandability.

We thank the Kettering family for graciously supporting the use of their family names as options for our unified school. You can find the rationale for each of the three finalists linked HERE.

After reviewing the rationales, please select your preferred name using the survey link below. Each community member may vote once. The survey will close on March 31st at midnight.

Vote for our Unified Middle School Name HERE.

Big Ideas, Small Inventors







Charles F. Kettering would be proud of our Kettering elementary school students! The energy at Trent Arena was electric yesterday afternoon as our elementary schools and Gifted Department hosted the Annual Invention Convention. Over 160 brilliant 4th and 5th graders transformed the floor into a hub of innovation, showcasing creative solutions through impressive displays and prototypes.

From "smart" homework helpers to ingenious gadgets for family pets and grandparents, our young inventors proved that no problem is too big to solve.

A huge thank you to our community volunteers who provided invaluable feedback. We are grateful for the support of our DECA students, the Dor-Wood and Kettering Noon Optimists, scholars from Wright State and UD, military personnel from WPAFB, our Teaching and Learning staff, and our dedicated Kettering Retired Teachers.

Kettering City School District has a 5.93-mill Bond Issue on the May 5 ballot. This initiative is a key part of our Future-Ready Facilities Master Plan, designed to modernize our schools for the next generation of learners.

- Fact Sheet:. **click on this link to view a quick and easy fact sheet about the Bond Issue**
- Public Meeting: Join us for an informational session on Tuesday, April 14, from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Van Buren Middle School auditorium.

If you have questions, please reach out to me, Treasurer Justin Blevins, or Business Services Director Jeff Johnson. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our schools' future.

Mindy McCarty-Stewart, *Superintendent*





We hope our students, staff, and families take this week to relax, recharge, and enjoy a well-deserved break!

Schools Closed March 23 – 27

School and Community Events & Activities

- Greenmont PTO – "Dine To Donate" – City Barbeque – March 20th – All Day!
- **NO SCHOOL March 23-27 – Spring Break**
- **The Kettering Music Department Proudly Presents the 2026 Spring Musical, *Into the Woods*!**
- **Fairmont Band Boosters – Band on the Run 5K Walk/Run Event on May 31 – Register today!**
- **Kettering Safety Village – Registration is OPEN for weekly sessions that begin on June 1, at Orchard Park Elementary.**
- **Kettering Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts – Summer Camp Registration is now OPEN.**