



Thursday, October 14, 2021

High School



- **ECOCOLUMNS** - Students in Advanced Placement Environmental Science are working on “ecocolumns,” small scale models of an ecosystem. Students have taken measurements on plant growth, soil fertility, pH and water nitrites/nitrates since the addition of decomposers last week.

- **CHICKEN BBQ** - We are beginning to prepare for our World Language Department’s Weidner’s Chicken BBQ! Save the date: Tuesday, November 9 at FHS. Pre-sale tickets: \$10 for our drive thru. You can pick up your dinner between 2:30-6PM.

- **ASVAB** - The ASVAB Career Exploration Program registration is taking place through the Student Service Center Google Classroom. The ASVAB is an opportunity for students to explore all of their career and post-secondary options. This test is also used for qualification and enlistment into the various military branches.



- **FUNDRAISING FOR REFUGEES** - The International Club held a collection drive for refugees of Afghanistan! We are grateful for all of the generous donations! Pictured is Aliyah Willis whose family advertised the collection and raised over \$350.

- **COLLEGE VISITS** - Colleges/Universities that visited the High School Counseling Center this week included Clarkson University, Keuka College, Utica College and Hilbert College. Seniors can register for future visits through the Student Service Center Google Classroom for the Class of 2022.

- **ECC ADMISSIONS DAY** - The Student Services Office is hosting ECC instant admissions with ECC admissions representatives. Registration for this program is taking place on the Student Service Center Google Classroom for the Class of 2022 for any senior that would like to apply to ECC. Please sign up for the ECC INSTANT ADMISSIONS DAY taking place on Wednesday, October 27.

Middle School



- **SOCKTOBER** - Socktober is still happening at FMS. Our Student Council is asking anyone who is able to bring in **NEW** socks and put them in the giant socks located by the main office downstairs and by Room 249 upstairs. We will be donating them to local shelters as one of the most requested items!
- **SCHOOL PICTURES** - FMS 2021-2022 school pictures are available for viewing. To do so, please go to jostenspix.com, create an account and use event code FE127121. You should be able to view, personalize and purchase any pictures you choose.

Big Tree Elementary



- **MEET MARLEY** - Mrs. Mattioli's Kindergarten class has adopted a calf from Dutch Hollow Farm! The students will receive monthly updates, information, pictures and videos. In addition, the class will participate in different lesson activities related to her growth, how she is cared for on the farm and how milk is produced on the farm! We are excited about our new addition to the Big Tree family.

Blasdell Elementary



Please come and join us for Blasdell Elementary's Fall Fest!

October 22, 5:30pm-7pm at Blasdell Elementary School.

There will be games, face painting, crafts, food trucks, apple milling demonstrations, and more!

Come one, come all. Let's celebrate Fall!

There will be a surprise apple pie baking contest with the teachers! Come and see who the winner is!

****This entire event is outdoors. Please dress for the weather.**

This is a PTA sponsored event.

- **FALL FEST** - There will be lots of fun and games next Friday at Blasdell Elementary! Please join us for our Fall Fest on October 22 from 5:30-7PM for face painting, crafts, an apple milling demonstration, teacher apple pie baking contest judging and more! Thank you to the Blasdell PTA for all of their support and organization! Hope to see all of our families there!
- **BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE** - Service Club is preparing for their Bottle and Can Drive! Keep an eye out for an update that will be sent out October 14.
- **STUDENT GOVERNMENT** - Student Government is now underway! Can't wait to see the spirit days our groups come up with this year!

- **JOIN A CLUB** – Ms. Hennigan and Ms. Juron are looking for 4th and 5th grade participants for their clubs! Please consider joining the Yoga Club and The Art Club!

Cloverbank Elementary

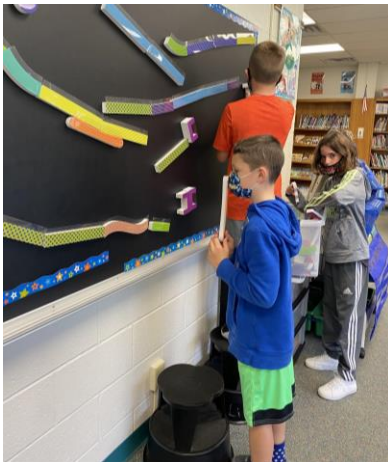


- **FIRE SAFETY** - Members of Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company visited Cloverbank to talk to the students about fire safety. The students learned about fire prevention, preparedness, and practiced what they would do in several different situations. They then got tours of some of the company's fleet and tools, including a new pump truck, various extinguishers and The Jaws of Life. Some of the firefighters even got on the ground to practice “Stop, Drop and Roll” with the students.

Firefighter Greg Staffeldt practicing Stop, Drop and Roll with Cloverbank Kindergarteners.

Pinehurst Elementary

- **STEAM IN THE LIBRARY** - Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) has been a part of teaching and learning at Pinehurst for several years. When students engage in STEAM experiences their natural curiosity for problem solving and cooperative learning is enhanced. STEAM activities foster creativity and informal learning while students are having fun! At Pinehurst last week, students were actively engaged in STEAM experiences in the library with Mrs. Calanni.





Frontier Central School District

- **TRANSPORTATION UPDATE** - The District continues to try to improve the bus run situation. Below are the recommended changes that we have already made or are waiting to make within the next couple of days.
 - **BUS ADJUSTMENTS:**
 - **Bus 3** - Added a Big Tree am run which reduced the drive time for the traditional run.
 - **Bus 5** - Placed a consistent driver on this run. This run had been handled by bus substitute drivers for much of the first 3-4 first weeks.
 - **Bus 27** - Split off some students and sent them to Bus 2.
 - **Bus 28, 186 & 300** - These are special needs runs and we changed some routing and made some adjustments to pick up and drop off times.
 - **CHARTER RUNS** - In addition to these shifts we will be bidding out seven non-pub/charter runs. These runs will service Nardin, Maritime Charter, West Seneca, Southtowns Catholic (2) and St. Peter and Paul (2).
 - **VERSATRANS APP** - Finally, we will be demoing the better version of the Versatrans app. We hope this will improve parents' ability to track their children's bus runs.

- **INCREASED SAFETY PROTOCOLS** - The District met with a parent group from the Middle School in order to get feedback on additional safety protocols for all of our schools. Ideas included:
 1. Metal detectors
 2. Clear backpacks
 3. Additional SRO
 4. Adding of additional hallway monitors
 5. FOB tracking systems for student attendance
 - All of these ideas will be taken to our District Safety Committee for review and possible implementation. Please note there were many other ideas shared and the above list only represents a small sample.

- **COVID-19 PROXIMAL VS. SURVEILLANCE TESTING** - A reminder to all families that the District has partnered with Erie County Department of Health in order to provide voluntary testing for our students, if requested. This testing is for **STUDENTS ONLY**.
 - **PROXIMAL TESTING** - Proximal testing is available for students if there is a confirmed positive case in the school setting. This testing is not done if a child comes into contact with an individual outside of school. It is intended to get students tested and return to in-person learning as quickly as possible. There is a minimum 3-5 day incubation period prior to this test being given.
 - **SURVEILLANCE TESTING** - Surveillance Testing happens on a weekly basis. Each week, we will be randomly selecting and testing a group of those who have consented to participate in this program. This means that your child will not be tested every week.