



# FALCON COMMUNITY UPDATE

Weekly Newsletter

## Thursday, October 21, 2021

High School



- **AP SCIENCE** - AP Biology held an “organelle speed dating” activity. Each student was assigned a part of the cell and went on “speed dates” to find out which organelles had functions that were most compatible with their own. AP Environmental Science held a “biome speed dating” activity. Half the students were assigned an ecosystem and the other half an organism. They had to find “the perfect match” based on food webs, environmental conditions and ecological relationships.
- **DAY OF THE DEAD** - The Spanish Club is hosting a Day of the Dead event on October 27! They will be making sugar skulls and having tacos in a bag!
- **FALL PRODUCTION** - The Frontier Music Club is putting the finishing touches on this year's fall production, "The Theory of Relativity." This 75-minute musical introduces a compelling array of characters experiencing the joys and heartbreaks, the liaisons and losses, the inevitability and the wonder of human connection. The show runs October 28-30 at 7pm in the High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door.
- **WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS** - Starting November 3, we will be running a 6-week group open to all high school students on Wednesdays from 1:45-2:30pm. Our focus will be on Learning about Anxiety and its impact on daily life. We will be using the framework from “Trails to Wellness” group curriculum where students will learn a Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Model to help connect their thoughts, feelings, and behaviors. Students will learn how to challenge some of their anxious thoughts and focus on relaxation and mindfulness techniques that students can use in or out of the classroom.



- **MAPPING** - Earth Science students are learning to interpret the Hamburg quadrangle map to determine locations of landmarks, distances and elevations of U.S. Geological Survey benchmarks.
- **FOOTBALL** - Check out the Frontier Falcons Varsity Football Team featured on Channel 4! Frontier [Football is having a Season for the Ages](#)

## Middle School

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Daily FMS Announcements can be found on the [FMS Website Homepage](#). The specific link can be found by scrolling down to the FMS News section.



- **SUMMER READING** - The Summer Reading Challenge was a great success with over 160 participants. Thank you to Mrs. Applegate, Ms. Russell and Mrs. Muldowney for coordinating and thank you to the FMS PTA for helping to purchase many of the amazing prizes.
- **TRIVIA NIGHT** - Student Council will be hosting an in-person Trivia Night on Thursday, October 27 from 6-7:30pm. Tickets to this event will be \$5. They will be sold during AM homeroom in rooms 245 and 255 this week. You can sign up with a team of four or five, or teams will be assigned. Prizes will be awarded. Come join the

fun! Open to all Frontier Middle Schoolers. If you have any questions, you can email Miss Gates or Mrs. Klein.



## Big Tree Elementary



- **FLEXIBLE SEATING** - Flexible seating is an option for students in our primary and intermediate classrooms. Traditional seating charts are replaced with seating arrangements that allow the students to sit and learn where they choose. Even with our youngest learners, this practice has been embraced and found to be very successful.



## Blasdell Elementary



- **SENSORY PLAY** - Blasdell students took advantage of some sensory play in our Sensory Room! It's a great way to take a break and have some fun with friends.

- **CLIMBING** - Our PE Teachers really know how to ROCK! Our fifth-grade students are getting their groove on with our Rock Walls!

- **DECORATING** - Our students are making Papel Picado, or tissue paper banners with cut out designs, typically of animated skeleton figures. They decorate ofrendas, homes, streets, and buildings and symbolize the wind, one of the elements of life. Fourth and fifth grade students are making these for our pop-up Dia de los Muertos art installation! This activity allowed some of



our students to celebrate and share their traditions of this holiday!

## Cloverbank Elementary

- **GROWTH MINDSET** - Cloverbank's School Counselor, Ms. Woods, discussed having a "Growth Mindset" with the 5th Graders. The students talked about setting goals and then discussed how having a growth mindset is the key to achieving success.

## Pinehurst Elementary

- **VISITING** - Mr. Swiatek, our Superintendent, stopped into Mrs. Kolacki's kindergarten classroom to join in the playdough fun with Kyah Ward.



- **FIRE SAFETY** - The volunteer firefighters from the Lake View Fire Department came to Pinehurst last Friday to celebrate Fire Prevention Month with our Kindergarten, first and second grade students. The National Fire Prevention Association announced their theme, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety." This year's campaign works to educate our students about the sounds that smoke detectors make, what the sound means when they hear it and how to respond to the alarm. Pictured below from left, Tristan Gatti, Colson Spina, Haily Hepinstall, Brayden Cwynar, and Gabriella Vasquez from Mrs. Rogers' classroom.







## Frontier Central School District

- **VERSATRANS MY STOP APP** - As many of you are well aware, the District uses Versatrans as our bus tracking system. This week, the District is demoing an enhanced version of the app. We are expecting better tracking along with more accurate information to parents. Stay tuned for more information.
- **ECDOH NEWEST COVID-19 GUIDANCE** - If your child has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and becomes symptomatic, they do not need a negative NAAT test, a doctor's note with alternative diagnosis, or staying out for 10 days since onset of symptoms to return to school. They should remain out of school until they are fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and show symptom improvement.



## Middle School PTA

- **MOVIE NIGHT** - The FMS PTA movie event will take place at The Palace Theater in Hamburg this Sunday, October 24 from 11:45am to 2pm. Admission is free, and tickets were provided to interested students in lunch. This is a student-only event and chaperones will be present.



- **HONORING BUS DRIVERS** - The Middle School PTA and Big Tree PTA recognized our bus drivers and aides last week. Each staff member received a goodie bag and a bus ornament as a token of our appreciation for all of their hard work over the past month to get our Falcons to and from school. Thank you, Melissa Burroughs, for putting the bags together and thank you to Karen Labeledz who also provided our Big Tree bus drivers and aides with personalized gloves and scarves.

## Big Tree Elementary PTA

- **MOVIE NIGHT** - The Big Tree PTA hosted its first ever Welcome Back Family Movie Night. All families were welcome to enjoy a movie on the front lawn of the school. Thank you to Mrs. Jennifer Quinn for organizing. As a special treat for our families, the Falcon Food Truck was on hand with lots of great movie theater snacks. Thank you to Food Service Supervisor Jason Whipple and the Food Service team. We are excited to make this a new yearly event.



## Blasdell Elementary PTA

- **FALL FEST** - Blasdell Elementary PTA has their Fall Fest this Friday, October 22! Please join us for lots of fall fun!
- **FUNDRAISER** - We are in the second week of our Fall Fundraiser. We have partnered with Premium Coffee Roasters for our fundraiser. Contact a Blasdell PTA member to learn more.

## Cloverbank Elementary PTA

- **FUNDRAISER** - The Cloverbank PTA has completed its fall fundraiser, where they raised almost \$5,000! Thank you to all the families that participated or donated!
- **MONSTER BASH** - This Friday, October 22, is Monster Bash Under the Stars in our front yard from 6:30-8pm.
- **RED RIBBON WEEK** - Next week, October 25-29, is Red Ribbon Week, where there is a different theme every day to encourage "Being a Buddy, NOT a Bully."



## Pinehurst Elementary PTA

- **TRUNK OR TREAT** - The Pinehurst PTA is holding its Trunk or Treat event this Friday evening, October 22. There will be 30 decorated cars, donuts, apple cider, a selfie station and lots of candy for the costumed kiddos.
- **PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY** - The Pinehurst PTA would like to congratulate Payton Kuczenski, who was the PTA fundraiser's biggest seller! Her efforts have earned her the honor of being "Principal for a Day."