

Fort Site Journal

Fort Recovery High School

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State Budget / School Budget

Patrick Niekamp, Superintendent

Legislators in Ohio are involved in the process of creating the next two year budget. Like many states, Ohio faces the difficult task of developing a balanced budget when they are projecting reduced revenues because of the State economy. This has been going on for some time. In the last budget cycle, most state agencies were cut and schools were either held harmless or had small cuts to their funding.

How does this affect our school district? State funds make up about 58% of our total revenue. The rest is made up of local income sources such as local property taxes, local income tax, and other revenue. We have seen some moderate growth in our local taxes. The local economy is pretty good overall, but legislators are predicting much larger cuts in State school funding during the next two year budget. Since the state funding makes up such a large part of our budget, the impact could be pretty dramatic.

What will this mean? Our school, like most, has made real efforts to reduce expenditures for several years. When a teacher and a classified staff member retired last year, we did not rehire the positions; we reassigned the duties. If the state budget cuts end up as large as some legislators are saying, those kinds of efforts won't keep pace. Like most other school districts in Ohio, we are trying to anticipate what the new budget will bring and how to best deal with it. We will continue to look for ways to save money, but in any school setting, the biggest cost is always people. The real challenge then would be how to reduce personnel costs without lowering our high educational expectations.

Nominations for "Citizen of the Year" or "Hall of Fame"

The Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce will again honor the individuals of our community who have rendered outstanding service to the Fort Recovery Community. The presentation of awards will be held during a banquet on Sunday, March 13, 2011, at the Fort Recovery Middle School Auditoria. The banquet will begin with a social hour at 6:00 PM. followed by a dinner and the awards program.

The Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations from the community for both "Citizen of the Year" and "Hall of Fame" awards:

The **Citizen of the Year Award** will be presented to the person who has given outstanding service to the Ft. Recovery community during 2010.

The **Hall of Fame Award(s)** will be presented to a citizen(s) who has given outstanding service to the Ft. Recovery community in past years.

Nomination forms will be accepted through February 14, 2011, and are available at the following locations: Ft. Recovery Library, Post Office, Mercer Savings Bank, Second National Bank, and First Financial Bank.

Tickets for the banquet may be obtained from any chamber member or by calling 375-2530.

Atheletic Hall of Fame Inductees



Chris Bihn

1987 Graduate
Stand out in
Basketball and
Track

Dominic Coughlin

1942 Graduate
"Outstanding"
Pitcher in
Baseball

(Accepting his
award, daughter,
Cheryl Clark.



Bob Meiring

1969 Graduate
Letterman in
Basketball and
Baseball

OGT Week Reminder!

Fort Recovery High School will be on a two hour delay schedule for juniors and seniors **that have passed all parts of the OGT** during the week of March 14th-18th.

Freshmen and sophomores will be expected to arrive at school at regular times for practice OGT and OGT respectfully. Any junior who has not passed certain parts of the OGT will be expected to attend and take those tests. Juniors and seniors who arrive at 10 AM will be asked to enter in the Commons and stay there until released.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, March 20, 2011- 8:30 AM
FRHS Scholastic Bowl Team
2nd Appearance on
WHIO - Channel 7 -"High-Q"

Don't Forget Your
Sweetheart!



Valentine's Day
Monday, February 14TH

Is Spring Around The Corner?

Let's hope that February brings better weather and a chance to catch up on everything the delays and cancellations put behind. With the state adopting its new policy of only three calamity days for this school year, the district still has one more in the bank if needed. Let us hope the winter is behind us and spring is right around the corner. This time of year is quite hectic for the high school counselor as students are preparing their schedules for next year. This process should be done by the end of the month. If you have questions or concerns about the process, please do not hesitate to call or email myself or Mrs. Amy Kaiser (HS counselor).

Winter sports are progressing quite nicely here in Indian Nation. The boy's basketball team finds themselves tied for the top spot in the MAC standings and the girl's team is only one game out of the lead. Both teams have been quite successful outside of league play as well. The Fort Recovery varsity swim team continues to improve in their first year of varsity sport status. Congratulations are in order for Fort Recovery's newest athletic Hall of Fame members Chris Bihn, Dominique Coughlin and Bob Meiring.

On Monday, February 28th. I will have the good fortune to meet with the students in the Class of 2015 to discuss high school scheduling and answer any questions they or their parents may have about Fort Recovery High School. It may be just easier to call them next year's freshman students, which might make me feel just a little bit younger. The bottom line is, this class will be a terrific addition to the Fort Recovery HS Family. As always, please feel free to contact me or email if you have any questions or concerns.

Jeff Hobbs
Principal

Middle School Pride Winners - Congratulations!



December Winners -

Davis Will & Jeanette Osterloh (both 6th)



January Winners -

Karla Eichenauer (8th), and
Kendra Siefring (7th)

AED Purchased for Village

On behalf of The Village of Fort Recovery Police Department and all of those who may benefit from this purchase, I would like to extend our thanks to all those who contributed to the purchase of two Powerheart Automated External Defibrillators (AED). These life saving devices were recently purchased with 100% donation money and placed in the two marked patrol vehicles used by Officers. I am proud to live in a community as great as Fort Recovery where all you have to do is mention a project such as this and receive absolutely no hesitation from the community to help. Special thanks go out to the following businesses and individuals:

Buddy Sea, Ltd

AI Ag Services, LLC

J and M Manufacturing

James Champ, Retired Police Chief

Funeral Home

Wendel Poultry

Fort Recovery Equity

Fort Recovery Industries

Brockman and Boeckman

Mercer Osteopathic, Dr. Hosbach and Dr. Brown

Fort Recovery Family Medicine, Dr. David and Lori Rohrer

Jared L. Laux, Chief of Police
Village of Fort Recovery
Police Department

Wanted:

Senior Parents

to place ads in the 2011 Yearbook

Grandparents welcome to place ads too!

1/8 page - 1 picture & wording - \$20.00

1/4 page - 2 pictures & wording - \$30.00

1/2 page - 3 pictures & wording - \$40.00

1 page - 3+ pictures & wording - \$50.00

Contact Mrs. Kathy Jutte 419-375-4111
ext. 318 or send it to: Yearbook Advisor,
Fort Recovery High School, PO Box 604,
Fort Recovery, OH 45846.

Needed by February 21, 2011

The Fort Site Journal is published monthly during the 2010-2011 school year. These issues are sponsored by the Fort Recovery Local Board of Education and are coordinated by the creative writing class at Fort Recovery High School.

Community clubs and organizations are encouraged to submit articles for publication. These articles may contain news for club activities or notices of upcoming events. If you have any information that you would like to have placed in the Fort Site Journal, contact the high school by the first Friday of every month.

The advisory committee for this paper includes the Fort Recovery Local School Board of Education, Superintendent Pat Niekamp, High School Principal Jeff Hobbs, Middle School Principal Matt Triplett, Elementary Principal Shelly Vaughn, and Advisor Kathy Jutte.

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To See or Not to See?

Mallory Kinder

Every February, people from Athens, Georgia to Shubenacadie, Ontario, wait to see the all-knowing groundhog pop its head up from his burrow. The question they are waiting for him to answer is “Will we have six more weeks of winter or will the chilly weather be cut short?” If the groundhog sees his shadow, that means more winter for everyone; but if it is a cloudy day, we might be seeing some warm weather soon.

When most people think of Groundhog’s Day, they probably think of Punxsutawney Phil, the most well-known of the Groundhog’s Day weatherhogs. But there are twenty-one different groundhogs telling the future on February 2nd, the day that the “holiday” is celebrated. The list includes Queen Charlotte (Charlotte, NC), Gus (Athens, GA), Octoraro Orphie (Quarryville, PA), Sir Walter Wally (Raleigh, NC), General Beauregard Lee (Snellville, GA), Smith Lake Jake (Graysville, AL), Staten Island Chuck (Staten Island, NY), Woodstock Willie (Woodstock, IL), Wiarton Willie (Warton, Ontario), Uni (Myerstown, PA), Spanish Joe (Spanish, Ontario), Dunkirk Dave (Dunkirk, NY), Buckeye Chuck (Marion, OH), Balzac Billy (Balzac, Alberta), Shubenacadie Sam (Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia), French Creek Freddie (French Creek, WV), Chuckles (Manchester, CT), Woody (Howell, MI), and Stormy Marmot (Aurora, CO)

According to the Congressional Record, Jimmy the Groundhog of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, is the “legitimate” groundhog of the United States because the city of Sun Prairie is considered the Groundhog Capital of the World.

In Alaska, Groundhog’s Day is observed as Marmot Day because of how few groundhogs reside in Alaska. Marmots are large ground squirrels that are indigenous to mountainous areas like Alaska.

The majority of the little weathermen this year said that we will have an early spring!

Better Serving FRHS

Hilary Pottkotter

The Student Council is going strong with fifty members who have been hard at work this school year. They were in charge of the annual blood drive that was held on October 20, 2010. They also sponsored an assembly on November 15th, which comedy hypnotist, Michael Oddo, came to Fort Recovery High School to teach the students about leadership. In December, the Student Council teamed up with FFCLA to raise money for local needy families by selling poinsettias. The Student Council manages a year round money maker, vending machines, which are constantly stocked by the vending machine committee.

All five committees of Student Council have been active throughout the school year. The committees are School/Community Service, Blood Drive, Poinsettia Sales, Vending Machine, and School Climate/Spirit.

As of now, the School/Community Committee is planning an African fundraiser, the Blood Drive Committee is preparing for the April blood drive, and the School Climate/Spirit Committee has been choosing the themes for basketball games this year.

The officers of Student Council are President: senior, Stacy Gehle; Vice President: junior, Abby Backs; Secretary: junior, Katelyn Jutte; Public Relations: senior, Nicole Dilworth; and Treasurer: senior, Shelby Alig. The next scheduled Student Council meeting will be March 10th. The major item on the agenda the club will be discussing is the upcoming Pork Chop Dinner ticket sales. Senior Stacy Gehle says, “We need feedback from students. We’d love to hear how we can better serve FRHS!”

*Honoring Our**Nation’s Leaders*

Andrea Zumstein

President’s Day is more than just a day off of school for students. This special day is celebrated in many states to honor our great Presidents. The holiday celebrates our first President, George Washington. He was born on February 22, 1732 and died on December 14, 1799.

The original version of Presidents’ Day, in 1776, was in honor of George Washington’s birthday. He was known as our nation’s founding father. He fought a great battle against the British in the American Revolutionary War. Abraham Lincoln was born on the same month as George Washington. Abraham’s birthday was on February 12, 1809. He was the sixteenth President of the United States.

President Richard Nixon, on February 21, 1971, declared that President’s Day be celebrated on the third Monday in February.

An Energy-Filled Club

Alexis Sutter

Students at Fort Recovery High School are getting active. Each year students can join Sports Medicine Club, where the members can learn about many different aspects of safe exercise.

The club generally meets once a month with a different topic at each meeting. One of the members’ favorite subjects is learning how to tape ankles. After Mrs. Kathy Schwieterman, club advisor, taught the members how to properly tape an ankle, they paired up and put what they learned into action. Although the finished products were not perfect, the members knew the basics and with a little practice they can improve their skills.

Mr. Brent Neitkamp gave a helping hand at one of the clubs’ meetings, teaching members the proper way to lift weights. The members learned how to make their lifting most effective and safe.

Thanks to Mrs. Kathy Schwieterman and the members Sports Medicine Club is always filled with fun and energy. This year’s club officers are President- Casey Backs, Vice President- Gage Retz, Treasurer- Andrea Sutter, and Secretary- Alexis Sutter.

Preschool Registration Meeting

Tuesday, May 3, 2011 7:00 PM

Mark Your Calendars!



New and Improved FFA Alumni



On Saturday, January 8th, the newly re-organized Fort Recovery FFA Alumni sponsored a first annual charter bus agricultural tour. Fifty-two alumni members, FFA supporters, and farmers departed the high school commons at 7:30 AM and toured the Brock Grain Manufacturing Facility in Milford, Indiana and the Fair Oaks Dairy Farm in Fair Oaks, Indiana. At the Brock facility, the group saw the fabrication of components for grain storage bins, aeration fans, feed bins, sweep augers, and much more. The Fair Oaks Dairy Farm was an exciting tour and an eye-opener for many. The alumni group witnessed one of the largest dairy farms in the nation and watched cows being milked in a 72-cow rotary milking parlor. The alumni group also sampled cheese and ice cream made at the farm. An evening meal at Golden Corral in Kokomo, Indiana, concluded the day that was enjoyable and informative.

To date, the Fort Recovery FFA Alumni membership stands at ninety-four strong. This group's purpose is to support agriculture and the FFA members as well as benefit the adults through fun and activities. Anyone can join the organization. If you would like to get involved, contact any alumni member or the high school agricultural department. Stay tuned to the many activities forthcoming sponsored by the Fort Recovery FFA Alumni.

<p>Up Coming FFA Events FFA Week --February 22-25</p>	<p>February 22 - Tractor Displays - all day February 24 - Petting Zoo - 8:30-11:30 AM & 12:30-2:30 PM</p>
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MOLDING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Alexis Sutter

Buckeye Boys State and Buckeye Girls State offer students a great opportunity to learn about government and meet many other outstanding students.

The 2010 Buckeye Girls State was held June 13th to June 19th at Ashland University. Kelly Brown, Abby Huelskamp, and Tami Link attended this previous session of Buckeye Girls State. The girls agree that it allowed them to meet many new and interesting people and make new friends. The girls were divided into different cities and each city made their own laws. "It was really fun to have to follow traffic laws when we went outside," said Abby. Buckeye Boys State was held June 11th to June 20th at Bowling Green State University. The Fort Recovery boys that attended were Ryan Heitkamp and Alan Vogel. Ryan said it was an experience he will never forget because of the people he met and things he learned.

All of the former attendants encourage the underclassmen to take this opportunity to gain a great new experience. Tami states, "You will meet a lot of amazing people while learning about the different levels of government and the responsibilities of the Ohio government. It is a great opportunity."

The 2011 Buckeye Girls State will be held at the University of Mount Union on June 12th through June 18th. The 2011 Buckeye Boys State will be held at Bowling Green State University on June 11th to June 19th. Information about Buckeye Girls/Boys State can be found in the High School guidance office.



Psi Iota Xi Sorority's Annual Drawing

(NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN)

1st- Place
 \$1,000.00 Gift Certificate
 Spectacular Adventures
 (destination is your choice)

2nd- Place
 \$200.00 Gift Certificate
 Fort Recovery Merchants

Drawing will be held **Friday, February 11th** Boys' Game ---Fort Recovery/Marion Tickets (\$5.00 each) can be purchased from any sorority member, at the door, or by calling Nancy Wuebker - 419-375-4992.

Senior Features

Leah A. Grieshop

Parents: Eric and Patricia Grieshop

Plans after High School: Attend Ball State University majoring in Dietetics

Words to Live By: "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery. And today? Today is the present that is why we call it a gift."

Sports, Activities, or Clubs Involved in: Co-editor of the Chant Yearbook, Student Council, Art Club, and Sports Medicine Club

Role Model: My sister, Heather

Ryan Heitkamp

Parents: Joe and Esther Heitkamp

Plans after High School: To get a degree in Architecture

Words to Live By: "Do what you can with what you've got."

Favorite Fan: Whoever shows up

Favorite Team to Play: Saint Henry

Sports, Activities, or Clubs Involved in: National Honor Society, Shower Choir, Cross Country, Track, Bowling, and CYO Basketball

Pre-Game Ritual: Saying a prayer and random chant before a cross country race

Role-Model: Everyone that has helped shape my life

Abby Huelskamp

Parents: Ken and Connie Huelskamp

Plans after High School: Attend OSU for 4 years majoring in Dental Hygiene.

Words to Live By: "Awards become corroded, friends gather no dust." -Jesse Owens

Favorite Fan: Family and friends

Favorite Team to Play: Minster

Sports Activities or Clubs Involved in: Cross Country, Basketball, Track, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, FBLA, FCCLA, Student Council, Buckeye Girls State, and SADD.

Pre-Game Ritual, or Favorite Club, Activity Memory: The countdown.....3, 2, 1.

Role-Model: My brother, Derrick.

Andrea Zumstein

Parents: Ed and Debbie Zumstein

Plans after High School: Attend Wright State University, Dayton, majoring in dance.

Words to Live By: "Laugh as much as you breath and love as long as you live."

Favorite Fan: My mom

Favorite team to Play, or Compete Against: Coldwater

Sports, Activities, or Clubs Involved in: Basketball cheerleading, dance, SADD, Newspaper, and Art Club

Favorite Activity Memory: Jersey Shore voices at basketball games during cheerleading.

Role Model: Katy Perry

Michael Cotterman

Parents: Don and Nikki Cotterman

Plans After High School: Attend The University of Toledo majoring in Exercise Science

Words to Live By: Everything happens for a reason.

Favorite Fan: Emily Hart

Favorite Team to Play: Coldwater

Sports Activities or Clubs Involved in: Track, Show Choir, Scholastic Bowl, Color Guard, Solo and Ensemble, Sports Medicine Club, Yearbook, FCCLA, SADD, Spanish Club, Art Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Bowling, Student Council, Operation Christmas Child

Pre-Game Ritual: Playing Ke\$ha music to get pumped up right before a race.

Nichole Kaiser

Parents: Dale and Michelle Kaiser

Plans After High School: Attend Kettering College of Medical Arts and major in radiology.

Words to Live By: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference."

Favorite Fan: Kayla Kahlig

Favorite Team to Play, or Compete Against: St. Henry

Sports, Activities, or Clubs Involved in: Volleyball, FCCLA, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Yearbook

Pre-game Ritual: Listening to music as loud as possible with my volleyball girls.

Role-Model: my Grandma Kaiser and my Dad.

"Class of 2011"

On February 10, 2011, the Middle School Science Department will hold their Science/STEM fair. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will participate. The 8th grade topic is 'Consumer Fair.' Students choose two similar products, but different brands, and complete a series of tests and experiments on them to see which product best holds up to its claim. The 7th grade topic is 'STEM,' where they incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math into a problem solving scenario. Finally, the 6th grade topic is completing an experiment or researching a topic of interest using the scientific method.

Mrs. Fullenkamp, Mrs. Kahlig, and the students would like to thank all the community judges and the high school students in advance, who will volunteer their time to help judge this science fair. Science/STEM fair is a great way to promote experiment design, creativity, inquiry-based learning, and engineering into science education. This is one way we are promoting the 21st Century skills.

The Science/STEM fair displays will be open for public viewing starting after school, on February 10, 3:30 PM through 7:30 PM. Thank you to all the parents, friends, and families for their support throughout this learning experience!

e n g i n e e r i n g i n t h e l e m e n t a r y

Did you know that National Engineers Week is celebrated in February each year, around the time of George Washington's birthday? The second graders had learned this and a lot more about engineering on Tuesday, January 18th, during a presentation from Mr. Myers and Mr. Louth, who are civil engineers that work in Allen County. The visiting engineers read a story with the students entitled *Not All Engineers Drive Trains* and the students had learned about the different types of engineers as well as what each type might do. During the presentation, the students were prompted to "put on their engineering hats" and pretend to be engineers as they worked together to design a bridge using just a piece of paper!

Mr. Louth and Mr. Meyer stressed to the students that they are already in training to be great engineers when they learn about math and science, especially when they work together in teams. The students will be participating in the Imagine Engineering Contest where they will draw what engineering means to them. This contest is sponsored through the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers and the Engineers Foundation of Ohio.



Pictured above are Mr. Louth and Mr. Meyer speaking to the children about the importance of engineering.



News from Mrs. Kaiser.....

College Goal Sunday

February 12, 2011 at 2 PM

It will be held at Wright State Lake Campus.

(Get help filling your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online

Post Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) Meeting

February 9, 2011 6 PM - 7:30 PM

It is **MANDATORY** for one parent to attend this meeting with their student if they intend to participate in the program.

High School Information Night

February 23 at 6:30 PM -- HS Commons

(for current 8th grade students/parents) Learn what to expect as your 8th grader transitions to the high school: registering for classes; testing; high school practices, procedures, etc.

Student and parents may tour the building.

Call for Local Scholarships

Organizations, families, or individuals wishing to award a scholarship this year should contact Mrs. Amy Kaiser at the high school (419-375-4111 or kaisera@fortrecoveryschools.org) **prior to MARCH 1st.**

Mark Your Calendars

Annual Community Garage Sales
sponsored by

Psi Iota Xi Sorority

June 2nd, 3rd, and 4th

To register your
garage sale contact:

Deb Faller
419-375-4871



Save The Date

Fort Recovery
American Legion Auxillary
Breakfast
April 10, 2011

Look for more information
in the March
Fort Site Journal



Thanks

The Fort Recovery Education Association would like to thank everyone who attended, helped, and/or donated items or money to their recent Senior Scholarship Chili Soup Supper. Their profit was over \$1,000.00 that will be used for 2011 seniors' scholarships.

Flowers, Candies, and Hearts, Oh My!

Marissa Brunswick



Every February 14, across America, candy, flowers, cards, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint, and from where did these traditions come?

The history of Valentine's Day is still shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, is celebrated in both Christian and Roman traditions. Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, so many different stories are told about how this holiday came about.

One legend is that Valentine was a priest who served in Rome during the third century. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine realized the injustice of the decree and decided to defy Claudius by performing marriages for young lovers in secret. When his actions were discovered, Valentine was jailed and eventually put to death. Another story is that Valentine sent the first "valentine" greeting himself. It is believed that while in prison, Valentine fell in love with a girl who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, he sent her a letter, which was signed "From your Valentine" - a common phrase that is still used today. Although the truth behind Valentine's Day is still unclear, each of the stories emphasize the saint's demeanor as sympathetic, heroic, and most importantly, romantic.

We asked a few people what their plans were for this special day. Fort Recovery High School teacher Mrs. Janet Pottkotter says, "Nothing in particular. Our special day we celebrate is the first day of the year." FRHS student Leah Grieshop says "I will be in Guatemala, but I will go out to eat and see a movie before I leave." LA teacher, Mr. Ed Snyder says, "We will do the usual and find a nice place to eat." FRHS student, Nichole Kaiser says "Absolutely nothing." While another student, Taylor Wendel says "I will be hanging out with my friends."

Although everyone celebrates this holiday differently, many of the same types of gifts are given each year. Approximately one hundred and ten million roses, mostly red, will be sold and delivered within the three day Valentine's Day period. One billion Valentines are sent out worldwide each year, according to estimates by the US Greeting Card Association. No matter what you may receive on this special day, do not forget to appreciate not only that special someone, but also all the people around you who support and love you no matter what. As Lucy Van Pelt from the Peanuts says, "All I really need is love, but a little chocolate every now and then doesn't hurt."

Hitting All The Right Notes

Nichole Sheffer



Students from all over the district had auditioned for Honors Band and Choir. The Fort Recovery students had all made the cut and earned the privilege of performing with the best in the district.

On January 16, 201, the Niswonger Performing Arts Center, at Van Wert High School, was filled with many spectators, eager to see the band and choir perform. The choir was under the direction of Dr. James Tipps, from Wright State University and Major Michael Mench, of the Air Force Band of Flight, directed the band. After many times of meeting for practices, the band and choir students were ready to hold their concert. The students had wowed the crowd with a great show.

The Honors Band students consisted of juniors, Ryan Gaerke and Gage Retz. The choir members were (as pictured above): Joe Gonzalez (freshman), Mikayla Westgerdes (junior), Kaitlin Wendel (sophomore), and Alison Koch (junior). Back row: Nathan Fullenkamp (sophomore) and Colt Metzger (junior). Colt Metzger said, "The music was amazing, but meeting all of the people was cool too."

NOTE: The choir would like to thank everyone for the 400 canned and paper items donated and \$175 donation at the Christmas concert. It was donated to our local Fort Recovery Food Pantry.

February Events

Marissa Brunswick

District

- 2/18 – No School (Waiver Day)
- 2/21 – No School
- 2/22 – 3rd Nine Weeks Interim Reports

Elementary

- 2/10 – Girl Scout Meeting (6-7PM @ Media Center)
- 2/10 – Book Club
- 2/17 – Student Council Meeting (3:30PM)
- 2/24 – Girl Scout Meeting (6-7PM @ Media Center)

Middle School

- 2/3 – MS Stem & Science Fair
- 2/8 – 6th Grade Tdap Clinic
- 2/25 – HS Elective Course Presentation to 8th Grade

High School

- 2/6-11 – FCCLA Week
- 2/9 – PSEO Night (6-7:30PM)
- 2/9 – FFA District Evaluations
- 2/16 – District Job Interview and Ag Sales Contest
- 2/18 – FFA District AID Contest
- 2/19 – HS Solo and Ensemble Contest (8AM-4PM @ St. Mary's)
- 2/23 – FFA Public Speaking
- 2/24 – Sports Medicine Meeting (7PM)
- 2/26 – Saturday School
- 2/28 – Cabaret Practice (6-9PM)
- 2/28 – High School Info Night- 8th Grade

Snow Days - Make Up Days

Monday, February 21st
and
Wednesday, April 20th

Fort Recovery Choral Departments'

CABARET CONCERT

Sunday, March 6th

Middle School Auditoria



- Act 1- 1 PM
- Act 11- 2 PM
- Act 111- 3 PM
- Act 1V- 4 PM



Featuring HS and JH Choir Students
Vocal Solos – Ensembles & Dances
Come watch an afternoon of talent!
See any choir member or
Mrs. Hein-Evers to purchase tickets



FEBRUARY SPORTS

JOHN BAIRD

VARSITY/JV BOYS' BASKETBALL

6:30 PM UNLESS NOTED

11-MARION LOCAL (H)

12-GREENVILLE (H)

18-DELPHOS ST. JOHNS (A)

19-MISSISSINAWA VALLEY (H)

25- NEW BREMEN (H)

FRESHMEN BOYS' BASKETBALL

6:00 PM UNLESS NOTED

7-ARCANUM (A)

14-DELPHOS ST JOHNS (H)

MAC TOURNEYS

15- 9:00 AM 19- 7:30 PM

21,22-

JR HIGH BOYS' BASKETBALL

5:00 PM UNLESS NOTED

1-MISSISSINAWA VALLEY (A)

3- ST HENRY (A)

7-MARION LOCAL (H)

8-CELINA (H)

12, 17, 19 - 7TH GRADE TOURNEY

12- 8TH GRADE TOURNEY

VARSITY JV GIRLS' BASKETBALL

6:00 PM UNLESS NOTED

3 -ST HENRY (H)

5 -MISSISSINAWA (H) 1:00 PM

10 -MARION LOCAL (A)

15 -CELINA (A)

17 -DELPHOS ST JOHNS (H)

FRESHMEN GIRLS' BASKETBALL

14 -DELPHOS ST JOHNS (H)

7:30 PM

JR. HIGH GIRLS' BASKETBALL

5:00 PM UNLESS NOTED

1 - ST HENRY (H)

8 - MARION LOCAL (A)

10,12,14,17- 7TH GRADE TOURNEY

INDIANS ARE UNDER CONTROL

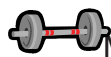
Seth Krites

The hardwood, in the Indian's gymnasium, represents something much bigger than just the floor on which basketball games are won and lost on. For small town Fort Recovery, it represents a long standing tradition and passion that has many fans hoping for a state title run every year. The 2010-2011 season has proven once again that the boys' basketball program is a strong point of the school's athletics.

The tenacious Indians were runners up to a regional title last year and with the loss of many starters last season, many expected this year to be spent rebuilding the team's success. Yet, instead of rebuilding, the Indians have fought their way to an 9-5 start, and a 100th victory for long-time head coach, Brian Patch. "It feels great. It means that I have been here for a while, working on eight years," says Patch on his 100th win. "I didn't get those wins myself, so it means I had great coaches help me out, as well as some very good players and teams."

Will this recent surge of winning last? "I expect our games to get tougher, but I also expect that our kids will continue to improve," Patch explains. "I can not say how many games we will win, but I know we will use these remaining games to get ourselves ready for the tournament."

According to what many fans believe, the team will continue to have success, but all that really matters to the players and coaches is what they can control. "Our defense, ability to knock down free throws, and the ability to make plays in key moments are the keys to the season at this point," says Patch. "These are things we can control. We need to be good at things we can control."



Weight Lifting

Mon., Tues., Thurs, and Fri. after school until 4:30PM

Parents are invited to come and watch.



Up Coming Tournament Games

NOTE: Tournament draws will determine which game the Indians will play first.

Girls' Basketball

Sectional Semi-Finals - February 22, 2011

(Van Wert)

Sectional Finals - February 26, 2011

(Van Wert)

District Semi-Finals - March 3, 2011 (Kalida)

District Finals - March 5, 2011 (Kalida)

District Champion to

Ohio Northern Regional vs.

Anthony Wayne District Winner



Boys' Basketball

Game 1 - March 2, 2011 (Coldwater)

Game 2 - March 2, 2011 (Coldwater)

Game 3 - March 4, 2011 (Coldwater)

*Winner advances to Wapak - March 8

vs. Van Wert Bracket 4 winner [game 1]

Game 4 - March 4, 2011 (Coldwater)

Winner advances to Wapak - March 8

vs. Van Wert Bracket 4 winner [game 2]

*Sectional Winner advances to

Wapakoneta District Finals

March 11, 2011 7:00 PM



Good Luck to All Teams in Tournaments



Congratulations

Coach Patch!

Varsity basketball coach, Brian Patch, celebrated his 100th win as coach of the Fort Recovery Indians, when they defeated Waynesfield Goshen Tigers, on Tuesday, December 21, at Waynesfield Goshen. The final score was 58-42. Mr. Patch has been a teacher and coach at Fort Recovery for seven years.



TEAM RECORDS

(at press time)

Boys' Basketball

Varsity 9-5 JV 9-5

Freshmen 5-7

8th grade 2-9 7th grade 10-1

Girls' Basketball

Varsity 13-2 JV 13-2

Freshmen 4-6

8th grade 7-6 7th grade 5-8