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A Tribute to an Unforgettable Teacher – Diane Burke

Mrs. Nancy Knapke - former Elementary Principal



Often coaches or band directors are publicly recognized and rewarded when they have an especially great season, and students have been impacted in a meaningful and powerful way. For kindergarten teacher Diane Burke, every year was a championship season, and she deserves that same recognition! There just couldn't be another teacher in the nation that could surpass her ability to meet each child's unique needs.

From challenging those who were already accomplished readers to supporting those who came into her room with severe mental and physical handicaps, Diane knew just how to motivate and educate! She could take 22 rambunctious and squirrely 5-6 year-olds in August and with firmness and kindness and high expectations, within a few weeks, turn them into well organized, well behaved eager learners who loved her and loved school. And always she had a smile, a sense of humor, a contagious laugh—for

the students, for their parents, for her co-workers.

Of course someone will come to take Mrs. Burke's classroom next year, but no one will ever take her place. If for every good thing she did for every child, she receives a gold star in her crown, heaven must surely be a brilliant place this week. May you rest in peace Diane, and may your spirit be carried to heaven on the winds of the love of the countless students, parents, staff and principals who loved you!

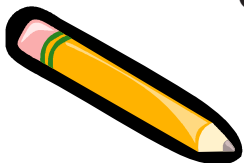
"Just The Icing On The Cake"

Fort Recovery's own, Mrs. Becky Link, is one of 103 teachers in the United States who will receive the Presidential Award for Excellence in mathematics and science teaching. Mrs. Link teaches math at Fort Recovery Middle School. The winners were selected by a panel of experts. In January of 2009, Mrs. Link was nominated by then principal, Mr. Ted Shuttleworth. Many forms, video taping, and information had to be submitted with the nomination form by May 2009. In June 2009, Mrs. Link was notified that she was on of the finalists for the award. Finally, on June 7, 2010, the news arrived that she was chosen as the mathematics teacher from Ohio.



Mrs. Link, along with the other teachers chosen, will be honored by President Barack Obama for being one of the best educators in the country. Mrs. Link will receive \$10,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. to receive her award.

When asked about how she felt about this award Mrs. Link said, "To even be considered for this award is such an honor, and to be recognized for something I love to do is just the icing on the cake." Congratulations go out to Mrs. Link!



Calling All Freshmen and New Students
High School Orientation

Friday, August 17th
High School Commons
9 AM - 12 noon

FR Board Shares Concerns and Answers

Since the Fort Recovery Board of Education voted unanimously in May to request funding from the OSFC to pursue a new high school addition to our current pre-k/8 building, there have been many efforts made to address the concerns and questions raised during the community meetings. Below are some of the specifics that were discussed at the meetings, as well as some of the answers to questions that were brought up at the public meetings, at board meetings and by other concerned individuals.

As with any large project, often times questions that get answered are replaced by other questions with more complicated answers. As your Board of Education, we'll make every effort to keep the community as informed as we possibly can. There will be future meetings with various organizations and the public to further explain and discuss Fort Recovery Schools' building project. If you have any questions, suggestions or comments please feel free to contact any of the members of the Board of Education.

Square Footage

- Total square footage in district now = 229,000
- Total square footage with proposed project = 209,000
- OSFC square footage guidelines = 146,535
- Both buildings currently have extra classrooms
- Duplication of classrooms would be eliminated
- Vo-ag area provided in new plan – similar square footage
- All educational programs will be held in new building

Traffic Pattern

- OSFC will provide allotment of up to \$300,000 co-funded dollars (79%/21%) to help add another turn lane off of Sharpsburg Rd.
- Lanes will be added to the entrance drive to the parking lots
- Separate parking area for high school students

Cafeteria

- Double serving line
- High school students finished with lunch before 6th graders come to cafeteria
- Rest of elementary stays on their current schedule

Cost of Operating the New PK-12 Facility

- About 10% less square footage to heat and cool
- Newer section built to modern LEEDS energy use requirements – on average results in a 20% energy savings
- As staff come up for retirement some positions could be reduced as the need indicates

Affect of Change on the Neighborhood

- Would stay back from property lines as much as possible
- Develop buffers of mounding or landscaping where most practical
- Possible walkway to the site – from the East

Softball/Sports Fields

- Softball field at PK-8 location; baseball field stays at current location; OR
- Baseball field at PK-8; softball field at current HS location
- JH football practice - utilize the flattest part of the detention area

Administration and Board of Education Spaces

- Reassign some of office space in PK-8 building; OR
- Rearrange space in current vo-ag classroom areas

High School Students' Identity

- Separate high school entrance
- Separate offices, media center and computer lab

Weight Lifting Facility

- Athletic boosters have discussed a sports complex facility
- Would be done separately from the building project
- Architects would keep this in mind when developing site plan

The Fort Site Journal is published monthly during the 2009-2010 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 Schools 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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Elementary Parent's Summer Meetings planned

submitted by Principal Shelly Vaughn

Open Building and Parent Meetings have been scheduled for the upcoming school year. Several parents were very happy to combine parent meetings and open building and we will continue to provide that opportunity again this year.

For grades **kindergarten through second**, it will take place, Wednesday, August 18th.

Open Building anytime from 6:00-8:00

Grade level parent meetings

Kindergarten-6:00

1st grade-6:30

2nd grade-7:00

For **grades three through five**, it will take place on Thursday, August 19th.

Open Building anytime from 5:00-7:00

Grade level parent meetings

3rd grade- 5:30

4th and 5th – 6:00

Do not forget about the summer reading and math incentive that is in place for all students in first through fifth grades. Your child should have received information about this at the end of the school year. This incentive includes an ice-cream sundae celebration for 1st and 2nd graders and a pool party for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. We are working in connection with the Fort Recovery Public Library again this summer. If you would like more information or are in need of another form, stop by the public library anytime.

Musical Fun

By Julie Knapke

The Fort Recovery High School marching band is off to a busy start this year. The band's music theme for this summer is "Rock and Roll." You can see them perform throughout the summer in various parades around the county. Their busy schedule begins with the Celina Lake Parade, Saturday, July 24th. The band will end their summer by playing at the Mercer County Fair, Wednesday, August 18th.

The band will be competing this fall in the following contests:

- Saturday, September 11th - Troy Band Competition - approx. 4:00 PM
- Saturday, September 25th - Columbus Grove Competition - approx. 4:00 PM
- Saturday, October 9th - Findlay Competition - approx. 4:00 PM
- Saturday, October 16th - Marion Local Competition - approx. 5:00 PM
- Saturday, October 23rd - Neew Bremen Competition - approx. 6:00 PM

Mark your calendars, come enjoy the music, and support the FRHS marching band!



Mark Your Calendar



1st Fort Recovery Civil War Enactment

Ambassdor Park

September 10*, 11, & 12, 2010

(*school day)

Plan to Attend

St. Clair 5K Run

Mercer Health 5K Challenge

Saturday, July 17, 2010

Fort Recovery, Ohio

7:30 A M registration

8:30 AM race begins with
cannon fire!

Entry Fee:

Make check payable to:

Fort Recovery Historical Society

\$10.00 registration on race day –
no T-shirt

Age divisions: 14 and under, 15-19,
20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44,
45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60 and over

Any questions call or e-mail Kathy
Gonzalez 419-375-2123/ kkg@bright.net

Annual Band

Ice Cream Social

Friday, July 30th

High School Band Practice Field
*ice cream, hot sandwiches, and
drinks will be available*

5:00 PM social begins

7:00 PM band performs



Congratulations!!

Holly Brunswick

for placing

8th place - high jump
at the Ohio state track meet

ATTENTION ATHLETES

All athletes must have
their physicals and medical
emergency form turned in
by the end of July

Monday - August 23rd
OHSSA mandatory
athletic meeting
Elem/MS Auditoria

"Sticky Situation" at STEM Camp



Fort Recovery recently held its 2010 Summer STEM camp (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). The theme for this year was "Sticky Situation". The camp was Tuesday June 29-Friday July 2nd (8:30-11:30).

Students used the 5-step Engineering design process (which is a way to solve problems) in order to complete a challenge of designing and building a wall using the earth materials of clay, soil, and sand, with river rocks. Because the students were "Materials Engineers"...they tested, mixed, re-tested with many different materials in order to design the best mortar for our walls. Our goal was to build a wall that could withstand destruction of a wrecking ball. Students tested their walls to destruction, improved their design and plan, and then re-built and tested them again. Parents, friends and family were invited to watch the last test on Friday, the final day of the camp. They had a guest engineer from HONDA, Karen Heitkamp, came in on Friday and shared her engineering skills and experience with the students. She did an amazing job with the students...thanks to Karen! A special thanks to Cooper Farms for donating our clay material.

The students that attended were (incoming 6th graders): Sydney Alig, Athena Evers, Kyle Fullenkamp, Ashton Hoying, Austin Faller, Austin Jutte, Devin Post, Renee Kuess, Conner Lennartz, Aaron Lochtefeld The instructors for the camp included Mrs. Crystal Fullenkamp and Mrs. Carrie Kahlig, Fort Recovery Middle School science teachers.

SUMMER A BUSY TIME AT FRHS

I hope your summer is off to a great start and you all survived the Jubilee. My first Jubilee experience was terrific! The funnel cakes were excellent and I was a "Duck Race" winner. Summer at the high school is quite busy with all the painting, fixing, and cleaning activities. Our extra-curricular activities are working hard to prepare for next school year. The band has been playing/working all over town and our sports teams are logging many hours of sweat equity.

We recently finished our Summer OGT (Ohio Graduation Test) activities at FRHS. This year science and social studies preparation and testing were offered to those students who needed to pass those tests. I am proud of all who chose to participate and am optimistic that they will be passed. Fort Recovery High School performed well above state averages on all parts of the OGT in the spring testing. This has become the norm at FRHS but we never want to rest on our laurels and continue to strive for higher scores.

August 17th will be our freshman and new student orientation at the high school. This will be an opportunity for all first year students at FRHS to tour, work with current students, get their schedule, and participate in team building/leadership activities. This event is highly recommended and will begin in the Commons at 9AM and be finished by 12 noon. Enjoy what is left of the summer as August 24th (First Day of School) will be here before you know it! If you have questions or concerns please feel free to call or email.

Jeff Hobbs
H.S. Principal

Meet the Team Night



Saturday, August 14th
Barrenbrugge Football Field

Meals begins 5:00 PM

Menu includes:

Sandwiches

(sloppy joes and turkey)

chips, applesause,

dessert, and drink

\$5.00 per person

Tickets can be purchased from any football player or at the gate.

Scrimmage begins at 7:00

Van Trees Park

Sunday Concerts 8 PM

July

11th- Blair & Bellview Boys

Midwest's Hottest Rockabilly Plane

18th- Gary Burbank -straight from WLW

Gary and his Blues Band

25th- The VanDels

The best of the 50's & 60's

August

1st- Ragtime Riverboat Rats

Dixieland at its best

8th- Community Talent Night

Fort Recovery's best area talent

15th- Sisters of Disorder

Fort Recovery's own

Village of Fort Recovery "National Night Out"

Sunday, July 25, 2010

5-8 PM

Ambassador Pool and Park
Family Fun -- free to Fort Recovery Area Families

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult



American Red Cross

Fort Recovery Blood Drive

August 23, 2010

Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church Basement

12:00 PM - 06:00 PM

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