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FR Lunch Menus Get A Makeover

In my first few months as superintendent, I have learned so much about the various departments that keep our school district running smoothly. With a cafeteria audit upon us this school year and several new staff members joining us in the cafeteria, we've been taking a good look at how things are going with food service. One very positive change this year was the addition of steamers. Much of the food is now prepared in steamers and that makes these foods a more nutritious offering for our kids.

Let's face it. We have to get more creative with our children's school lunches. The junk foods in the fancy, colorful wrappers are way too tempting for our kids to resist. With new state regulations, our cafeteria will not be able to provide these items as ala cart options for our students anymore. We have to come up with better ideas for healthy school lunch offerings that would be appealing enough so kids will want to eat them. We have introduced some new items such as fruit and yogurt parfaits that are very tasty and have been well received by kids. Student council members from both the elementary and middle schools will be providing input to the cafeteria staff throughout this year as changes happen with the ala cart options. It is our mission to provide the kids with healthy options that we know they would eat at lunchtime.



Shelly Vaughn, Superintendent

"And We're Off!"

The second nine weeks is off and running quite smoothly. Parent-teacher conferences were held on November 17th and 22nd at Fort Recovery High School. I appreciate the number of conference forms that were returned. If you did not get a chance to come in on these dates I would encourage all parents to check on your child/children's progress. You may call the high school office and we would be happy to set something up with you on an individual basis.

The High School recently hosted a Veteran's Day and Senior Citizen Breakfast for our community. Alumnus Carrie Staugler (Paul and Kathy) who is a Tech Sergeant stationed at the Pentagon was our featured speaker. We truly enjoyed Carrie's knowledge and experiences received through the Armed Services.

The Student Council recently hosted its first blood drive of the year with the Red Cross. Fort Recovery HS collected nearly 50 units of blood to hopefully give the gift of life. We stress the importance of giving back to their community to our students on a regular basis. Winter sports season is on the horizon and several fall athletes were recognized for their outstanding efforts by the Midwest Athletic

conference. Seniors Jason Pottkotter and Derek Gaerke both received 1st Team All-MAC in football, Jared Kahlig MAC Player of the Year in Golf, and sophomore Elle Sutter received 1st Team in Cross Country. As well, Meg Beavers and her FR Marching Band received a Superior rating at the State Band Competition in Columbus. We are quite proud of all our students who participated in extra and co-curricular activities during the fall.

As usual, please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.



Jeff Hobbs, HS Principal

Thanksgiving: An Attitude of the Heart

Jill Post, Copy Editor

We all know that the first Thanksgiving was celebrated between the Pilgrims and the Indians at Plymouth, Massachusetts. But there is a little more to the story... Governor William Bradford, the Pilgrims leader, organized the first Thanksgiving feast with the Indians of the Wampanoag tribe in 1621.

The celebration lasted for three days so that the Pilgrims could rejoice with the Indians about their new land and learning how to cultivate it. They ate lobster, rabbit, chicken, fish, squash, beans, chestnuts, hickory nuts, onions, leeks, dried fruits, maple syrup and honey, radishes, cabbage, carrots, eggs, and goat cheese. This is different from the traditional meal of mashed potatoes and gravy, turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing, and pumpkin pie that we typically think of.

The most popular item on the menu is almost always turkey. Benjamin Franklin originally wanted the turkey as the national bird of the United States! None of these Thanksgiving traditions would be here today, though, if it weren't for Sarah Josepha Hale (the author of *Mary had a Little Lamb*). She petitioned for 40 years so that Thanksgiving could become a national holiday because she believed that "Thanksgiving, like the Fourth of July, should be considered a national festival and observed by all our people." It was during Abraham Lincoln's presidency that Thanksgiving was officially declared a national holiday.

Ever since then, Thanksgiving has escalated into a very popular tradition in homes all across America. Today it is even celebrated in Canada! In 1939, President Roosevelt announced that Thanksgiving would be held on November 23rd, instead of November 30th, to allow more time for the shopping season and to spike economic growth.

These days it seems as though Thanksgiving is being run over. We jump straight from Halloween to Christmas and Thanksgiving is forgotten. So take a minute to sit back and give thanks for all that you have been blessed with! The Fort Site Journal would like to wish all of our readers a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Strength Powers Indian Athletics

Submitted by: Brent Niekamp, Head Football Coach

There has been a major change in the way athletes have been trained over the years. The idea used to be that strength training makes athletes slow and muscle bound. This idea has long been disproved. We now know so much more about properly caring for and training athletes it's staggering when you sit back and look at the progress that's been made. In 1950 the average lineman in college football stood 6'2" and weighed 220 lbs. By 1984 the average lineman was 6'4" and 268 lbs. In 2002 the NFL introduced its first 400 lb. player- Aaron Gibson of the Dallas Cowboys stands 6'6" and played at 410 lbs. This trend is not limited to football. In the 1970's NBA players with Doug Collins's ('76ers) size were common: 6'6" and 180 lbs. Today we are used to basketball players with the size of Shaquille O'Neal (7'0 and well over 300lbs.). Athletes today are also faster and more powerful than in the past. This trend is no accident. Strength training as an integral part of sports conditioning made it happen.

At Fort Recovery our student athletes have undergone a similar transformation over the past few years. Many of you can remember the days when it was nearly unheard of for members of our boys basketball team to be able to dunk a ball. In the past five years we have seen as many dunks as in the previous twenty years. In 2005, my first year coaching football in Fort Recovery, we timed our players in the forty yard dash. One player could run the forty in under 5.0 seconds. Since 2007 we have had at least ten players on each team who could run the forty yard dash in under 5.0. These are a few examples of improvements in the athletic performances of our athletes.

The reason for these improvements in such a large number of our athletes is our strength and conditioning program. Since 2005 we have offered a strength and conditioning class taught by Dave Blockberger. Our strength and conditioning class and our after school strength and conditioning programs are based upon research of the safest and most productive ways to train athletes. A strong commitment to the strength and conditioning program at Fort Recovery has helped our student athletes reach their goals by competing at the highest levels in nearly every sport our school has to offer. All of our athletes are tested four times a year in several events that help determine if they are making progress toward becoming better athletes. Some of these tests include the vertical jump, broad jump, forty yard dash, twenty yard shuttle run and the major lifts including bench press, squat, and cleans. Athletes who make progress in most of or all of these categories have an increased chance of performing better in their respective sports and are much less likely to become injured.

Our student athletes are faster, stronger, and safer than ever before. If you were to ask our athletes to give one reason for the success that they have enjoyed in their sport(s). It is likely they will tell you it's because of their commitment to our strength and conditioning program.

If you or your child is curious about this program please come up to school and watch a workout or contact me with questions.

The Strength and Conditioning classes meet 7th and 8th period each day, and after school workouts will start the Monday after Thanksgiving. After school workouts will be Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from right after school until 4:15. Hope to see you there. Go Indians!

Events for December

District

- 4th – Choir Christmas Concert – 3:00pm
- 6th – FCCLA Gingerbread House Family Night (6:30-8:00pm)
- 11th – Band Christmas Concert – 7:00pm
- 13th – Board Meeting – 7:30pm
- 22nd-31st – Christmas Break!

High

- 5th – Scholastic Bowl (H) 4:00pm
- 5th – FFA meeting 8:00pm
- 5th – Interims – 2nd Nine Weeks
- 7th – Staff Meeting 3:30pm
- 12th – Scholastic Bowl MAC 4:00pm
- 13th – Tri-Star Tours (sophomores) 8:15-11:15
- 17th – FFA State Parly-Pro
- 17th – Saturday School
- 19th – Scholastic Bowl MAC (Weather Date) 4:00pm

Middle

- 1st – Spelling Bee 9:00am
- 5th – Interims – 2nd Nine Weeks
- 7th – ACT Test (8th Grade)

Elementary

- 8th – 4th Grade Field Trip to COSI and State House
- 13th – Student Council Meeting
- 15th – Dibles Testing
- 15th – Book Club Meeting
- 16th – Dibles Testing
- 17th – "Breakfast with Santa" 9:00-11:00 am

The Fort Site Journal is published monthly during the 2011-2012 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—Shelly Vaughn, High School Principal- Jeff Hobbs, 3-8 Principal- Matt Triplett, Principal Prk-2- Tracy Hein-Evers, and Advisor Kylie Huelsman. Staff:

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Fort Recovery Community Foundation Awards Local Grants

The Fort Recovery Community Foundation awarded \$22,200 in distributions in 2011. Following is a listing of organizations that were awarded funding and their respective projects:

Fort Recovery Park Board for installation of a pool lift to assist handicapped swimmers, improvements to Franke Walkway and resurfacing the park basketball courts.

The Arts Place for their Arts in the Parks programs

Fort Recovery Ambassadors for repairs from the flood damage and adding a pedestrian walkway.

Fort Recovery Historical Society for mulch

Fort Recovery Band Boosters for guest clinicians

Fort Recovery FFA for purchase of a jobsite table saw stand & table extension to the 50 ton Iron Worker

Friends of the Arts for programs, printing expenses and posters

Fort Recovery Public Library for purchase of computers

Van Trees Park for flowers

Burkettsville Park for playground equipment

Fort Recovery State Museum for display cases

Fort Recovery Choral Boosters for Sound System Parts (amplifier & hanging microphones)

Civil War at the Fort for the Civil War Vintage Baseball Game

The Fort Recovery Community Foundation distributes funds each year with the purpose of enhancing recreational and/or cultural experiences of the Fort Recovery residents and anyone attending one of the various public or private parks or institutions in the Fort Recovery area.

Pictured below are representatives from Fort Recovery community organizations who received distributions in 2011 from the Fort Recovery Community Foundation.

Back Row (L to R): Bill Bechtol, Ted Shuttleworth, Nick Dues, Jerry Siefing, Tracy Hein-Evers, and Terry Smith.

Front Row (L to R): Marcia Staugler, Pat Hull, Tracy Westgerdes, Rita Siefing, Heidi Meade, Natalie Lennartz, and Helen LeFevre.



New Members Inducted Into NHS

Kylie Kahlig and Ericka Lennartz, Co-Shopper's Guide Editors

Character, scholarship, leadership and service. These are the four primary principles of the National Honor Society. To be inducted into this prestigious organization, students must meet requirements in each section illuminating why they should be inducted into this academic hall of fame.

The National Honor Society induction ceremony began with President Christen Wendel welcoming all the students, followed by a gracious prayer by Mrs. Armstrong. Next, the four NHS officers reviewed the qualities of an avid NHS member, followed by the induction of the new members. Twenty-seven new inductees were welcomed into NHS for the 2011-2012 school year. Once all of the members had lit their candle, received their certificate and taken a seat beside their parents, special guest speaker Mr. Jack Staugler took the floor. Mr. Staugler, a 1974 graduate of Fort Recovery High School, has lived and worked in Fort Recovery for a great deal of his life. He has been a passionate member of school board for thirteen years and will be retiring this year. Jack touched upon the issues of being okay with being you, attitude is everything and location, location, location. The first location is your hometown; never being ashamed of where you come from. The second, where you are now in your life and the third is where you are going. Mr. Staugler was presented with a plaque for courteously speaking to the Fort Recovery student body.

Afterward, parents and new inductees were invited to stay for cake and punch. Following that, all new and current members were congratulated with a trip to Portland Pizza Hut.

New inductees added in on Thursday the seventeenth were Alex Thien, Taylor Wendel, Tyler Hart, Melissa Lochtefeld, Brenda Link, Kristen Overman, Ryan Gaerke, Chelsea Pottkotter, Jill Post, Kelsey Fiely, Craig Hart, Adam Fullenkamp, Karissa Will, Mathias Koester, Adam Westgerdes, Kelsey O'Dell, Sydney Wilson, Stephanie Hart, Adam Pohl, Abigail May, Samantha Tobe, Rachel Jutte, Nathan Fullenkamp, Elizabeth Osterloh, Janelle Schwieterman, Jessica Kaiser, and Tana Hart.

Current members of NHS include President Christen Wendel, Vice President Abby Backs, Treasurer David Tobe, Secretary Daryl Osterloh, Kurt Fortkamp, Nicole Hart, Katelyn Jutte, Jared Kahlig, Julie Kahlig, Kylie Kahlig, Alison Koch, Ericka Lennartz, Natalie Lennartz, Olivia Schwieterman, and Brittany Sudhoff.



A "Superior" Finish

Friday, November 4th 2011 the Fort Recovery Marching Band finished their season with a performance at The Ohio Music Education Association's State Marching Band Finals held in Columbus, OH. The band ended their competition season on a high note by receiving a (I) Superior Rating, the highest rating possible on the 5 rating scale.

During their 6 regular season competitions this year, this group of seniors led the 2011 marching band to: 5 first place finishes, 1 second place finish, 4 best auxiliary awards in class, 3 best percussion awards in class, 2 best marching awards overall, 1 best general effect award overall, 1 Grand Championship, 3 Overall Excellent Ratings and 3 Overall Superior Ratings.

Thank you to all community members for your support during our season!! Pictured below are the marching band seniors with the all of the trophies and plaques from the 2011 season (L-R): Nicole Heitkamp, Brandon Stammen, Kelsey O'Dell, Tyler Faller, Gage Retz, Rachel Jutte, Ryan Gaerke, David Tobe, Adam Pohl, Nicole Sieftring, Tyler Hart, Brenda Link, Sierra Loya, Kayla Gehle, Mariah Koester; not pictured: Mikayla Westgerdes



FSJ Deadline Schedule

Issue	Submission Deadline	Print/Mail Date
December	14 th	28-29
January	11 th	26-27
February	8 th	23-24
March	14 th	29-30
April	11 th	26-27
May	9 th	24-25

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SPIRIT ARM SLEEVES!

\$8 a pair or 2 pair for \$15

2 sizes: Kid size (gr. PK-3rd - 13" long) or Adult size (gr. 4th and up - 17" long)

Purchase at the Middle School Office, Proceeds benefit the Middle School Activities

Checks payable to Ft. Recovery Schools

Questions? : 419-375-2815

Black Friday Madness

Janel Hein, Post Manager

Can you stand the rush? Black Friday is the day after Thanksgiving where "extreme shoppers" go out and try to get the best bargains. The day originated before 1988 in Philadelphia where the Philadelphia Police Department named the following day after Thanksgiving. The Police Dept. claimed the day brought massive traffic jams and over-crowded sidewalks as the downtown stores are mobbed from opening to closing.

Black Friday is not an actual holiday on the U.S. calendar, but many employers let their employees off on the day to increase the number of shoppers. Black Friday has been the busiest day of shopping since 2005, which always falls on the fourth Friday of the month of November every year. Many people don't understand the whole concept of the day. Most stores open their doors around 4:00 A.M. and sales continue until midnight. Yes, the crazy people get up at 2:00 A.M. or even camp out the night before in front of the doors just to be one of the first to walk through the doors to grab what they want.

As the last major holiday before the crazy Christmas season begins, you can only imagine how crazy the day must be if you haven't experienced it before. For some people, they love the rush and continue to go every year, but for others they are scared off the first time they go! In 2006 in Columbus, Ohio, shoppers flooded the Wal-Mart doors, pinning several employees against stacks of merchandise. One of the most known tragic stories of violence on Black Friday occurred in 2008 in Valley Stream, New York. There were approximately 2,000 shoppers waiting outside for the 5:00 A.M. opening of the local Wal-Mart. As the minutes grew closer, the crowd got more anxious and when the doors were opened the crowd pushed forward too fast and hard, broke down the doors, and ended up trampling a 34 year old employee to death. Many people don't like to deal with the lines and the huge crowds swarming the shelves, so many people prefer to wait till the following Monday for "Cyber Monday". The term refers to people that prefer shopping online or for those who didn't find what they wanted on Black Friday, can go online and get it for the same price at home or at work making it easier to find those bargains.

Help Us Recycle and Earn!

We participate in a fundraising-thru-recycling program that helps earn supplies, equipment, and cash simply by collecting:

empty inkjet and laser cartridges, used cell phones, mp3 players, GPS devices, digital cameras, and laptops.

Please help by donating these items to

Fort Recovery High School!!

Thank you!

Ft. Recovery FFA Poultry Team Competes in Massachusetts

On September 15-18th, the Ft. Recovery FFA Poultry Judging Team traveled to West Springfield, Massachusetts to compete in the Eastern States Career Development Event. The Poultry Judging Team placed 4th in the regional competition.

The Poultry Judging Team graded interior and exterior egg quality, graded carcasses of chickens and turkeys, judged broilers and layers, and took an exam over the poultry industry. Poultry team members competing in the Big E Contest include Randy Braun, son of Tom and Lisa Braun; Kurt Fortkamp, son of Roger and Marilyn Fortkamp; and Catlin Gehret. Individual placing were as follows: Catlin Gehret – 4th place individual, Kurt Fortkamp – 12th place individual, and Randy Braun – 14th place individual. Pictured are (L-R): Catlin Gehret, Kurt Fortkamp, and Randy Braun



Ft. Recovery FFA Competes at District and State Soil Judging

The Rural and Urban Soil Judging Teams recently competed in the District and State Soil Judging Contests. The rural soil judging team placed 5th out of 29 teams in the district. They judged soil properties and land capabilities based on its use for agricultural purposes. Students participating on the rural team this year consisted of Zach Bergman, Taylor Guggenbiller, Doug Lennartz, Mitch Lennartz, John Link, Melissa Lochtefeld, Samantha Tobe and Jake Vogel. The urban soil judging team placed 4th out of 20 teams, with Jessica placing 4th individually. They judged soil and land based on its use for buildings, basements, septic tanks, and roads. Students participating on the urban team this year consisted of Eric Brackman, Becky Brockman, Kurt Fortkamp, Jessica Kaiser, Natalie Lennartz, Kelly Nietfeld, Nikki Nietfeld, and Derek Schmitz. Both teams advanced to the state level. The Rural Soil team placed 27th, while the Urban Soil team placed 18th in the state. The Ft. Recovery FFA Chapter would like to congratulate the soil judging teams this year.



Ft. Recovery Holds Annual Fall Fun Fest

The Ft. Recovery FFA Chapter recently held its annual Fall Fun Fest as a recreational activity at a Chapter FFA meeting. After the meeting, 51 FFA members that attended had fun watching fellow FFA members participate in an apple cider chugging contest, bobbing for apples, and a corn shucking competition. Members also enjoyed a hayride, bonfire, straw maze, and cookout. Members also helped paint and creatively decorate 15 pumpkins as a community activity. The pumpkins were donated to Briarwood Manor in Coldwater and to Coldwater Hospital. Residents there were able to enjoy the decorations for the holiday. The chapter would also like to thank Kevin and Sharon Fortkamp and their family for hosting the event and to Jutte's Fruit Farm for donating the pumpkins. Pictured at left is Josh Wendel bobbing for apples.



Fort Pioneers October Meeting

Submitted by: Monica Fullenkamp, 4-H Reporter

On October 11, 2011 Fort Pioneers 4-H Club held a meeting. At this meeting, members elected new officers. The new officers are: President- Craig Hart, Vice President- Katie Fortkamp, Treasurer- Mitchell Homan, Secretary- Jessica Siefiring, Reporter- Monica Fullenkamp, Assistant Reporter- Tracy Fortkamp, Health and Safety- Natalie Pottkotter and Kristen Keller, and Recreation- Kyle Fullenkamp, Emily Hart, and Rachel Moorman.

The club moved to do Craft and Story Hour at the library for Town Open House. The club also moved to make decorations at the next meeting for the Fort Festival of Trees. Speeches were done by Seth Fullenkamp and Amanda Hipple. Demonstrations were done by Emily Bruns.



Winter Walking
Elementary/Middle School building
Mondays - Thursdays ~ 3:30-8:30 pm
November - April

Celebrating Veteran's Day

Ericka Lennartz, Shopper's Guide Editor

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in the year 1918 a temporary end of aggression, was acknowledged between the Allies and Germany during World War 1. This date would later become a federal holiday in the United States. It was named Veteran's Day, a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars. Many people, along with Fort Recovery High School took time out of their day to recognize these extraordinary people. Early in the morning, on November 11 the Fort Recovery High School's cafeteria filled with veterans of all ages as that came to enjoy a breakfast prepared for them by the high school. Students involved in student council, walked around and served the veterans. Following the meal all Veterans were asked to stay for a Veteran's Day assembly prepared in their honor. All of the Veterans were seated in the front, while Fort Recovery High School students filled in the gymnasium. Music filled the air as Fort Recovery's marching band, led by Ms. Beavers, played various patriotic music. Carrie Staugler, a Fort Recovery High School alumni, was the guest speaker. After graduating, Carrie joined the United States Air Force, where she continues to serve today. She talked to the students and veterans about a story very dear to her heart that she is reminded of every Veterans Day. But most importantly she stressed the importance of honoring those who serve and protect our country by just simply saying thank you. These veterans live by the words of President Kennedy himself, "ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."



The Cast of Seussical would like to thank everyone who came to watch their performance on November 12th & November 13th. We appreciate your support. Our upcoming JH/HS Choir Christmas Concert is on Sunday, December 4th at 3 pm in the auditoria.

Deutsch (German) Club

Jordan Roberts, Club Editor

“Guten Tag”! As we all know, German class is being phased out of Fort Recovery's curriculum. As German class ends, so does German Club. So, it is going to go out with a bang! Currently, German Club is in the formation process. However, there are some plans as what the club will do as the year goes on. The first thing planned is a German Scavenger Hunt. The students will go around the countryside looking for items to collect, but can only be told what to collect in German. No official date has yet been set.

Another idea includes a Kris Cringle activity around Christmas time, which includes a traditionally German sausage and sauerkraut meal. Because German class only has four students, Mrs. Schade Hein, the German teacher, is allowing students who were previously in German class to join the club again. This will increase the size of the German Club. When this happens, there will then be more and better ideas for activities for the German club to participate in.

Wildlife Officer Addresses the Second Grade

Ryan Garrison, Mercer County wildlife officer, spoke to all the second grade classes. He talked about his job as a wildlife officer and how he became an officer. The students enjoyed looking at the Ohio furs he brought. Mr. Garrison explained how many Ohio animals depend on each other and how they survive in their habitat. The students did a great job of guessing the animal furs that he brought.



Fort Recovery Elementary PTO will be sponsoring
Breakfast with Santa!

Saturday, December 17th 9-11 am

Fort Recovery Elementary Auditoria \$2.00 per person.
This includes light breakfast of donuts, milk/juice and coffee as well as several crafts and games for kids to do!

Pictures with Santa (1 - 5x7) will be available for \$2.00

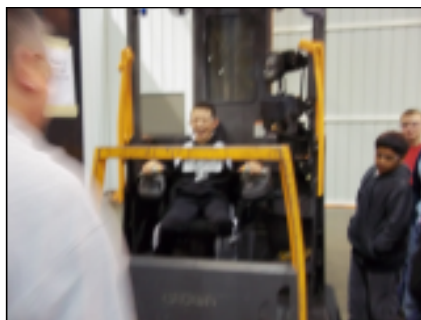
Need a Christmas Idea?

Fort Recovery High School Chant Yearbook Christmas Sale - \$45.00 Contact Mrs. Kathy Jutte 419-375-4111 ext. 664

REMINDER: All Senior pictures and Senior Baby Pictures were due, Tuesday, November 22, 2011. If Seniors have not turned them in, please do so as soon as possible to the high school office or Mrs. Kathy Jutte.

Sixth Graders Take A Trip To STEM Businesses

On Thursday, October 20, 2011, the Fort Recovery sixth grade class loaded up the busses to enjoy a day filled with engineering and learning. The field trip was based on the four areas of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). Our neighboring schools, St. Henry and New Bremen, also participated in the educational field trip. The students visited Crown in New Bremen, R and R Fabrications in St. Henry, and our very own J and R Manufacturing. At each of the sites students were able to explore the factories and see first hand how teams of people come together to make technologies and solve problems. The annual STEM field trip proved to be another great success. The students of Fort Recovery are now aware of the various technologies and engineering talents that are working hard so close to home! The pictured is of Will Homan riding a forklift at Crown in New Bremen.



Fourth Graders Learn About Physical and Chemical Changes

While studying chemical and physical changes in Science, the fourth grade students had a chance to visit the high school AP Chemistry class. Mrs. Robyn Armstrong's students demonstrated many experiments that represented either a chemical or physical change. The fourth graders grew in their knowledge of the tough concept with the help of 'eyes on' experiments presented by the very capable High School students. The fourth grade students want to thank the High School kids for the great presentations. You can see more pictures of the day on the fourth grade web site.



FCCLA Chapter Participates in "Trick-or-Treat for Troops"

Fort Recovery FCCLA members recently participated in a "Trick-or-Treat for Troops" service project. On October 30, 2011 during the community trick-or-treat hours, 15 members canvassed the community to collect supplies to be sent to American servicemen and women. This year all supplies collected will be sent to Fort Recovery graduate, Brad Brewer, a member of the US Navy currently stationed in Afghanistan. Along with the typical supplies the military often asks for from "home," Brad's unit also requested flavored coffee (not available in Afghanistan but missed) and school supplies, which the unit will donate to the local children his unit aides.

This project is a part of the FCCLA State Project, FREEDOM (Families Recognizing the Endless Endeavors of Ohio Military.) The goal of the project is to give FCCLA members the opportunity to help their community by actively working to help service members, their families, and all who are affected by their absence. The FCCLA would like to thank all area residents who donated to this worthwhile project. The items are currently be boxed and will be shipped to Afghanistan. The costs of shipping have been defrayed by generous contributors in the community.



Operation Christmas Child, A Huge Success

Operation Christmas Child was once again undertaken by the Fort Recovery Middle School students, parents, administration and the elementary and middle school staff. It was a huge success!!! 117 boxes will be shipped to children throughout the world who would never otherwise receive anything for Christmas. Besides packing 117 boxes full of hygiene items, school supplies, toys, and candy, all of the money was also raised to ship these boxes!! The cost is \$7.00 to ship each box. The money was donated by students, parents and staff. Also, Principal Matt Triplett allowed students to duct tape him to the wall. Two feet of duct tape was \$ 1.00, and this money was all donated to shipping. In addition, part of the proceeds from the spirit sleeves went to the shipping and packing of the boxes. Thanks to Mrs. Maggie Hartings for initiating this money maker.

Operation Christmas Child ships these boxes to more than 140 countries. Last year, 8.2 million gift -filled boxes were shipped. Tracking labels are attached to the boxes, so Fort Recovery students, parents and staff will be able to find out to which countries their Christmas boxes are shipped.

Many thanks to all who participated in this project. You have made Christmas for 117 children, one they will never forget. Remember the power of a simple gift.



Fall Season Farewell

Hannah Bihn, Sports Editor

As we say goodbye to the fall sports, Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, and Golf, we also unfortunately have to say goodbye to the senior competitors. Football has to send off Aaron Vagedes, Jason Pottkotter, Ryan Gaerke, Jacob Whitacre, Derek Gaerke, Kenny Wenning, and John Baird. Kara Faller, Ericka Lennartz, Kylie Kahlig, Kayla Kahlig, and Abby Backs are leaving the volleyball team. Cross Country will miss Christen Wendel, Nicole Heitkamp, Mariah Koester, Brenda Link, and Derek J. Sutter next year. Jared Kahlig, Hayden Pottkotter, Derek Rammel, Gage Retz, and Shawn Roessner are all parting from the golf team.

Varsity football ended the season with a 4-6 record, with a record breaking win over St. Henry, which has never been done before in the history of our school. Kenny Wenning and Derek Gaerke made the first offensive team, and Jason Pottkotter made the second team for the MAC. Jacob Whitacre, Kenny Wenning, Aaron Vagedes, Trent Kaiser, and Kyle Timmerman all received honorable mentions. Volleyball's varsity team finished up with an overall record of 6-16. Kelsey Fiely and Kylie Kahlig made the All-MAC second team, and Ericka Lennartz and Abby Backs received honorable mentions. Cross Country completed a great season including the girls' varsity team making it to Regionals and Derek S. Sutter making it there as well. Golf placed ninth of twenty nine teams at sectionals, getting 344 points as a team. Jared Kahlig made the MAC Boy's All-Conference First Team, and Gage Retz got an honorable mention.

Each team had a way to bid farewell to the seniors and the other participants until the next fall season comes around. Some sports held a senior night where all the seniors were recognized, and others were acknowledged at their own sports banquet.

December Sports

Boy's Basketball

Varsity & JV (all games begin at 6:30 pm unless noted)

2	St. Mary's	H
3	Wapak	H
9	Delphos Jefferson	A
10	Ansonia	A
16	Parkway	H
20	Waynesfield Goshen	H

Freshman (all games begin at 6 pm unless noted)

3	Spencerville	A
5	New Bremen	H
12	Parkway	A
17	St. Mary's	H
27	Russia	H

JH (all games begin at 5 pm unless noted)

6	Delphos St. John's	H
8	New Bremen	A
12	Ansonia	A
15	Parkway	H
17	Arcanum	A

Girl's Basketball

Varsity & JV (all games begin at 6 pm unless noted)

1	Greenville	A
3	Wapak (1 pm)	H
8	New Bremen	H
15	Parkway	A
17	Jay County	A
19	Franklin Monroe	H
27	Delphos Jefferson	A

Freshman (all games begin at 6 pm unless noted)

3	Minster (10 am)	H
5	Ft. Loramie	A
12	Coldwater	A
17	Jay County (10 am)	A

JH (all games begin at 5 pm unless noted)

1	Celina	H
6	St. John's	A
8	New Bremen	H
13	Parkway	A
15	St. Mary's	A
19	Miss. Valley	H

Swimming

2	Greenville (5:30 pm)	Darke YMCA
3	Van Wert Relays (6:30 pm)	Van Wert
10	St. Mary's/New Bremen (5 pm)	YMCA Celina
13	Van Wert (6:30 pm)	Van Wert
15	Delta (5:30 pm)	Delta HS (Muncie, IN)
17	Minster/SH/NB (5:30 pm)	Auglaize YMCA
29	Holiday Swim Inv. (10 am)	Lima YMCA

FRHS Basketball Spirit Themes

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Theme</u>
Saturday, 11/26	St. Mary's (H)	Beach
Friday, 12/2	St. Mary's (H)	White Out
Saturday, 12/3	Wapak (H)	Goth
Friday, 12/16	Parkway (H)	Holiday
Friday, 1/6	Versailles (H)	Decade
Thursday, 1/12	Coldwater (H)	PJ's
Friday, 1/13	Coldwater (A)	Hicks
Friday, 1/20	Minster (H)	Rockstar
Thursday, 1/26	New Knoxville (H)	Opposite Gender
Saturday, 1/28	Fort Loramie (H)	Nerd
Thursday, 2/2	St. Henry (A)	Little Kid
Friday, 2/3	St. Henry (H)	Wedding
Thursday, 2/9	Marion Local (H)	Spirit Shirt
Friday, 2/10	Marion Local (A)	Animal/Camo
Friday, 2/17	St. John's (H)	Crazy Purple
Friday, 2/24	New Bremen (A)	Spirit Shirt