

"Better Today Than You Were Yesterday, Better Tomorrow Than You Were Today"

Fort Recovery Middle School News



December 2023

Holly Gann—Middle School Principal

Upcoming Dates:

Dec. 7 - EMS Spelling Bee
9:00 a.m.

Dec. 10- JH & HS Choir
Concert 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 18-20 - 8th Grade
Semester Exams

Dec. 21 - Energy Bus
Christmas Activities

Dec. 22-Jan. 2 -
Christmas Vacation

MS Staff Dec. Birthdays!

Kim Jarrett - 6th

Ashley Place - 8th

Heather Addington - 11th

Reid Knuth - 11th

Happy Birthday!



Attention 6th Grade Parents

Each school year, the Middle School is able to generate funds with the help of 6th grade students and parents during Junior High sporting events. With this money, students are able to participate in various activities such as incentive, pizza parties, Energy Bus activities, perks, and much more all throughout their middle school career. This is our sole source of income. We ask that each 6th grade student/parent sign-up to help at one or two sporting events throughout the school year for approximately 2 - 2.5 hours. Thank you to the families that already helped during Fall sports season! For winter sports season, a student and one parent can choose from working basketball admissions from approx. 4:30-6:30 p.m. or concessions from 4:50-7:15 p.m. Saturday times are usually 9:30-11:30 a.m. for admissions or 9:50 a.m.-12:15 p.m. for concessions. Please contact Mrs. Hartings in the office by email at hartingsm@fortrecoveryschools.org or by phone at 419-375-2815 to sign up for a time to work. Thank you!

Energy Bus Rule #4- Invite People on Your Bus

Energy Bus Rule #4 encourages us all to "Invite People on Your Bus and Share Your Vision for the Road Ahead." This rule emphasizes the significance of collaboration and inclusivity. We want to foster an environment where our students actively invite others to join them on their journey and share their aspirations for the future. By embracing this rule, we aim to create a supportive and unified community that propels our students toward success. Thank you for joining us on this journey of growth and positivity.

Operation Christmas Child

Throughout October and November, the Fort Recovery Middle School Student Council completed a service project collecting items to put together Christmas shoeboxes for children all over the world. This has been an on-going project in the middle school for almost 20 years. This year students were able to collect enough items and raise enough shipping money to send out 100 boxes. These boxes will be shipped to over 100 countries around the world to bring those less fortunate something bright to look forward to during the Christmas season. Students will be able to track the delivery location of their boxes in the upcoming months and see the big impact they've had on the world around them. The FRMS student council would personally like to extend their appreciation out to all students, parents, and community members who helped make this possible. As always remember the power of a simple gift!



Energy Bus Winners

Congrats to our Energy Bus Rule #3: Fuel Your Bus With Positive Energy Winners! Students worked on eliminating negative thoughts and writing words of positive affirmation!

- #1: Ally Roessner
- #2: Lauren Hart
- #3: Julia Westgerdes
- #4: Wesley Brown
- #5: Mason Alig and Chloe Brockman
- #6: Lilah Thien and Will Heitkamp
- #7: Owen Grieshop
- #8: Kolson Betchol
- #9: Braylon Dilworth and Charity Pohlman
- #10: Bently Niekamp
- #11: Jacob Bergman and Aubrey Post
- #12: Brooke Bihn
- #13: Tony Evers
- #14: Willow Blossom

Middle School Semester Incentives

The End of the Semester is near and want to remind everyone of the incentive guidelines for this year! Students in grades 6-8 have the opportunity to participate in the FRMS Incentive Program which will be offered once each semester. Any student who meets the eligibility requirements for each semester will be eligible to participate in the incentive activity pending overall approval of the building principal. Any student with exceptional circumstances will potentially be evaluated under different guidelines per the discretion of the building principal. The student requirements are outlined below:

Semester 1 (Must Earn 4 Out Of The 5 Indicators)

- Earns all A-Bs for their Final Avg. on their Semester 1 Report Card (Does Not Include Semester Exams)
- Must Not Exceed 23 Hours Of Unexcused Absences
- Must Earn At Least 10 Energy Bus Tickets
- Receives No Disciplinary Action
- Must Earn At Least 12 Hours of Community Engagement (These should be tracked and signed off by supervisor)

If you have any questions please email Ms. Gann at gannh@fortrecoveryschools.org.

Walking Hours

Anyone wishing to utilize the Elementary/Middle School building to walk is reminded the hours are 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Monday - Thursday through March. Please walk on Main Street only. Anyone interested will need to enter through the Middle School doors.



Dress Warm

Reminder to Students: We will continue to go outside for recess as much as possible. Please bring a coat, hat and gloves to school with you each day to help stay warm!



Attendance

As a reminder, within the last few years that state has changed school attendance policies. You will notice on your child's report card that the attendance is tracked by hours. The state requires schools to record the number of hours a child is absent, no longer does the state track the number of days. In addition to tracking attendance by hours, we are asking that parents supply a medical excuse for absences due to extended illness and/or appointments. Hours absent due to a medically excused reason (provided medical excuse) are 'exempt' from the hours counted towards your child's attendance. Please be sure to ask at doctor, dentist, vision, etc. appointments for an excuse to provide to the Middle School office. If you have any questions regarding your child's attendance and/or attendance procedures, please do not hesitate to call the Middle School office at 419-375-2815.





6th Grade Parent Workers for JH Winter Sporting Events



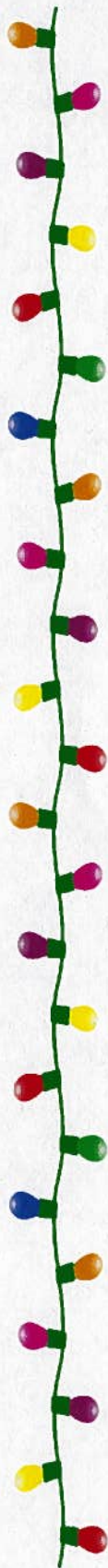
Thank you for helping out with our Junior High Winter sporting events this school year. Here is a list of the workers:

| JH Girls Basketball | | | Admissions Come 30 minutes prior to game | Concessions Come 10 minutes prior to game |
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| | | Time | | |
| Nov. 28 | (T) | Minster | Nick/Kristy Wehrkamp | Carrie Lamm |
| Dec. 12 | (T) | Parkway | Cindy Timmerman | Mandy Wendel |
| Dec. 16 | (Sa) | Miss Valley | Maggie Hartings | |
| Dec. 18 | (M) | St. Marys | | |
| Dec. 19 | (T) | Versailles | | |
| Dec. 28 | (Th) | Marion Local | | |
| Jan. 4 | (Th) | Jay County | | Abby Schmitz |
| Jan. 8 | (M) | South Adams | | |
| Jan. 16 | (T) | Coldwater | | Mark/Keshia Willmann |
| Jan. 22 | (M) | Celina | | Cristy/Jody Parker |
| Jan. 30 | (T) | St. Henry | Mark/Keshia Willmann | |

| JH Boys Basketball | | | Admissions Come 30 minutes prior to game | Concessions Come 10 minutes prior to game |
|---------------------------|------|---------------|---|--|
| | | Time | | |
| Dec. 2 | (Sa) | Miss Valley | xxx | xxx |
| Dec. 5 | (T) | New Knoxville | Ashley Eichenauer | Abby Schmitz |
| Dec. 7 | (Th) | New Bremen | | John/Jess Jutte |
| Dec. 28 | (Th) | Marion Local | Brent/Kim Niekamp | |
| Jan. 9 | (T) | Ansonia | | |
| Jan. 11 | (Th) | D St. Johns | | |
| Jan. 25 | (Th) | Marion Local | | Chrissy Hart |

For Junior High admissions, only the parent is required to work. You will be finished at the end of the 2nd quarter of the 8th grade game.

For the concessions stand, you will need to bring your son/daughter along with one of their friend's or a sibling that is old enough to make change. The concession stand usually remains open through the 8th grade game. Clean up does not take very long. I will be at the game to help out when needed. If you are unable to work your shift, please call the Middle School Office as soon as possible, 419-375-2815. All money raised pays for various Middle School activities throughout the school year. Thanks again for helping out!



Happy Holidays!

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| 1 | We made it to December! To prep for the days ahead, be comfy & cozy today! | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Step into the festive light, Let the stars shine, oh so bright. Dress in hues of cobalt and navy, A Christmas celebration, bold and wavy. | 5 | Penguin Day Dress like a penguin - wear black and white. | 6 | Deck the Halls! Don your PLAID apparel | 7 | National Blue Ribbon Theme: Fort Recovery Local Schools is Rockin Wear your best holiday socks or rock gear! | 8 | Santa says the Fort Recovery Indians are on the NICE list! Wear purple and white. |
| 11 | Be sure you keep moving as the parties begin! Wear your athleisure. | 12 | Spread cheer this holiday season. Wear a motivational tee. | 13 | Don't be a GRINCH! Wear your Grinch attire, or green. | 14 | Be a candy cane and wear your red & white | 15 | Be Merry! Wear your favorite Holiday shirt. |
| 18 | Long Winter's Nap! Wear your coziest sleepwear | 19 | Winter Wonderland Whiteout Hoping for snow... dress in all white! | 20 | It's almost Christmas! Wear red and green. | 21 | Ugly Christmas Sweater Day | 22 | NO SCHOOL Have a fun and safe break over the holidays! |

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2023-2024 Parents Dates to Remember

December

- 7 EMS Spelling Bee in Auditoria @ 9 am
- 8 Energy Bus Day
- 10 HS & JH Choir Concert @ 6 pm
- 14 FFA's Gingerbread House night-HS Commons
- 17 HS & JH Band Concert @ 7 pm
- 18 8th grade LA semester exam
- 19 8th grade LA & Math semester exams
- 20 8th grade Science & History semester exams
- 21 Energy Bus Christmas Activities
- 22-2 Christmas Vacation – No School

January

- 4 6th grade Internet Safety Talk
- 5 **End of 2nd nine weeks**
- 12 Energy Bus Day
- 15 Martin Luther King Day – No School
- 17 EMS Candid & Club Picture Day
- 26 Energy Bus Day
- 26 1st Semester Incentive in PM

February

- 2 MS Yearbook Work Day
- 5 Third nine weeks Interims
- 9 Energy Bus Day
- 11 Band Concert, Grades 5-12 @ 7 pm
- 16 Prof. Development Day – No School
- 19 President's Day – No School
(Make-Up Day)
- 23 Energy Bus Day
- 26 Mercer County Spelling Bee @ 6:30 pm

March

- 3 JH & HS Choir Concert (Cabaret) @ 6 pm
- 4 Mercer County Spelling Bee (snow date)
- 8 Energy Bus Day
- 14 Academic Booster Pork Chop Dinners 4-6 pm
- 14 Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7:30 pm
- 15 **End of 3rd nine weeks**
- 27 Energy Bus Day
- 28-2 Easter Vacation – No School

April

- 12 Energy Bus Day
- 12-14 EMS Drama
- 15 Fourth nine weeks Interims
- 16 ELA Part I State Testing
- 17 ELA Part II State Testing
- 26 Energy Bus Day
- 28 Band Concert, Grades 5-12 @ 7 pm
- 30 Math Part I State Testing

May






- 1 Math Part II State Testing
- 2 Science State Testing (8th grade only)
- 5 HS & JH Choir Concert @ 6pm
- 10 Energy Bus Day
- TBD** 8th grade Semester Exams
- 20-23 Energy Bus Week Activities
- 23 MS Field Day & Locker Clean Out
- 23 **End of 4th nine weeks**
- 24 Teacher Records Day (Make-Up Day)
- 24 Make Up Day if needed

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MS 419-375-2815
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Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School Cafeteria
"This Institution is an equal opportunity provider"

Lunch Prices
PK-5 \$2.35
6th -12th \$2.60
Adults -\$3.70

December 2023

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 4 Beef Ravioli/Cheese Stick Butter Bread Sweet Potato Fries Applesauce Milk  | 5 Sausage Links French Toast/Syrup Hash Browns Oranges Milk | 6 Chicken Tenders Black Bean Corn Salsa/Chips Mix Fruit Milk | 7 Cheese Pizza Broccoli Pears Milk | 8 Pizza Crunchers Green Beans Tropical Fruit Milk  *New item cheese filled with marinara sauce in the middle |
| 11 Sausage Patty Sandwich Spicy Sweet Potato Fries Peaches Milk | 12 Hot Dog Baked Beans Baked Potato Chips Applesauce Milk | 13 Turkey Gravy/Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Raisels Brownies/Frozen Yogurt Milk | 14 Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza Caesar Salad Pineapple Milk | 15 Spaghetti/Meat Sauce Cheesy Breadsticks Cole Slaw Apple Slices Milk |
| 18 Tangerine Chicken/Rice Broccoli Fortune Cookie Mandarin Oranges Milk | 19 Tomato Soup/Crackers Grilled Cheese Carrots Fruit Cup Milk | 20 Cheese Pizza Corn Tropical Fruit Milk | 21 Chicken Fajita Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa Cup Black Bean Corn Salsa/Chips Fruit Slushie Milk  | |
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PB&J will be offered daily to 3rd-8th grade for an alternate sandwich.
Fresh fruit and vegetables offered daily to 3rd-8th grade