

“Better Today Than You Were Yesterday, Better Tomorrow Than You Were Today”

# Fort Recovery Middle School News



January 2025

Holly Gann—Middle School Principal

## Welcome Back!

Happy New Year, Middle School families! We hope your holiday season was filled with joy, relaxation, and special moments with loved ones. As we return to school, we are excited to welcome your children back for the next chapter of an amazing school year. Our dedicated teachers and staff are eager to continue building on the successes of the first semester, fostering a supportive and enriching environment where every student can thrive.

As we embark on the new year, let's focus on starting strong! Together, we'll set goals, embrace challenges, and celebrate achievements both big and small. This is a wonderful time to renew our commitment to learning, growth, and collaboration. Here's to a bright and successful year ahead!

### Upcoming Dates:

January:

- 13- JH Boys Basketball @Minister @ 5 p.m.
- 14- Tribe Day
- 14- JH Girls Basketball vs Minster @ 5 p.m.
- 16- JH Girls Basketball vs South Adams @ 5 p.m.
- 17- Boys Basketball Student Appreciation Night
- 20- Marion Luther King Day- No School
- 20- JH Boys Basketball vs Coldwater @ 5 p.m.
- 20- JH Girls Basketball @ Celina @ 5:30 p.m.
- 21- JH Girls Basketball @ Coldwater @ 5 p.m.
- 22- MS Club and Candid Picture Day
- 27- JH Boys Basketball @ New Knoxville @ 5 p.m.
- 28- Tribe Day
- 28- JH Girls Basketball vs New Knoxville @ 5 p.m.
- 30- 1st Semester Incentive (Modified Schedule)
- 30- JH Boys Basketball at Ansonia @ 5:30 p.m.
- 31- MS/HS Assembly- Carson Hinzman @ 2:15 p.m. (Modified Schedule)

### MS Staff January Birthdays!

- 1 Mrs. Cindy Moorman, Teacher
- 3 Mr. Steve Neal, Custodian
- 8 Mrs. Gerlach, Guidance Counselor
- 14 Mr. Brian Patch, Teacher
- 19 Mr. Ryan Fullenkamp, Tech Coordinator
- 29 Mr. Clint Kremer, Maintenance

Happy Birthday!



## 7th Grade Washington D.C. Meeting

On Monday, Jan. 6th there will be a meeting for all 7th grade students and parents at 7:00 p.m. in the EMS Auditoria regarding the Fall 2025 Washington D.C. Trip. All current 7th grade students and at least one parent should attend this meeting. Please contact Mrs. Jutte if you cannot make the meeting.



## 1st Semester Incentive

On Jan. 30th any students who qualify for the first semester incentive will be getting out of school for the majority of the day to go Ice Skating at Hobart Arena in Troy. The students can bring extra money if they would like to buy concessions that day at the skating rink. Remember, for a student to be eligible for the first semester incentive, they must meet 4 out of the 5 indicators.

- Earn at least 20 Tribe Tickets of 2 Different Colors
- Earn A's / B's for their final average on their 1st Semester Report Card
- Not Exceed 23 Hours of Unexcused Absences
- Receives No Disciplinary Actions
- Must Earn at Least 12 Community/Student Engagement Hours

Students have been tracking their progress all semester. Congratulations to all of the students who will qualify!

# Athletic Facilities Updates

In an effort to streamline the facility reservation process for the public, all requests for FRLS Facilities usage (including gyms, Student Activity Center, EMS Auditoria, Fields, etc.) run through Fort Recovery Local Schools Facilities Director Aimee Pottkotter. All Requests can be submitted by using Fort Recovery Facilities Usage Form on the districts website. The district website also continues the SAC calendar for the public to view for help knowing SAC availability times.

As a reminder, the SAC is off-limits to PK-12 students during home athletic events. When using the SAC, please ensure appropriate language and music are maintained. Access to the SAC outside of scheduled practices requires an individual SAC fob, which cannot be shared between families due to liability reasons. Additionally, any equipment used should be returned to its original storage location.

Any questions can be directed to Ms. Pottkotter at [pottkottera@fortrecoveryschools.org](mailto:pottkottera@fortrecoveryschools.org) or by phone at (419) 375-4111. Thanks you for helping us maintain our facilities in excellent condition!

## 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.

## Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all 25 participants of today's elementary/middle school spelling bee. All participants did a wonderful job. The district awarded medals to the top three spellers pictured left to right Kayla Dues, Logan Gaerke, and Jesse Homan. They will all participate in the Mercer County Spelling Bee in March. A special congratulations to our spelling bee champion, Kayla Dues! She will move onto the county bee as well as represent our district in the regional spelling bee in March.



## Walking Hours

Anyone wishing to utilize the Elementary/Middle School building to walk is reminded the hours are 5:00 pm - 8:00 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!



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## 2024-2025 Dates to Remember

### January

- 3 **Second Nine Weeks ends**
- 6 7th grade Washington DC meeting  
7 pm in Auditoria
- 10 Report cards Ready
- 14 Tribe Day
- 14 Community Club sponsoring FREE ADMISSION  
to HS Boys Basketball vs St. Henry
- 16 JH Girls Basketball Student Appreciation Night  
Free Admission, prizes and dress up theme
- 17 Boys Basketball Student Appreciation Night
- 20 Martin Luther King Day - No School
- 22 MS Club & Candid Picture Day
- 28 Tribe Day
- 30 First Semester Ice Skating Incentive
- 31 HS/MS Assembly-Carson Hinzman @ 2:15 pm

### February

- 3 Third Nine Weeks Interims go home
- 3 JH Boys Basketball Student Appreciation Night  
Free Admission, prizes and dress up theme
- 7 District Pep Rally @ 2:40 pm
- 9 JH & HS Band Concert @ 7 pm
- 11 Tribe Day
- 14 Professional Development Day - No School
- 17 President's Day - No School (Make Up-Day)
- 21-23 HS Drama
- 25 Tribe Day

### March

- 2 JH & HS Choir Cabaret Concert @ 6 pm
- 7 Full Tribe Day
- 13 Parent Teacher Conference, 3:30 -7 pm
- 13 Academic Booster Pork Chop Dinners, 4-6 pm
- 14 **Third Nine Weeks ends**
- 18 Tribe Day
- 21 Report cards Ready

### April

- 1 Tribe Day
- 4-6 EMS Drama
- 8 ELA Part I State Testing
- 9 ELA Part II State Testing
- 11 Baseball & Softball Student Appreciation Night
- 14 Fourth Nine Weeks Interims go home
- 17-21 Easter Vacation - No School
- 21 Make-Up Day if needed
- 27 JH & HS Band Concert @ 7 pm
- 30 Science State Testing (8th grade only)

### May



- 1 Math Part I State Testing
- 2 Math Part II State Testing
- 2 District Pep Rally @ 2:40 pm
- 4 JH & HS Choir Concert @ 6 pm
- 6 Tribe Day
- 12-16 8th grade Semester Exams
- 16 Senior Graduation Walk @ 8:45 am
- 19-22 Indian Way Week Activities
- 19 5K & Health Fair
- 20 MS Idol in pm
- 21 Second Semester Incentive trips
- 22 MS Locker Clean Out & Field Day
- 22 **Fourth Nine Weeks ends**
- 23 Teacher Records Day (Make-Up Day)
- 27 Report Cards Ready in ProgressBook

Elem 419-375-2768  
 MS 419-375-2815  
<http://www.fortrecoveryschools.org>

Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School Cafeteria  
 "This Institution is an equal opportunity provider"

Lunch Prices  
 K-5 \$2.45  
 6th -12th \$2.70  
 Adults \$3.80

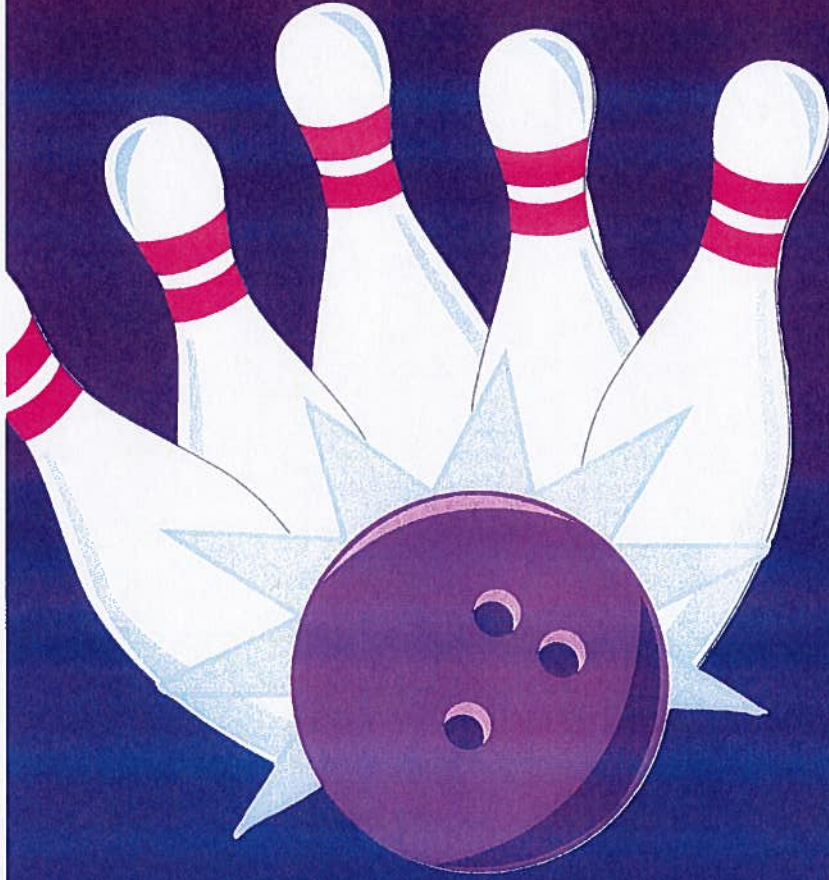
# January 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Happy New Year	2 Breaded Beef Patty Green Beans Pears Milk	3 Tangerine Chicken/Rice Broccoli Fortune Cookie Mandarin Oranges Milk
6 Macaroni & Cheese Peas Bug Bites Mix Fruit Milk	7 Hot Dog Baked Beans Baked Chips Applesauce Milk	8 Pepperoni Pizza Caesar Salad Pineapple Milk	9 Soft Taco/Spanish Rice Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa Cup Refried Beans Fruit Slushie Milk	10 Spaghetti/Meat Sauce Cheesy Breadsticks Cole Slaw/Carrots Apple Slices Milk
13 Chicken Tenders Butter Bread Cowboy Beans Pears Milk	14 Mini Corn Dogs Green Beans Strawberry Cup Milk	15 Salisbury Steak/Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Mandarin Oranges Milk	16 Chicken Alfredo Caesar Salad Breadsticks Applesauce Milk	17 Ham Sandwich Fries Spicy Sweet Potato Baked BBQ Chips Banana Milk
20 No School 	21 Chicken Nuggets WG Cookie Green Beans Peaches Milk	22 Sausage Links French Toast/Syrup Hash Browns Oranges Milk	23 Hot Dog Baked Beans Applesauce Baked Chips Milk	24 Chili Soup/Crackers Butter Bread Cheese Cubes Carrots Rasiels Milk
27 Cheese Pizza Broccoli Pears Milk	28 Hamburger Sandwich/Cheese Onion Rings Mandarin Oranges Milk	29 Meatballs/Spaghetti Sauce Breadstick Waffle Fries Tropical Fruit Milk	30 Walking Taco Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa Cup Refried Beans Fruit Slushie Milk	31 Popcorn Chicken Butter Bread Cooked Carrots Pineapple Milk

Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich offered daily for 3-8th grade. Fresh fruits and vegetables daily for 3rd-8th

# ***SPIRIT BUS***

## ***JAN. 11TH, 2025***



**FRHS Boys and Girls  
Bowling @ Celina  
Plaza Lanes**

**Bus Leaves at 8:15  
a.m. for Boys Match  
and 12:15 p.m. for  
Girls Match (Stay for  
one or both matches!)**

**Sign up in MS or HS  
Office by Jan. 10th**



**OPEN TO ANY STUDENT IN  
GRADES 6TH-12TH**



- ★ **ROOT ON OUR INDIAN BOWLERS**
- ★ **FREE DONUTS/PIZZA**
- ★ **DISCOUNTED ADMISSION (ONLY \$5)**

