

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



# Fort Recovery Middle School News

**October 2023**

**Ms. Holly Gann—Middle School Principal**

## National Blue Ribbon School

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Oct. 2nd- No School for Students

Oct. 4th - Tri-Star Trip for all 8th-Graders

Oct. 13th- Energy Bus Day

Oct. 13th- Speaker Brad Hurtig

Oct. 23rd - STEM Factory Tours for all 6th/7th Graders

Oct. 20th- End of 1st 9-Weeks

Oct. 22nd -Oct. 26th - Washington D.C. 8th Grade Trip

Oct. 31st Energy Bus Day

### **October 13th Speaker: Brad Hurtig**

Brad Hurtig was a student-athlete in a small town in Northwest Ohio. Only days after finishing his sophomore year of high school, a devastating accident resulted in the amputation of both of Brad's hands.

Through hard work and determination Brad soon rejoined his high school football team. In his senior year, Brad led his team defense, recording 111 tackles and received all-state honors all while playing with no hands. Brad's inspirational story of triumph quickly captured national headlines.

On Tuesday, Sept. 19th, the U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona recognized 353 schools in the United States as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2023. Fort Recovery Middle School was one of 19 schools in the state of Ohio, and one of 29 middle schools in the country, to be recognized as a 2023 National Blue Ribbon School. The school was nominated for the award as an Exemplary High Performing School. The school's National Blue Ribbon profile and summary can be viewed [here!](#)

In the Spring of 2023, the 2022-23 Superintendent, Larry Brown, and 2022-23 Middle School Principal, Ryan Steinbrunner, were informed of the nomination by the US Department of Education. The middle school staff, with the help and input of local community members, spent the following months completing an extensive application process. Their hard work culminated in a 14-page written summary highlighting the achievements and unique programs at Fort Recovery Middle School. The entire completed application can be viewed at [here](#). On November 16th-17th, 2023 representatives from our school district will travel to Washington D.C. for the National Blue Ribbon Schools awards ceremony to accept the award. Celebrations involving our students, staff, and community members will be planned for around this time as well.

The administration and staff of Fort Recovery Local Schools are honored to have Fort Recovery Middle School recognized as a 2023 National Blue Ribbon School. It is a true testament of the hard work our students, staff, parents, and community members put forth on a daily basis here in Fort Recovery. We will be planning a district wide celebration. Stay Tuned!



Mr. Guggenbiller's STEAM class putting the design to the test.



## Riders of the Month:



Congratulations to these students who demonstrated that they could control the controllable and earned the most tickets! They will be now eligible for the Energy Bus Rider of the Year Award given at the end of the year!

- #1: Paisley Hart
- #2: Eliza Smith
- #3: Bentley Dilworth
- #4: Miley Hardwick
- #5: Aubrey Wendel
- #6: Gavin Heitkamp
- #7: Emily Boeckman
- #8: Kolson Bechtol
- Branston Pohlman
- #9: Adalynn Trimble
- #10: Andrew Niekamp
- #11: Brinley Fortkamp
- #12: Brooke Bihn
- #13: Cora Pearson
- #14: Kendall Ranly

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Nov. 2nd and Nov. 7th from 4:00-7:30 p.m. Registration for MS conferences will be made by emailing Mrs. Hartings. Please use this opportunity to meet with you child's teachers to discuss their progress in each class!

## Energy Bus Rule #2: Desire, Vision, and Focus Move Your Bus In The Right Direction

Rule #2 of "The Energy Bus" by Jon Gordon is all about deciding where your energy goes. It emphasizes the importance of focusing your energy and attention on the things that truly matter and serve your goals, rather than wasting it on negativity, complaints, or distractions. This rule encourages individuals to take responsibility for their own energy and to be conscious of the people and activities they surround themselves with. By choosing to invest your energy in a positive and purposeful way, you can create a more fulfilling and successful life journey while inspiring others to do the same. Ultimately, Rule #2 reminds us that our energy is a precious resource, and we have the power to direct it towards creating the life we desire.

Starting on October 13th, the students at FRMS will be working through understanding different types of energy and how they affect our desire, vision, and focus. We will work together to create positive visions for our school and ourselves! These visions could include but not limited to life, school, healthy relationships, and other. We all live in an energy field of dreams! If you can build it in your mind, focus on seeing it, and take action, the success will come!



## Operation Christmas Child

Starting soon the MS Student Council will begin a service project collecting items to put together Christmas shoeboxes for children all over the world. These boxes are shipped to over 100 countries around the world to bring those less fortunate something bright to look forward to. If any community members would like to donate to this cause, please send items into the middle school office or with a middle school student to Mrs. Jessica Jutte. Items will be collected through November 1st. Thank you and remember the power of a simple gift!

Possible items: toothbrushes, small NEW toys (no army men or military related items), washcloths, bars of soap, coloring books, notebooks, markers, crayons, colored pencils, hair ties, combs or brushes.



# Fort Recovery Middle School

## 2023-2024 Parents Dates to Remember

### October

- 4 8<sup>th</sup> grade Tri-Star field trip
- 5 MS Spirit Day  
Country vs Country Club dress up theme
- 13 Energy Bus Day
- 13 Speaker Brad Hurtig @ 9:15 am
- 20 **End of 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks**
- 22-26 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington DC trip
- 23 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade Career Field Trip
- 25 Vision & Hearing Re-screens
- 30-Nov 3 Red Ribbon Week
- 31 Energy Bus Day

### November

- 1 Picture retakes @ 9 am
- 2 Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7:30 pm
- 7 Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7:30 pm
- 10 Energy Bus Day
- 21 Energy Bus Day
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Vacation – No School
- 27 Professional Development Day-No School
- 28 Second nine weeks Interims

### December

- 7 EMS Spelling Bee in Auditoria @ 9 am
- 8 Energy Bus Day
- 10 HS & JH Choir Concert @ 6 pm
- 17 HS & JH Band Concert @ 7 pm
- TBD** 8<sup>th</sup> grade Semester Exams
- 21 Energy Bus Christmas Activities
- 22-2 Christmas Vacation – No School

### January

- 5 **End of 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks**
- 12 Energy Bus Day
- 15 Martin Luther King Day – No School
- 26 Energy Bus Day

### February

- 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

### March

- 3 JH & HS Choir Concert (Cabaret) @ 6 pm
- 8 Energy Bus Day
- 14 Academic Booster Pork Chop Dinners 4-6 pm
- 14 Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7:30 pm
- 15 **End of 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (8<sup>th</sup> grade only)
- 5 HS & JH Choir Concert @ 6pm
- 10 Energy Bus Day
- TBD** 8<sup>th</sup> grade Semester Exams
- 20-23 Energy Bus Week Activities
- 23 MS Field Day & Locker Clean Out
- 23 **End of 4<sup>th</sup> nine weeks**
- 24 Teacher Records Day (Make-Up Day)
- 24 Make Up Day if needed







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<http://www.fortrecoveryschools.org>

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

# October 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2 NO SCHOOL</p> 	<p>3 Macaroni &amp; Cheese Peas Strawberry Cup Bug Bite Crackers Milk</p>	<p>4 Tomato Soup/Crackers Grilled Cheese Carrots Assorted Fruit Cups Milk</p>	<p>5 Pizza Casserole Cole Slaw Cheesy Breadsticks Fruit Slushie Milk</p>	<p>6 Chicken Fajita/Spanish Rice Black Bean Corn Salsa/Chips Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa Cups Banana Milk</p>
<p>9 Tangerine Chicken/Rice Broccoli Fortune Cookie Mandarin Oranges Milk</p> 	<p>10 Hot Dog Baked Beans Baked Potato Chips Applesauce Milk</p>	<p>11 Pizza Rippers Corn Baked Apples Milk</p>	<p>12 Chicken Tenders Butter Bread Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk</p>	<p>13 Grilled Chicken Sandwich Spicy Sweet Potato Fries Apricots Milk</p>
<p>16 Chicken Fries Cooked Carrots WG Cookie Pears Milk</p>	<p>17 Hamburger Sandwich/Cheese Onion Rings Pineapple Milk</p>	<p>18 Popcorn Chicken Butter Bread Corn Mix Fruit Milk</p>	<p>19 Walking Taco Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa Cup Refried Beans Fruit Slushie Milk</p>	<p>20 Cheese Pizza Caesar Salad Tropical Fruit Milk</p> 
<p>23 Beef Ravioli Peanut Butter Bread Sweet Potato Fries Peaches Milk</p>	<p>24 Ham Sandwich Cowboy Beans Applesauce Milk</p>	<p>25 Sausage Links French Toast/Syrup Hash Browns Oranges Milk</p>	<p>26 Pepperoni Pizza Broccoli Fruit Crisp Milk</p>	<p>27 Chicken Tenders Butter Bread Green Bean Pears Milk</p>
<p>30 Hot Dog Baked Beans Applesauce Baked Chips Milk</p>	<p>31 Salisbury Steak/Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Apricots Milk</p> 	<p>Nov. 1 Sausage Patty Sandwich Spicy Sweet Potato Fries Pineapple Milk</p>	<p>2 Spaghetti/Meat Sauce Bread Sticks Cole Slaw Strawberry Cup Milk</p>	<p>3 Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza Caesar Salad Tropical Fruit Milk</p>

PB&J will be offered daily to 3rd-8th grade for an alternate sandwich.  
Fresh fruit and vegetables offered daily to 3rd-8th grade