

THE FITZ HERALD

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to Become Tomorrow's Leader**

DISTRICT NEWS

Message from the Superintendent

It is hard to believe that the first 10 weeks of the 2021-2022 school year have already been completed! The first quarter is always a busy time as staff and students are



learning about each other, establishing routines and learning expectations. This has been especially important for our students this year as we welcomed back many of our students for in person learning for the first time in about 18 months. Each of our buildings took time at the beginning of the school year to focus on building community and culture to welcome our Spartan students back. This initiative will continue throughout the school year to make sure that we are focusing on the needs of the whole student.

In addition to our focus on community building, we are also focusing on our curriculum and instruction. FPS has updated our 1-1 technology initiative where all students in grades K-12 have received an electronic device that they are able to take home with them each day. Our teachers are continuing to utilize the Google Classroom platform for student learning and communication. Students are focusing on goal setting using data from local assessments and working towards improving scores on upcoming benchmark assessments. We are also busy working on a math textbook pilot for our K-12 students, allocating our ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) Funds for student programming, and planning for many upcoming construction projects paid for through our 2019 Bond.

As we work towards regaining what a "normal" school year looks like, I think back to many of the lessons that we all have learned during the past year. One lesson I have learned is to be thankful for each day. As we approach the season of giving and gratitude, I know that Fitzgerald Public Schools is thankful for a strong community that supports our students, staff and each other. I hope that everyone has a safe and healthy holiday season and we look forward to all that 2022 has to bring!

Kimberly Pawlukiewicz
Superintendent

What is the Fitzgerald Foundation for Educational Advancement (FFEA)?

The Fitzgerald Foundation for Educational Advancement (FFEA) was created to provide funding for learning projects that support the long term vision of our district. In collaboration with Fitzgerald Public Schools, FFEA pledges to support as many projects as possible to provide opportunities where it may otherwise not exist. assist students, teachers and members of the Fitzgerald Community with enhancing learning opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. The FFEA works in partnership with Fitzgerald Public Schools by hosting special events to raise donations for programming needs throughout the school year.

2021-2022 FFEA Staff Mini Grants

The FFEA provided grants for special needs students to attend camp, NHS field trip transportation, programs recognizing student academic performance, Girls on the Run/Heart and Sole after school program, the FHS Clothes Closet, Vocational start up business making dog treats, 8th grade celebration, Environmental Studies Experience, Literacy through Play, Broadcasting equipment for students to livestream announcements, Math Madness competition, Senior class celebration, Creating adaptive books for students with disabilities. Thank you FFEA for making these valuable events and programs possible to our Fitzgerald students.



DISTRICT NEWS

MOANA

Performance Dates:

January 13, 14 & 15 at 6:30 pm

TICKET PRICES: Adults \$7 and Students \$5

If you have any questions contact
Mrs. Mulligan at rebmul@myfitz.net
or (586) 757-7070 ext. 1237



MIDNIGHT AT THE MASQUERADE

A MASQUERADE MYSTERY DINNER



Fitzgerald Foundation for Education Advancement Fundraiser Dinner:

Date: Friday, March 11, 2022 at 6 pm

TICKET PRICES: \$50 through EventBrite

Where: Vintage House, 31816 Utica Road, Fraser, MI

Purchase tickets at: <https://bit.ly/3FelZer>

If you have any questions contact:
Michelle Ridky at micrid@myfitz.net
or (586) 757-1750

DISTRICT NEWS

Trunk of Treat



On October 28th, Fitzgerald hosted a trunk or treat event. Fitzgerald families and faculty passed out candy to over 500 children. The transportation department decorated the inside of a bus in a "Frozen" theme. The kids loved going through the bus--complete with bubbles. A great time was had by all at this fun event!



DISTRICT NEWS

Parent Identification

Fitzgerald Public Schools is committed to the safety and security of our students. We continuously review our protocols and procedures and make adjustments in order to provide our students with a safe educational environment to learn and grow.

The district requires any adult that is picking up a student before dismissal to present photo identification upon arrival. In addition, students will only be released to the contacts that have been identified in our student database system, which is called PowerSchool. It is important that you relay this information to the emergency contacts you have provided to your child's school.

If you would like to update your child's contacts, please contact the building secretary where your child attends. We appreciate your continued support and cooperation. The safety and security of our students is a top priority.



Did you know Fitzgerald High School has a health clinic within the building?

The Fitzgerald Health Center is part of the Henry Ford Health System's Department of Pediatrics, School-Based and Community Health Program. The health center provides treatment of minor illness and injury, physical exams, immunizations (vaccinations), health education, confidential services, and mental health services including individual counseling. There are no out-of-pocket costs. Services are provided to youth through 21 years old regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. If your family needs health insurance, insurance application assistance can be provided. A signed consent form is required for your child to receive services. Influenza and COVID-19 vaccines are now available!



Normal hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30am-noon & 1pm-4pm, and Friday 8:30am-12:30pm.
Call the Fitzgerald Health Center at (586) 759-9070 to schedule

DISTRICT NEWS



FITZGERALD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.* You can participate in this free service just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number, 67587. You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “Stop”.

Opt-in from your
mobile phone
now!



*Please note your contact info must be correct in PowerSchool. If you have a new number, please contact your child's school for assistance in updating your contact information.

DISTRICT NEWS

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society (NHS) held an induction ceremony on November 11, 2021 and inducted the following new members:

Seniors – Class of 2022

Mashfia Akther
Luna Ferdausi
Aniyah Gray-Woods
Tahhia Mitha
Nowrin Rahman
Samiha Sarah
Ethan Veal

Juniors – Class of 2023

Anisha Chowdhury
Ayasha Chowdhury
Fahmida Chowdhury
Nafisa Chowdhury
Mohammed Kibria
Haneen Saleh
Shaima Shahanaz
Sheila Terrell-Webb
Crystal Yang

Congratulations to the following NHS members for their continued involvement:

Current NHS Officers

Samiha Rahman, President
Nhahreem Chowdhury, Vice President
Sumia Saleh, Secretary
Khaja Mahjabin, Treasurer

Current Members:

Mustafa Ahmed
Aiden Bachi
Hunter Fishpaw
Ifrat Jahan
Sumiea Laskar
Tawaffa Nessa
Farihah Nuzhat
Umme Nusrat Tasmi



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Apple Orchard Visit

The Great Start Readiness Program staff, students and families visited Blake's Big Apple on Thursday, October 14th. Children experienced a wagon ride through the orchards to pick apples! Students enjoyed many of the activities including the corn field maze, Straw Mountain, petting the animals and cider and doughnuts! Blake's also donated a pumpkin for every child to take home. A great time was had by all!



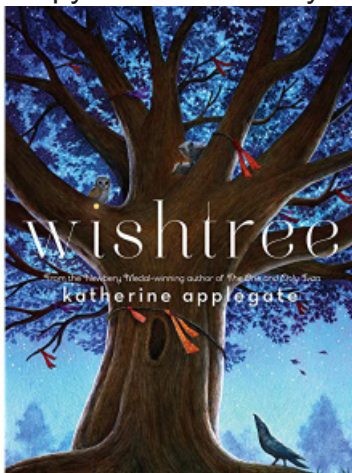
The students in Young 5's and Kindergarten walked to Shaw Park to notice the changes taking place as the seasons change. Students observed the colors changing, the squirrels gathering food, and the change in weather. Students were able to play at the park and have a wonderful time with friends!



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

One School One Book

Mound Park Elementary loves literacy and this year we are all committed to reading the same book through the program, One School, One Book. Yes, that's right, all students, staff, families, and community members were given a copy of "Wishtree" by Katherine Applegate.



Students attended a kick-off assembly where the book title was revealed. The students will be assigned nightly reading assignments and there will be daily trivia questions concerning the book. We can't wait to see what book they pick next year!



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Meet the new principal at Mound Park

Sharon D. Hampton-Madyun is our new Mound Park Principal! She obtained her bachelor and master's degrees in education at Wayne State University. She is currently working on her Doctorate at Central Michigan.

Mrs. Hampton-Madyun's previous work experience includes two years as a principal at Verona Elementary School in Battle Creek, 4 years as a Composition/English Language Arts teacher in Lincoln Park, 5 years as English/Language Arts teacher in Ypsilanti, and 6 years as an elementary teacher in Detroit. She was the founding co-sponsor of the community outreach for Families Against Narcotics working directly with Judge Clifton at Lincoln Park District Court to develop awareness of the prescription drug and opioid addiction crisis. Ms. Hampton-Madyun has several years of experience working as a literacy coach as well where she trained other teachers and conducted parent workshops.



On a personal note, Ms. Hampton-Madyun is married to a wonderful man and has three bonus daughters ages 18, 20 and 21. During her down time, she enjoys trying out new recipes and spending quality time with her family.

Fitzgerald Marching Band Performs Half-Time Show for School

The high school marching band went to Chatterton Middle School on October 8, 2021 and shared their half-time show and pep band music with all three elementaries and the middle school. The performance was well received by the students and the marching band had a great time performing for all the schools.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



Level Up Your Lanyard

This year our CMS students will focus on "Leveling Up" in all aspects of school, both academically and socially. Each department will have specialty beads that students can earn based on academic and soft skill goals for each quarter/semester. The office will also have specialty beads that students will earn based on goal setting rewards with State assessment proficiency, Code of Conduct behavior standards, and social skills. Students and staff will earn beads throughout the year and "level up" their lanyards together. Students will also have the option of trading in so many small beads for larger beads as a motivational strategy to keep them interested in all aspects of school. We will work together to build culture and community and are very excited to see those lanyards fill up!!!

Chatteron Clubs

- Juggling
- Student Government
- Art Club
- Girls on the Run
- Junior Honor Society
- Band
- Choir
- Drama
- Yearbook
- HOSA



LEVEL UP

your LANYARD

	All A's <small>Gold Pearl Star Bead</small>		ELA NWEA Proficient <small>Blue Star Bead</small>
	No Office Referrals <small>Black Pearl Bead</small>		Moby Max- Language <small>Solid Blue Bead</small>
	No Tardies <small>White Pearl Bead</small>		Completed Book Commercial <small>Transparent Blue Bead</small>
	Honor Roll <small>Multi Colored Glitter Bead</small>		No Missing Assignments <small>Glitter Blue Bead</small>
	Student of the Month <small>Blue Heart Bead</small>		Science NWEA Proficient <small>Purple Star Bead</small>
	Count Day <small>Hot Pink Transparent Bead</small>		Quarter I- C or Higher <small>Solid Purple Bead</small>
	Kindness <small>Red Heart Bead</small>		Chromebook Daily & Charged <small>Transparent Purple Bead</small>
	Cafeteria Behavior <small>Mulberry Bead</small>		2x a week Participation <small>Glitter Purple Bead</small>
	Good Sub Behavior <small>White Star Bead</small>		Current Event Presented <small>Solid Red Bead</small>
	Strye Star <small>Pink Glitter Star Bead</small>		Research Topic Presented <small>Transparent Red Bead</small>
	Math NWEA Proficient <small>Light Green Star Bead</small>		End of Unit Paragraph <small>Glitter Red Bead</small>
	Map Exercise Minutes <small>Solid Green Bead</small>		2 or Less Tardies <small>Solid Orange Bead</small>
	MAP Category Completion <small>Transparent Green Bead</small>		A Grade for Quarter <small>Transparent Orange Bead</small>
	90% Classwork <small>Glitter Green Bead</small>		S/O Citizenship for Quarter <small>Glitter Orange Bead</small>
	Most MAP Mins <small>Green Glitter Star Bead</small>		Dress for Gym <small>Pearl Orange Bead</small>

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Homecoming Events

The high school held their annual pep assembly, homecoming game and dance.

Homecoming Princesses: Alexis Lesh (12th), Ja'vonda Allen (11th), Armani Brown (10th) , and MyKayla Fultz (9th); Homecoming Queen: Brianna Baker (12th)



Board of Education Meeting Dates

All meetings will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Neigeaur Administration Building location at 23200 Ryan Road. Meetings for the 2021-2022 school year are Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13 and June 27. Any person with a disability needing special accommodations and/or assistance to participate in this meeting should contact Superintendent Kimberly Pawlukiewicz at (586) 757-1750 at least five days before the meeting.

Key Dates

Holiday Break - December 20-31, 2021
January 3, 2022 - Classes resume - full day of school
January 12 - PLC Early Release Day
January 17 - No School all students - Martin Luther King Day
January 19-21 - High School Early Release Day - Exams
January 20-21 - Chatterton Early Release Day - Exams
January 21 - All Students Half Day (Records Day)
February 2 - PLC Early Release Day
February 21-25 Mid-Winter Break
February 28 - Classes resume - full day of school
March 2 - PLC Early Release Day
March 10 - Teacher Conferences for CMS and FHS
March 16 - Teacher Conferences for Elementary School
March 23 - PLC - Early Release Day
April 4-8 - Spring Break
April 11 - classes resume
April 13 - PSAT Testing for grades 8-11
April 15 - No school all students
April 25 - M-Step testing for grades 3-7
May 3 - No School all students
May 4 - PLC Early Release Day
May 25 - PLC Early Release Day
May 27 - All Students Half Day - No School ECSE
May 30 - Memorial Day - No School
June 10 - High School graduation
June 15-17 - High School Exams
June 17 - Chatterton Exams
June 17 - Last day of school - All students half day

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instagram.com/FitzSchoolsMI

School Contact Information

Have a question or need to report your child's absence? Contact the main office of your child's school.

Schofield Early Childhood:	(586) 757-5150
Schofield Absence:	(586) 825-2153
Westview Elementary:	(586) 757-5520
Westview Absence:	(586) 825-2150
Mound Park Elementary:	(586) 757-7590
Mound Park Absence:	(586) 825-2146
Chatterton Middle School:	(586) 757-6650
Chatterton Absence:	(586) 825-0971
Fitzgerald High School:	(586) 757-7070
High School Absence:	(586) 758-0875

Employment Opportunities

Fitzgerald Public Schools is seeking qualified individuals for the following positions for the 2021-2022 school year:

Teachers: Elementary & High School Special Education Teachers, Elementary Music Teacher, 2nd Grade Teacher, 4th Grade Teacher

School Social Worker, Kindergarten Intervention Specialist, School Psychologist, Elementary Media Clerk, Paraprofessionals, Breakfast & Lunch Aids Custodians, and Bus Drivers.