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DISTRICT NEWS

Message from the Superintendent



It is hard to believe that the first 15 weeks of the 2022-2023 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. 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 continues our 1-1 technology initiative where all students in grades K-12 receive 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 implementing our new math curriculum for our K-12 students, allocating our ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) Funds for student programming, and continuing to plan for many upcoming construction projects paid for by our 2019 Bond.

In this 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 2023 has to bring!

With Spartan Pride,

Hollie Stange
Superintendent

Congratulations to our new and re-elected board members!

Congratulations to Mrs. Annie Covert on being re-elected to the Fitzgerald Public Schools Board of Education.

Congratulations to Mr. Ray Deloatch on his election victory. Mr. Deloatch is a parent of a Chatterton Middle School student. Welcome to the Fitzgerald Board of Education!

Thank you to Lori Eseman-Dreyer for 11 years of service on the Board.

2022 FFEA Staff Mini Grants



The Fitzgerald Foundation for Educational Advancement (FFEA) was created to 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. This year, the FFEA provided grants for special needs students to attend camp, year-book cameras, dramatic play materials for use by students in the Media Center, 2022-23 Student Council field trip, Theater group field trip at the Fox, Environmental Studies field trip-Biodiversity & Climate Change in Local Ecosystems, Visit to the Holocaust Museum, Multicultural Showcase Club event, Cranbrook Art Museum field trip, Lake St. Clair Biology Field Trip, Classroom library for 40 books challenge, All A Celebration, Care Closet, Girls on the Run, Class of 2023 Senior Party, Fitzgerald Model United Nations Overnight Trip. Thank you FFEA for making these valuable events and programs possible to our Fitzgerald students.

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Fitzgerald Family Picnic

Every year before the homecoming game, Fitzgerald Public Schools hosts a Family Picnic. We had a bouncehouse with slide, obstacle course, magic show, train, face painting, balloon animals, free books, and a delicious lunch provided by the Fitzgerald Food Truck. The weather was perfect and our Fitzgerald Families had a wonderful time!



Senior Citizen Luncheon

Fitzgerald Public Schools sponsored a Veteran's Day Luncheon on November 11, 2022 for our community senior citizens. We had approximately 80 people in attendance, including State Representative (and Fitzgerald Alumni) Lori Stone, Warren City Council Members: Patrick Green (President), Gary Watts (Vice-President), Mindy Moore (Secretary), Jonathan Laferty (Assistant Secretary), and Angela Rogensues (council member). We enjoyed a holiday lunch and played bingo. Students from Fitzgerald High School joined in the fun and helped make it memorable for our senior citizens.



DISTRICT NEWS

TRUNK OR TREAT



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Fitzgerald High School Band Visits Chatterton Middle School and the Elementary Schools

The Fitzgerald High School marching band visited Chatterton Middle School and the lower elementary schools. All the schools enjoyed the band's performance! The students at Westview Elementary School enjoyed marching with the band!



Did you know Fitzgerald High School has a **FREE** 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 an appointment or if you need additional information.

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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.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Apple Orchard Visit

The Great Start Readiness Program staff, students and families visited Westview Orchards in October! The children experienced a wagon ride through the orchards to pick apples and enjoyed fresh cider and donuts. A great time was had by all!



Fall Walk to Shaw Park

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!



Schofield Spooky Skate

Schofield families participated in our first ever Spooky Skate at Great Skate in Roseville! Students and families were able to come out and enjoy an evening of fun together. For many students, this was their first opportunity to learn to roller skate and they did a great job getting around the rink. Thank you to all of the families who participated and made this an exciting event for our students!



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Westview's Reading Trick or Treating event welcomed many of our Westview families for an evening of Halloween fun! Students trick or treated for candy at several stations around the school while parents joined in on the fun and gained several strategies and activities they could do at home to help their child practice their reading and writing skills. From potion writing to spooky story telling, Monster Mash recipe reading, and even directions to make a cauldron bubble with a secret recipe, our Westview families had a great time showing off their costumes and practicing their reading skills.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Fall in Love with Learning Event at Westview

The crisp air, tart cider, sweet donuts, and colorful leaves falling all around us are all symbols that Fall has begun in Michigan. Westview families had a great time celebrating at our Fall in Love With Learning event where families practiced reading, writing, and math games in a fun carnival style event. Complete with a petting zoo, carnival games, and prizes at each station, students worked with their parents to practice a specific math skill, reading comprehension skills, and writing with evidence at each of the carnival stations. Many thanks to our hard working Westview staff, FHS student council, and NHS volunteers who helped make this fun event a huge success for all!



Mound Park Field Trip

Students attended a performance by the Warren Symphony Orchestra at Warren Woods Middle School. Not only did the students enjoy themselves, but a member of the orchestra board also complimented our students on their manners and behavior! That's how Mound Park SPARTANS represent!!!



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Mound Park Outdoor Classroom

Mound Park students enjoy the new outdoor classroom. This is the afternoon reading intervention time, WIN (What I Need). The beautiful weather and great scenery is a welcomed change of pace!



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

CMS Sparty Cart

The Sparty Cart is a PBIS reward system in which students earn Sparty bucks to spend on the cart or at the school store. Teachers can sign up their classes for a visit from the cart for a variety of behavioral or academic reasons. Students can earn individual cart rewards or whole class rewards. Students are surveyed so the admin know what their favorites are and can stock the cart accordingly. Current student favorites include: mechanical pencils, Jolly Ranchers, Open Gym passes, and Spin the Wheel passes.



CMS Honors Veterans-Wall of Honor

The students and staff of Chatterton Middle School were excited to honor the many Veterans in our lives. We built a Wall of Honor to share our love and respect for the Veterans we know. Students completed sheets which included the Veteran's name, branch of military, picture or photo and interesting information. It is an honor to share them with our CMS community! Thank you to all Veterans for your service!

Donuts with the School Resource Officer

Every Friday six students are selected to enjoy donuts and juice during 2nd hour with our SRO, Jason Vandervord, in the main office conference room. Students enjoy asking questions about Officer Vandervord's family and the Warren PD. Officer Vandervord uses this opportunity to continue to strengthen connections with Chatterton students. Staff/student connections are important for the overall culture of our building so students feel comfortable and included.



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Homecoming Events

The high school held their annual pep assembly complete with tug-a-war, potato sack races, musical chairs, and more!



Homecoming Princesses Left to Right: Carla Segrest Brooks (12), Lena Traczyk(11), Tamia Moore (12), Shania Bell (12), Ka'Mora Lewis (10), Makyla Ramsey (9)

Manufacturing Day

High School Robotics and Intro to Engineering students visited local companies for the day to learn more about modern manufacturing careers. A huge thanks to Weldaloy Specialty Forgings and RCO Engineering for hosting our students and providing them with a hands-on, in-depth look into the field of manufacturing!



Media Students visit TV Warren

Fitzgerald High School Digital Media students spent the day at TV Warren. After a tour of the facilities they had a chance to try out the broadcasting equipment and run a practice news show. The students had an excellent time doing this work-based learning activity and can't wait to go back again next year!



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society (NHS) held an induction ceremony on November 15, 2022 and inducted the following new members:

Seniors – Class of 2023

Fahmida Aktar
Fahmida Begum
Tiana Gentry
Siddika Jannat
Fouzia Khan
Bushra Khanam

Juniors – Class of 2024

J'len Anderson
Jason Bachi
Alexa Barba
Valerie Carbary
Mahfuza Chowdhery
Faiyaz Chowdhury

Judan Chowdhury
Amare Johnson
Maria Khan
Shifa Khanom
Yasmin Mitha
Daliya Rahman

Congratulations to the following NHS members for their continued involvement:

Current NHS Officers

Haneen Saleh, President
Ayasha Chowdhury, Vice President
Mohammed Kibria, Secretary
Fahmida Chowdhury, Treasurer

Returning Members:

Anisha Chowdhury
Nafisa Chowdhury
Shaima Shahanaz
Sheila Terrell-Webb
Crystal Yang



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 remaining 2022-2023 school year are Jan. 9 Feb. 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12 and June 26. Any person with a disability needing special accommodations and/or assistance to participate in this meeting should contact Superintendent Hollie Stange at (586) 757-1750 at least five days before the meeting.

Key Dates

December 22-January 3, 2023 - Holiday Break
January 4, 2023 - Classes resume - full day of school
January 11 - PLC Early Release Day
January 16 - No School all students - Martin Luther King Day
January 18-20 High School Early Release Day - Exams
January 19-20 - Chatterton Early Release Day Exams
January 20 - All Students Half Day (Records Day)
February 1 - PLC Early Release Day
February 20-24 Mid-Winter Break
February 27 - Classes resume - full day of school
March 6 - All students - no school (Professional Development)
March 8 - PLC Early Release Day
March 14 - Teacher Conferences and half day for FHS only
March 15 - Half day for elementaries only/Teacher Conferences
March 16 - Teacher Conferences and half day for CMS only
March 22 - PLC Early Release Day
April 3-7 - Spring Break
April 10 - Classes resume
April 12 - PSAT Testing for grades 8-11
April 21 - No school all students
April 24 - M-Step testing for grades 3-7
May 3 - PLC Early Release Day
May 17 - PLC Early Release Day
May 26-May 29 - Memorial Day Break - No school
June 9 - High School graduation
June 14-16 - High School Exams - Early Release
June 15-16 - Chatterton Exams
June 16 - Last day of school - All students half day

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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
Westview Elementary:	(586) 757-5520
Mound Park Elementary:	(586) 757-7590
Chatterton Middle School:	(586) 757-6650
Fitzgerald High School:	(586) 757-7070

Please call the main office to report an absence.

Employment Opportunities

Fitzgerald Public Schools is seeking qualified individuals for the following positions for the 2022-2023 school year:

- High School and Middle School Special Education Teacher
- K-3 Instructional Mathematics Coach
- High School Physical Education & Health Teacher
- English Learners Paraprofessionals
- High School Security Guard
- Afternoon Custodians
- Bus Drivers
- Breakfast & Lunch aides