

New administrative offices dedicated; classes to move

Franklin City Schools held a ribbon cutting for their new administrative offices on June 26. The offices are in the back wing of the current Franklin High School, and have a dedicated entrance on the west side of the building. The mailing address is 754 E. 4th St., Franklin. See the map (below right) where the entrance to the admin offices is circled in red.

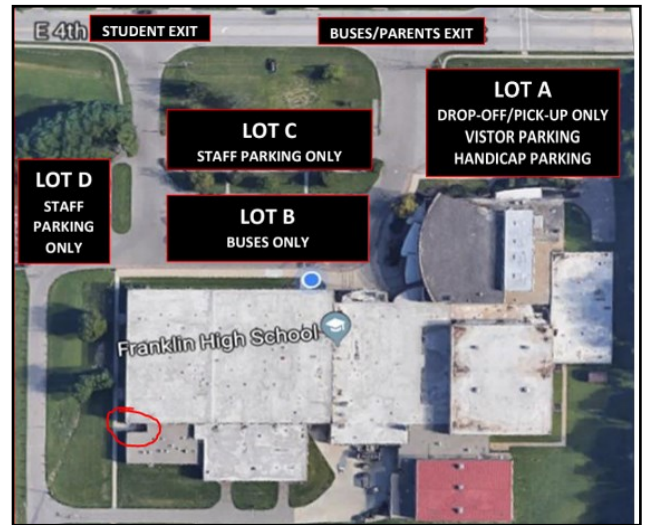
Construction changes are driving shifts in building configurations. **Hampton Bennett** is vacant and being readied for demolition. With HB's closing, and the new high school slated to open in early 2024, the Board has approved these dates/changes:

Preschool will move to **Schenck Elementary** for the '23-'24 school year.

One kindergarten classroom will move from **Schenck Elementary** to **Pennyroyal** for the '23-'24 school year.

The **Pennyroyal Elementary** campus will go offline June 2024; students will be housed in the modular campus (Buildings A and C) behind the 6-8 middle school in August 2024.

This is the last year 6th graders will be in the elementary buildings. Starting in August 2024, they'll be in the current high school, which is being converted to a 6-8 middle school.



Superintendent's message: Welcome back!!

Greetings from Franklin City Schools!

Welcome to another school year! We're excited to welcome grade 1-12 students on August 21, and Kindergarten students on both Aug. 21 (last name A through M) and Aug. 22 (last name N through Z).

We're also looking forward to kicking off a very exciting school year. In January, our new high school will come on line, the first of the new buildings in our district-wide construction project. This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime scenario: The last new classroom buildings came online 55 years ago, when the current high school and Pennyroyal Elementary opened in January 1969. Dedication is scheduled for Jan. 13 at 1 p.m. Many details are forthcoming; stay tuned! We look forward to seeing you!

When you visit the building, you'll see that the new high school's design includes features that honor our district's past. For example:

- ◆ the brickwork's color and pattern are reminiscent of the old high school's exterior.
- ◆ archways on the bridge recall the arched windows at the old high school.

- ◆ graduating class composites, which have been hanging in Hampton Bennett and in the theater lobby of the current high school, will be displayed throughout the building.
- ◆ the bridge between Hampton Bennett and the old high school is being replaced with a much wider bridge that will be formally named the Robert Hanum Bridge. A plaque on the surface will include an explanation of who he was (a member of the FHS Class of 1947) and why the bridge was/is named for him.

Open House/Meet the Teacher

Thursday, August 17

FHS and FJHS: 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Elementary buildings: 5:30 to 7 p.m.

As new buildings come online, construction will drive several changes in building configurations. See the article above for more info about where students will be. One thing the community should be aware of: For this school year, high school winter sports (wrestling, boys basketball, and girls basketball) will still be at the current high school. An installation delay for an air handler at the new building will require us to minimize crowds in the new high school gym.

Our high school students have an exciting new opportunity. Franklin is now one of six districts to partner with Miami Regionals in their Early College Academy. (Continued on page 8)

Important District Information

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Anthony Wayne Elementary (937) 743-8640

Gerke Elementary (937) 743-8650

Hunter Elementary (937) 743-8655

Pennyroyal Elementary (937) 743-8660

Wm. C. Schenck Elementary (937) 743-8665

Welcome Center Central Registration Office (937) 743-8602

The latest district news

For the most up-to-date information about district news and happenings, follow our district on its social media pages.

Instagram: fcswildcatpride (District)

Facebook: facebook.com/FranklinCitySchools/

Website: franklincityschools.com

LinkedIn:

Twitter handles are:

@HunterElemNews

@PennyroyalElem

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@Schenck_Elem

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Enrolling your child in school

You may enroll your child in school at the Franklin City Schools Welcome Center Registration Office, 754 E. 4th St. (new district admin offices). Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For your convenience, and to minimize waiting time, a parent/guardian must contact the Welcome Center Office to schedule an appointment to complete the registration process in person.

In addition to your completed registration packet, the following documents must be provided for enrollment in the Franklin City School District:

- Original Birth Certificate
- Custody Papers/Court Ordered Placement (if applicable) (Divorce Decree, date stamped and signed by judge/magistrate). Note: If you are in the process of acquiring custody, you must have documentation from the court confirming legal proceedings have been initiated. There is a 60-day legal completion process for the student to continue enrollment at Franklin City Schools.
- Shot/Immunization Records
- Parent/Guardian Driver's License
- Proof of Residency (Rental/Lease agreement, Settlement Statement, Land/Purchase Contract, Copy of Deed, Electric or Water Bill. Items listed are the only items that will be accepted.)
- IEP/504/MFE (if applicable)
- Transcript from previous school attended (Grades 9-12 only)
- Social Security Card

When all documents have been verified you will be directed to contact your child's assigned school building to complete the enrollment process for orientation, scheduling, and transportation. You may also be required to complete additional building forms.

We want to make your child's first day a positive experience, therefore, we need time to prepare for him/her to join our classes. Due to scheduling and transportation, students enrolled may start the day after registration requirements have been met.

If your child has any medical issues that need to be addressed, please contact the building nurse prior to the start of school.

Senior Citizen activity passes

Senior citizens (age 62+) living in the Franklin City School district may pick up a pass in the Superintendent's office (754 E. 4th St.) that will allow them to attend school-sponsored activities at no charge.

Residents should take a drivers' license with them to confirm their address. The pass never expires and is good for any home game (excluding tournaments) and high school plays.

Fall Varsity Sports

Varsity Football All games at 7 p.m. Home games in bold.

8/11 Franklin vs. Miamisburg
 8/18 Franklin vs. Bishop Fenwick
 8/25 Franklin vs. Marion Local
9/01 Franklin vs. Big Walnut
9/08 Franklin vs. Chaminade Julienne
 9/15 Franklin vs. Carlisle
 9/22 Franklin vs. Monroe
9/29 Franklin vs. Bellbrook (HOCO)
 10/06 Franklin vs. Ross
10/13 Franklin vs. Edgewood
10/20 Franklin vs. Brookville (Senior Night)

Girls Varsity Tennis Home games in bold.

8/07 Franklin vs. Xenia
8/09 Franklin vs. Fairmont
8/10 Franklin vs. Piqua
 8/14 Franklin vs. Madison
8/17 Franklin vs. Valley View
 8/23 Franklin vs. Dixie
8/24 Franklin vs. Monroe
 8/29 Franklin at Bellbrook
8/31 Franklin vs. Ross
 9/05 Franklin vs. Clinton-Massie
9/06 Franklin vs. Carlisle
9/09 Franklin vs. Madison
9/11 Franklin vs. Greenvew
 9/12 Franklin vs. Edgewood
9/13 Franklin vs. Dixie
 9/18 Franklin vs. Carroll
 9/19 Franklin vs. Brookville
 9/20 Franklin vs. Waynesville

Cross Country (Coed)

8/19 OSHAA Invitational, 10 a.m.
 8/26 Bob Schul Invitational, 9 a.m.
 9/02 Running Warrior Invitational, 8 a.m.
 9/16 Cedarville Invitational, 10 a.m.
9/20 Steve Peters Invitational, 5 p.m.
 9/23 Fairmont Firebird Invitational, 9 a.m.
 9/30 Saturday Night Lights, 5 p.m.
 10/14 SWBL Championship, 9 a.m.
 10/21 Southwest District Championship, 9 a.m.
 10/28 Southwest Ohio Regional Championship, 10 a.m.

Girls Varsity Soccer Home matches in bold.

8/04 Franklin vs. Dixie
8/09 Franklin vs. Fairmont
8/12 Franklin vs. Dayton Christian
8/17 Franklin vs. Preble Shawnee
8/19 Franklin vs. Valley View
 8/22 Franklin vs. Eaton
 8/24 Franklin vs. Edgewood
 8/29 Franklin vs. Monroe
8/31 Franklin vs. Bellbrook
 9/05 Franklin vs. Carlisle

9/07 Franklin vs. Ross
9/11 Franklin vs. Madison
9/12 Franklin vs. Edgewood
9/18 Franklin vs. Middletown
9/21 Franklin vs. Monroe
 9/26 Franklin vs. Bellbrook
 9/28 Franklin vs. Fairborn
10/03 Franklin vs. Ross
10/05 Franklin vs. Xenia
 10/10 Franklin vs. Brookville

Girls Varsity Volleyball Home games in bold.

8/14 Franklin vs. Clinton Massie
8/17 Franklin vs West Carrollton
 8/21 Franklin vs. Oakwood
 8/22 Franklin vs. Valley View
8/24 Franklin vs. Hamilton
 8/28 Franklin vs. Dayton Christian
 8/29 Franklin vs. Monroe
8/31 Franklin vs. Bellbrook
 9/05 Franklin vs. Carlisle
 9/07 Franklin vs. Ross
9/09 Franklin vs. Preble Shawnee
 9/11 Franklin vs. Dixie
9/12 Franklin vs. Edgewood
9/16 Franklin vs. Batavia
 9/18 Franklin vs. Middletown
9/21 Franklin vs. Monroe
9/23 Franklin vs. National Trail
 9/25 Franklin vs. Stebbins
 9/26 Franklin vs. Bellbrook
9/28 Franklin vs. Ross
10/02 Franklin vs. Milton Union
10/07 Franklin vs. Madison
 10/09 Franklin vs. Edgewood
10/12 Franklin vs. Waynesville

Varsity Golf

8/03 Ryder Cup at Beechwood
 8/08 Miamisburg Invitational at Pipestone
 8/09 Franklin at Goshen
 8/10 Brookville Invitational

8/14 Edgewood at Franklin
8/15 Carlisle at Franklin
 8/17 SWBL at Sugar Valley
 8/22 SWBL at Walden Ponds
 8/23 Franklin at Monroe
8/28 SWBL at Franklin
 8/30 Franklin at Brookville
 8/31 Franklin at Edgewood
 9/05 SWBL at Brown's Run
9/07 Miamisburg at Franklin
 9/11 SWBL at Pleasant Hill
9/12 Monroe at Franklin
 9/14 Franklin at Carlisle
 9/18 Franklin at Miamisburg
 9/20 SWBL at Beechwood
9/28 Goshen at Franklin
 10/02 Sectionals at Yankee Trace

Boys Varsity Soccer Home games in bold.

8/08 Franklin vs. Dixie
 8/09 Franklin vs. Norwood
 8/15 Franklin vs. Fenwick
8/17 Franklin vs. Preble Shawnee
 8/19 Franklin vs. Valley View
8/22 Franklin vs. Eaton
8/24 Franklin vs. Edgewood
8/29 Franklin vs. Monroe
 8/31 Franklin vs. Bellbrook
 9/05 Franklin vs. Carlisle
9/07 Franklin vs. Ross
9/11 Franklin vs. Madison
 9/12 Franklin vs. Edgewood
 9/18 Franklin vs. Middletown
 9/19 Franklin vs. Goshen
 9/21 Franklin vs. Monroe
9/26 Franklin vs. Bellbrook
9/28 Franklin vs. Fairborn
 10/03 Franklin vs. Ross
 10/12 Franklin vs. Xenia

These were the schedules at press time. All schedules subject to change.



Connecting with Wildcats Athletics is easy

The Franklin Athletics department has made it simple for Wildcats fans to stay up-to-date about all things related to sports, e-sports, color guard, and band with both a new website and a new app for smartphones.

The website, www.gowildcatathletics.com, has info about schedules, rosters, news, events, and more.

Additional activities, such as music and theater, will continue to be added.

The website is also linked from www.franklincityschools.com, the district's main website. The free app is available in both the app store and Google play and can be found by searching for Franklin Wildcats.

News from Franklin City Schools

FHS Drama Club nabs 33 awards at MVHSTA showcase

FHS's drama program was in the spotlight as the program received 33 awards at the Miami Valley High School Theatre Awards Showcase on June 6. The event celebrated student achievement in theatre in our region during the 2022-2023 school year. Twenty-six high schools are MVHSTA members.



dress in a Musical for *The SpongeBob Musical*

- Braydin Bales: Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical for *The SpongeBob Musical*

- Theo Hoskins: Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Play for

Blithe Spirit

- Savannah Coomer: Outstanding Student Prop Design for *The SpongeBob Musical*

FHS productions earned the following awards:

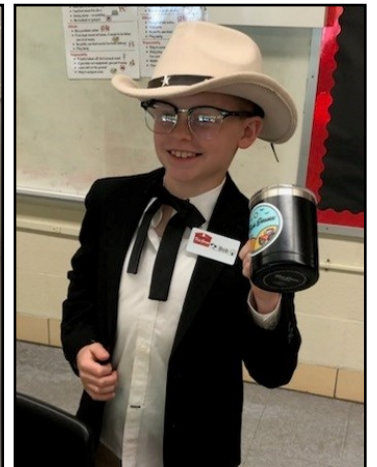
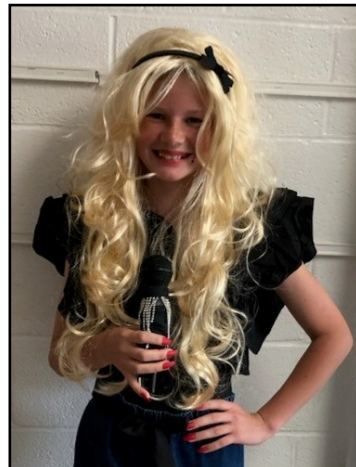
- Outstanding Production of a Musical: *The SpongeBob Musical*
- Outstanding Production of a Play: *Blithe Spirit*
- Outstanding Ensemble in a Play: *Can't Stop the WROK* and *Blithe Spirit*
- Merit for Production of a Play: *Can't Stop the WROK*
- Merit for Ensemble in a Musical: *The SpongeBob Musical*

Outstanding Awards for Actors and Actresses

- Jake Eyink and Rafe Norgaard: Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical and Jimmy Nomination finalist for *The SpongeBob Musical*
- Grace McGuire: Outstanding Lead Actress in a musical and Jimmy Nomination finalist for *The SpongeBob Musical*
- Savannah Albaugh, Zoe Back, and Jessica Sprout: Outstanding Lead Actress in a Play for *Blithe Spirit*
- Jessica Sprout: Outstanding Lead Actress in a Play for *Can't Stop the WROK*
- Colson Littrell: Outstanding Lead Actor in a Play for *Blithe Spirit*
- Ella Kittel and Cheyenne Raby: Outstanding Supporting Ac-

Merit Awards for Actors and Actresses

- Zoe Back: Merit for Lead Actress in a Musical for *The SpongeBob Musical*
- Colson Littrell: Merit for Lead Actor in a Musical for *The SpongeBob Musical*
- Colson Littrell: Merit for Lead Actor in a Play for *Can't Stop the WROK*
- Isadore Karrick and Theo Hoskins: Merit for Lead Actress in a Play for *Can't Stop the WROK*
- Nolan Defrates: Merit for Supporting Actor in a Musical for *The SpongeBob Musical*
- Zoe Back, Grace McGuire, and Cheyenne Raby: Merit for Supporting Actress in a Play for *Can't Stop the WROK*
- Ella Kittel: Merit for Supporting Actress in a Play for *Blithe Spirit*
- Josh Hamilton: Merit for Supporting Actor in a Play for *Blithe Spirit*
- Savannah Coomer: Merit for Stage Management of both *Can't Stop the WROK* and *Blithe Spirit*.



In May, **Schenck Elementary** fourth and fifth graders presented a Wax Museum. The fourth graders researched famous Ohioans and the fifth graders researched a famous person.

News from Franklin City Schools

Outstanding Alum: Dr. Rick Chamberlain



Dr. Rick Chamberlain, known to many area residents as just Dr. Rick, is a 1978 FHS graduate, a member of the Franklin City Schools Hall of Fame, and was named the Citizen of the Year by the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce in 2016. He graduated from Georgetown College in Kentucky with his B.S. and went on to Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Athens. He did his internship and residency at

Grandview in Dayton.

Rick said that his Franklin education set him on the path to being a physician. "I had a great education at Franklin. Mr. John Hensley taught chemistry and my first year in college was mostly review from what I learned in his class. Mr. Bob Smith taught physiology in such a way that I became fascinated with the human body and decided then I wanted to be a physician." He decided early that he wanted to be in family practice. "During medical school I was good at procedures and surgeries and was encouraged to follow a path along those lines—orthopedics, general surgery, etc.—but I wanted more long-term relationships with my patients and families."

He also knew that he wanted to come back to Franklin to practice medicine. "Dr. Jack Little's partner, Dr. Stamper, passed away

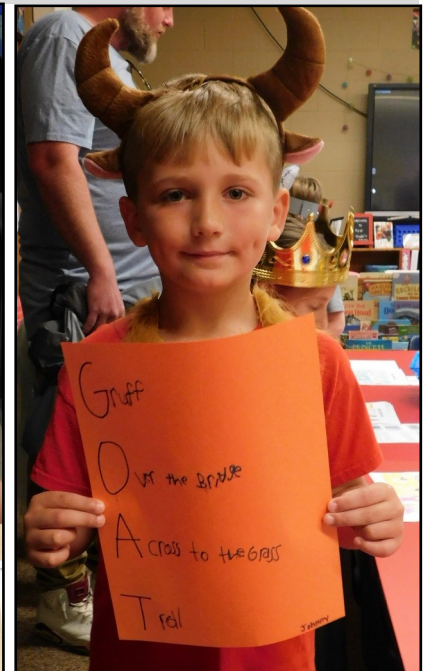
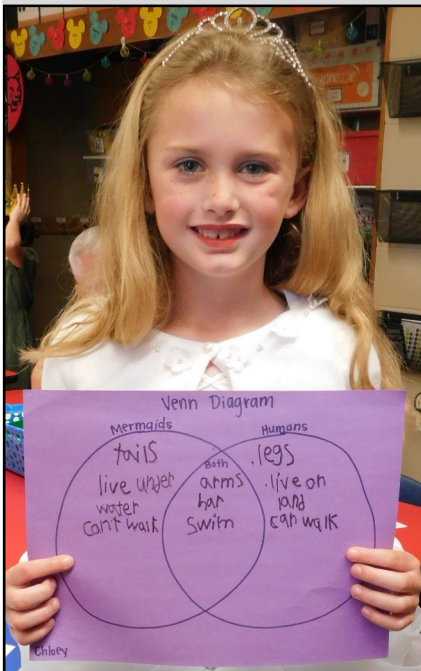
my freshman year of medical school and Dr. Little waited for me to join his practice. I would come back to Franklin during medical school and trained with Dr. Little and helped him as Team Physician during this time for the Wildcats."

Rick says he cherishes the long-term relations with my patients and families. "This is probably what I cherish most, is being involved with entire families—from birth to end of life issues. I have now taken care of kids whose parents were just kids when I started in practice."

When asked whether he remembered being involved in any crazy pranks, Rick said, "In 8th grade my close friend Jamie Wines (FHS 1978 and also a physician at Harvard doing research) and I got into trouble in Mr. Wayne Ellison's science class and Mr. Ellison told us we were going to get paddled. At the time we had been studying earthworms in his class. Jamie and I did not want to miss football practice because we would also get in trouble from our coaches. We begged Mr. Ellison not to paddle us and [said that] instead we would [each] eat a worm. He agreed, but we had to have our parents sign a note (we may have had a signed note, but not saying whether or not our parents actually signed it!). So Jamie and I fried up our worms on the Bunsen burners and both of us ate the worms and we didn't get paddled or miss football practice."

If you know an outstanding graduate whom we should profile in this newsletter, please email your suggestion to communications@franklincityschools.com.

Hunter first grade classes presented a Fairy Tale Finale to share a project regarding various writing genres. Students dressed like a character from their favorite fairy tale and showed off their writing samples which included comic strips, posters, Venn diagrams, and poems.



News from Franklin City Schools

Meet a Wildcat!

Several new staff members are joining us this fall: Please join us in welcoming these folks to the Wildcat family!



Brayden Bertsch, Tech Department, describes his family as being very patriotic, says he's eager to meet everyone and to have a great time. He added that he's a bowler and would love to talk bowling with you!



Stacy Falcone joins the district as the assistant principal at **Franklin High School**. She's married to her high school sweetheart; they have two children and live in Beavercreek. She said she wants to be part of "creating a safe, innovative, supportive, and comfortable place for students to learn and for teachers to educate."



Kassidy Lauer is joining the district as an intervention specialist at **Pennyroyal Elementary**. She and her husband Rob have been married for eight years and have two children. Kassidy, who has been teaching for ten years, has a degree from Wittenberg. She loves

working with students and celebrating their accomplishments with them and said she is "excited to get to know the students, staff, and the community at Pennyroyal. Go, Wildcats!"



Amanda Moore is joining the Wildcat family as an intervention specialist at **FJHS**. She lives in Lebanon with her husband and their two children. Amanda graduated from FHS and Northern Kentucky University, and looks forward to returning to the community where she grew up. She said that her "kindergarten and second grade teachers helped develop my passion to become an educator. I

would like to help current students develop passions for their future."

Tyler Jewell (picture not available) is joining the district as an intervention specialist at **FJHS**. He and his wife Chelsea have a daughter, two dogs, and 12 chickens that are "a big part of our family." Tyler, who attended Grand Canyon University, said "It's my passion to help students reach their goals." He looks forward to being a part of the Franklin community.



Alison Stewart will be teaching Special Education at **Franklin High School**. She is a graduate of FHS and Ohio University; Alison is from a family of Franklin graduates and her mother Jenny was a Franklin teacher. Alison said, "I love helping and working with children. I'm excited to be back at Franklin (she taught at the Kindergarten building for five years) and teach life skills/job readiness."



Hayley Saylor will be teaching 8th grade English at **FJHS**. Hayley, a graduate of Miami U., has two children who keep her busy and noted that her sister Katie Deaton also works for FCS. Hayley said she's excited to work in Franklin "because the staff has been SO kind and I believe in the mission of Franklin schools!" Hayley said she works in education to help kids understand themselves and the world through reading and writing.



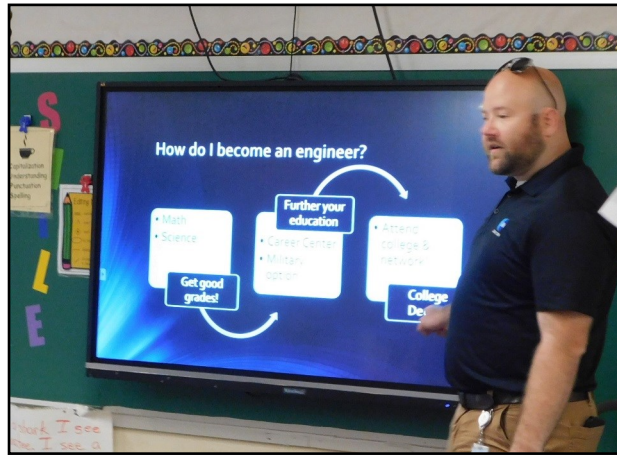
Garrett Luther is the new assistant principal at **Franklin Junior High**. He has an undergrad degree from Ohio State and a Master's from Wright State. He and his wife, who teaches first grade in Eaton, have two toddlers. Garrett said he strongly believes in public education and helping all students reach their goal; he added that he enjoys working with colleagues to come up with exciting and fun ways to engage students.



Samantha Wandersee is joining the **FJHS** staff as a guidance counselor. She's a graduate of Anderson University and has a bachelor's from U of Dayton. She said she's excited to be joining a supportive community and has a goal of creating an environment where every child can succeed. Samantha said, "As educators we get to mold the next generations, and I want to help these next generations reach their full potential so the world can become a better place."

New staff hired after this newsletter's deadline will be profiled in the next issue.

News from Franklin City Schools



Gerke students explored jobs and careers at their annual career day. Seventeen speakers covered topics as diverse as working with animals to law enforcement, fire fighting, public service, politics, engineering, college, and many more.

During Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, **Pennyroyal** welcomed guests from the Warren County Board of Developmental disabilities. Adam Jones (WCBDD Community Relations Coordinator) and Andy Mitchell and Kelley Castle (Voices and Speaking Out Advocacy members) shared a special reading of the children's book *Strictly No Elephants* followed by a class discussion on kindness and friendship.

The book is the story of a young boy and his pet elephant who get turned away from a pet club for being different. The boy befriends another pet owner who was turned away from that same club. Together, they decide to create a club of their own where everyone is welcome, no matter what!

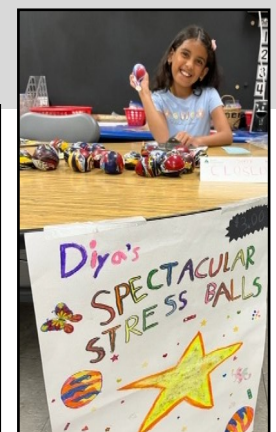


In May, **FJHS** students had a financial literacy lesson via Real Money, Real World. RMRW, under the auspices of The Ohio State University Extension office, is an interactive simulation on budgeting and lifestyle choices. Per their website, it's designed to increase participant awareness related to:

- How the type of job affects how much income can be earned.
- The level of education needed to get the job desired.
- The amount of money deducted from paychecks for taxes, other withholdings, health insurance, and retirement.
- How financial institutions help with personal money management.
- What it costs to maintain a household.
- What it costs to care for a child.
- How every spending decision affects other spending opportunities.



Anthony Wayne 3rd graders showed their entrepreneurial spirit during a market day where they sold products they had designed, produced, and advertised. The bottom picture shows AW field day fun.



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Twenty-three FHS juniors were accepted to the Academy. Students will graduate with both a high school diploma and an associate's degree from Miami Regionals. High school students will have a dedicated student lounge and counselor but will be in class with the regular MUM student population.

The program enhances our College Credit Plus program, creating an avenue for students who want to earn their high school diploma and associate's degree simultaneously.

The Early College Academy is possible because our levy renewed in May. We are incredibly grateful to taxpayers who overwhelmingly supported us. Funds from the levy allow us to continue initiatives that are vital to our students and community: Chromebooks, all-day Kindergarten, this newsletter, and more.

We are excited to welcome several new staff members and administrators to the Wildcat family including new assistant principals at the high school and junior high. You may learn more about our new staff in the Meet a Wildcat article on page 6.

As always, if you have questions or concerns about Franklin City Schools, don't hesitate to contact me at (937) 746-1699 or msander@franklincityschools.com.

Sincerely,
Dr. Michael D. Sander, Superintendent



754 E. Fourth St.
Franklin, OH 45005

Bus Driver Incentive

FCS has openings for bus drivers and is offering incentives: a sign-on bonus and paid training.

Sign-On Bonus for new drivers: Anyone newly hired as a bus driver for FCS after July 1, 2022, is eligible for a new-employee bonus of \$1,500, which will be paid in two equal installments: \$750 after six months as a bus driver and \$750 at the one-year anniversary of hiring as a bus driver.

Paid Training: Up to 40 hours of paid training, paid at the six-month anniversary of employment as a bus driver.

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply in the FCS Business Manager's Office at Franklin City Schools Administrative Offices, 754 East Fourth St., Franklin, OH 45005.

In addition, any current FCS employee is eligible for a staff referral bonus. Any employee who refers an individual who is hired as a bus driver for FCS is eligible for a \$1000 referral bonus, which will be split into two equal installments, \$500 after the new driver completes six months of employment with FCS as a bus driver, and \$500 after the new driver completes one year of employment with FCS as a bus driver.

