

Fairlawn Local Schools  
18800 Johnston Road  
Sidney, Ohio 45365

### Community Resource Available: Shelby Hills

#### *Early Intervention in Shelby County*

The Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities (SCBDD) offers a **free** Early Intervention (EI) program to residents of Shelby County. The program is for children who are not yet age 3 and who are found to have a developmental delay in at least one of the following areas: communication, emotional/social skills, motor skills, cognition or self-help skills. The evaluation is completed by the Early Intervention Team and, based on the results of this evaluation and an assessment of the family's needs, a plan is written and services are started for the child.

Children enrolled in the Early Intervention Program will have a service coordinator assigned to their case and the service coordinator can be reached by calling (937) 498-2185. The SCBDD has a full time speech therapist, occupational therapist and two developmental specialists on staff to meet the needs of the child and family. They contract with a physical therapist for intervention in the area of gross motor skills. The EI program is a natural environment program that focuses on coaching the parents and caregivers; meaning, we will come to your home or a location in the community to meet with you and your child. We will give strategies that can be used in everyday life activities and routines to assist with the child's development. The team will do on-going evaluations to monitor progress and identify needs.

If you would like to make a referral for a child to the EI program, please call the Central Intake number 1-800-755-4769 or you can complete a referral online by going to <https://ochids.odh.ohio.gov/public/refer>. This referral will be sent to the Shelby County Team and someone will then be in contact with you to get more information and schedule the evaluation. The Shelby County Board of DD's Early Intervention Program will work seamlessly with the Fairlawn Local Schools for transition to preschool when the child exits the EI Program at age 3. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact the SBDD EI Director, Nancy Stiefel at 937-638-6763 or the EI Service Coordinator Supervisor, Diann Rodrigues at 937-658-6819. Shelby Hills works with Fairlawn Local Schools to create a seamless transition to preschool services.



# Fairlawn Flyer

### A Message From Our Superintendent

Welcome to spring!! It is exciting to have more days of 'spring-like' weather throughout our weeks, but now and again, we are reminded that the cold and winter weather can return. Fortunately, the harsh winter weather does not return for long.

Our spring sports season is getting into full swing! We want to wish our spring sport athletes and coaches our best in their upcoming events! We are excited to see them compete and to see the progress they make throughout their season. We look forward to seeing our student athletes, coaches and fans exhibiting pride and sportsmanship this season. GO JETS!!

#### Fairlawn Board of Education Goals for the 2023-2024 School Year

1. Provide a safe and secure campus for our students and staff.
2. Engage our school district's students, families, and community by improving our communication to provide up to date information, events, achievements, etc.
3. Speak to our successes and recognize the efforts of staff members; encourage an increase in presentations at board meetings and attend student activities or performances.
4. Continue to ensure that the district's curriculum and guidance programming is promoting and preparing college and career ready graduates.
5. Monitor the current student enrollment trend, the purchasing and spending of the district, and the effects associated with the school district's funding and budget.

#### 2024-2025 Fairlawn School Calendar

The 2024-2025 Fairlawn School Calendar was adopted and can be found on our website. Click on 'Parent/Student,' then go to 'Resources'. You can also click the link under 'Information' and 'Yearly Calendar.' The calendar was also recently sent in a Final Forms email to families.

#### Youth Sports Organization / Athletic Boosters Meeting / QR Code to Complete Survey

The next meeting of the Youth Sports Organization and the Athletic Boosters will take place on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Fairlawn cafeteria. Potential agenda items may include: review of by-laws, identifying potential officer candidates and sign-ups for spring sport concessions.

If you are interested in completing the survey for the Youth Sports Organization or the Athletic Boosters, please use the QR code to the right. **Thank you** to all families who have completed the survey so far!!

Fairlawn Youth Sports  
Organization Family Survey



*Continued on Page 2*

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION

John Holtzaple, Superintendent  
Sarah Huelskamp, President  
Natalie Sturm, Vice-President  
Hope Abke  
Mike Henman  
Donald Leckey  
Keith Doseck, Treasurer

The Fairlawn Local School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, color, religion, national origin, handicap or age in its education, activities, admissions, or employment policies as required by Title IX of Education Amendments of 1972, Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Executive Order 11244 and all its amendments. Any violations of this policy should be referred to the Administrative Action Officer for Fairlawn Local School District, Principal at 937-492-5930.

Continued from Page 1

**Power To Rise – District Culture Statement**

We are moving closer to having a District Culture Statement related to the phrase ‘Power to Rise.’ Through the input of numerous stakeholders, which include students, staff and community members, we have developed the standards and behaviors which are listed on the chart below. The final step is to take these standards and behaviors and develop outcomes. A good way to describe an outcome is to ask the question, ‘What do these standards and behaviors look like to each student and adult in the district?’ The intent is to identify these outcomes and then post examples to teach and reinforce the standards and behaviors throughout the school. It is important for the students and staff at every grade level to understand what these outcomes look like so they can be carried out.

<u>Standards</u>	<u>Behaviors</u>	<u>Outcomes</u>
<b>Responsibility</b>	1) Taking ownership of our actions, words and thoughts.	?????
<b>Resiliency</b>	1) Maintaining confidence in the face of challenges. 2) Focusing on solutions.	?????
<b>Integrity</b>	1) Doing what is right even when no one is watching 2) Being honest and doing our work.	?????
<b>Synergy</b>	1) Working together for the benefit of all!	?????
<b>Effort</b>	1) Giving your best today!	?????

During this time of year, the expression ‘sprinting through the finish’ is very appropriate. It can be used for our spring sports, but it also can apply to everyone as we finish the school year. As we embark on the last nine weeks of school, please remember the importance of ‘sprinting through the finish’ and living out these important life standards (Responsibility, Resiliency, Integrity, Synergy and Effort). These standards are important for students, athletes and adults to show, not just in sports and school, but in all aspects of our lives. The standards we expect of ourselves should be implemented with consistency and discipline. Our standards should not be determined by what others say or do, or by how our day goes. We always have control over the standards we live, our attitude, our effort and our responses to the events of life.



**Fairlawn Participates in Kindness Week**

As part of the week’s activities, elementary students participated in coloring/bookmark contests. The following students were chosen as winners...

- |                                                   |                                                             |                                                 |                                                                       |                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Pre-K</b><br>Huntleigh Smith<br>Ariana Burdiss | <b>Kindergarten</b><br>Isabella Fernandez<br>Fiona Blakeman | <b>1st Grade</b><br>Rylee Skags<br>Lena Everett | <b>2nd Grade</b><br>Joylynn Heath<br>Caleb Keener<br>Arabella Kimbler | <b>3rd Grade</b><br>Luke Wooten<br>Lorena Rosales |
| <b>4th Grade</b><br>Azearra Matthews              | <b>5th Grade</b><br>Lillian Hughes                          |                                                 |                                                                       |                                                   |

On **Tuesday**, students were “Caught Being Kind”:

- Pre-K:** Ron-Dell Phelps, Theo King and Jude Huelskamp
- Kindergarten:** Hayes Rohrer and Fiona Blakeman
- First:** Maddox Lewellen and Lena Everett
- Second:** Brayden Duke
- Third:** Olivia Driskell
- Fourth:** Jase Gillum, Jared Perdue, Maecie Depinet, Sidney Johnson, Addi Trapp, Connor Worley, Qwen Smith, Kenley Miller and Braxten Krepfle
- Fifth:** Reese Huelskamp, Emily McDonald, Matt Siegel and Brooklyn Frey

On **Wednesday**, our theme was "Be Kind and Lend a Hand" where students decorated a hand. At the end of the week, we saw all of our hands coming together in an artwork.

Students participated in “Secret Missions” on **Thursday**, where they performed a random act of kindness throughout the day during school.

On **Friday**, we concluded our week when students "Sprinkled Some Kindness" by guessing how many candy hearts were in the jar. The winning guess was 142 by Aleha Schutte in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The total number of candy hearts in the jar was 141.



**Community Resource Available:**



PEOPLE FOR A HUNGER-FREE FUTURE:  
To bring hope for changed lives by providing groceries to at-risk families.

**Agape**  
209 Brooklyn Avenue  
Sidney, OH 45365  
Monday - Thursday: 10am-2:45pm  
Saturday: 9am-11:45am

Phone Number:  
(937) 498-4368

A person may shop twice a month. Bring valid ID and a bill or other mail showing current address (within last 30 days) to each visit.

For more information and/or questions - <https://agapedistribution.org/>

## Time To Order Your Yearbook!

Here is a sneak peek at the covers of the Elementary and High School Yearbooks! Take a trip through space to remember this school year with us! Don't forget to order your yearbook now, with Mrs. Holland in Room 123 if you want to pay with cash/check. If paying with a check, please make checks out to "Fairlawn Local Schools". If you want to pay with a card, you can order online. To pay online, just click on the links that are found on the school website. High school books (Grades 6-12) are \$50 and elementary books (Grades Pre-K-5) are \$20.



## FCCLA Raises Awareness

Julia Smith, along with fellow Fairlawn FCCLA members, Mya McGill and Katrina Little, created an FCCLA project which raised awareness about seatbelt safety and encouraged students to wear their seatbelts. At Fairlawn Locals Schools, the students started promoting their project on January 8<sup>th</sup>, and plan on continuing to do so until the end of the year. These students wanted to ensure that they can help keep student drivers safe and form healthy habits they can practice their whole life. These students created a recorded interview with Mr. Gump, who was involved in an automobile accident, that was shown to all students. For the younger grades, they handed out candy and asked questions to keep the younger kids engaged. As part of their project, the FCCLA members created a survey to see the seatbelt statistics at their school and plan to do more surveys to see how their project impacted students. To help with seatbelt awareness, they participated in a spirit week that had themes related to driving and traffic safety. Lastly, the students created posters with seatbelt slogans and hung them around the school entrances. The posters acted as a reminder to students to always wear their seatbelts.



## Fairlawn Musical Success!

Fairlawn Drama presented *DO YOU WANNA DANCE?* on March 22 - 24, 2024. According to Music Theatre International (MTI), "*Do You Wanna Dance?*" is a '90s-themed jukebox musical, featuring such well-known songs as 'Dancing in the Streets', 'Bust a Move', 'How Sweet It Is' and 'Walking on Sunshine'." The story takes place in SnapHappy, Ohio, where the people of that town fight a "dance tax" being imposed on the town. There were 30 students from grades 6 - 12 working on, or performing in, this show. Thank you to all of those who came out to support these amazingly talented and hard-working artists!



## Bravo to Our Honor Band Students

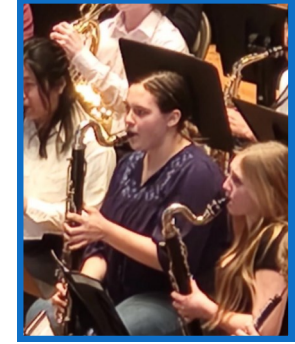
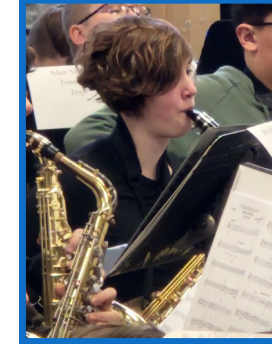
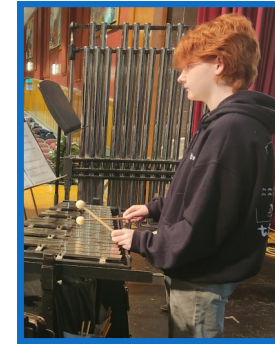
Congratulations to band students: Adelaide Dearth, Piper Gingrey, Cam Long, Ellery Mathis, Cali Morris, Relissa Mills, Hailey Sparks, Lilly Scherer, and Emma Wilson! All NINE students were selected to participate in various honor band events over the last few months. Some of the positions were achieved through competitive auditions, and ALL of these students put in diligent efforts to earn their place for each group.

Relissa Mills competed for a spot in the OMEA District XI High School Honor Band and was selected to perform in the percussion section based on her stellar audition! Piper Gingrey was also nominated and selected to play tenor saxophone in the OMEA District XI Middle School Honor Band. The OMEA District Honor Weekend included top notch students from our surrounding counties. Both the HS and MS groups, along with the Honor Jazz Band, performed the featured concert on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, Piper Gingrey and Emma Wilson performed at Ohio Wesleyan University for the two-day OWU Honor Band Festival event. Piper was selected to play tenor sax with the Bishop MS Honor Band and Emma was selected to play bass clarinet with the Red and Black MS Honor Band. These two ladies were able to perform with groups of around 90 members each! The festival also included a High School and Percussion Ensemble.

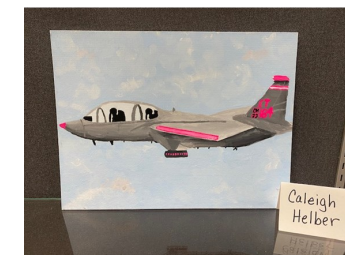
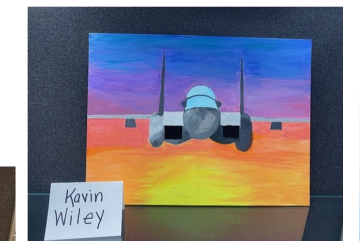
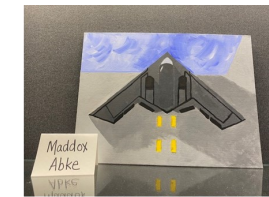
Our next honor band will be the Shelby County Middle School Honor Band event, held at Anna High School on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. All of our nominated Fairlawn students were selected to perform! Performers include: Adelaide Dearth – Flute, Cam Long – Tuba, Ellery Mathis – Clarinet, Cali Morris – Trumpet, Hailey Sparks – Flute, Lilly Scherer – Alto Saxophone and Emma Wilson – Bass Clarinet.

Congratulations to all!



## High School Art Soars!

High school art students completed a perspective project, with each student painting a jet. Congratulations to Julia Smith, Kavin Wiley, Caleigh Helber, Kanon Kitahara, and Maddox Abke for mastering this project with craftsmanship and skill.



## FFA Banquet

This year, the FFA banquet was held on March 19<sup>th</sup>. At the banquet, the Fairlawn FFA recognized many chapter and community members, including those who received their Discovery, Greenhand, Chapter, State, and American FFA degrees. Participants in this year's CDEs, as well as the winners of this year's fruit sale, were also acknowledged. Congratulations to Amanda Roush who won this year's raffle prize, which was a TV! The seniors were given a farewell, and the new officers were installed. The 2024-2025 officer team includes Grace Huelskamp as Student Advisor, Amanda Roush as Sentinel, Sarah Patten as Reporter, Cassie Heath as Treasurer, Amelie Phillips as Secretary, Addison Weigandt as Vice-President, and Maddox Abke as the 2024-2025 FFA Chapter President! The Fairlawn FFA would also like to thank Vick's Country Cooking for providing dinner. The banquet displayed the many achievements of Fairlawn FFA, and the growth that is yet to come in the hands of the new officer team.



## Honorary Chapter Degree Recognition

John Stekli, High School Principal at Fairlawn, is this year's Honorary Chapter Degree recipient. Mr. Stekli was recognized at the FFA banquet on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Stekli is very supportive of the FFA program here at Fairlawn and his approval of FFA events, like the multitude of CDEs, assemblies, and fundraisers, is what allows this program to really thrive. The Fairlawn FFA is very grateful for Mr. Stekli and what he has done for our program. With the help of Mr. Stekli, the Fairlawn FFA Chapter has been able to grow into the strong chapter that it is.



## FFA Greenhouse Accepting Flower Pots

The Fairlawn FFA Greenhouse is currently accepting your flowerpots for the Greenhouse and Nursery Management class to fill for May pickup. Drop off your empty pots in the greenhouse any time with a note of colors that you prefer and a contact number. The FFA students will create your planters and will take care of it in their heated greenhouse until May. Get a jump on your neighbors and have the best-looking flowerpots on the block. The greenhouse will be opening for flower purchases on April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8-4 with limited weekend hours. Sales will end May 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Sailor at 937-492-5930 ex 125.



## American FFA Degree Recipients

The Fairlawn FFA chapter had two American FFA Degree recipients this year. The American FFA Degree is the highest degree achievable in the National FFA Organization. Darcy Maxson and Meredith Hageman will both be attending the 97<sup>th</sup> annual National FFA Convention this October to receive their degrees.

## State Dairy Judging CDE



This year, sixteen Fairlawn FFA members competed at the State Dairy Judging competition on March 28<sup>th</sup>. At the contest, members were asked to place dairy cows based on their udder, bone structure and production factors. Those members participating at the state level were Maddox Abke, Trey Sparks, Lorelai Chambers, Liliana Phillips, Amelie Phillips, Coley Christy, Drake Huelskamp, Caleigh Helber, Lilly Cathcart, Lani Clemons, Amanda Roush, Ethan Elliot, Jaydon Huelskamp, Miah Huelskamp, Addison Weigandt, and Olivia Green.



Maddox Abke, Ethan Elliott and Jaydon Huelskamp made up the 2024 Ag Mechanics CDE team. The Ag Mechanics CDE is a team event that challenges the competitors to read measuring tools, solder wires, and identify countless tools and engine parts. They were also asked to identify electrical wires and calculate voltage drop between load connections.

## State General Livestock Judging CDE

There were four Fairlawn FFA members who competed in the State General Livestock Judging CDE on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. At the judging contest, students were asked to evaluate, place and answer questions about beef cattle, hogs, sheep and goats. Congratulations to Grady Allen, Grace Huelskamp, Cassie Heath and Ryleigh Werling for their hard work, dedication, and amazing performance at the state level!



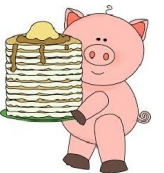
## State FFA Degree Recipients

This year, the FFA had two State FFA Degree recipients. Liliana Phillips, a senior, and Miah Huelskamp, a junior, both were recognized for their achievements at the FFA banquet. They will receive their degrees at the State FFA Convention on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## Senior Scholarship Pancake Pig-out

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Fairlawn FFA is hosting their Pancake Breakfast from 7:30-11:00 a.m. in the high school cafeteria. Meals are \$8 per person with children 5 and under eating free with the purchase of a parent meal. Breakfast includes all you can eat pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and hashbrowns. A complimentary beverage of juice, milk or coffee will be offered with your meal. Come out and help support the Fairlawn FFA and the Senior Scholarship.



## Ag Mechanics CDE