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...Every day, Everyone Learning and Adapting to Excel in a Changing World

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Mr. Chapman's Update

Dear Fredericktown Families and School Community,

Driving daily to school I pass the sign that reads **Fredericktown: A Community of Opportunities**, and I am reminded that those opportunities begin in our schools. Fredericktown schools have built a strong foundation that provides outstanding K-12 programming, courses, and an overall student experience. As we "adapt to excel in a changing world," we understand the need to continue creating opportunities for our students that expose them to different learning paths, focusing on their strengths and interests that keep them engaged, excited, and motivated to learn.



In this issue, we highlight the Project Lead The Way (PLTW) engineering program currently offered to our high school students. PLTW creates an engaging, hands-on classroom environment to empower students through STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) courses. The program's courses engage students in compelling real-world challenges that help them become better collaborators and thinkers, preparing them for their future.

In addition, we also recognize the achievements of our FFA program, as relevant now as it has been for decades. We are all so familiar with the blue jacket and what it represents. The program's evolution takes our kids to the next level of achievement through leadership, personal growth, and career success through scholarship and agriculture education.

The strength and heritage of the Fredericktown Community are a catalyst in creating opportunities and positive outcomes for our students and schools. Thank you for your support and being such an integral part of our student's success.

Go Fredgies!

Attention Freddie Fans....

The Outstanding Freddie Fan Award is Here!

The Fredericktown Athletic Boosters, are pleased to announce that **Brenda Harris** has been selected to be the 2022 Outstanding Freddie Fan of the Year! She is being presented this award in honor of her dedication to Freddie sports. A multi-generation Freddie fan who has attended events for 30+ years. These range from her children's sports participation to the sports her grandkids have played in over the years. She is always available to help behind the scenes with organizing team meals and fundraisers, in addition to the many other little things

that may go unnoticed. She is a great cheerleader in the stands and always a positive influence, win or lose, for our athletes. She regularly goes the extra mile to encourage our athletes. Wow! Thank you, Brenda!

The Outstanding Freddie Fan award is given in memory of Dale Suzanne Peterson who passed away at 15 in a tragic car accident following a Fredericktown basketball victory on February 18, 1994. Dale was a leader, a class officer, National Honor Society member, softball player and varsity cheerleader. Her beauty, energy and involvement characterizes the award that bears her name.



Ask the School Board.... What makes Fredericktown such a great place?

Fredericktown is a great place to raise a **family** because we are a **small, caring community** that has a great **school system** and **wonderful people** who live here!

- Candi Gallagher



Fredericktown is a great place because of the **people!** We have a wonderful, supportive community!

- Nate Bellman

After growing up in Toledo, Fredericktown is a **"slice of heaven"**. It is a great place to live and raise a family

- Don Falk



I think Fredericktown is a great place to live because it has **small town values**.

- Todd McClay

Fredericktown is unique with its celebration of **history** and **community spirit** through the preservation and maintenance of its historic buildings and landmarks.

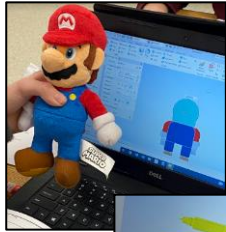
- Paul Napier



Project Lead the Way is Leading the Way



The Project Lead the Way program at Fredericktown are STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) centric classes that empower students to step into the role an engineer while still in a high school classroom. The program's courses engage students in compelling, real-world challenges that help them become better collaborators and thinkers. We hope that students take from the courses in-demand knowledge and skills they will use not only to further their education, but for the rest of their lives, on any career path they take. Approximately 12,000 elementary, middle, and high schools in all 50 states offer Project Lead the Way programs, and we are lucky enough to have one here at Fredericktown, led by Jessica Webb.



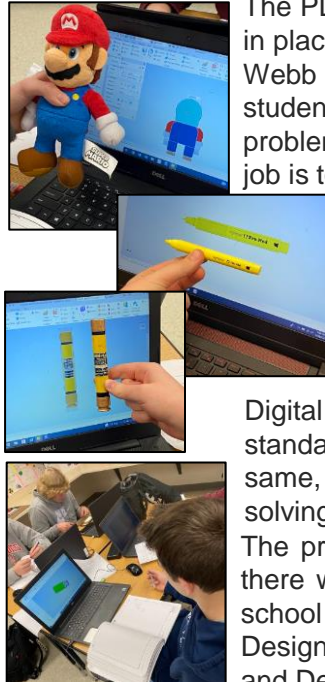
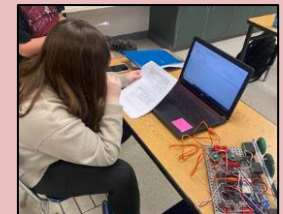
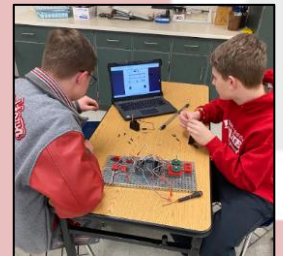
The PLTW classroom somewhat operates at a "work at your own pace" mindset with certain deadlines in place, but with the flexibility to allow for more growth or curiosity as needed. The major focus for Mrs. Webb is creating transportable skills and preparing these students for life outside the classroom. The students often collaborate with others, communicate their efforts, and learn to adapt to solving problems without her aide. She is still teaching, just not as a traditional instructor would, much of her job is to facilitate, drive the dialogue but allow the students to try and deliberately fail. From failure

comes the ultimate learning and success.

Projects that come out of the PLTW classroom certainly generate interest. Ms. Webb's favorites? It depends on what class. In her Engineering Design class, the students create an "American Ninja Warrior" course. Each student creates a part, then as a group they assemble them, working together to create smooth transitions. Or her

Digital Electronics class who will build, wire, and code a toll booth to state standards. Will it work when the car pulls up?! No two projects are ever the same, but all encouraging creativity, teamwork, leadership, and problem solving among the group.

The programs are currently high school level classes, but starting next year, there will be a middle school offering to create more excitement for the high school classes. PLTW class offerings include Introduction to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering, Digital Electronics and Engineering Design and Development.



Classroom Supply Chain and Music Fun!

The first graders in Mrs. McClay's class are learning the supply chain from end-to-end, starting with an assembly line project. Driven by the economics unit they're studying, they will learn about assembly lines, producers and consumers, and hopefully saving money. Their output was beautiful Valentine Butterflies that they will sell at the first grade store.



Music teacher Mrs. Overholt brought rag time to Mr. Kruger's 4th graders! They played a cup passing game to the song "Favorite Rag" by Scott Joplin. Students not only studied the famous composer's biography, but they also were learning about musical form, steady beat, rhythm and cooperation with their classmates.



She then worked with Mrs. Harvey's Kindergarteners teaching a circle game to the song "Ha Ha This a Way"! Students worked with a partner as they moved around the circle, learning about musical form and how musical phrases can be the same and different.

Ha-ha, this-a-way, ha-ha, that-away
Ha-ha, this-a-way, then, oh, then!

Safety is Always Top of Mind

When School Resource Officer (SRO) Wade Duston come to work each day in our schools, he knows that in his role, he will have the opportunity to play many parts. The National Association of School Resource Officers summarizes his role as: educator (i.e., guest lecturer or trainer), informal counselor/mentor, and law enforcement officer. Each day he can find himself involved in one or all those things, long after graduation.



Officer Wade always wanted to be in law enforcement. While still in high school at East Knox, he was given the opportunity to be the intern for the Knox County Sheriff's Office, from his first day on the job he felt a kindred spirit with the other members of the force. He knew he had found his place and that solidified his future career path. After graduation, he attended Central Ohio Technical College for law enforcement technology, followed by the police academy. While there, Officer Wade received the Thomas Cottrell Award for Character and Dedication, the highest honor given to a cadet to celebrate their academic success and overall leadership and character.

He joined the Fredericktown force in 2020 and moved to the district for the 2021-22 school year. A move he is glad he made. "As an SRO I work in collaboration with schools to provide a safe and secure learning environment. Some of my duties include acting as a liaison between law enforcement and the school, providing security for school functions, providing safety education and prevention programs, monitoring the school's environment for any potential safety or security issues, and responding to emergency and security incidents."

Security aside, making a connection with the students and being a positive role model to them are the most important parts of his job and were the central reason for him initially applying for the position. He felt that as a younger officer, he would be able to better relate to the issues and concerns that our students may have.



Officer Wade also makes sure all our teachers are prepared in case of an emergency. We are the only school in the county that is ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) certified. Ensuring that our staff is as prepared as possible to proactively handle the threat of an intruder or active shooter. His interaction with the student body does not stop with keeping them safe in the



building. Officer Wade teaches our high school students the detriments of drunk driving with "drunk goggles", he provides safety plans in case of emergencies, he starts the discussions about the negative impact of drug use, and he is always available to talk about the potential of a career in law enforcement and having the opportunity to be impactful to a school community long after graduation.

Freddie FFA Excels in District 7 Public Speaking Contest

Raegan Blanchard, Austin Frazier, and Chloe Wells represented the Fredericktown FFA in the 2023 District 7 Public Speaking competition, and they all excelled.

Raegan participated in the Beginning Prepared Speech Contest. She wrote a 5-7-minute speech and recited it to the judge's word for word. Her topic centered around educating others on the differences between eastern and western horse-riding. Grading was based on voice clarity, eye contact, time, and subject. Raegan placed 8th in the district.

Chloe competed in the Extemporaneous contest, also placing 8th, with a silver rating. In the Extemporaneous contest, members draw a topic, and receive 30 minutes to prepare and present a 4-6-minute speech in front of the judges, followed with a Q&A session about the topic. Her topic was regarding Biotechnology in Agriculture.

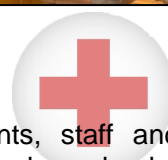


Raegan Blanchard, Chloe Wells, and Austin Frazier (L to R)

Placing 6th in the Novice Creed Speaking contest, Austin joined all the 9th grade members in their first year of FFA, reciting the creed and answering a variety of questions about its meaning, and how it has maintained its relevance, even in today's changing society. Great job by All!

Thank you High School National Honor Society Members Helping to Save Lives!

The Fredericktown National Honor Society earned the Premier Partner Badge from the American Red Cross! So far this school year, their blood drives have collected over 116 units of blood, helping to save almost 350 lives!



Thank you to all our students, staff and community who donated blood, and who gave their time to help with the drive. **You are making a difference to so many!**



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