Welcome to the 2020-2021 School Year!

We have had a very busy spring and summer preparing for the 2020-2021 school year. A BIG thank you to the staff for their resiliency, focus on the educational needs of our students, and their willingness to collaborate on the many changes we have made. The start of the school year has been AWESOME. Each and every one of us were eager to see our students. We are thrilled they are learning each and every day. Here are a few highlights of our progress.

Homecoming: On September 25, Fredericktown High School had its Homecoming game and Fifth Quarter Activity. Congratulations to senior Summer Weller who was elected Homecoming queen. Also on the court were seniors Natalie Baker, Elena Bender, Jacklyn Nussbaum, and Kelly Sapp. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, we could not have a traditional dance so we had a Fifth Quarter. Over eighty students attended. There was line dancing, corn hole, prizes, and croquet under the lights at the stadium. Our students were excited and happy to be there.

Online Learning: The Fredericktown 2020-2021 Online Digital Academy program is off to a good start. Students in the ODA program have done a wonderful job of completing assessments and working and staying on task for the first nine weeks. Students at Fredericktown have appreciated the accessibility of online classes. They can work at any time of day and anywhere that has Internet access. It provides them with a flexibility they normally wouldn’t have in a traditional setting. The students have commented on having a sense of freedom and ownership over their education.

Technology: We have already distributed over 800 chromebooks to grades 3-12 for the districts 1:1 program. We will continue on to Grades K-2 when our remaining backordered Chromebooks in December. Many of the Chromebooks were purchased with CARES Money from the Federal Government.

The district has also recently completed an upgrade to their wireless network in the K-12 building to help accommodate all of our new Chromebooks. Over 60% of the cost of this project will be reimbursed to the district over the next 6 year through the district’s participation in the FCC/USAC Federal eRate program for schools and libraries.

PBIS at Elementary: The Elementary PBIS committee met to organize for the school year and to make adjustments to the process to include improvements discovered through valuable professional development that was provided last year through a
partnership with the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio. The team discovered that some of the adjustments that will need to be made will be embedded in the building plan for continuous improvement.

The team has a renewed commitment and energy that has created some excitement with the staff and students. We will continue to focus on citizenship, accountability, respect and empathy (CARE) and will focus lessons on one of these items each week. Our incentive system will incorporate the use of “Freddie Wings” that students can earn for incentives and we have scheduled our Kindness Challenge, CARE awards, and other items to promote a positive environment within the building.

One of the most important aspects of a great PBIS program is the incorporation of student leadership within the system. I’m happy to share that for the first time ever at the elementary level, the PBIS committee has devised a way to include student council in the process.

**Building Safety:** We now have most of the items that were on order at the beginning of the year on hand. Face masks, face shields, and alcohol wipes are in stock. Mask lanyards have been distributed. We have 5 disinfecting sprayers on hand now, so we can cover a lot more ground with them. The HVAC filters have been changed out this month. The only things that are still slow coming in are the hand sanitizer dispensers, and we have them in about half of the classrooms right now. We will install the rest as they continue to come in.

**Varsity Show:** Congratulations to the band on a terrific Varsity Show last night. Special thanks to Katie Metz and Jessica Overholt for all of their hard work this season!

**Course of Study:** We will be doing an English Language Arts course of study review for grades 6-12 this school year. We will be meeting 1 day a month November through March. The goal is to review the Ohio ELA Learning Standards, current curriculum, best practices, test prep, text books, materials, and resources. Dates will be coming out soon.

**Positivity Award:** The positivity award was given this week to Jim Nussbaum and Sierra Blase. Congratulations!
Sports:

Cross Country: The cross country teams have been doing very well. This past weekend at Pickerington Elsa Hoam won the girls race and the team finished in second place. Thomas Caputo won the boys race and the team finished in first place. Thomas also set the school record earlier this year.

Golf: The boys and girls golf teams competed this past week in the Sectional tournament. Will Streby and Ian Muka also competed in the District tournament this Thursday in Granville.

Volleyball: Volleyball will start tournament play in two weeks. Senior night is October 17th against Centerburg. They will also be doing a bake sale and gift basket raffle for the families of Leah Staton and Delaney Rothgeb.

Football: Football has a playoff game on Saturday, 7:00 PM, at Elgin.

Meet and Greet: Adam Brown (Athletic Director and MS/HS Assistant Principal)

1. How many children do you have?
   1 child, Addison she is in the 6th grade

2. Do you have any hobbies?
   Sports, fishing

3. Are you a morning person?
   Not at all

4. What is your favorite outdoor activity?
   Fishing

5. Do you play sports?
   Used to play football, basketball, & track & field

6. Do you watch sports?
   Yes, I enjoy watching anything competitive

7. Friday night: staying home or going out?
   Stay at home

8. Coffee shop, restaurant, or fast food?
   Restaurant

9. Do you prefer wearing casual or formal clothes?
   Casual

10. Would you rather go to the movies or stay home with Netflix?
    Go to the movies

11. What's your favorite movie?
    Dumb and Dumber and Tommy Boy
12. What’s your favorite TV show?
   *Seinfeld*

13. Comedy, horror, drama, romance, or action?
   Comedy

14. Do you like watching cartoons?
   Sometimes

15. Facebook or Twitter?
   Twitter

16. Do you know any foreign language?
   Very little Spanish

17. What foreign language would you like to learn?
   Spanish

18. What is your favorite animal and why?
   Tiger, I’ve always liked the way they look

19. Do you have any pets?
   Yes, quite a few. Dogs, cats, bird, fish, chinchillas, and a rabbit. My daughter has goats, chickens, and horses as well

20. Do you like to read?
   Depends what it is

21. E-book or paper book?
   Paper

22. Who are your favorite authors?
   I don’t really have one. I typically read more articles or listen to podcasts now

23. What is your favorite book?
   *The Winners Manual*

24. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when grew up?
   Teacher and football coach

25. Did you have a role model when growing up?
   My dad and my uncle

26. What are your favorite toppings on a pizza?
   I like everything, including pineapple