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DISTRICT NEWS FROM FAIRVIEW PARK CITY SCHOOLS
SPRING/SUMMER 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

- **JULY 4**
Independence Day
District closed - EEC Childcare closed
- **JULY 16**
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Fairview High School Warrior Room
6:30 p.m.
- **JULY 25-28**
Fairview Park Summerfest
Bohlken Park
More info at fairviewsummerfest.com
- **AUGUST 20**
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Fairview High School Warrior Room
6:30 p.m.
- **AUGUST 22**
First Day of School for Grades 1-12
- **AUGUST 26**
First Day of School for Kindergarten & DAP
- **SEPTEMBER 2**
Labor Day
No School for Students or Staff
EEC Childcare Closed
- **SEPTEMBER 3**
First Day of Preschool
- **OCTOBER 4**
Homecoming Weekend
Football vs. Chagrin Falls, 7:00 pm

FOR A FULL LIST OF SCHOOL CALENDAR EVENTS
FAIRVIEWPARKSCHOOLS.ORG/CALENDAR

A year of success and a future filled with possibilities

As we conclude this academic year, I want to acknowledge our staff and students' hard work and dedication. This year's successes are a testament to our collective commitment to excellence in education, aimed at preparing our students for their future endeavors.

To the recent graduates of the Class of 2024, you have completed a significant milestone in your lives. Armed with an education from the Fairview Park City Schools, you are now well-prepared for the challenges of the workforce, higher education, or military service. We are proud of your achievements and confident in your ability to navigate the future.

This summer, we invite the entire community to join us at Summerfest, scheduled for July 25-28 in Bohlken Park. Our staff will be present at the Fairview Park City School District tent with activities and giveaways throughout the weekend. We welcome the opportunity to meet with you, discuss any questions you may have, and enjoy this fantastic community event together.

We hope everyone finds time to unwind, enjoy, and enrich themselves this summer while making memories with loved ones. Our team is already busy planning for the 2024-2025 school year. We look forward to welcoming our students back and another exciting year of learning and achievement. Thank you for your continued support of our schools.



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In May, the Innovation Center at Fairview High School hosted the Fairview Park City School District Creative Arts and Design Showcase. The showcase highlighted creative work from all grades, including art classes, STEAM programs and extracurricular activities. Traditional drawings, paintings, ceramics, metalworking, mixed media, 3D artwork, engineering designs and public art pieces were proudly displayed.

Parkview Early Education Center earns five-star rating for seventh consecutive year

In May 2024, the Parkview Early Education Center celebrated a tradition of excellence for the seventh consecutive year.

Since 2018, the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) has awarded the EEC with a five-star Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) rating. It is the highest rating a preschool or childcare center can receive in Ohio.

According to their website, SUTQ "recognizes and promotes learning and development programs that meet quality program standards that exceed preschool licensing and school-age child care licensing health and safety regulations."

"The state comes in and looks at all of our paperwork," Assistant Childcare Coordinator and SUTQ manager Jen Sposit said. "The paperwork shows how we meet every standard. [DEW] also observes the classrooms, and they have their own rating scale called the OCOT (Ohio Classroom Observation Tool), where they see if things are being met in each of their criteria."

Other aspects measured in SUTQ include family engagement and communication. Sposit noted that the EEC schedules parent-teacher conferences and uses regular communication methods like SeeSaw.

In addition, staff professional development is essential to maintaining a high SUTQ rating.



The Preschool, Toddler, and DAP teams at the Parkview Early Education Center.

"Every teacher needs to do at least ten hours of professional development a year," Sposit stated. "We ask them to do more, and you can get extra points for it. So, we asked all of our teachers and our aides to do at least 15 hours of professional development this year. It could be on behavior, early literacy, math, or anything they are really interested in learning more about."

"It's the staff that did all of this, and Jen," Childcare Coordinator Susan Morrison noted. "She's the Step Up guru, and she did amazing at getting all of this organized and prepared, making sure they had everything, and double-checking what they were doing."

"This accomplishment speaks volumes about their commitment to creating a nurturing and supportive learning environment for all students," Superintendent Keith Ahearn reflected. "Every day, the staff at the EEC goes above and beyond to ensure students receive the highest quality of care and education."

NEWS FROM AROUND THE FAIRVIEW PARK CITY SCHOOLS



BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM EARNS FIRST DISTRICT TITLE IN SCHOOL HISTORY

On March 8, the Warriors defeated Cuyahoga Heights 49-46 in the Division III district final of the OHSAA tournament to advance to the school's first ever Sweet 16 regional semifinal. Key performances by Burke Lowry, Will Allen and Nolan Davis, along with crucial defensive efforts, secured the victory despite a last-second attempt by Cuyahoga Heights to force overtime.

FHS SENIOR EXCELS IN BOTH INDOOR & OUTDOOR TRACK

In March, Tyson Crandall '24 earned a state championship title in the 800m at the OATCCC Indoor State Track Meet in Wooster. In May, Crandall was a regional champion in the 800m, and finished third in the state at the OHSAA outdoor track meet. His time of 1:53.72 is a new school record and he finishes his career as a 4x All-Ohio runner. Photo (L-R): Coach Ryan Graff, Tyson Crandall '24, and coach Jennifer Dahler.



TREASURER'S OFFICE RECOGNIZED BY AUDITOR OF STATE

In April, Ohio Auditor of State Keith Faber's office recognized the Treasurer's Office with an Award of Distinction for its clean audit and excellence in financial reporting. This commendation highlights the district's commitment to maintaining high standards of financial transparency and accountability. In May, the Ohio Senate and House of Representatives issued separate proclamations congratulating Treasurer Rob Showalter and the district for this achievement.



DERBY DASH CELEBRATES RECORD BREAKING YEAR

The ninth annual Gilles-Sweet Derby Dash celebrated its most successful year yet with 855 individuals participating in the 5K race or 1K walk on May 18. Since 2014, this event has raised over \$100,000 in funds to support students and programs at the elementary school.



Congratulations!

CLASS OF 2024

- » 131 graduates
- » 35 Summa Cum Laude
4.00 GPA or higher
- » 14 Magna Cum Laude
3.75 to 3.99 GPA
- » 8 Cum Laude
3.50 to 3.74 GPA
- » 36 Diploma with Honors
- » 40 Polaris graduates
- » 19 National Honor Society
- » 5 AP Capstone diplomas

» COLLEGE CHOICES

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| Allegheny College | Kent State University |
| Ashland University | Kenyon College |
| Baldwin Wallace University | Miami University |
| Bowling Green State University | Muskingum University |
| Cleveland Institute of Art | Northeastern University |
| Cleveland State University | Ohio State University |
| University of Cincinnati | Ohio University |
| University of Connecticut | Ohio Wesleyan University |
| Cuyahoga Community College | University of South Carolina |
| University of Dayton | Ursuline College |
| George Washington University | Waynesburg University |
| Grand Canyon University | College of Wooster |
| John Carroll University | |

\$1,053,475
earned in scholarships and grants



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JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF FUN AT SUMMERFEST

JULY 25 - JULY 28 AT BOHLKEN PARK

The Fairview Park City School District is excited to be a part of 2024 Summerfest! Join us all weekend long at our red tent near the concession stand and food vendors.

The FHS Marching Band will kick-off the 2024 Summerfest Parade at 6:00 PM on Friday, July 26. The parade starts at Gilles-Sweet Elementary School and marches through the streets of the city to Bohlken Park!

