



Fruitport
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Back-to-School Edition
August 2021

Superintendent's Message

Welcome to the 2021/22 school year!!

It is an exciting time to be a part of the Fruitport Community Schools as we begin this school year. We are pleased and excited to welcome all of our students to a purposeful school year! We thank everyone for your flexibility and patience over the past eighteen months as we are now emerging from the impact of the global pandemic. Adaptability has been one of the key traits during this period of time. We will continue to lead forward and adapt along the way if needed. As we move forward, we will communicate with you to share any new or changing information.



The Fruitport Community Schools Board of Education is continuing through the Superintendent Search process and is committed to finding the right person and the best fit for our FCS community. Following the retirement of Superintendent Szymoniak at the end of July, the Board hired me to step in and serve as interim superintendent until a new superintendent is hired. I have worked in the Coopersville District for thirty-two years in a variety of roles including nine years as Superintendent, prior to my retirement a year ago. I feel blessed to step in alongside many great educators as we focus on our students and our work to provide a great educational experience!

We welcome several new administrators to the FCS team. **Emily Basse** has been hired as the new Assistant Principal at Edgewood, **Jennifer Botbyl** is the new Head Start Director, **Katie Houseman** joins the Eastern Service Unit supervising team, **Monte Kelly** will be the new Middle School Principal, **Jonny Morehouse** is officially the Fruitport Athletic Director, and **Trista Stingle** will be the new Assistant Principal at the middle school. We have also hired several new teaching and support staff members to work alongside many outstanding educators on our team.

The physical changes within our District are amazing. The new Fruitport High School is near completion and we look forward to a community ribbon cutting ceremony at some point this fall. We thank everyone for their patience during this construction period. The end product is incredible and will provide a tremendous learning environment for our students over the next generation. We also are appreciative of the bond approval in May which will further enhance our learning environments and provide a positive impact to each of our educational buildings.

The facility improvements at FCS are amazing, but as I have quickly learned, the greatest asset are the people who are part of the Fruitport Trojan Nation! It has been a pleasure to already meet so many individuals who are centered on doing whatever it takes to support our students and help prepare them for their future. We are looking forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Veldman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ron Veldman, Interim Superintendent

On the Cover



Fruitport Community Schools offered *Summer Fun Camp* for students enrolled in kindergarten through fifth grade. This summer 40 students participated in the program. The kids had the opportunity to attend two field trips a week to places that included parks, zoos, nature centers, and ice cream shops in the area. Students were also kept busy with several outdoor events, and STEM activities in the classroom.

The picture on the cover was taken during a trip to Hoffmaster State Park. The picture on the left was taken at Hemlock Crossing Park in West Olive where students learned about nature and animals in the area.

If you are interested in more information, please call Deanna at 231-865-4102.

Elementary Schools

New Students: All students (grades K-5) who are new to the district should register for school as soon as possible. A birth certificate, immunization record, valid photo id and proof of residency in the Fruitport school district are required to register. Enrollment packets are available in the Superintendent's Office until August 6th. Elementary offices are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays beginning August 9th. For information call **865-4002**.



First Day of School: School will begin Monday, August 30th and will be a half day for all students in grades K-12. Kindergarteners who ride the bus are invited to a Transportation Orientation on Tuesday, August 24th from 5:00—7:00 pm. You will receive more information from the transportation department on this event.

Regular School Hours:

Beach Elementary School: Regular student hours will be 8:25 a.m. to 3:37 p.m.

Edgewood Elementary School: Regular student hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 3:42 p.m.

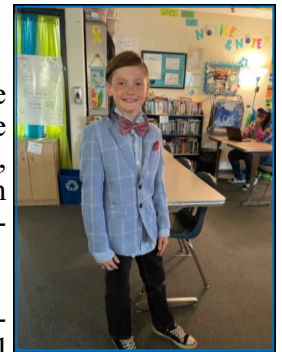
Shettler Elementary School: Regular student hours will be 8:25 a.m. to 3:37 p.m.

School Lunch: Breakfast and lunch is available to all K-5 students at no cost.

Middle School

New Students: All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who are new to the district are encouraged to register for school as soon as possible. Enrollment packets are available in the Superintendent's Office until August 6th. Once buildings open on August 9th, families are encouraged to register with the building their child will attend. A valid birth certificate, record of immunizations, driver's license, and proof of residency in the Fruitport district are required to register.

Current Students: Current FMS families will be able to access all important registration information, forms, and locker information online through your PowerSchool Parent Portal starting August 10th. This is required in order to receive a student schedule. If assistance is needed, the building will be open for troubleshooting, tours, and other questions on *August 16, 17, and 18 from 8:00 am-2:00 pm or by appointment if necessary by calling the main office at 231-865-3128.*



Middle School student, Aiden says he feels better when dressed for success!

Middle School office hours are 7:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Students new to the district can set up a time to meet with the counselor regarding schedules or tours by emailing Julie Kolbe at jkolbe@fruitportschools.net

First Day of School: The first day of school for middle school students is Monday, August 30th and will be a half day for all students. On half days students will meet from 7:40 to 11:04 a.m. Regular school hours for the middle school are 7:40 a.m. to 2:42 p.m.

School Lunch: Breakfast and lunch is available to all 6-8th grade students at no cost.

For more information on middle school orientation or registration, please visit: fruitportschools.net/schools/fruitport-middle-school/ or call 231-865-3128.



Fruitport High School

First Day of School: The first day of school is Monday, August 30th. The first day is a half day and will meet from 7:35 to 11:04 a.m. Regular school hours for the high school will be 7:35 a.m. to 2:37 p.m.

The new school year is fast approaching. In order to be ready for that first day on August 30th, all students will need to report during one of the times below for school photos and/or school ID photos, Chromebook pickup, and to receive the fall schedule.

Before your student reports to one of the posted registration dates, all parents must first log into the **Parent Portal** to complete the Demographic Update and required online forms. This cannot be done in the student portal. If you need help with your password, please call our Student Services Office for assistance.

Our registration sessions will take place in the cafeteria. **Please park in the lot on Sixth Street between the high school and Edgewood or at the church across the street.** You will walk up the bus loop and enter the building through the cafeteria doors.

August 17: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Grades 10-12

August 19: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - 9th Grade Only

August 20: 10:00 - Noon - All Grades

Make Up Time Sessions are in the Student Services Office but pictures are not taken. Students will be photographed during the picture retake session in October. Students attending these sessions will enter the building through the cafeteria doors and walk through the cafeteria to the office.

August 24: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

August 26: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

New Students: Beginning on **Monday, August 9th**, parents should stop in to the Superintendent's office to pick up a new student enrollment packet. Once the packet is completed and all of the documentation necessary for enrollment is gathered, parents then return the packet to the superintendent's office. At this time an appointment will be set with the appropriate counselor for scheduling purposes. Please call the high school at 231-865-3101 with additional questions.



***Step 1:** All parents should locate their Parent Portal login and password to be used for the online student information update in August. If you have never created an account, please access the district website and visit the Parent Portal to set up a Power School account. If you have forgotten your login and/or password to Power School or if you need assistance, please contact the Student Services Office at the high school at 865-3101 beginning on August 9th.

***Step 2:** All parents should log in to the Parent Portal (using the parent account not the student's account) to update and/or approve student information and read and sign online forms. Once you have **completed** these steps you will be issued a ticket saying you are complete. You and your student will bring this ticket to the registration during the times listed. Doing this ahead of time **and** bringing the ticket with you will make for a much easier registration process for you and your student.

*Note: if you change your address in Power School, you **must** bring a copy of your new proof of residency to the high school prior to your registration time. Beginning on August 9th you or your student may bring your new address information to the Student Services office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. If you cannot make these times then you and your student must bring the new address information to one of the scheduled registration times.*



Fall Sports Information



See official start dates below. Athletes should contact coaches directly for preseason information and specific practice times.

High School Fall Sports

- Boys Tennis:** Brad Busscher bbusscher@fruitportschools.net (231-206-1777)
- Cross Country:** Randy Johnson rjohnson@fruitportschools.net (231-638-7205)
- Girls Golf:** Jared Plawski jplawski@fruitportschools.net (248-939-6662)
- Cheer:** Angie Lockhart alockhart@fruitportschools.net (231-730-3018)
- Boys Soccer:** Dan Hazekamp djhazekamp@fruitportschools.net (231-855-7898)
- Football:** Nate Smith nsmith@fruitportschools.net (616-502-9864)
- Volleyball:** Nicole Bayle nbayle@fruitportschools.net (616-893-9679)



Middle School Fall Sports

- Cross Country:** Jeff Woodard jwoodard@fruitportschools.net (231-903-1019)
- 7th Football:** Chris Gilbert cjgilbert@fruitportschools.net (231-638-7394)
- 8th Football:** Chris Gilbert cjgilbert@fruitportschools.net (231-638-7394)
- 7th Volleyball:** Danielle McConnell dmccconnell@fruitportschools.net (906-221-7990)
- 8th Volleyball:** Lindsey Hardley lhardley@fruitportschools.net (231-286-8691)

All athletes must have a physical on file dated *after April 15, 2021*.

Also, all families should review their insurance coverage, and consider purchasing athletic insurance through First Agency of Kalamazoo. Call the office for further information.

Reminder: All athletes must be registered on Final Forms to participate. To register, go to www.fruitportschools.net and find the Final Forms sign up link at the bottom of the Athletic Department page. Final Forms is our new method of collecting signatures, fees, and other data which will streamline the paperwork process for parents, coaches, and administration. For further information, call the athletic office at 231-865-4034.

2021-2022 School Building Start/End Times

BUILDING	REGULAR DAY		DELAYED START		HALF DAY	
	BEGIN	END	BEGIN	END	BEGIN	END
MIDDLE SCHOOL	7:40AM	2:42 PM	9:00AM	2:42 PM	7:30AM	11:02AM
HIGH SCHOOL	7:35AM	2:37 PM	9:10AM	2:37 PM	7:35AM	11:04AM
BEACH SCHOOL	8:25AM	3:37 PM	9:55AM	3:37 PM	8:25AM	12:00PM
SHETTLER SCHOOL	8:25AM	3:37 PM	9:55AM	3:37 PM	8:25AM	12:00PM
EDGEWOOD SCHOOL	8:30AM	3:42 PM	10:00AM	3:42 PM	8:30AM	12:05PM

FOOTBALL CAMP FOR MOMS

Head Varsity Football coach Nate Smith and the Fruitport Trojans Football Program hosted the **1st Annual Mom Camp** on Friday July 9th. The participants of the camp included moms, sisters, aunts, girlfriends, and community members wanting to get a idea of what it's like to be a Fruitport Football Player.



Participant Heidi Farrell, who is the mom of Varsity player Camden Farrell said, "It was nice to be in our boy's shoes and see what hard work they endure on and off the field and I especially loved spending the day with our kids".



The one night camp opened up with an offensive and defensive "chalk talk", gave the participants a tour of the newly constructed locker room and weight room, and explained the history of (Larry) Rueger's Rock that the players touch before walking onto the field. The moms were also able to practice offensive and defensive agility drills that included, hitting the linemen's sled, tackling the wheel, and running pass routes.

Varsity player Gavin Reames' mom, Teresa Reames, felt that, "being able to walk in the shoes of what these players experience during the season and on game day was exciting. Throwing the football with my son and running plays, with the assistance of Coach Smith, are memories that I will cherish. I want to THANK the entire football coaching staff for hosting this event for us moms and I hope that this camp will become another Fruitport Football tradition." The Fruitport Football Program would like to thank all of the moms and friends of the program that took part in this fun and exciting night.

~ Nate Smith



Important Dates to Remember

*** School Calendar is subject to change*

August 18..... **Blue and White Night - 5:00 PM**
August 30..... **Students First Day - 1/2 Day of School**
August 31..... **1/2 Day of School**

2021-22 SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 1..... **Full Day of School - No Delayed Start**
September 2-6 **Labor Day Holiday Break**
September 8, 15, 22, 29..... **Delayed Start - School Starts 1½ Hours Later**

October 6, 13, 20, 27..... **Delayed Start - School Starts 1½ Hours Later**
October 29 **1/2 Day of School**

November 3, 10, 17 **Delayed Start - School Starts 1½ Hours Later**
November 24-26..... **No School, Buildings Closed for Thanksgiving Recess**

December 1, 8, 15..... **Delayed Start – School Starts 1½ Hours Later**
December 20– 31..... **No School, Buildings Closed for Holiday Recess**

January 3..... **School Resumes**
January 5, 12, 26..... **Delayed Start – School Starts 1½ Hours Later**
January 17..... **No School**
January 19 **No Delayed Start**
January 20..... **1/2 Day of School**
January 21..... **1/2 Day of School**

February 2, 9, 16, 23..... **Delayed Start – School Starts 1½ Hours Later**
February 18, 21..... **No School, Mid-Winter Break**

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **Delayed Start – School Starts 1½ Hours Later**
March 18 **1/2 Day of School**

April 1-8..... **No School, Spring Break**
April 13 **No Delayed Start**
April 20, 27 **Delayed Start – School Starts 1½ Hours Later**

May 4, 11, 18, 25 **Delayed Start – School Starts 1½ Hours Later**
May 30 **No School, Buildings Closed, Memorial Day Observed**

June 1, **Delayed Start – School Starts 1½ Hours Later**
June 8..... **No Delayed Start**
June 9 **1/2 Day of School**
June 10..... **Last Day of School, 1/2 Day of School**

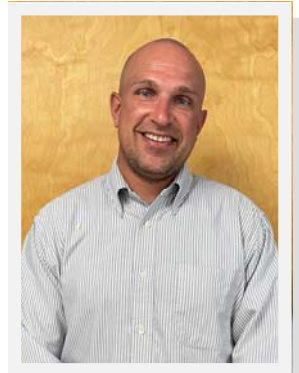
New Fruitport Administrators!



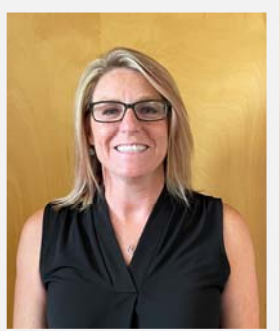
Emily Basse
Edgewood Asst. Principal
Graduated from:
Grand Valley State University



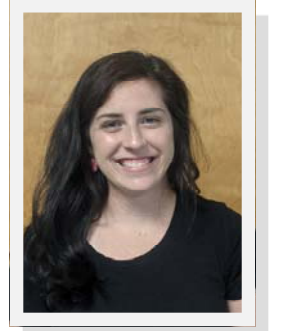
Jennifer Botbyl
Head Start/Great Start Readiness Director
Graduated from:
Western Michigan University



Monte Kelly
Middle School Principal
Graduated from:
Grand Valley State University



Trista Stingle
Middle School Asst. Principal
Graduated from:
Grand Valley State University



Katie Houseman
Special Education Supervisor
Graduated from:
Grand Valley State University

Summer Study Trips

Muskegon is fortunate to have a museum that takes you on a 400 million year journey exploring our County's rich history. The Lakeshore Museum Center provides opportunities for hands-on activities and houses two floors of exhibits.



On July 8th approximately 80 Summer Learning students traveled to the museum. This was particularly exciting because due to COVID, field trips were put on pause.

Students were able to spend the morning listening to a presentation on the history of lumbering in West Michigan, participate in a hands on magnet program, as well as taking a self guided tour to interact with all the other exhibits the museum has to offer.

It was quoted as being "the best day ever" by several students as well as many asking when we can go back?! Special thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make learning fun and engaging! ~ Samantha Nutt



EXPLORE LEARN GROW

Summer learning at Beach has been a huge hit with over eighty students attending each day! Hearing laughter, seeing smiles, and listening to all the fun summer stories that these children share is absolutely priceless.

Upcoming third grader, Racer Smith, said “I like that we get to play Gaga again!” Beach students are having a blast playing with their friends outside.

Each student rotates through six sessions and has two recess sessions during the morning for fun games, exercise, and nutritious snacks with Ms. Amber and Mrs. Golden.

Each learner also has a math and reading session with our wonderful Beach teachers. Beach student, Joe Hayes, exclaimed “I like that I get to work with my old teachers!”



Beach has many amazing staff that have put together an extraordinary learning and social experience for our Beach students. At their library station, children are checking out library books from Ms. Dawn. They also enjoy hearing stories, making quilts for children in the hospital, and doing other fun crafts. Another student, Rontique Beane, announced “if kids didn’t come to summer school, they missed out!” It has been wonderful seeing so many smiling faces throughout our hallways, in classrooms, and on the playground this summer. ALL of the children have honestly enjoyed attending this great opportunity. ~ Jamie Gustin

Nominations sought for *Fruitport Hall of Fame*

The Fruitport Hall of Fame honors the achievements of selected FCS graduates and those who have given back to the school district. Nominations are being accepted for the Fruitport Hall of Fame at the following link: <http://bit.ly/HOFNominationForm>

Forms are also available at the Superintendent’s Office located at the west end of Edgewood Elementary School.

Anyone may nominate a candidate. You do not have to be a graduate of FCS or a resident of the community to complete the nomination form. Categories for nomination are as follows:

- ***Academic / Career Accomplishments** (includes military recognition)
- ***Athletic Achievement** (includes individual, team or coach)
- ***Service to FCS** (need not be FHS alumni - includes individuals, businesses and/or organizations)

Individuals are also being sought to serve on the Hall of Fame committee. If you are interested in serving on this committee, or if you would like additional information, email Tina: tvanderwall@fruitportschools.net.



A VERY SPECIAL STUDENT GIVES BACK



Edgewood student, Curtis Oosterhart decided he would like to hold a blanket/toy drive to benefit Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. After winning a blanket during a bingo game at the hospital, Curtis was inspired to give back. The blanket provided the comfort he needed when he was lonely or cold and Curtis wanted to be sure all of the children at Helen DeVos felt the same way.

Curtis and his family spent many hours collecting items for the hospital. His church, school family, Cub Scout Pack, and community generously donated over **600 items** which were dropped off on May 7th.

While dropping the items off, Curtis and his family were interviewed by Matt Gard and featured on WZZM-13! Our thanks to the Oosterhart family for being such great role models and thank you to all who helped make Curtis's dream come true!

Title 1

Fruitport receives federal funds from the Title I program. You may request the following information about the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s):

- ◆ Whether the teacher has met Michigan licensing requirements for the grade level(s) and subject area(s) for which the teacher provides instruction.
- ◆ Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency permit or other provisional status through which Michigan licensing requirements have been waived.
- ◆ The teacher's college degree(s), major(s), and fields(s) of discipline, as well as any graduate degree of certification.

You may also request this information for any instructional assistant who provides Title I services to your child. If you would like to receive this information, please contact Interim Superintendent, Ron Veldman, at (231) 865-4002.

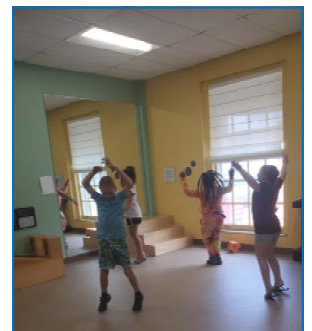
SUMMER LEARNING at EDGEWOOD

This summer nearly 400 students participated in some form of additional learning throughout the district.

High School students who needed credit recovery were able to do so over the summer and kindergarten through eighth grade attended classes Tuesday through Thursday.

Our students gained knowledge and hands on experience while having fun!

The pictures below taken at Lakeshore Museum Center. Students were doing workout activities in the Body Works exhibit. This exhibit teaches students how the body works, the importance of good nutrition, and habits to keep you healthy from head to toe. ~ Stosha Cherney



Adult Education Classes

Program Offerings

High School Diploma: Free classes are offered in math, English, social studies, and science.

High School Equivalency (GED®):

- Prep classes are designed to help prepare you for the HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY tests. Classes are **FREE**.
- Testing is **FREE** if you take the HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY prep classes. There is a fee for testing if you choose not to take the HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY prep classes.
- There are four tests to earn your HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY Certification: Reasoning through Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

LINKED Muskegon is a collaborative effort in Muskegon County between the area's adult education programs, the Career Technical Center and West Michigan Works! During the 18 week program, students work on High School diploma or High School Equivalency completion, receive training in CNC machining or welding, allied health, and develop employability skills to prepare them for their future careers.



Registration:

Registration will take place
Aug. 23 through Aug. 26
11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

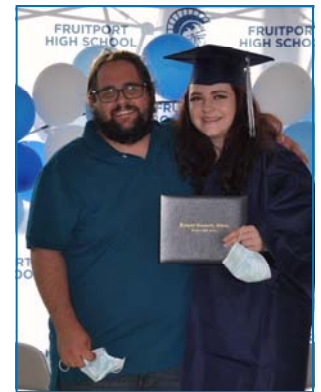
Classes begin: Monday, August 30, 2021

Classes are available Monday through Thursday
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Open Enrollment: We welcome the opportunity to talk with you about investing in your future. Classes can be arranged to fit your busy schedule. Call **Brenda Baker**, Director at **865-4130** for more information.

Location: Fruitport Adult Education Center, 3255 E. Pontaluna Rd. (west end of Edgewood Elementary) Door # 17.

*Pictured right:
Adult Ed Grad,
Emma Grabinski*



Marching Band Camp

The high school marching band has been hard at work all summer preparing for their 2021 Fall competitive season. Band Camp was held on campus July 26-30th. Each day students started with conditioning and stretching exercises at 8:00 am. This was followed by many breakout sessions throughout the day and ended with full marching and music rehearsal at 8:00 pm. Students focused their efforts on improving their marching ability, their musical skills, and building relationships.

This year's pirate-themed production is titled "Dead Men Tell No Tales." They will be performing both in competition and at the halftime show for all home Varsity Football games.
~ Laura Lopez





Preschool student, Charlie working on an art project.

Early Childhood Offerings

Fruitport Community Schools provides three programs for preschool age children. All programs follow curriculum guidelines from the State of Michigan *Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Prekindergarten*.

Child's World Preschool (Currently Full with a waitlist)

Child's World Preschool is a tuition preschool program available to all three or four year old children regardless of home district. Tuition for the three year old two-day program is \$210 per quarter. Tuition for the four year old three-day program is \$255 per quarter. Classes are located at the Fruitport Early Childhood Center. To participate in Child's World Preschool, children must be three or four years old by September 1, 2021.

Head Start

Head Start is a free program, funded by the federal government, that serves income eligible three or four year old children. Priority is given to students living in the Fruitport or Mona Shores school districts. Classrooms are located at Shettler Elementary or Ross Park Elementary. Classes meet full days, Monday – Thursday with meals provided.

Children must be 3 or 4 years old on or before December 1, 2021.

Great Start Readiness Program

GSRP is a free preschool program, funded by the State of Michigan, that serves income eligible four year olds. Children must be 4 years old by December 1, 2021. Classes meet full days, Monday – Thursday. Classrooms are located at the Shettler Elementary and Ross Park Elementary. Please call for information on qualifying factors.

Openings are limited, please call 231-865-4102 for availability and information.

Board of Education Meeting Schedule

The Fruitport Community School's Board of Education meets monthly on the 3rd Monday of each month (with the exception of December and June). Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

Following is a list of regularly scheduled meeting dates for the upcoming school year:

August 16, 2021	Board Meeting Room
September 20, 2021	Board Meeting Room
October 18, 2021	Board Meeting Room
November 15, 2021	Board Meeting Room
December 13, 2021	Board Meeting Room
January 17, 2022	Board Meeting Room
February 21, 2022	Board Meeting Room
March 21, 2022	Board Meeting Room
April 18, 2022	Board Meeting Room
May 16, 2022	Board Meeting Room
June 27, 2022	Board Meeting Room

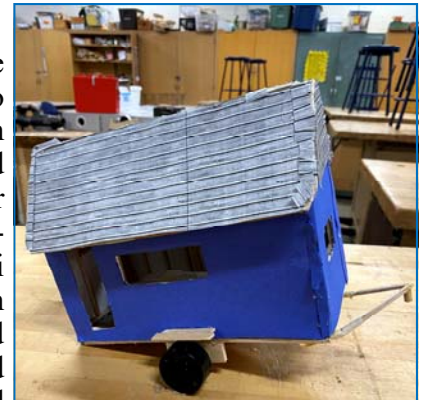
All Board Meeting Minutes are available online at www.fruitportschools.net (Board of Education tab)



FEF Supporting Classroom Learning

Last spring, middle school industrial arts instructor, Jamie Stahl, implemented a unique way for students to learn basic construction principles. After teaching lessons on scale, building and design techniques, he challenged his students to design and build model tiny houses on wheels! Using the scale of 1/2 inch=1 foot, students used small shop tools to cut and build small scale models of tiny houses in class. Each house design had to include the necessary components of a living space, kitchen, bathroom and sleeping area.

Mr. Stahl stated he always wanted to teach construction principles but lacked the time and/or resources to accomplish the unit. Mini grant funding from the FEF provided the resources, and students enjoyed building and customizing their homes. ~ Tina VanderWall



Free and Reduced Price Lunch Program Guidelines

We are pleased to inform you that Fruitport Community Schools will be participating in the Seamless Summer Option as part of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the School Year 2021-2022.

The GREAT NEWS is that ALL students enrolled in the district can receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at NO CHARGE to your household each day.

All families must complete and sign the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application. This information is critical in determining the amount of financial support our district receives from a variety of State and Federal supplemental programs such as Title I A, At-risk (31a), Title II A, E-Rate, etc.

These supplemental programs have the potential to offer supports and services for our students including, but not limited to:

- ◆ Instructional supports (staff, supplies & materials, etc.)
- ◆ Non-instructional services (counseling, social work, health services, etc.)
- ◆ Professional Learning for staff
- ◆ Parent and Community engagement supplies and activities
- ◆ Technology
- ◆ Pandemic-EBT



Applications are being accepted **NOW!** Applications can be submitted online; parents may go to: www.lunchapp.com and apply, or just visit our Food Service page and follow to the Link "e-link login" on the sidebar. Also parents can pick up, drop off or mail in applications to the Central Office at 3255 E. Pontaluna Rd, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the district's meal program please email director, Zach Zost at foodservice@fruitportschools.net.

Additional meals charged by the student are the parent's responsibility.

We recommend you talk with your student about how you would like them to use their food service account. Account balances can be updated by logging on to your child's Food Service account. If you are experiencing difficulty gaining access email: foodservice@fruitportschools.net.

However, if you do not want your child to have certain meals or a la carte items charged to his/her account, we can help monitor the student's meal purchases. The account can be marked to alert the cashier of those limitations. Please call the Food Service Office to set the guidelines on your student's account.

Please contact our Food Service Director **Zach Zost** at 865-4054 if you have concerns with your student's account.

Income Guidelines for Free & Reduced Meals

Family Size	Year	Month
1	\$23,828	\$1,986
2	\$32,227	\$2,686
3	\$40,626	\$3,386
4	\$49,025	\$4,086
5	\$57,424	\$4,786
6	\$65,823	\$5,486
7	\$74,222	\$6,186
8	\$82,621	\$6,886

USDA Non-Discrimination Statement

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Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Summer Tennis Champions

The 2021 Fruitport Summer Recreational Tennis season closed out another great summer of lessons with our traditional summer tennis tournament. Over 40 participants took part in the weekly summer recreational lessons and over 37 demonstrated their tennis skills in the year-end tournament, which took place on Wednesday, July 14th. The tournament showcased some of Fruitport's best tennis talent. All runner-up and division winners received a medal.



In our 10 and under, Quickstart tennis, which includes foam balls and junior racquets on 18-foot nets, 5-10 year olds played to learn tennis this summer. During the tournament, Chris Silva hit some great serves and rallied points on Beckett, Hudson, Ava, Keagan, Dawson and Lorelai, the other participants.

In girls 12 and under Ryleigh Moore had a hard fought win over Elyse Fagan, in a very crowded field of competition. In boy's action, Bryden Buffam defeated Collin Moore in a back-and-forth match.

15 and under competition saw some great matches with middle school and high school athletes vying for the trophy. The championship match between Abby Poort and Josalynn Nowicki saw some great extended points. Max Silva got the win against Cameron Roberts in the boys.

Some of the area's best tennis players fought it out in 18 and under. In the 18 girls play, Hope Busscher edged out Jennah Wierengo in a great match for the top honors. In boys play Davis Gilbert went unopposed in the boys division.

Summer tennis provides Fruitport area student/athletes with an opportunity to display great teamwork, sportsmanship, hard work and enjoyment for the game. As coach I am very grateful for the parental assistance I receive while teaching and coaching your kids. Thank you for your continued support for Fruitport tennis!
~Coach Brad Busscher



Two Years of Free College

Our Promise. Your Future.

The **Muskegon Area Promise** is a commitment to the students of our community. If they work hard, they will have an opportunity to earn at least a two-year college degree tuition **FREE**.

Fruitport graduates will be eligible to earn a scholarship that will fund either a certificate program, a two-year Associate's Degree or the first two years of a Bachelor's Degree at Muskegon Community College or Baker College of Muskegon.

Please visit our website for further information: fruitportschools.net



LIVE within the boundaries of the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District (MAISD).



APPLY for federal student aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and complete the verification process as requested each year (www.fafsa.gov).



GRADUATE with a cumulative 3.5 GPA or higher from a high school located within the boundaries of the MAISD.



ENROLL at either Muskegon Community College or Baker College of Muskegon.

ADA Policy

Fruitport Community Schools, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), would like to accommodate those with disabilities. If a special accommodation, i.e., Braille, large print, audio tape, etc., is needed to assist you with the contents of this publication, or any school publication, please notify **Mr. Greg Bodrie at 231-865-4012** (same number for TDD). Every attempt will be made to meet special accommodation requests.

Reproductive Health Notification to Parents

The Fruitport Board of Education has established a program of instruction in sex education. As a component of the sex education program, reproductive health is offered in identified courses. Your building principal has a list of these courses, their content, materials used for instruction and grade levels where they are taught. According to law (P.A. 226 of 1977) you have the right to review the materials to be used in these courses. The local Board of Education, in compliance with the statute, has made the materials available for your review. Your child's school will be notifying parents of an information meeting prior to any instruction taking place in reproductive health. If you need more information prior to the school meeting, you may call your child's principal. Your child is eligible to participate in this course. By law, you have the right to excuse your child from participation in the class periods which include reproductive health, including family planning, without penalty. Please send a written notice to the building principal if you wish your child to be excused.

By Fruitport Community School Board action, high school students may opt out of the entire health education course where this instruction occurs based on their sincerely held religious beliefs. A written statement to that effect signed by a parent or guardian must be submitted to the building principal. Another class must be taken in order to meet the minimum graduation credit requirement.

Non-Discrimination Policy

The Fruitport Community School District does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of their handicap. This nondiscriminatory obligation, under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, applies to admission or access to, participation in, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. In addition, it is the policy of the Board of Education to provide an equal opportunity for all students, regardless of race, color, sex, creed, disability, religion, ancestry, age, national origin, marital status, place of residence within the boundaries of the district, or social or economic background, to learn through the curriculum offered in this district.

Any questions or concerns regarding the non-discrimination policy and/or requests for special accommodation, i.e., Braille, large print, audio tape, etc. needed to assist you with the contents of this publication, should be directed to **Mr. Greg Bodrie, 231-865-4012** (same number for TDD). Every attempt will be made to meet special accommodation requests.

Rights and Privacy Act

The Fruitport community is hereby notified that the school often publishes the names and/or photographs of FCS students for public view. Publications may include the Fruitport *Focus*, building newsletters, the district web site (fruitportschools.net), and/or similar type publications. The purpose varies and may include special awards, honor rolls, attendance lists, athletic rosters, and/or team/organization photographs, etc.

If for any reason you do not wish your child's name and/or photograph to be published, please contact your school office immediately. This notice is in compliance with the Rights and Privacy Act P.L. 93.380.

Integrated Pest Management Advisory

As part of Fruitport Community Schools' Integrated Pest Management Program, pesticides are occasionally applied.



You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to the school grounds and buildings. In certain emergencies however, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application.

If you need prior notification, please contact your building principal's office to obtain a notification form. You may also contact the **Operations Department at 231-865-4018** with any questions regarding this program. Notification requests will be handled by the Department of Operations.

Smoking Policy

Per state mandate and Fruitport Board of Education policy, the use of all tobacco products is prohibited by all persons on school premises at all times. This includes all building, grounds, athletic facilities, and vehicles owned and operated by Fruitport Community Schools.

Medicaid funds available

Through an act of Congress, public schools have the opportunity to use Medicaid funds to help pay for some special education services.

As a result of this act, some services provided to Fruitport students may appear on monthly Medicaid statements under the heading of Muskegon Area Intermediate School District. The MAISD will reimburse Fruitport Community Schools.

A few services Medicaid may help pay are: physical, occupational, and speech therapy; social work services, nursing services; and diagnostic evaluations.

This will not change the delivery of services to Fruitport students, but is a way to offset the increasing cost of services provided by the district. Our goal remains to provide the most appropriate, highest quality services available to all students.

For more information, please call **Mr. Greg Bodrie**, Director of Special Education, **231-865-4012**.

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The Fruitport Football Program in partnership with Ben Vanbiesbrouck State Farm agency will honor one active service member, veteran, or first responder as our "Hometown Hero" at each of their home varsity football games.

Our Hometown Heroes will receive honor prior to the game, walk the game ball out to the 50 yard line and receive a gift bag.

For more information email Jonny Morehouse:
jmorehouse@fruitportschools.net.



Blue **White** **Night**

You're invited to the biggest
Community party of the year!

Wednesday, August 18th
Football Concession Stand & Stadium
(rain location FHS Cafeteria and gym)

Tailgate Party: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

*Tailgate events include: Competitions,
Entertainment, and Giveaways!*

Parade of Athletes: 7:00 p.m.



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