

Elementary Center:

Pre-K Night was held on January 11th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. All went very well. We had 36 children attend with their families. The next and final Pre-K Night will be held at the same times on February 15th.

Jr/Sr High School:

NAEP testing will take place with selected seniors on March 7th. 49 total students were selected. Letters were sent out last week.

Second semester class meetings will be the first week in February.

Congratulations to Raeann Silassy for her participation in the Haifa TeenTech Conference in Israel in December. She was just 1 of a few students from North America chosen to attend the international STEM Leadership Conference.

We have been awarded a number of grants in the past month:

- \$5000 - Range Resources STEM Grant for Project-based learning
- \$10000 - Range Resources Grant for FC Helping Hands Program
- \$6430 - Washington County Community Foundation EIO Grant for technology

Dr. Craig & Mrs. Wilson began the 8th Grade Career Pathways Plan meetings with students and parents. Meetings will run from Jan 22 to the end of February in preparation for 2018-19 scheduling.

FCHS is partnering with the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority on a multi-media production project including the filming various information sessions regarding the sewage project. Sponsorships are sought to support grant funding for the FCHS Multi-media Program.

Pupil Service Update:**High School:**

The Mock Trial Team (cohort of both FC and Burg. students) has been very busy! The team competed in the University of Pittsburgh tournament on Jan. 6 & 7. 45 teams from across the state competed in the 2 day tournament. Our team received excellent feedback from the judges and placed in the top 15.

The Mock Trial team will compete at the Regional Competition, Washington County Courthouse, on Feb. 17th. The playoffs will take place on March 3rd.

The Governor's STEM Challenge team (5 senior high students) are preparing for the Feb. 6 competition by developing an app, called School Swap. The app is essentially a Craig's List or EBay for the sole use of school districts to be able to purchase and sell gently used furniture and equipment and unused supplies.

The Varsity Academic League team is tied for 3rd place, with Trinity, in our division of the Southwestern Academic League. The team will compete in the finals tournament at South Fayette High School on Jan. 24th.

Jr. High & 6th grade:

The students have worked in pairs, throughout Nov. and Dec., to build underwater robotic Sea Perch rovers. The rovers emulate those in use by the US Navy. The students traveled to Trinity Middle school in Dec. to practice using their rovers in various underwater challenges. They will compete with the rovers in a competition at Canon McMillan High School, date TBD due to school cancellation on 1/12.

Grades 4-8:

Students are preparing to compete in the STEM K'Nex Design Challenge at California University of PA in March. The student teams have been challenged to develop a new product for their home. The product can be any type of unique appliance or entertainment device. Each team is designing their product prototype in sketches and blueprints and will build them with K'Nex pieces. The students in grades 6-8 are required to develop a budget.

Technology:

- DJ Hoy, in addition to Onsite tickets, operated the student tech office for Chromebook repairs and troubleshooting of student devices.
- DJ Hoy performed several walk through of buildings to test wireless signal strength.
- CCL repaired 15 Chromebooks sent in for parts/repairs.
- CCL assisted administration with a multiyear budget plan for Technology.

Athletics:

1. Varsity Girls Basketball is currently 9 - 5 overall and 5-3 in section play. Senior night for the girls will be on Monday Jan 29th 7pm vs Burgettstown.
2. Varsity Boys Basketball is currently 8 - 6 overall and 6 - 1 in section play. Senior night for the boys will on Friday Feb 2nd 7pm vs Jefferson Morgan.
3. Varsity Wrestling is currently 7 - 3 overall and 4-1 in their section. They will wrestle in the WPIAL team sectional tournament this Wed at Freedom. Wrestling will start at 6pm.
4. Milestones: Ryhan Culberson was selected 1st team All state in Football by the PA sports writers as a defensive specialist. Ryhan Culberson went over the 1000 pt mark for his career in a game vs. Avonworth back in December.
5. Coaching Principals and Sports First Aid classes were held in the high school library on Saturday Jan 20th. Eleven coaches from Fort Cherry and Eleven coaches from Burgettstown were in attendance. This is the second session Fort Cherry and Burgettstown have offered to its coaches.