

Forbes Road School District Cardinal Chronicle

The 2022/23 Forecast Calls For Positivity

"Hello to everyone in Cardinal Country! I pete in a regional competition in York, am extremely pleased to share that the 2022-2023 school year has gotten off to a positive start for our students, faculty and staff. It is hard to believe that Fall is already here and the first quarter has come to a close. Since the start of this school year many wonderful things have been happening in and around the District." - Mr. Clint Heath, Superintendent

Clubs

FR High School has started reinstituting clubs. Each student chose two clubs that peaked their interest. The goal is to provide students with social and educational opportunities outside of athletics and the coursework already offered.

Hot Rodders of Tomorrow

Alan Shives, FR Automotive Technology Instructor, is in the process of building a team for the Hot Rodders of Tomorrow, which is a national engine building challenge. Teams of five students compete to see who can disassemble a small block Chevy engine and correctly reassemble it the fastest. The national record is 17 minutes and 33 seconds. Teams will com-

PA. Teams that achieve this in under 33 minutes will qualify to compete nationally at the SEMA Show in Indianapolis. Just for qualifying, each student will receive a \$5,000 scholarship to select trade schools. The top ten at nationals are rewarded a \$10,000 scholarship. Once the teams are established, we hope to provide them the opportunity to practice in front of the public at local fairs and during the Fulton Fall Festival. This opportunity will give the team experience in front of a public crowd and give the community a glance at the automotive program.

Student-Of-The-Month

The student-of-the-month award returned to the high school. Each month a student from each grade will be selected based on a chosen characteristic. The recipients will be invited to attend the school board workshop to be presented a certificate and have a group photo taken, which will be submitted to the Fulton County News.

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130-Year-Old School Record Books Donated To FRSD

The late Carol Curfman, a former English/French teacher at FRHS, had a collection of old school records. Her husband Walter Curfman, a former Superintendent at FRSD, presented the 13-decade-old record books to Forbes Road School District. Mr. Curfman said his late wife had dreamed of starting a museum. Unfortunately, her dreams did not come to fruition. He was honored to return these documents back to the school district.

The books date back as early as 1891. They are from the Taylor Township School in Fulton County. Taylor Township is a part of the Forbes Road School

District. Included documents are school supply ledgers and attendance records. The documents will be displayed in the high school lobby display case.

The FRSD wants to thank Mr. Walter Curfman for his thoughtful donation.



Important Dates:

November

22nd - Noon Dismissal/PM Parent/Teacher Conferences

23rd - AM Parent/Teacher Conferences

24th - 29th - Thanksgiving Break

December

7th & 8th - Keystone Testing

9th - Picture Retake Day for High School

13th & 14th Keystone Testing

22nd - Noon Dismissal

23rd-30th - Christmas Break

January

2nd - New Years/No School

10th & 11th - Keystone Testing

16th - Martin Luther King Day/ No School

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Youth Ag Expo

The Youth Ag Expo, sponsored by the Fulton County Conservation District, brings together all of Fulton County's 6th grade students. Students learn about the current status of agriculture in Fulton County. They also learn about soil and water conservation as well as the business principles employed in agricultulral operations. Presenters included dairy and vegetable farmers, alternative agriculture operations (organic farming, mushrooms, specialty items), swine and turkey operations, Fulton County Master Gardeners (vermicomposting) and the NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service - soil health). Special focus is given to career opportunities in agriculture, specifically in Fulton County. Students rotate between approximately seven, 30-minute stations. They went on a hayride and learned the history of Narrows Valley and the Englert farm, a mixed livestock and crop operation. Thank you to the Englert family for hosting this event!

Open House

The annual open house, held on September 19, was a fun and exciting evening. Due to the COVID pandemic, this was the first time open house was held since the Fall of 2019. Open house provides families an opportunity to meet the faculty and staff, tour the building, and view student work showcased by teachers. Light refreshments were served and there were several vendors in attendance: Allegany

College of MD, Hagerstown Community College, PA Army National Guard, Fulton County Family Partnership (Check and Connect), Healthy Community Partnership (SAP), Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts, FR Athletic Association Boosters, Fulton County Food Basket, and various youth sports leagues. In addition, there was a rock climbing wall and a bounce house. Students that attended and collected teacher signatures, were given the opportunity to participate in a volleyball tournament on October 11th. There were seven student teams and one faculty/staff team.

Health and Safety

The faculty, staff and administration have the health and safety of FRSD students and campus as a number one priority. We are proud to share many updates and modifications that were made this year to enhance overall campus safety. The updates are as follows:

- The school police officer has an office located in the main office.
- New monitors were installed with real-time camera views for the secretaries and police officer to view at all times.
- Five new cameras were installed in areas identified as blind spots.
- Outdated cameras were replaced.
- All faculty/staff and students are required to register their vehicle and display an assigned parking pass while on campus.
- All classrooms and offices were

numbered inside and outside of the building for ease of identification in the event of an emergency.

- The Navigate 360 program was purchased and implemented. The program aids in keeping students and staff safe during drills and oncampus incidents through reunification and recovery; compliance and preparation before an emergency with know-on-the-go access to critical information; response accountability during an emergency, including the option of 911 silent panic alert; and ease of integration with PowerSchool.
- Pick up/drop off process was modified to promote a more efficient and safer procedure.
- Extra door handles were removed from exterior doors at all building entry points.

"I would sincerely like to thank all of our stakeholders for supporting education and promoting school and community positivity as we continue through the 2022-23 school year. Let's continue to work together to support the District's mission of providing an exemplary educational program which serves the individual community, state, and nation by enabling students to develop respect for self and others, acquire essential knowledge, develop learning and thinking skills, talents and abilities and become independent lifelong learners and responsible citizens." -Mr. Clint Heath, Superintendent

Life Skills Students Visit Four Diamonds Ranch

The Life Skills class visited Four Diamonds Ranch in James Creek, PA on September 29, 2022.

Students learned the process of making shower gel. They had the opportunity to choose their favorite scent and make their own. The class then went outside to play with the goats and a dog and they were able to hold a baby goat. The students quickly found out that one of the goats liked to eat coats and another one liked to chew on shoe laces. The Life Skills Class had so





much fun exploring Four Diamonds Ranch!



Left: Luke Thurber Middle: Sophia Bridges

Right: Trenten Feight

Mrs. Cromer's 4th Grade Thanks Local Heroes

In September, Mrs. Cromer's fourth grade class learned about Patriot's Day, the day in which those who lost their lives in the September 11th attacks are remembered. The students learned that there were many heroes that jumped into action on that tragic day.

Mrs. Cromer said, "My class wanted to take a moment to thank the local heroes in our community. In doing so, they wrote letters and put together survival kits (goodie bags) for the firefighters and police officers."

Fall Sports Round-up

Forbes Road School District is proud of all of the Cardinal athletes for their dedication and commitment to their teams as well as their academics.

Field Hockey

The Varsity Field Hockey team ended their with a winning season and a record of 10 wins and only 3 losses. The team finished their season with a 9-0 win in the District 6 Championship game against Southern Huntingdon.



Girls Varsity Field Hockey

Front Row (left to right): Dalyssa Ramsey, Heidi Strait, Morgan Deshong, Madison Black, Abigail Deshong, Kayla Baker, Carly Skinner, Katie Hess. Middle Row: Brenna Snyder, Emma Smith, Gabby Wyles, Mykenzie Vinson, Gracie Foster, Camryn Horne, Braelynn Starliper. Back Row: Ester Palmer, Rachel Horton, Kaylee Oakman, Ginnah Kendall, Carlee Drenning, and Tyanna Vinson. Coaches: Mindy Horne and Assistant Ann Smith



The survival kits included: lifesaversreminders of the many times they've been one, starbursts- the burst of energy they need, Pay Day- since they are volunteers, Hershey Kisses- to show love for them, gum– so they can stick



Varsity Soccer

The Co-ed Varsity Soccer team finished their season with a record of 7 and 12. They advanced to the District V semifinal game on 10/27 but came up short against Somerset.

Junior High Soccer

The Co-ed Junior High Soccer team finished their season with a record of three wins, seven losses, and one tied game.



Coed Varsity Soccer

Front Row (left to right): Brayden Cisney, Brady Skinner, Madison Clippinger, Porter McMath, Isaac Kuhn, Ryder Cole. Middle Row: Sawyer Hollibaugh, Caleb Greenland, Brayden Taylor, Jacoby Knepper, Owen Long, Gunner Doyle, Michael Strait. Back Row: Avrik Gelvin, Cris Palma-Pardo, Collen Drenning, Trevor Woodal, Cole Zenoble, Bryson Barton, Camden Lupey. Coach: Tyler Gelvin



Left: Cross Country Madison Black

> **Right: Golf** *Peyton Taylor*

together, Tootsie Rolls- to roll with the punches, Peppermint Patties- help them keep their cool, Snickers- help them keep their humor, and Mounds- for the mounds of courage they show.



Cross Country

Maddison Black runs cross country. She participated in the ICC meet where she ran her personal best. She then advanced to the District V meet in Somerset and qualified for the PIAA Cross Country meet held in Hershey, PA.

Golf

Peyton Taylor is a member of the Everett Golf Team. He advanced to the District match in October.



Coed Junior High Soccer

Front Row (left to right): Makena Kuhn, Kinsley Small, Liam McDonald, Sage Welsh, Cody Flasher, McKenzie Lane, Emma Fix. Back Row: Cabela Ramsey, , Brayden Smith, Shyla Phillips, Logan Cain. Coaches: Justin and Wendy Gelvin



FRSD Welcomes New Faculty/Staff

With a new school year came many new faces to the District! We are so fortunate to have these additions to such an already amazing faculty and staff. Below are some bios and photos to help you get to know them better. Please take time to say hello and welcome them to the Cardinal family!

CORTNEY BOOHER

Mrs. Booher has been teaching for 10 years, including her previous time here at FRHS. She teaches Biology, Environmental Science, STEM, and Computer Science.

"I am super excited to be back in Forbes Road School District. I am a graduate of Southern Huntingdon County High School, The Penn State University, and the University of Scranton. While at Penn State, I obtained my bachelor's degree in Agriculture and Extension Education; and I earned my Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Scranton. I currently reside in Calvin, PA with my husband, Logan and two daughters Bentleigh and Harper. My family raises and exhibits beef and sheep for local 4-H and FFA projects. We also have a flock of chickens. My children enjoy hatching chicks and selling eggs. While I am not working, you can find me at a livestock show, hunting, fishing, camping, or traveling. I am thrilled to be teaching biology, environmental science, STEM, and computer science, I look forward to working with you and your students during the school year."

ELIZABETH FISHER

Mrs. Fisher is the school nurse for the District. She started at the end of the 2021/22 school year.

"I am a graduate from Pennsylvania State University College of Nursing. I have been a Registered Nurse for eight years, with the majority of my career being spent in the emergency department. I have worked in Level II Trauma and Level IV Trauma facilities. Outside of my time in the emergency department, I also worked in medical-surgical units, intensive care units, and in management. Outside of work, I love spending time with family, vacationing at the beach, hanging in the pool, and just being outside."

CLINT HEATH

Mr. Heath is the Superintendent at FRSD. He has worked in education for 16 years.

"I am a 1998 graduate of Mount Union Area High School. After graduation, I began my post-secondary educational journey attending the Pennsylvania State University where I received my bachelor's degree in Psychology and a minor in Sociology. I then transitioned to Kutztown University where I earned my master's degree in Secondary School Counseling and Counseling Licensure in 2005. From there I moved to the Lehigh Valley where I received a degree in Mortuary Science/Funeral Service Education from Northampton College before starting a career in secondary education as a school counselor at Dauphin County Technical School. While working as a school counselor, I received my master's degree in Educational Leadership from Edinboro University in 2014, and my Superintendent Letter of Eligibility from Saint Francis University in 2021. In 2017 my family and I relocated back to Huntingdon County. I reside on a farm in Shirleysburg with my wife Lindsay and children Hudson, Lennon, and Millie. We have dogs, cat, pigs, goats, and chickens. My educational experiences have afforded me the opportunity to collaborate with a diverse group of people to meet the common goal of increasing student achievement and well-being. My educational philosophy is based on my uncompromising belief

that all students can learn, given a positive learning environment, strong and knowledgeable leadership, a committed and focused educational team, an encouraging community, and a supportive family. Effective communication is at the forefront of my mission as an educator."

MAIZIE HUSICK

This is Ms. Husick's first year of teaching. She teaches Health and Phys Ed. She was a substitute at FR at the end of the 2021/22 school year.

"I graduated from Tussey Mountain High School in 2018. Also, I am a 2022 graduate of Lock Haven University, where I obtained a Bachelor of Science in PK-12 Health and Physical Education. I am a Junior High volleyball coach and in my spare time, I like to spend time with my family and friends. I also enjoy spending time doing any outdoor activities, such as hiking and camping."

RANDI KNEPPER

Mrs. Knepper has joined FRHS as a paraprofessional. She previously worked at FRHS.

"I am a 2006 graduate of Forbes Road. I graduated from Penn State Mont Alto in 2008 with an Associate of Science in Occupational Therapy. I worked as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant for 12 years in several different healthcare facilities. I am married and have one child. I enjoy spending time with my family. I also enjoy traveling (mostly to the beach) and camping."

JORDAN LONG

Mrs. Long is the Art teacher for Forbes Road Elementary and High Schools. This is her first time teaching. "I graduated from Shippensburg University in 2021 with my BFA. I am happily married with three children. I love spending my time with my family and creating art with daughters."

REBEKAH ROGERS

Ms. Rogers started the 2022-23 school year as the Social Studies teacher and Dean of Students. She just recently accepted the position of Director of Special Education and is currently transitioning roles.

"I'm a 2008 graduate of Tussey Mountain! I graduated from Saint Francis University in 2012 with my bachelor's in History Secondary Education and then from Penn State with my master's in Curriculum and Instructions in 2020. I spent the past 7 years teaching mostly American Government and World History at Southern Huntingdon. I have 2 dogs, Halle, a great dane, and a pit bull named Jessie! I have a love of coffee and work as a barista as well!"

NATALIE SHIPLEY

Mrs. Shipley has been teaching for sixteen years. She is teaching Math at FRHS.

"I am a Bedford High School graduate.

I have a bachelor's degree from IUP in **RAMONDA ZINOBILE** Family and Consumer Science and taught FCS at Southern Huntingdon for Mrs. Zinobile is the Principal at Forbes 15 years. I obtained my middle-level math certification after college and have used it off and on as needed at SHC. My husband and I have a dairy farm in Bedford County. We have three children, two boys and one girl. I love to be outside."

MIRANDA THOMAS

Mrs. Thomas is teaching Redbirds at FRES. This is her first year at Forbes Road, but she has been teaching for eight years.

"I graduated from Mount Aloysius College in 2014, receiving my bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. While attending college, I also played on their women's volleyball team. I have coached for the past five years and have taught in a first-grade setting for six years at Mount Union Area School District. I got married this past summer to my wonderful husband, Shane. We live in Saltillo with our two dogs, Rocky and Roxy. We are both teachers, enjoy sports and traveling, and plan to have children of our own someday."

Road School District for both the elementary and high schools.

"This is my first year at Forbes Road! I am very excited to begin working with the faculty, staff, students, and community here! Prior to coming to Forbes Road, I was the Online Coordinator at Southern Huntingdon for five years and was also a Business Educator at Southern Fulton School District. My husband, Jake, and I have been married for 23 years and have three children. My oldest daughter, Telah, is a senior at Juniata College and is studying Wildlife Biology and Ornithology. She is currently doing a study-abroad semester in New Zealand. My middle daughter, Lizzi, is a freshman at Shippensburg University and is studying Special Education and Early Childhood Education. My youngest, Jacob, is a senior at Southern Huntingdon County School District and is excited to be graduating this year. In our free time, we love to spend time as a family and enjoy being outdoors. We like to visit Chincoteague Island, Virginia and spend time fishing, hiking, and being at the beach.



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Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention week was $Oct 9^{th} - 15th$. Several members of the Hustontown Fire Department, Company 57, did a presentation for the Forbes Road elementary students. The kids were excited to see the firetrucks and learn fire safety. They learned what to do in the event of a fire as well as fire prevention. Elementary students practiced stop, drop and roll and learned how to crawl out of a smoke-filled room. Forbes Road High School students in the Junior Firefighter program also helped with the activities and presentation. The Hustontown junior members are Morgan DeShong, Colt Souders, Kadee Oakman, Kaylee Oakman, Tyanna Vinson, and Brayden Vinson.



Shadow Art Project

Some of the Enrichment students have been participating in a pull out project to create shadow art. They participated in a Curiosities and Puzzlements Discussion with an image of shadow art and from there were told they could use anything that wasn't nailed down to



create their own art pieces. They have been working very hard to get their pieces how they envisioned them. Each group decided they would like to have a competition in order to win "Angelo Bucks" (\$20 for 1st place, \$10 for 2nd place and \$5 for 3rd place.)

Spirit Week

The elementary and high school participated in Spirit Week October 3rd-7th . It was organized by the Student Council. The themes for the week were: 'Merica Monday, PJ Day on Tuesday, Wednesday - Wear Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness, Thursday was Teacher Day (Students dressed as teachers & teachers as students), and Twin Day on Friday.

