



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 14, 2023 (5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.) - Blue and White Community Night
- August 22, 2023 (4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.) - Secondary Schools Open House
- August 23, 2023 (4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.) - Elementary Meet, Greet, Find Your Seat
- August 28, 2023 - First Day of School (Half Day Schedule)
- August 29, 2023 - Half Day Schedule
- August 30, 2023 - Full Day Schedule (No Delayed Start)
- August 31, 2023 - September 4, 2023 - No School (Labor Day Holiday Break)
- September 5, 2023 - Full Day Schedule

### **Beach Elementary School**

Regular Day: 8:25 a.m. - 3:37 p.m.  
Delayed Start: 9:55 a.m. - 3:37 p.m.  
Half Day: 8:25 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### **Edgewood Elementary School**

Regular Day: 8:33 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.  
Delayed Start: 10:03 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.  
Half Day: 8:33 a.m. - 12:08 p.m.

### **Shettler Elementary School**

Regular Day: 8:25 a.m. - 3:37 p.m.  
Delayed Start: 9:55 a.m. - 3:37 p.m.  
Half Day: 8:25 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## **2023-2024 Building Start/End Times**

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### **Fruitport Middle School**

Regular Day: 7:45 a.m. - 2:47 p.m.  
Delayed Start: 9:15 a.m. - 2:47 p.m.  
Half Day: 7:45 a.m. - 11:11 a.m.

### **Fruitport High School**

Regular Day: 7:35 a.m. - 2:37 p.m.  
Delayed Start: 9:10 a.m. - 2:37 p.m.  
Half Day: 7:35 a.m. - 11:04 a.m.

# SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



While I hope that you had lots of time this summer to enjoy with your family and friends, I am excited to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year! Our staff has been hard at work preparing for what we know will be another great year. From professional development, to hiring new staff, to maintenance and operations projects, and beyond, we are ready and prepared.

Further, I am so proud of the work being done to develop a new strategic plan, and to set the course for continued improvements, high academic expectations, wonderful student performances and events, improved outcomes, and so much more. I am truly honored and privileged to be the Superintendent at Fruitport. Please do not hesitate to contact me using the information below. Together, we will make the 2023-2024 school year a remarkable one.

 (231) 865-3154  [jkennedy@fruitportschools.net](mailto:jkennedy@fruitportschools.net)  3255 E. Pontaluna Rd. Fruitport, MI 49415

## UNIVERSAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH FOR 2023-2024

This school year, through its School Aid Budget and Healthy School Meals for All program, the State of Michigan is providing two (2) universal meals, breakfast and lunch, to all students at no cost to the student or family. To claim reimbursable meals, schools must provide milk, fruit, vegetable, grain, and meat/meat alternate in the proper portions. It is important to recognize that a la carte items may not be included in the universal meal provided to students. As such, families may still want to fund student accounts to allow for the purchase of these items.

Next, families are still encouraged, regardless of income, to complete and submit a confidential school meal application. Even if your would normally not qualify for traditional free or reduced priced meal benefits, completing and signing an application will allow the District to maximize the use of available State and Federal funds. These applications are critical in determining supplemental funding received by the District in programs like Title I, Section 31a At-Risk, Title II, E-rate, etc. Parents or guardians can submit an application for Free and Reduced-Price Meals online at <https://familyportal.cloud/>, or in person after August 7th at their child's school office. It's easy and confidential. Please contact the Food Service Department by email at: [foodservice@fruitportschools.net](mailto:foodservice@fruitportschools.net) for assistance.

### Additional meals, a la carte, and charging of items

Additional meals charged by the student are the parent's responsibility. Please talk with your child about how you would like them to use their food service account. If you do not want your child to have certain meals or a la carte items charged to their 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 at (231) 865-4054 to set these guidelines on your student's account, or if you have concerns.

These additional items such as a la carte may not be included in the universal lunch or breakfast for students.

# NEW EDGEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

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**Mr. Christian Doctor - Principal (left)**  
**Mr. Shaun Danicek - Assistant Principal (right)**



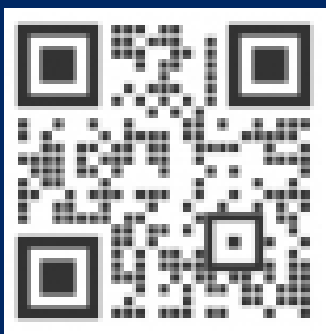
The District is pleased to introduce a new leadership team at Edgewood Elementary School. Christian Doctor has been hired to replace Tom Hamilton, who accepted a position as an Assistant Superintendent in another district, and Shaun Danicek has been hired to replace Emily Basse, who accepted a similar position in a neighboring district.

Mr. Doctor has been an elementary teacher, director of summer school, interim principal, and floating administrator at Grand Haven Area Public Schools. Mr. Doctor holds a Master's degree in Educational Administration from the University of Michigan-Flint, and a Bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. Mr. Danicek is a graduate of Fruitport Community Schools, and has been a teacher, interim administrator, and coach at Orchard View Public Schools. Mr. Danicek holds a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from Western Michigan University, and a Bachelor's degree from Grand Valley State University.

We are excited to welcome the new leadership team of Mr. Doctor and Mr. Danicek to Edgewood Elementary and Fruitport Community Schools! We are looking forward to their leadership of the school and hope that you will welcome them to our District.

## TRANSPORTATION REGISTRATION

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The Transportation Department is collecting ridership information. Families are encouraged to complete the transportation registration form whether or not their student(s) need to ride the bus. This is to ensure that we have the most accurate information in preparing bus routes for the new school year. Please call the Transportation Department at (231) 865 3196 if you have changes that occur, or if you need help in completing the online form. Scan the QR code to the left to access the transportation form.

## 2023 RETIREE CELEBRATION

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Fruitport Community Schools is honored to recognize our employees who retired from the District at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. These retirees provided nearly 200 combined years of service to the students and families of Fruitport. Congratulations to the following: Julie Ferguson, Kristine Olson, Jacqueline Ball, Tracy Bordewyk, Roseanne Willard, Sandra Murphy, Laurie Hall, and Brenda Dorman. If you see one of these retirees around, please be sure to thank them for their service to kids!





# 2023 - 2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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## **2023**

August 14: Blue and White Night - starts at 5:00 p.m.  
AUGUST 22: Secondary Open House (MS and HS) 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.  
AUGUST 23: Meet, Greet, Find Your Seat (Elementary) 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.  
AUGUST 28: First Day of School; Half Day of School  
AUGUST 29: Half Day of School  
AUGUST 30: Full Day Schedule; No Delayed Start  
AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 4: No School; Labor Day Break  
SEPTEMBER 6, 13, 20, 27: Delayed Start (school starts 1 1/2 hours later)  
OCTOBER 4, 11, 18, 25: Delayed Start (school starts 1 1/2 hours later)  
OCTOBER 16 - 20: Parent Teacher Conferences  
OCTOBER 20: Half Day of School  
OCTOBER 27: No School; Teacher Professional Development  
NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15, 29: Delayed Start (school starts 1 1/2 hours later)  
NOVEMBER 22 - 24: No School; Thanksgiving Recess  
DECEMBER 6, 13, 20: Delayed Start (school starts 1 1/2 hours later)  
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 5: No School; Holiday Recess

## **2024**

JANUARY 8: School Resumes  
JANUARY 10, 24, 31: Delayed Start (school starts 1 1/2 hours later)  
JANUARY 15: No School  
JANUARY 17: No Delayed Start  
JANUARY 18: Half Day of School  
JANUARY 19: Half Day of School  
FEBRUARY 7, 14, 21, 28: Delayed Start (school starts 1 1/2 hours later)  
FEBRUARY 16-19: No School; Mid-Winter Break  
MARCH 6, 13, 20, 27: Delayed Start (school starts 1 1/2 hours later)  
MARCH 8: No School  
MARCH 11 - 15: Parent Teacher Conferences  
MARCH 15: Half Day of School  
MARCH 29 - APRIL 5: No School; Spring Break  
APRIL 10: No Delayed Start  
APRIL 17, 24: Delayed Start (school starts 1 1/2 hours later)  
MAY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Delayed Start (school starts 1 1/2 hours later)  
MAY 27: No School; Memorial Day Holiday  
JUNE 5: No Delayed Start  
JUNE 6: Half Day of School  
JUNE 7: Last Day of School; Half Day of School

# SUMMER FUN CAMP

August 2023 - Back to School Edition

Students participating in the District's Summer Fun Camp program enjoyed many fun activities this summer. The children went on weekly field trips, participated in activities at the Fruitport Library, and bridged summer learning loss by doing STEM activities!



## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER UPDATE

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 Pre-kindergarten.

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 \$220 per quarter. Tuition for the four year old three-day program is \$265 per quarter. A \$30 registration fee is also applied. 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, 2023; however, these programs are currently full. To be added to the Child's World Preschool waitlist, please call 231-865-4111.

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, 2023.

The 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 four years olds. Classes meet full days, Monday – Thursday. Classrooms are located at Fruitport Elementary schools. Please call for information on qualifying factors. Openings are limited, please call 231-865-2497 for availability and information regarding Head Start and GSRP.



# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPDATE



**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 identification, and proof of residency in the District are required to register. Enrollment packets are available in the Superintendent's Office until August 4th. Elementary offices are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, beginning August 7th. For more information, please call 865-4002.

**First Day of School:** School will begin Monday, August 28th 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 Thursday, August 24th from 5:00—7:00 p.m. More information about this event can be found on the District's Facebook Page.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

**New Students:** Enrollment packets are available in the Superintendent's Office until August 4th. Once buildings open on August 7th, 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. Students new to the District can set up a time to meet with the school guidance counselor regarding schedules or tours by emailing Julie Kolbe at: [jkolbe@fruitportschools.net](mailto:jkolbe@fruitportschools.net).

**Current Students:** Current FMS families may access all important registration information, forms, and locker information online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal starting August 4th. Orientation nights are August 8 and 16 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Students and families may walk the building, find classes, and practice locker combinations. Back to School night is August 22nd from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Students and families may tour the building and meet teachers.

**First Day of School:** The first day of school for middle school students is Monday, August 28th and will be a half day for all students. On half days, students will meet from 7:45 am to 11:11 am. Regular school hours for the middle school are 7:45 am to 2:47 pm.

## FALL SPORTS UPDATE

Athletes should contact coaches directly additional information on specific practice times. All athletes must have a physical on file that is dated after April 15, 2023. It is recommended that all families also review their insurance coverage, and consider purchasing athletic insurance through First Agency of Kalamazoo. All athletes must be registered on Final Forms to participate. To register, go to [www.fruitportschools.net](http://www.fruitportschools.net), and find the Final Forms sign up link at the bottom of the Athletic Department page.

For further information on any of this information, please call the Athletic Office at (231) 865-4034.

# HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

**Registration:** All high school families will receive a registration postcard from the Geskus Photography Company. Please have your student bring this postcard with him or her to registration on the date below, even if you are not ordering a photo package. Parents must log on to the Parent Portal to update or confirm their demographic information, and fill out the required forms **prior** to the student coming in to register for the fall. If you do not know your Parent Portal login information, please contact Ms. Vanover in the Student Services Office. During registration, students will have their photos taken for picture packages and for ID cards, they will receive their Chromebooks, and will be given a print out of their class schedule, which will also include their locker combination.

## Registration Dates:

August 16, 2023 (10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) - Grades 10-12

August 16, 2023 (5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.) - 9th Grade Only

August 17, 2023 (5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.) - All Grades

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# ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM OFFERINGS

## 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, welding, or allied health, and develop employability skills to prepare them for their future careers.

**Registration** will take place August 21 through August 24 from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., and classes will begin on Monday, August 28, 2023. Classes are available Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. There is an open enrollment process and 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 (231) 865-4130 for more information. Classes are held at the Fruitport Adult Education Center, 3255 E. Pontaluna Rd. (west end of Edgewood Elementary) Door # 17.

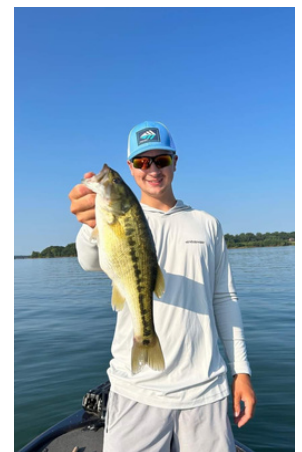
# ADULT EDUCATION GRADUATION



Fruitport Adult Education celebrated its 43 graduates in the Fruitport Performing Arts Center on June 13, 2023. Many families and friends were there to support the graduates and their achievements. Our Linked Muskegon Adult Ed Career Navigator, Jill Stamison, recognized five (5) outstanding students who completed their Medical or Machining training. These students were: Sheila Conklin; Nevaeh Jones, DeMyra Montgomery, Julian Pouch, and Tidisha Taylor. We are so proud of our graduates!

## BASS HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Our high school Bass Fishing Team competed in the 2023 BASS High School National Championship at Lake Hartwell, SC. Congratulations to Jacob Policka, who was the highest ranked fishing team from Michigan, while competing solo. Jacob finished in 22nd place, and the team of Brayden Vallie and Cade Calkins finished in 103rd place, weighing in limits both days. There were 481 of the best high school teams in North America, representing 39 states and Canada, at the championship tournament. We are so proud of our students and thankful to our coaches and sponsors of this year's team. They are: Whitewater Fishing, Fruitport Conservation Club, The Storage Group, Westwind Construction, Mario Flores, Johnson's Great Outdoors - Montague, Scott Snellen, Abu Garcia, Johnson Auto Sales, 418 Fishing, and DICK'S Sporting Goods.



The Muskegon Area Promise scholarship is a commitment to the students of the Fruitport community, and to all students across the County. If a student meets the criteria for eligibility, they will have an opportunity to earn at least a two-year college degree tuition FREE. The criteria for eligibility is listed to the left.

[www.fruitportschools.net](http://www.fruitportschools.net)

Two Years of Free College

## Our Promise. Your Future.

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

GRADUATE with a cumulative 3.5 GPA or higher from a high school located within the boundaries of the 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](http://www.fafsa.gov)).

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

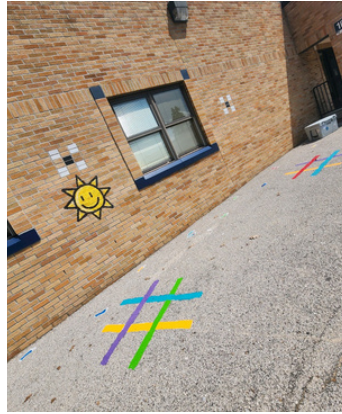
No information application is needed for the PROMISE award. Student families will be notified with a letter of eligibility and asked to accept the award in writing each spring. Students must successfully complete their coursework to maintain eligibility. Each college's Scholarship/Assistantship Program website apply.

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**PROMISE**  
[www.muskegonareapromise.org](http://www.muskegonareapromise.org)



# OUTDOOR PLAYGROUND GAMES

During the month of July, volunteers from the MillerKnoll Corporation came out to Beach Elementary and helped add some fun painted games to our outdoor playground space. The Fruitport Education Foundation also played an instrumental role in granting funding that was used to purchase supplies for this collaborative service project. The entire Beach Elementary School Community would like to thank everyone who participated in making our outdoor space more fun and enjoyable for kids!



## SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

The District offers many summer school opportunities to support students and their continued learning. Our students and staff participated in many summer learning experiences, and it was great to see so many students having fun and learning during our summer school programs!



## SHETTLER SCHOOL PTO WALK-A-THON

Thank you to the Shettler PTO, our students, staff, parents, and volunteers who made the PTO Walk-a-Thon a huge success! The event raised over \$15,000 to support the purchase of new playground equipment for the school!



# ANNUAL NOTICES

## ASBESTOS INFORMATION

The regulations of federal law require that local educational agencies annually notify various groups, including building occupants or their legal guardians, regarding asbestos containing materials in school district buildings and plans related thereto. Management plans and inspection reports are available for review by contacting John Winkas, Director of Operations. The district inspects its facilities on a regular basis in compliance with the regulations of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act. District buildings containing asbestos have been evaluated and judged to present no health hazard in their current condition as determined by the guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Public Health. The District will continue to regularly inspect all buildings to ensure that the buildings meet all federal, state, and local health and safety standards.

## RIGHT TO KNOW

Fruitport Community Schools operates Title I programs. You may request the following information about the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s):

- 1) Whether the teacher has met Michigan licensing requirements for the grade level(s) and the subject area(s) in which the teacher provides instruction;
- 2) Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency permit or other provisional status through which Michigan licensing requirements have been waived;
- 3) The teacher's college degree(s), major(s), and field(s) of discipline, as well as any graduate degree or certification that he or she may have earned.

In addition to this information about your child's teacher(s), you may also request this information about any paraprofessional or instructional assistant who provides Title I services to your child.

## USE OF DETECTION DOGS

Consistent with Board of Education Policy, 3107 - Use of Detection Dogs, the District may use a detection dog, without a warrant or consent, to sniff property in an effort to locate illegal drugs or contraband according to the District's policy. A detection dog will not be used to search a person unless a warrant or appropriate consent has been obtained before the search, or the search is otherwise authorized by law or Policy.

## 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 would like to request 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.

## 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.

## SCHOOL CAMERAS, MONITORING, AND AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDINGS

The District may monitor any building, facility, property, bus, or vehicle with video and/or audio recording equipment, other than areas where a person has a legally recognized and reasonable expectation of privacy (e.g., restrooms and locker rooms). Except in those areas, a person has no expectation of privacy. See Board of Education Policies 3104, 5805, and 5806 for additional information.



# ANNUAL NOTICES

## DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requires that Fruitport Community Schools obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records, unless certain conditions specified by FERPA are met. FERPA distinguishes between personally identifiable information and directory information, however, the District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without your written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary.

If you do not want your student's directory information released, you must request opt-out form from the Superintendent's Office, and complete the form no later than September 30, 2023. If you fail to complete and return this form, the District will presume that you give permission to release your student's directory information for all appropriate uses.

Your opt-out request will be recorded in the student information system and kept on file in the school's office for one (1) school year.

Directory information is the information contained in a student's education record that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy, if disclosed. In addition, Federal law requires the District to release a secondary school student's name, address, and telephone number to U.S. Military recruiters and institutions of higher education upon their request, unless others indicated on an opt-out form. See Board of Education Policy 5309, Directory Information and opt-out, for more information.

## USDA NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. 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.

## NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are: 1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of a request. 2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education record that the parent or eligible student believes is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy. 3) The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. 4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202

## RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

Fruitport Community Schools 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's office immediately. This notice is in compliance with the Rights and Privacy Act P.L. 93.380.

## 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 contact Mr. Greg Bodrie at 231-865-4012. Every attempt will be made to meet special accommodation requests.



# ANNUAL NOTICES

## **NONDISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION**

The District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, or sexual orientation), marital status, disability, or any other legally prohibited basis in admission or access to District programs and activities. Employee complaints of unlawful discrimination (including harassment) and unlawful retaliation are governed by Policy 4104. Employee complaints of Title IX sexual harassment are governed by Policy 3118. Student complaints of unlawful discrimination (including harassment) and unlawful retaliation are governed by Policy 5202. Student complaints of Title IX sexual harassment are governed by Policy 3118. A contractor, volunteer, visitor, employee acting outside the scope of employment, or other non-student who believes he or she has been the subject of, or is otherwise aware of, unlawful discrimination (including harassment) or unlawful retaliation, must timely file a good faith complaint alleging unlawful discrimination (including harassment) or unlawful retaliation using Form 4104-F with the Superintendent. If a complaint is against the Superintendent, the form must be filed with the Board President. A complaint of unlawful discrimination (including harassment) or unlawful retaliation will be promptly and thoroughly investigated. The Superintendent or Board President will forward the complaint to one of the following, as applicable: Title IX Coordinator; Section 504 Coordinator; or Civil Rights Coordinator. Any person may also contact the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, by email at: [OCR.Cleveland@ed.gov](mailto:OCR.Cleveland@ed.gov), by telephone at (216) 522-4970, or by fax at (216) 522-2573 regarding compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, or any other applicable laws for which OCR has jurisdiction. The district's Civil Rights Compliance Officer is Greg Bodrie, Director of Special Education, and can be reached at (231) 865-4100.

## **SMOKING, TOBACCO, DRUGS, AND ALCOHOL**

Per state mandate and Fruitport Board of Education policy, the use of all tobacco products and alcohol 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. See Board of Education Policy 3102.

## **ANNUAL NOTICE OF A PERSONAL CURRICULUM**

This posting serves notice to all high school parents and students of the school's obligation to develop a personal curriculum (PC) at a parent or guardian's request. For more information on the development of a personal curriculum, please contact the high school Guidance Office to learn more about this option for your child.

## **MCKINNEY - VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT**

The District will provide a free public education to homeless children and youth who are in the District, and afford them the educational rights and legal protections provided by federal and state law. For more information, please see Board of Education Policy #5307 - Homeless Students. The homeless liaison will coordinate services to ensure that homeless children and youth enroll in school and have the opportunity to succeed. The liaison will also coordinate and collaborate with state homeless coordinators, community agencies, and District personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to homeless children and youth, including unaccompanied youth. A student or parent / guardian in a homeless situation who requires assistance should contact the District's homeless liaison. The coordinator is Rob Rogers, and he can be reached at (231) 865-4100, or he can be reached by email at: [rrogers@fruitportschools.net](mailto:rrogers@fruitportschools.net).

## **REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH NOTIFICATION**

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 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 high school graduation credit requirement.

# AROUND THE DISTRICT



## TROJAN TREK / GIRLS ON THE RUN / ART

The Trojan Trek raised nearly \$40,000 this past spring to support the addition of an outdoor classroom at Edgewood. A special thank you goes out to the entire PTO. A special thank you to Rachel Saldana and all of the coaches who supported our girls at this year's GOTR event. Over 1000 pieces of art work from students across the district were put on display in the annual District Art Show. Thank you to our teachers and students. What huge successes and celebrations!



## EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

The annual luncheon was held in May to honor and recognize the top 10% of seniors from the Class of 2023. Accompanying the students were parents/guardians and an educator of their choice. After the meal, an inspiring presentation was given by guest speaker Mr. James Munger, Fruitport Class of 1977. Congratulations to these outstanding students and a thank you to the FHS Student Recognition Committee!



## SUMMER CAMPS AND ACTIVITIES

Lots of camps and activities have taken place this summer! We are so excited to see so many of our students participating in these activities!



## POSITIVE BEHAVIOR (PBIS)

A special thank you to Johnson Auto Sales for their partnership in providing a car for our Ride with Pride PBIS program! Congratulations to Levi Bol and to all of our PBIS winners!



## VOCAL MUSIC SUCCESS

Our students received high honors at the Michigan School Vocal Music Association's State Choral Festival at Hope College this spring. We are so proud!



# FRUITPORT HALL OF FAME

The Fruitport Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will take place on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at Fruitport High School in the Performing Arts Center. Doors will open at 4:45 p.m. with the Induction Ceremony starting at 5:30 p.m. A reception will follow in the cafeteria with all food being provided by local Fruitport restaurants. A cash bar will be available for drinks. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the high school office, at the central office, online, or at the door. Congratulations to all of this year's inductees!

### Academic/Career Accomplishments:

Colleen Kraft and Stephanie Teasley

### Athletic Achievements:

Kyle Ferguson and Kurt Spyke

### Service To Fruitport Community Schools:

Joyce Vanderstelt

# AROUND THE DISTRICT



## BEACH ELEMENTARY PUBLISHING PARTY

Second graders at Beach published their own book, which included writings from each student. Students received a certificate of recognition, and the books will remain in the library at the school for students to check out. Great job student authors and staff!



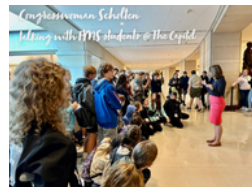
## UPDATED MASCOT - TROJIE 2.0

Trojie 2.0 was released as the District's updated mascot this past year with the support of our Be Nice team that has been focused on improving culture, climate, and school spirit. We are proud to be the Trojans!



## 8TH GRADE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC

Our 8th grade students had an opportunity to travel to Washington, DC for the annual trip to our nation's capital. A special thanks to our staff, chaperones, and Congresswoman Scholten for providing a tour of The Capitol to our students and for speaking to them.



## BAND EARNS TOP HONORS AT STATE

The Symphonic Band and the Wind Ensemble received staright 1's and a superior rating at the MSBOA State Band Festival at the end of this past year. We are so proud of our musicians, staff, and supporters!



## WELCOME NEW STAFF

**Jamie Cihak - Kindergarten Teacher (Edgewood)**  
**Shaun Danicek - Assistant Principal (Edgewood)**  
**Alexia Davis - STEM Teacher**  
**Christian Doctor - Principal (Edgewood)**  
**Taylor Eacker - Science Teacher (MS)**  
**Abby Holman - 5th Grade (Shettler)**  
**Sarah Hogberg-Forester - ELL / Spanish Teacher**  
**Kenneth Houk - Transportation**  
**Olivia Kirk - Psychologist**  
**Kimberly Kovalak - Transportation**  
**Jerry Mobrito - Math/Technology Teacher (MS)**  
**Josh Moskalewski - Social Worker (Shettler)**  
**Darrin Musk - Transportation**  
**Elizabeth Nowak - English Teacher (MS)**  
**Nick Reed - Graduate Advocate (Alternative / HS)**  
**Kaitlin Rozenboom - English Teacher (MS)**  
**Jordan Tucker - Special Education (Edgewood)**  
**Evelyn VanDeMark - Psychologist Intern**



# BOND PROJECT AND SUMMER WORK UPDATE

## MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM ADDITION

The middle school pool conversion to a gym is near complete, and should be ready for use near the start of September. At the time of publication, the painting is almost complete, the demo of the landing and addition of new brick on the backside of the building is near complete, and the new brick and cement on the side of the building is near complete. The HVAC is almost complete, the stairs from the hallway into the new space are almost complete, and the work on the door frames is also near complete. The bleachers are repainted and ready for use. The floor still needs to be put down. This will be a nice, functional space that is much needed for the district. A special thanks to our team for their work this summer on this project and to the community for its continued support of our master facilities plan.



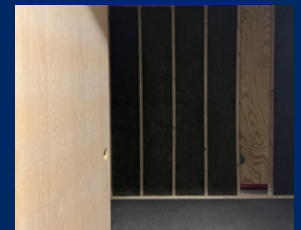
## AIR CONDITIONING / HVAC / ELECTRICAL UPGRADE UPDATE

Air conditioning and HVAC projects, along with the necessary electrical upgrades, at Beach, Shettler, and the middle school, are near complete and will be ready to start the new school year! We are excited to welcome students back to our buildings with air conditioning in place. This will ensure that our learning environments are maintained at comfortable temperatures for students and staff. A special thanks to our team for their work this summer on this project and to the community for its continued support of our master facilities plan.



## STADIUM BLEACHERS

The steel supports under the bleachers were sandblasted. Prime, intermediate, and finish coats of paint were then applied to restore and preserve the life span of the bleachers. The Board of Education awarded a competitive bid to Shoreline Metal Fabricators, Inc. from Muskegon to complete this work over the summer.



## SHETTLER SENSORY ROOM

Our team has been hard at work building a sensory room to help with the regulation of student behaviors and emotions at Shettler Elementary. The walls are in place and the room is expected to be ready by the start of school. Rooms like this help decrease symptoms of stress and anxiety, and increase well-being, resilience, mindfulness, happiness, and positive healthy behaviors for students.

## OUTDOOR CLASSROOM / SOCCER BUILDING UPDATE

Thanks to support from the PTO at Edgewood, a new outdoor classroom is being constructed behind the school. The walls are being erected and we are excited for what this new learning space will mean for our students and staff. Also, the soccer building is getting an update. This includes a new roof, access to the roof viewing area, the addition of insulation and finished walls, and the installation of a HVAC system to assist with mold prevention.



## BUILDING GROUNDS UPDATE

A special thank you to our community and tax payers for your continued support of Fruitport Community Schools. We are blessed to have outstanding staff members who work tirelessly to care for and maintain our grounds and facilities in a manner that we hope you are proud of. Projects completed by our competent and highly qualified staff save significant tax payer resources each year. We hope you enjoy the photos of our beautiful grounds! Thank you to the best Facilities, Operations, and Maintenance Department there is!





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### **BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Fruitport Community Schools' Board of Education meets monthly in the Board meeting room at 3255 E. Pontaluna Rd., Fruitport, MI 49415. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise posted. For a list of all Board meeting dates, agendas, and minutes please visit: [www.fruitportschools.net](http://www.fruitportschools.net), and click on the Board of Education tab.



### **CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION INFORMATION**

The graduation and commencement exercise for the Class of 2024 will be held on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Trinity Health Arena in Downtown Muskegon. We hope to see you there in support of our graduates, and wanted to be sure to share this information as early as possible with you.

### **BLUE AND WHITE NIGHT**

**Come join us for the biggest community party of the year!**

**Monday, August 14, 2023**

**Starts at 5:00 p.m.**

**Location: High School Cafeteria and Northeast Field**

Please join us for our community pep rally and parade of athletes from all fall, winter, and spring sports. \$5.00 gets you either a 2-hotdog or burger meal, chips, pickle, dessert, and water. Pop can be purchased as well. There will be kids games, a T-shirt toss, and 50/50 raffle!



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