



SKYHAWK NEWS

FCS Emergency Renewal Levy on March 6 Ballot

Revenue from levy will help preserve existing educational programs.

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The Fairborn City School District will have an Emergency Renewal Levy on the ballot March 6, 2012. This levy is not a new tax, it is a renewal of a levy that passed five years ago. Fairborn City Schools has trimmed the budget and tightened the belt by cutting over \$8 million from the district budget since 2003.

Financial Update:

- The Emergency Renewal Levy will raise \$5 million annually for district operations and will help Fairborn City Schools preserve the educational programs we currently operate.

- Fairborn receives 43.44% of its funding from the State, 45.54% from the local community and 11.03% from the Federal government. **The district will be just over \$2 million short for the next school year (2012-13) without passage of the**

Emergency Renewal Levy and additional cuts will be made.

- The district is doing more with less! Many school districts in the Miami Valley are just now making the budget cuts that Fairborn made years ago. Fairborn has trimmed \$8 million from the budget since 2003 and consolidated buildings into grade level buildings to save the district money. With the consolidation, the district cut 167 positions. These drastic cuts included administrators, classroom and bus aides, instructional supervisors, librarians, building technology specialists, secretaries, maintenance

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Back-to-Back Spirit Awards!



Fairborn High School wins the Sinclair Community College Spirit Video contest for the 2nd year in a row! The spirited Skyhawks were recognized for their efforts at a home basketball game with a visit from Channel 7's Mike Hartsock! Go Skyhawks!

More Cost-Saving News:

E-Rate Saves FCS a Bundle on Internet and Telecommunication Services

The Universal Service Fund for Schools and Libraries, popularly known as the E-Rate Technical Assistance program, helps ensure that eligible schools and libraries have affordable access to modern telecommunications and information services. This federal program provides discounts of 20 to 90 percent on telecommunications and Internet access service costs to eligible elementary and secondary schools. In the ten years of the E-Rate

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program's existence, Ohio schools and libraries have received more than \$747 million in discounts on their telecommunications and Internet services as well as internal connections equipment.

Fairborn has received over \$350,000 from E-Rate, which saves the district significantly throughout the course of the school year! Based on our free and reduced lunch percentage, Fairborn is 75% E-Ratable!

“No Excuses University” Project Combines Real-World Experience in Math and Art

The 7th grade math teachers consisting of Bob Shively, Rita Pierson, Becky Stone, Heather Rutan and Nikki Tighe challenged their students to use what they were learning in class about scale factors and scale models to take a college logo and enlarge it on a greater scale. Mr. Ferguson came to our math classes and taught the students how

to correctly grid their papers in order to enlarge their logos. The teachers will decide which logos were done the best and those students will have the opportunity to paint their logo on a ceiling tile that will be placed in the hallways for teachers, students and visitors to enjoy at Baker Middle School.



A Baker Middle School student is working on his “Arkansas Razorback” project. The completed projects will be displayed throughout Baker Middle School to showcase our student’s talent and to remind each of them to focus on the future!



Baker Middle School “No Excuses University” is preparing our students to think about a bright future and college! Art teacher, Kevin Ferguson, worked with math teachers to help students draw college logos to scale! And did the students succeed? Yes, and highlighted their favorite college.

Emergency Renewal Levy

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staff, teachers, bus drivers and nurses. These tough decisions have helped the district remain financially stable. Fairborn has made tough decisions and trimmed the budget every year:

- Over \$2 million in 2003-04
- Over \$3 million in 2004-05
- Over \$3 million in 2011-12

- The Emergency Renewal Levy will support the daily operations of the school district including teachers, textbooks, technology and transportation. The Emergency Renewal Levy is vital to maintaining the impressive improvements on the Ohio Department of Education Report Card. The Fairborn City School District is rated “Effective” on the Ohio Department of Education Report Card. We know that our Report Card gains (and continued improvements) are very important to the Fairborn community!

- Fairborn High School: Rated “Excellent”
- Baker Middle School: Rated “Effective”
- Fairborn Intermediate School: Rated “Effective”
- Fairborn Primary School (including Wright All-Day Kindergarten campus): Rated “Excellent”

- Fairborn City Schools Administrative team looks closely at the budget EVERY year and trims costs accordingly.
- The millage calculator below reflects current housing reappraisal values.

FCS Administrative Positions Cut Since 2002

- 1 Work Study Coordinator (District position)
- 1 Elementary Principal (Black Lane)
- 1 Assistant Principal (Baker Middle School)
- 1 Director Curriculum (Central Office)
- 1 Director Personnel (Central Office)
- 5 Curriculum Supervisors (Central Office/District)
- 1 Director Technology (Central Office)
- 1 Technology Supervisor (District)
- 1 Evening Maintenance Supervisor (District)
- ½ Day Maintenance Supervisor (District)
- ½ Assistant Treasurer (District)

Did You Know?

Fairborn City Schools employees (including Central Office and Administration) pay an additional 5% for health care and agreed to a pay freeze for this school year!

This is not a new tax!

Fairborn City Schools Estimated Renewal Cost per Home Owner

Appraised Value	Tax Value 35%	\$5 Million 8.4 Mills Annual Cost Estimate*
\$80,000	\$28,000	\$205.80
\$100,000	\$35,000	\$257.25
\$120,000	\$42,000	\$308.70
\$150,000	\$52,500	\$385.88
\$180,000	\$63,000	\$463.05
\$200,000	\$70,000	\$514.50

**Annual cost is an estimate based upon the current reappraised values by the County Auditor that includes 10 & 2.5% rollback for qualifying residential properties.*

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AT RISK!

Fairborn City Schools Treasurer Eric Beavers states, “Without passage of the Emergency Renewal Levy deeper cuts will be made that will further negatively impact the educational programs in Fairborn City Schools.”

Skyhawk Photo Album



Business Owners Visit FHS

(top photo) Fairborn business owners spoke to the FHS Introduction to Business classes taught by Jan Fleming and Janice Wright. Mike Foy of Foy's, Clint Allen of Inside Scoop, Diane Molnar of NewsReaders, Tony Spazioni of Giovanni's, George Silvis of Wendy's, and Mike Gharst of Roush's. These business owners answered questions about their business structure, daily operations, and business decisions. FHS alumni Theresa Tibbs, assistant manager at McDonald's and a student at Sinclair, also talked with the students about job responsibilities and interviewing techniques. Shown in the photo is (left to right) Diane Molnar, Mike Foy, and Clint Allen answering questions from the students.



Science Fair Projects

(middle photo) Science Fair projects shine at Fairborn High School. With assistance from WPAFB and other local community partners, students are encouraged to learn and create with their Science Fair projects!

Cheerleaders Give to Cancer Society

(bottom left) Fairborn Varsity Cheerleaders, pictured here with Coach Julie Siders and the Skyhawk, present a check to the American Cancer Society for \$1,365.50!



Pizza Election (below) Election Day at Wright Campus! Kindergarten students in Kathy Call's class have fun voting for their favorite type of pizza!



Hawk Pride



FHS Athlete to Attend Marquette

(top photo) Standout basketball player and FHS senior, Brooklyn Pumroy will play ball at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Brooklyn signed a letter of intent surrounded by her proud parents, Rick and Michelle Pumroy, in the Fairborn High School Media Center.



"Family Day" at Fairborn Buick-GMC

(middle photo) Fairborn Buick-GMC hosted a fun "Family Day" at their dealership in Fairborn. Attendees enjoyed food and games, and were entered to win \$2500 for their school. The winning school was Wright Campus-All-Day Kindergarten. Asst. Principal Mrs. Janet Schieman, smiles with her Kindergarten students and will now have this money to help with school projects!

Rotary President Speaks to Students

(bottom right) Fairborn Rotary President, Rob Degenhart, talks to 3rd grade students at Fairborn Primary School. Students receive dictionaries from the Rotary Club!



"Shoes 4 the Shoeless"

(below) The organization, "Shoes 4 the Shoeless", visited Fairborn Intermediate School and provide shoes for students in need. The vision of the organization is: To have no child endure the unnecessary physical and emotional distress that accompanies having no shoes or tattered shoes that do not fit. Simply, we hope to give hope.



Skyhawk Points of Pride

● Fairborn Intermediate School won the **“Glee Give a Note”** contest and received \$10,000 to support the music program at Fairborn Intermediate School. Under the leadership and vision of Music Teacher, Jennifer Gillespie, the school created a video for submission. In October, the eligible entries were posted on www.GleeGiveANote.com and put up for public vote for a month! Skyhawk fans voted – and during this time, students and supporters reached out to their families and the Fairborn community to vote – and Fairborn won! “Music education plays such a critical role in the development of our children, yet its place in our schools is not assured due to dire budget situations across the nation, said Michael A. Butera, executive director of the National Association for Music Education. “Bold and generous acts, like “FOX’s Glee Give a Note campaign, validate its importance and bring a sense of hope to thousands of educators and students.

● Fairborn Intermediate School and Baker Middle School students attended an **FMA Live Science Assembly** which taught the students about Newton’s Laws of Motion in a fun and creative way. The assembly was paid for by Honeywell and NASA.

The presentation highlighted the exciting ways that motion impacts our life and energized our students!

● **St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church** made a generous donation of books to our youngest Skyhawks at Fairborn Primary School!

● **Fairborn Buick-GMC** hosted the first annual “Fairborn Family Festival” for Fairborn families and children. The Willie Roberts Memorial Scholarship is presented each year to a graduating senior from Fairborn High School. Mr. Roberts, the former owner of Fairborn Buick-GMC, was highly respected for his support of the Fairborn community. Mr. Roberts supported sports teams and the Fairborn High School yearbook.

● Fairborn’s **Project Lead the Way** STEM initiatives are going strong! At Baker Middle School, students can take Design and Modeling and learn about the basic principles of engineering. Mr. Bartlett will be learning about Green Architecture and Energy and the Environment and will bring this expertise back to Baker Middle School. At Fairborn High School, Introduction to Engineering Design is currently offered and future courses may include Aerospace Engineering, Biotechnical Engineering and Civil Engineering and Architecture. Biomedical

Fairborn Primary School Hosts Family Literacy Night

Wright State basketball players volunteered at Family Literacy Night at Fairborn Primary School. Students had some tall assistance in selecting books!



At Family Literacy Night, families had the opportunity to have fun, read together and participate in educational activities!

for the Fairborn Community



Science courses are offered at Fairborn High School and leading this initiative is Project Lead the Way Master Teacher, Fairborn's own; Amanda Spirk. Our students are "ahead of the curve" because these educational courses are offered at the middle school and high school and provide the opportunity for students to learn about these different fields – which will help them plan for the future!

- **Family Literacy Night** at Fairborn Primary School provided a fun evening with Literacy activities, reading and math skill activities and door prizes for attendees. Books were given out to families and Max and Erma were present to greet and mingle with families. The Wright State University basketball team was on hand to sign autographs for the children.

- Fairborn Primary School utilizes **"Study Island"** to help students during the regular school day to supplement classroom learning.

- 75% of all classrooms at Fairborn Primary School have **interactive white boards**.

- Fairborn Primary School utilized **Skype** to talk with a famous author, and students read his book and were then able to ask questions directly about the writing process.

- Fairborn Primary School uses **After-School Tutoring with Study Island** and other online

resources for math and reading intervention.

- Did you know? Fairborn Intermediate School is the **FIRST** school in the state of Ohio to be a **"No Excuses University"** School and was awarded the 2011 OAESA Hall of Fame school!

- Fourteen families were helped at Thanksgiving thanks to the proceeds from the **Annual Pumpkin auction** held at Fairborn Intermediate School!

- Fairborn High School was awarded a **\$2500 scholarship from Northrup Grumman!** Graduating seniors should check the FCS Guidance site for more information about local and special scholarship opportunities!

- **358 students attained Honor Roll** for the first quarter at Fairborn Intermediate School – amazing!

- **FCS supported the Fairborn community** in many ways over the holidays-by adopting families in need through the Fairborn Community Center and by food/gift collections.

- Fairborn High School staff donated \$685 along with \$400 in gift cards for the **Fairborn Community Center**. A Freshman Focus class donated \$50 and the high school rallied for the Webb family after an explosion destroyed their home by raising \$600 for the family.

\$10,000 Video Contest Prize to Benefit Music at Fairborn Intermediate School



Jennifer Gillespie, surrounded by her family from Fairborn Intermediate School and her own family, jumps for joy after receiving news that she and her students won the "Glee Give a Note" contest and a \$10,000 prize-which Mrs. Gillespie will use in her classroom to update her music programs. Mrs. Gillespie created a video highlighting her music program with the assistance of Randy Durrum, district technology coordinator. Then students, families and community members had to go online daily and vote for the video! Thanks to lots of hard work and lots of voting...Mrs. Gillespie has \$10,000 for music and the children at FIS!

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Annual Pumpkin Auction

Supt. Dave Scarberry serves as auctioneer at the Fairborn Intermediate School Annual Pumpkin Auction. Students create these wonderful pumpkin projects, then select a charity to benefit from the annual auction.



STEM Curriculum

Dwight Barlett, Project Lead the Way instructor at Baker Middle School, highlights his courses for the newly-formed Advisory Committee. This committee, spearheaded by Nancy Beers, Supervisor for Gifted Services, will help to lead the district STEM curriculum in the future. Fairborn is preparing our youth for the careers of the future with leadership from businesses who know what students need!



Students Interview Author

Fairborn Primary School utilized Skype service to talk with a famous author. Students read his book and were then able to ask questions directly about the writing process.

