



November 2020 Newsletter

Fieldcrest CUSD#6



Congratulations to Rebecca Hudson and Rachel Schmitt on their appointment to the Fieldcrest Board of Education as student representatives.

The Knights honored their seniors at the cross country meet in El Paso recently. Both squads took second in the triangular meet with the hosts and Delavan. Mason Stoeger was the overall winner in the boys race while Allie Wiesenhofer led the Knights with her third place finish.

Recently 2 students in Mrs. Rustman's class had the special task of caring for kittens! We are proud of these young ladies for the great job.

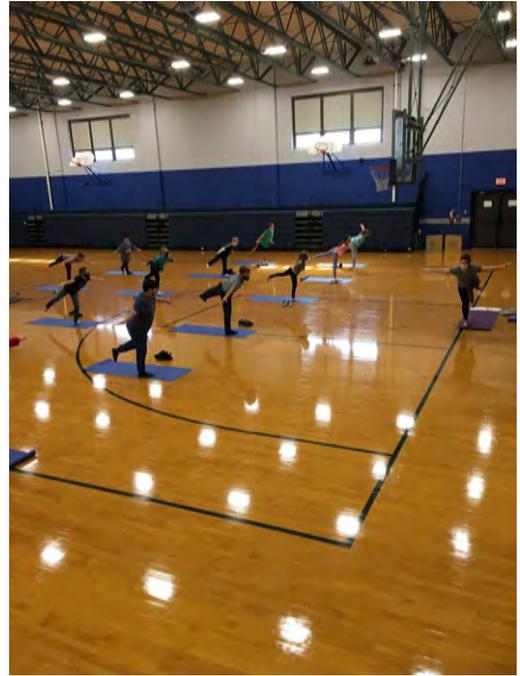


Important Dates

- November 3rd: No school, Election Day
- November 4th: End of 1st Trimester
- November 11th: K-5 Grades Posted
- November 17th/19th: K-5 Conferences
- November 18th: SIP Day, 12pm Dismissal
- November 18th: Board of Education Meeting, 6:30pm @ FMS
- November 20th: No school
- November 25th-27th: No School, Thanksgiving

\$250,000 Mental Health Grant Awarded

Fieldcrest was 1 of 4 school districts across the state to earn the Illinois State Board of Education Mental Health Grant for the school year 2020-2021. This \$250,000 grant is being used to jumpstart the first year of our school-based therapy program, supplement the start-up of our therapy dog program, provide professional development for staff, future professional development for students, weekly Yoga for all students K-8 and HS PE classes, and support opportunities for staff. Contact Dr. Rockwell for more information.



2020 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

After school on Friday, Fieldcrest High School's chapter of the National Honor Society hosted its annual induction ceremony, where they welcomed the new members and celebrated the old. Dr. Rockwell, this year's guest speaker, gave a heartfelt, inspiring speech congratulating students on their hard work and perseverance despite Covid restrictions and other abnormal circumstances they face. The sponsors of NHS, Mrs. Cope and Mrs. Fortner, shared kind and proud words with the guests before the induction began. President Rebecca Hudson, Vice President Jenna Eilts, Secretary Grace Harlan, Treasurer Savannah Fortner, and Social Media Rep. Caroline Holland shared the pillars of National Honor Society: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The club would like to welcome all new members and congratulate them, as well as celebrate those who were inducted in the years prior. We would also like to send a special thank you to Mr. Glowacki for providing a delicious lunch and working with St. Patrick's Church to acquire the venue. Throughout the remainder of the year, National Honor Society members will continue to work on their yearly service projects, as well as some upcoming events for education week and some fun activities for Christmas.



Middle School Physical Education Spotlight

The first half of the semester in physical education class has gone **amazingly well** with the students adapting and adjusting to the social distancing guidelines and adhering to not being able to share the PE equipment among their peers. Some of the activities we have done are cornhole (bags), golf, bocce ball, washers, juggling, croquet, soccer skills, yoga, and indoor putt putt.

We received bag boards from the Toluca Park District, special thanks to them for the opportunity! We put quart-sized baggies over the cornhole bags to allow for an easy transition from class to class because if we sanitized the canvas bags it wouldn't have time to dry before the next class; each baggie is replaced by the teacher who is wearing gloves, so the next class has a sanitized bag. We also played bocce ball using just one bocce ball and having a domed cone replace the bulime. These bocce balls are hard material so they were easy to wipe down after each class. Our classes enjoyed yoga once a week on Tuesdays with the yoga mats being sanitized between classes by our yoga instructor. Special thanks to the Arukah Institute of Healing and our wonderful yoga teacher, Courtney Bayer.

Our classes also played a modified game of croquet using mallets and a softball with domed cones as the 'wickets' and a modified game of golf using hula hoops as the 'hole' and each student getting their own wiffle golf ball, again wiping down each club, mallet, and ball after each use. Another adaptation for a 'rain day' activity was using hula hoops that were held up while being in the middle of it and walking and using the front of the hula hoop to tag another person's hula hoop. Again, the material of the hula hoop is easy to wipe down between classes and the hula hoop provides a natural social distancing.

7A PE class focused on juggling at the beginning of the year, with one student, Michael Beckett becoming a better juggler than the teacher! He was able to juggle three balls longer than the teacher and then progressed to four balls. Kash Klendworth was exceptional at the putt putt course making the most successful shots on the toughest hole, the basketball one. Kash also won the round-robin bags tournament and is the number 1 seed going into the single elimination bags tourney.



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8th Grade Science

8th graders participated in an egg drop project as part of their unit on motion in science. They compared and contrasted different designs and used engineering skills to make an egg drop project that they felt had the best chance of saving the egg. It was the "lite" version due to COVID, but the kids had fun, worked hard, and had some creative designs."

Pic 1 - Mr. Armstrong dropping a student's project

Pic 2 - Angel Serna and Gwen Frei

Pic 3 - Jordan Carey, Ryan Senko, and Cannon Kyle

Pic 4 - Emma Jason



4th Graders' 2nd Annual Cookie Essay Contest!

This is the second year that our 4th graders have written an opinion essay about what they think would be the best cookie design. Each student decides on a general theme to his/her cookie, and then he/she describes the cookie so that the person that is reading it can not only picture what it looks like in their mind, but they can almost taste it! Once all the essays have been submitted to their teachers to be read and of course, graded, the top winners also get to have their cookie design actually made by Amy Rossman, owner of Sweet Amy's in Minonk! She does an excellent job recreating the contest winners' cookies. This year the winner of Mrs. Ehrnthaller's class went to Jersey Modro, and the winner in Mrs. Jones' class went to Khloe Nussbaum. Congratulations to our cookie essay winners this year, and a big thank you goes out to Sweet Amy's for making the cookies for them!

