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Eagle Families and Community-

I hope that everyone has been able to welcome in some of the nice weather we have been so fortunate to have. First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank our dedicated transportation staff. Pictured below, from left to right, Gerrie Dixon, Stan Sillman, Joe Travis, and Jeff Thelen (not pictured Shelley Spitzley).



As many of you know, we had to decrease our routes this year from four to three. Our amazing team took this challenge in stride, and has done so with a smile on their faces at every turn. For many of our students, these people represents the beginning and end of each school day. This team has consistently gone above and beyond to ensure that the students are safe, and have positive experiences. Thank you for all that you do!

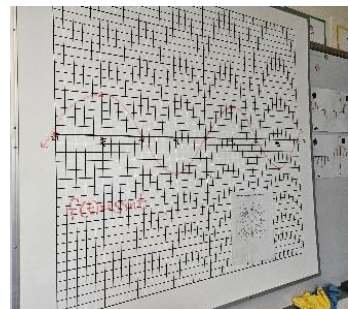
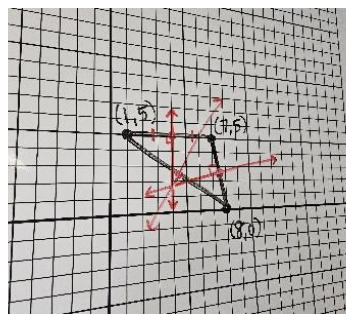
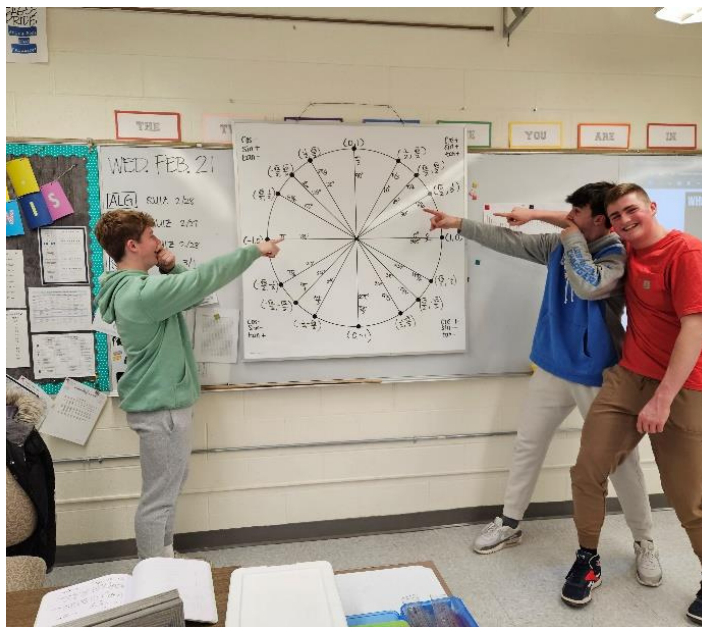
Spring also brings the state assessment season to the district. I know for many students these assessments can be quite stressful and overwhelming. It is always important to remind students that this is just an opportunity to show all of the information that they have learned, and the growth they have made. Ensuring adequate rest and a proper meal in the morning can also go a long way in supporting a successful assessment experience.

Go Eagles-

Patrick O'Rourke

***We are happy to announce this year's Fall grant winners
from the Fowler Public Schools Education Foundation!***

Our FHS math classes received some new tools this winter! The Fowler Public Schools Education Foundation granted Mrs. Lewis money to purchase large graph boards to visually represent a variety of functions in our math classes. These allow us to graph everything from linear functions in Algebra and triangles in Geometry to trigonometric functions in PreCalculus in a way that allows students to connect with multiple representations. Mr. Mowry, Mrs. Lewis, and their students are grateful for the graphing opportunities we will have in our math classes. Thank you, Fowler Public Schools Education Foundation, for your generosity! We appreciate all that you do to provide more educational opportunities by supporting our staff and students in so many ways!



Thanks to generous donations each year, we are able to support students and teachers across the district by providing financial support to purchase much needed learning materials. Last Fall's letter campaign brought in just under \$6,500. A percentage of those proceeds will be put towards grants for this upcoming school year. To date, the Foundation has awarded a total of 31 grants for a total of \$21,508. Please consider sending in a donation to support next year's grant requests.



Our Community. Our Schools. Our Legacy.

Fowler Education Foundation

P.O. Box 126,
Fowler, MI 48835

Fowler Public Schools Education Foundation Scholarship

All graduating seniors with a 3.0 GPA and demonstrated community service are invited to apply for the annual Fowler Education Foundation Scholarship.

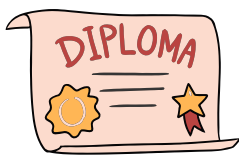
A link to the application can be found on the school website. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 26.



Scholarship Opportunities

Did you know that the Fowler Public Schools website has a wide variety of scholarships listed for seniors to apply to? The list can be found under the high school tab and then under the counselor tab on the website. These are all great opportunities for our seniors to apply for scholarship funds or grants for college or trade schools! Deadlines are coming up soon, apply today!

fowerschools.net/list-of-scholarships/



Yearbook Ads Available!

Attention Senior Parents!

Recognize your student's milestone with a yearbook ad! We still have limited space in the yearbook for Senior Recognition Ads. Go to jostensadservice.com/student to create your own design featuring photos of your senior and a message, or ask our yearbook staff to design one for you!

Space is limited. Create and purchase online by May 4th.

YEARBOOK

Secondary MTSS Update

Submitted by Sarah Lewis, Secondary MTSS Coordinator

In February, our Secondary Leadership Team met to review attendance, behavior, course performance, and overall engagement of our students as we started the 2023-2024 school year. We have so many wonderful things to celebrate!

Celebrations

At the end of 2nd Quarter:

- 88% of middle school students and 84% of high school students are on track for overall engagement (attendance, behavior, and passing core classes). All grades 5 through 12 met our school wide goal of 80% on this measure!
- 91% of high school students and 93% of middle school students attended 90% of instruction.
- All grades are on track for positive behavior.
- 88% of high school students and 95% of middle school students passed core classes.
- Grades 7 and 8 showed significant improvement in reading scores from fall to winter testing.
- Middle school grades completed their first round of NWEA math assessments.

Opportunities for Growth

As a secondary team, we plan to continue our work on goals related to attendance and reading, but have also set a goal to improve our math performance across the district. This will involve some collaboration among our K-12 math teachers and implementation of new benchmark assessments (NWEA) that will help inform instruction in math.

Parents, community members, and local businesses:

If you are able to donate prizes to reward our students for their great behavior and attendance, please reach out to Sarah Lewis (slewis@fowerschools.net). Your support of our students is greatly appreciated!

Waldron News



Dorothy in Wonderland

Submitted by Marin Thelen

Waldron's Middle School will be performing *Dorothy in Wonderland* by Brian D. Taylor on March 15th and 16th at 7:00 PM at the Waldron Cafeteria. Admission is \$5.00 per person and doors will open to the public at 6:30 PM.



Birthday Bags in Second Grade

Submitted by Brenda Epkey

Second grade has been on a mission to spread love and cheer throughout February.

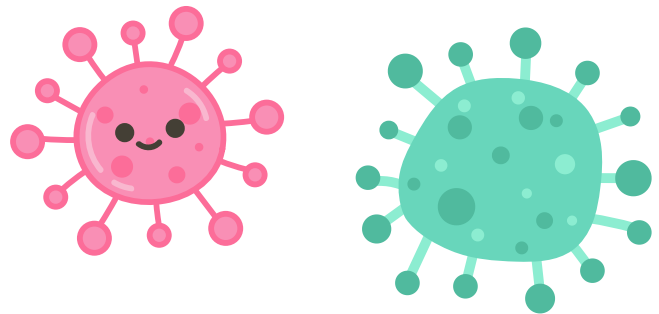


The class made Birthday Bags for a neighboring food pantry. Each bag had a cake mix, frosting, and a can of Sprite to make a perfect birthday cake. Also, the students made birthday cards to place in each bag. The class was so proud that they made a difference!

Germs! Germs! Germs!

Submitted by Brandi Schueller

The 5th through 8th graders had a lesson in handwashing. School Nurse Seanneen Carrey gave the lesson. Mrs. Carrey had several different hand washing activities for the students. One activity showed how coughing/sneezing into your hands can spread germs.



Another activity revealed how germs spread through hand to hand contact. A final activity demonstrated how our hands get full of germs touching everyday objects. For these activities, Mrs. Carrey used a product called Glo-Germ. It's a non-toxic lotion and powder that glows under black light. After the activities, Mrs. Carrey discussed with the students the proper technique to wash their hands. They washed their hands and put them under a black light to see if they followed the hand washing techniques. This lesson is similar to lessons that surgeons and other medical professions learn.



Christmas Spirit

Submitted by Brenda Epkey



Mrs. Epkey's second grade was busy this month getting into the Christmas spirit. They had a super time decorating gingerbread houses, participating in dress up days, and making Christmas cards for Laurels of Carson City. The students even made beautiful reindeer paintings for their parents to enjoy! A fun time was had by all and hopefully they passed on some Christmas spirit to others along the way!



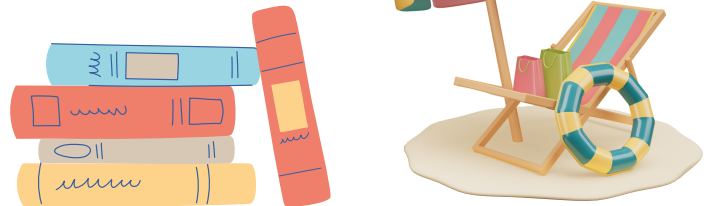
Spirit Days for Reading Month

Waldron is celebrating March is Reading Month, and there are several dress-up days for all students!

March 8th: Dress like your favorite story character

March 15th: Dress in Green

March 22nd: Beach Day



Students Enjoy Learning About Mass and Volume

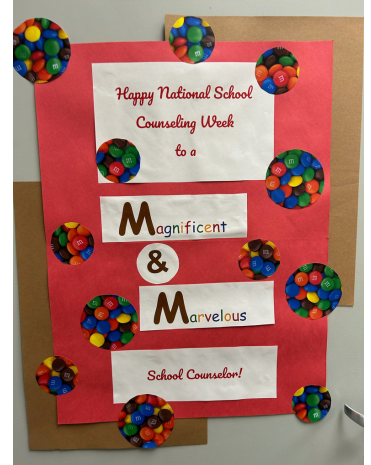
Submitted by Leann Schafer

The 3rd and 4th grade students have enjoyed taking part in some hands-on science activities. Students were able to find the volume of various objects using rulers, water and a beaker, and cubic units. A balance was used to help determine the mass of several objects as well. Both grades were very excited to work through each station!



Appreciation Weeks

Fowler Public Schools celebrated National School Counselor and Bus Driver Appreciation Week in February!



Waldron students gifted Mr. Mero hand made cards! Mr. Mero arrived at the high school and received quite a sweet surprise!



Throughout the 2nd to last week of February, our Bus Drivers were treated to cards from Waldron, a banner from the high school, coffee and donuts, and sweet treats! Fowler Public Schools thanks our Bus Drivers for all that they do for our students and schools!

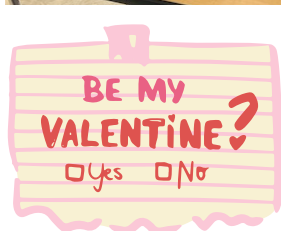
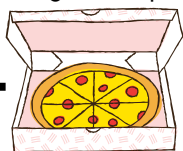
Valentine's Day Pizza Party

Submitted by Sherry Hamilton

Mrs. Hamilton and her 1st graders celebrated Valentine's Day with a pizza party!



The kids enjoyed eating and opening cards from their friends.



Parents' Meeting at Waldron

There will be an informational parents' meeting for PreK and Kindergarten Enrollment on March 20th, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Waldron Cafeteria. This is a great opportunity to meet the staff, ask questions, and see the classrooms. If you have any questions regarding registration please contact Vicki Schlak at phone number 989-593-2160 or via email at vicki@fowlerschools.net

Please keep in mind this meeting is for parents only, as students will be invited to the open house in the fall. We look forward to seeing you there!



"A Boy Who Cried Wolf"

Submitted by Sherry Hamilton

Waldron's Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students enjoyed a trip to the Wharton Center to watch the play "A Boy Who Cried Wolf".

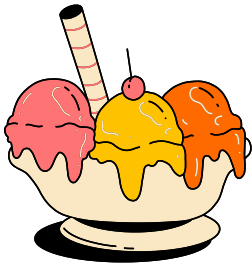
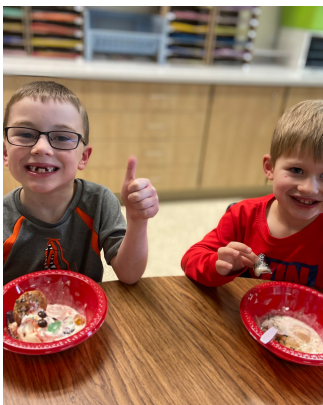


What an amazing way for our students to experience the Arts!



Ice Cream Sundae Fun Day

Mrs. Pung's Kindergarten class custom ordered ice cream sundaes to celebrate Valentine's Day!



Wharton Comes to Waldron

Submitted by Brenda Epkey



The second graders at Waldron had a super time performing the play The Wizard of Oz! The students read the book, studied the characters, and even watched the movie. They loved acting out the play for all to see! They were so proud and had a blast along the way! Wharton watch out, here they come!



Goats!

Submitted by Patty Schmitt

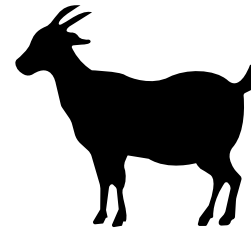
The students at Waldron Elementary School would like to thank Mrs. Babbitt for taking time out of her busy day to introduce us to her pet goats!



These lively creatures were a joy to meet. Mrs. Babbitt explained to the students what one needs to do to care for baby goats.



She also taught us how goat milk can be used in a variety of products. Thank you, Mrs. Babbitt for making our day extra special!



Michigan Author Visits Waldron

Michigan author, Ruth McNally Barshaw visited Waldron during the kick off of March is Reading Month.



Students learned about how to write and illustrate pictures during her visit.



Students had the opportunity to purchase a book and get them autographed.

Daddy Daughter Dance

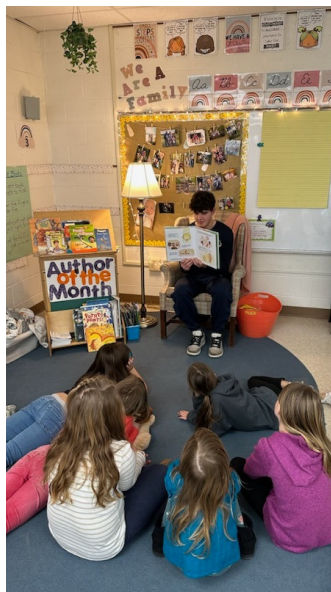
The Fowler School's PTO hosted a dance for dads and their daughters on March 2nd at Waldron. The night was filled with dancing, snacks, and fun for everyone!





Guest Readers at Waldron

Varsity Basketball players Nate Hamilton, Alex Halfmann, and Zach Halfmann were guest readers at Waldron Elementary on February 23rd. The special guests read stories to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders.



Robotics Competition

Fowler's Robotics Team, competed at Columbia Central during the weekend on March 2nd and 3rd. The Blue Eagles 7289 finished 6th out of 40 teams on Saturday.



ROBOTICS CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Robotics club continues to evolve into an exciting after school club, and is in need of a volunteer to assist the lead advisor, Josh Klein.

No technical background is needed, just the willingness to assist the advisor and have fun while chaperoning a great group of high school students.

The club's activity is from January through mid March.

If interested in this opportunity, please email Josh Klein at jk.josh.klein@gmail.com

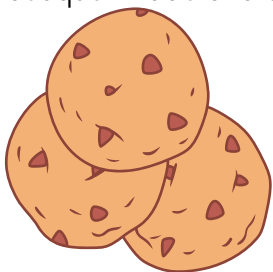
Renaissance Rewards

Submitted by Katie Halfmann

In January, all of the students were treated to a wonderful assortment of cookies and treats after their morning exams. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, and community members who made this possible, your sweet treats were greatly appreciated!!



In February, the Renaissance students participated in the Freshman Welcome. This is an event where all of the Renaissance members welcomed the new students into the program with brownie ice cream sundaes. Numerous gift cards and cash drawings were awarded. The main prize was a candy bouquet made and donated by Stacey Riley.



Thank You Renaissance Donors!

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Leon and Stephanie Schneider
Melvin and Pamela Pohl
Pat Feldpausch Farms
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Rosemary and Neil Feldpausch
The Andy Weber Agency
Theis Party Store
Thomas and Lynn O'Rourke
VFW Auxiliary Post 3733
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Thank You

Student of the Month



September

Rebecca Smith

Rebecca was selected by her teachers for being highly motivated, detail oriented, selfless and compassionate. She is the drum major of the high school band and has a great commitment to the school teams that she is a member of.

Rebecca participates in Cross Country, Basketball, Track, Band, DECA, Student Council, NHS, and SADD. Her accomplishments include receiving 1st at Solo & Ensemble for 3 years, the Eagle Spirit Award for Cross Country, Renaissance, CMAC Honorable Mention for Track, 2x Regional Champion Track team, 2x Regional Champion for Basketball, and 2022 Basketball State Champ.

When asked who is her most influential staff member, Rebecca replied: "Mrs. Lewis because she is supportive in & out of the classroom. She always wants to see people do their best and she is one of the sweetest people that I know. She is a great role model to look up to."

Rebecca plans to attend Lake Superior State University or Michigan State University to study Environmental Science.



October

Mitchell Wirth

Mitchell was selected by his teachers for being a hard worker and he is always willing to help others. He participates in Student Council, DECA, NHS, Varsity Baseball, and Varsity Football.

His accomplishments include receiving the John Arens Award, Renaissance, Baseball Regional Champs, and Academic All District Baseball.

When asked who is his most influential staff member, Mitchell replied "Mr. Mowry because he makes learning fun and enjoyable. He brings lots of energy and excitement and loves to share new information about recent scientific discoveries."

Mitchell plans on studying engineering but is undecided on where.



December

Theresa Schmitz

Theresa was selected by her teachers for being polite and respectful to teachers and other students, working well with others, and always turning in her best work. She participates in NHS, Track and Field, and FFA.

Theresa's accomplishments include Renaissance, excellent attendance, being the Chapter Officer for FFA, and being awarded the Outstanding Junior Award, Greenhand Degree, and State Degree in FFA.

When asked who is her most influential staff member, Theresa replied, "Mrs. Lewis because she always takes time out of her day to answer any student's questions. She's an excellent role model for organization"

Theresa plans on attending MSU in the fall to study environmental science and to pursue a career in environmental engineering.



November

Thomas Halfman

Thomas was selected by his teachers for being respectful, kind to others, and hard working. He is a member of Fowler's Bowling team and his accomplishments include making it to states in Bowling.

When asked who is his most influential staff member, Thomas replied "Mr. Mowry because of how he tries to make learning fun."



CTE Month at CCRESA

Congrats!



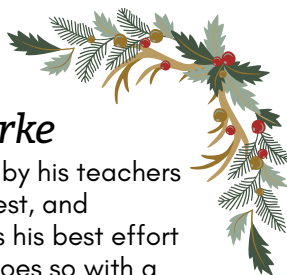
January Adyn O'Rourke

Adyn was selected by his teachers for being kind, honest, and respectful. He gives his best effort in every task, and does so with a high level of integrity and with empathy for others. Adyn participates in Football, Baseball, and SAAC.

His accomplishments include Renaissance for all four years and NHS.

When asked who is his most influential staff member, Adyn replied, "Mrs. Lewis is a great teacher and does anything to help her students succeed. She will do anything to help, and is willing to think outside the box. She is very dedicated to her students."

Adyn plans on pursuing a masters degree in Healthcare Management.



Congratulations to Ellie Epkey for being recognized in the Education-Early Childhood CTE program at CCRESA! Ellie was selected by her teacher for being a hard worker and doing excellent work on her assignments.



Congratulations to Gavin Klein for being recognized during CTE month! Gavin is a student in the Auto program at CCRESA. He was chosen by his teacher as he is early to class everyday, hard working, and is an excellent worker while out in the shop.



February MaKenna Smith

MaKenna was selected by her teachers for doing a phenomenal job as the Student Council President, being a strong leader and hard worker, and for being a role model for her peers. MaKenna participates in Renaissance, LINKS, SADD, Band, National Honor Society, Softball, Volleyball, LCC Dual Enrollment, and is the Student Council President.

Her accomplishments include Honor Roll, Renaissance, a Division 1 rating in Solo/Ensemble States and Districts for 3 years, and LCC Presidents List. For Softball, MaKenna's accomplishments include all area, 2nd team all league, and honorable mention all-state. MaKenna has received the coaches award, academic all-state, all area, 1st team all-league, and 3rd team all-state for Volleyball.

When asked who is her most influential staff member, MaKenna replied, "Mr. Roorda because he is always putting in countless hours to not only help his students become better musicians, but better people. He's always willing to help - no matter the task, and his class is often the highlight of my day."

MaKenna plans on attending Grand Valley State University to study psychology to become a middle school counselor.



Holly Miller was chosen by Year I Criminal Justice instructor Mr. Kelley. Holly has excellent attendance, participation, and academic work.

Congrats Holly!



CTE Month at CCRESA Continued

Kelcie Pung was recognized in the Education-Early Childhood program at CCRESA! Kelcie was chosen by her teacher for being consistent, hard working, friendly, helpful, and kind.

Congratulations Kelcie!



Selected for her leadership, excellent attendance, work ethic, and enthusiasm in class, Emma Smith was recognized by Year II Criminal Justice instructor, Mr. Kelley.

Congrats Emma!



Important Dates for Seniors

April 20 | FHS Prom at Andy T's, 7:30 PM

May 7 | Senior Awards Night, 7 PM

May 16 | Last Day for Senior Students /
Senior Cookout - - Afternoon

May 17 | Graduation Practice, 9 AM

May 19 | Graduation Day, 2 PM

2024



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LINKS Valentine Dance at CCRESA

Fowler students had the opportunity to visit CCRESA for a Valentine Dance on February 13th.



Welcoming Our New Staff to the District!

Bus Driver

Jeff Armbrustmacher



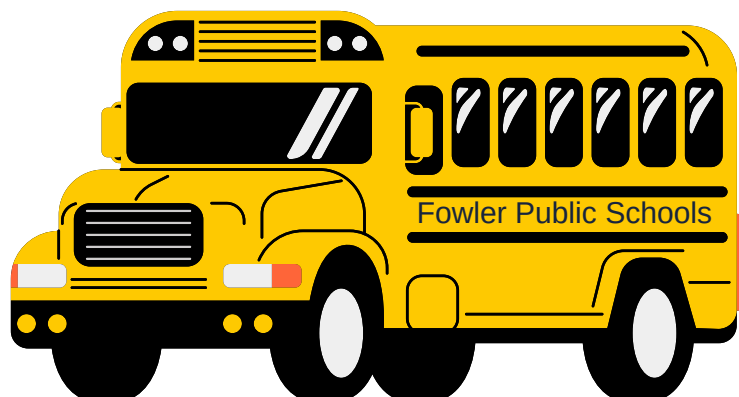
Jeff is joining us this year as a new bus driver in March! He is retired from Michigan Dept. of Corrections and has since then worked at all Michigan football games, on a farm, and helping at the MHT cemetery.

Jeff lives in Fowler with his wife, Wendy. He has five children, Kyle (37), Chelsea (35), Mitchell (33), Kristel (30), and Dylan (28).

Jeff grew up in Fowler and graduated from FHS. He then went on to study Criminal Justice at LCC.

In his free time, Jeff enjoys camping, doing yard work out to MHT cemetery, and anything with non-professional sports. Jeff can often be found spending time with his five grandchildren and two step-grandchildren and following all U of M sports.

When asked if he had anything additional to share, Jeff wrote: "I have had an extremely gifted life, spend time with family and friends, because every day is a gift and tomorrow is not guaranteed. GO BLUE!"





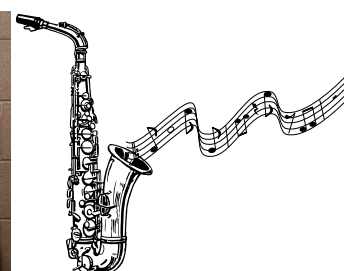
7/8 MMEA Clinic

In February the 7/8th grade band traveled to Muskegon to participate in the Michigan Music Education Association's annual clinic day at Mona Shores High School. The band had the opportunity to perform on stage for a panel of university professors who afterwards provided the band with an interactive clinic.



MSBOA Solo & Ensemble

Also in February, members of the high school band participated in the MSBOA Solo & Ensemble festival. At this year's festival, all of our students earned medals and four earned the opportunity to advance to the state festival in March.



Upcoming Concerts:

6-12 Grade Bands
Winter Concert in Piggott Gymnasium
Thursday, March 14th at 7 PM

High School Band
MSBOA Concert Festival at Owosso
High School
Saturday, March 9th at 11:45 AM





Undefeated!



Congratulations to Fowler's Bowling team! The Eagles went undefeated this season, and qualified for regionals.



District Champs!



Congrats to our Boys Basketball team on winning Districts hosted at Bellevue. The Eagles defeated Fulton in the District semi-finals 56-30. Fowler then soared past Portland St. Patrick's winning the District Finals 56-44.

College Athletics Letters of Intent

Evan Curtiss signed a letter of intent with Grand Valley State University to play football.

Congratulations!



Emma Smith signed a letter of intent to play softball at College of Lake County.

Congratulations!



Brianne Halfmann signed a letter of intent with Mid-Michigan College to play softball.

Congratulations!



The Athletic Department would once again like to thank the parent & student volunteers who helped out with athletic events during the fall and winter seasons. We couldn't accomplish it without you!

Important Dates This Semester

Mar. 25, 2024 - Mar. 29, 2024 | Spring Break

April 1 2024 | Classes Resume

May 27 | Memorial Day, No School

June 5-6 | Exam Days, end of 4th Quarter



Sports Schedules

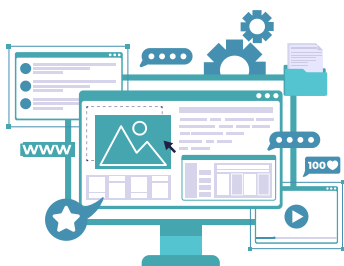
All athletic schedules are found on the Athletic Website at www.fowlereagles.net. Sign up as a "Fan" and you will be notified when there is a game change or cancelation in True Time.

www.fowlereagles.net

FPS Website

Did you know that our Fowler Public Schools website is updated everyday with news and announcements? To view the daily announcements at the high school, visit www.fowlerschools.net/ and click the high school tab at the top

www.fowlerschools.net



School Closings

Notifications for a school closing will be sent out to the following local broadcasters, and through the Remind app.

WILX - TV 10
WLNS - TV 6

Mark Your Calendars!

As a reminder, spring break will be March 25-29 this year with classes resuming on April 1st. If your student plans to take off additional time, please fill out a pre-excused absence form in the front office to ensure that they have made arrangements for their missed work.



If you are a parent and wish to receive school notifications on school closings and more, please join only 1 of the following Remind groups:

Parent of PS/K - text @4h37h2 to 81010

Parent of 1st & 2nd Grade - text @ggabb2e to 81010

Parent of 3rd & 4th Grade - text @c33afgg to 81010

Parent of 5th & 6th Grade - text @9gc42cd to 81010

Parent of 7th & 8th Grade - text @78f87f to 81010

Parent of 9th & 10th Grade - text @2cacac to 81010

Parent of 11th & 12th Grade - text @9che4d to 81010

Fowler Public Schools Directory

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Fowler, MI 48835
989-593-2250

WALDRON ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL

11214 W. Kent Street
Fowler, MI 48835
989-593-2160

FAX NUMBER

989-593-2358

SCHOOL BOARD EMAIL

schoolboard@fowlerschools.net

DISTRICT WEBSITE

<https://fowlerschools.net/>

HS ATHLETICS WEBSITE

<https://fowlereagles.net/athletics>

2024 Board of Education Meeting Dates

Monday, January 8, 2024

Monday, February 12, 2024

Monday, March 11, 2024

Monday, April 8, 2024

Monday, May 13, 2024

Monday, June 10, 2024 – Budget Hearing

Monday, June 17, 2024

Monday, July 8, 2024

Monday, August 12, 2024

Monday, September 9, 2024

Monday, October 14, 2024

Monday, November 11, 2024

Monday, December 9, 2024

Monday, January 13, 2025

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