



# Firelands Christian Academy

*"Committed to Christ. Committed to Excellence"*

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## FCA Graduates 5 students from Kindergarten!

On June 1, 2007, Firelands Christian Academy graduated its fourth Kindergarten class since opening in 2003. This year's class consisted of 5 students: Noah Cunningham, Colin Dubois, Dacen Lazzara, Jocelyn Morin and Michael Oliver.

Along with the Kindergarten diplomas, other students were recognized for their academic achievement this year. Making the Honor Roll with a GPA of 3.5 to 4.0 were: Matthew McClellan, Sara Rumbutis, Ashley Kolhoff, Alex Michel, Grace Matheney, Nicole Cisternas and Alexandria Rumbutis. Making the Merit Roll with a GPA of 3.0-3.49 were: Anthony Rumbutis, John Michel and Sarah Smith. Ashley Kolhoff received the Principals Award for having the highest GPA of 4.0 for the year. As well, this year's Servant's Heart Award was presented to Hannah Matheney. Congratulations to all of our students on a great school year!!

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. (Colossians 2:6-8)

I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me . . . And that they may teach their children. (Deut. 4:10)

### FCA OFFERS K THRU 7 THIS FALL

There is room for your children at FCA!! Call today for enrollment information and please tell a friend about FCA!



**FCA Kindergarten Class of 2007!**

# End of School Year Field Trips

In May, the 3rd-6th graders traveled to the ACSI Art Festival to learn about different art techniques and support their classmates: Hannah Matheney, Kylie O'Brien and Cierra Michel. These three students represented FCA at the Art Festival with their clay sculptures of Eeyore's Flower Garden and the Life Cycle of a Butterfly, and a wood sculpture of the Cross.

All three of the students were awarded a ribbon. Hannah and Cierra received Excellent (red ribbons) for their clay sculptures and Kylie O'Brien received a Superior (blue ribbon) for her wood sculpture! We are very proud of each of them and cannot wait to return with more projects next year.

The entire school loaded up the last Friday of May and headed to the Toledo Zoo. The zoo was crowded with many other schools and it was a hot day, but our group had a wonderful time learning about all kinds of animals. Those who waited in line enjoyed seeing the new baby polar bears, while others checked out the African animal exhibit. Other favorites were the reptiles, lions, penguins and, of course, watching the monkeys!



Students pose for pictures at the Toledo Zoo

# Annual Banquet Set for October 20 in Sandusky!!



Mr. Kris Schottleitner  
Mansfield Christian Schools

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Kris Schottleitner, current Superintendent at Mansfield Christian Schools, will be the featured speaker at our annual fall banquet this October. Kris is a dedicated Christian educator with a vision to develop schools that honor our Lord Jesus Christ. Under his capable leadership, the Mansfield Christian School system is thriving with a wonderful vision for the future. Kris is also an active leader in ACSI. His message will bring a special challenge to us as we continue to develop FCA to the glory of God.

Please mark your calendar now for this important event. Our annual banquet is an essential part of FCA's fund raising efforts each year. Your support at this year's banquet will enable us to underwrite a significant portion of our operating expenses during the coming 2007-2008 school year. This year's event will be held at the banquet facilities of the Clarion Inn next to the Sandusky Mall.

## FCA Third & Fourth Graders Help their Community

At the end of the school year the third and fourth graders were involved with several community service projects for Mrs. Matheney's Bible class. The students chose to minister to Abigail Pregnancy Center. They had two fundraising events for this organization. On May 5th some of the students sold afghans at the FM 97.7 Mark Harris concert. On a separate occasion the students set up a bake sale at the annual FCA garage sale. Besides these events the class set up a donation box at the school to collect baby items and maternity clothing. Also, the classes worked on creating beautiful cards, which were sent to Parkvue Health Care Center. These cards were handed out to the residents as encouragement and to brighten their day.



*"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:10*

## Matching Challenge Update

In His Steps Foundation, a northeast Ohio foundation committed to Biblical stewardship and the support of ministries proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ, has offered FCA a matching grant of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of establishing an endowment fund for the school. Provided our organization can raise \$10,000.00 by December 31st of this year, IHS will match it in full to help us establish the **Firelands Christian Academy Legacy Fund**.

Annual grants from this fund will provide partial scholarships for students who cannot afford full tuition. As well, as the fund grows over time, it will support the continued development of the school in a variety of ways. At this writing, we are approaching \$5000.00 raised toward the completion of this challenge. If you would like to make a tax deductible gift to help with this project, make your check out to FCA and designate it for this matching challenge. An appropriate receipt will be issued by the school.



## Student Testing

All grades participated in our annual Stanford Achievement Testing in April. The students worked hard to answer questions in all content areas including: Arithmetic, Language, Reading, Bible, Spelling, History, Science and Health. Testing lasted half the day, everyday for a week! Everyone was happy when those tests were finished!

It is encouraging, however, to note that the test results indicate that our student body is doing very well and experiencing strong academic growth.

## More Kindergarten Graduation & Award Ceremony Pictures



## Garage Sale Report

The annual FCA Spring garage sale generated a total of \$648.85 in support of the school! A special thank you to those who donated items to help make the event a good success!!



## Visit Us on the Web at [www.fcamustangs.com](http://www.fcamustangs.com)

We are pleased to announce that FCA's new website is now functional. Please feel welcome to visit the site and email us your questions and comments. Send your emails to [info@fcamustangs.com](mailto:info@fcamustangs.com). A special thank you to Denise Wyatt for designing the site and offering to help us in the future. Wyatt web design is a division of Buckeye-Classifields.com.



**OPEN ENROLLMENT AUGUST 7TH AT THE SCHOOL  
FROM NOON TIL 7PM. NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY!**

### FCA Calendar

- Aug 7 Open Enrollment at the school 12 noon - 7pm
- Aug 22 First day of school
- Sept 4 Parent-Teacher-Board Meeting
- Oct 20 2007 Fall Banquet

### FCA Board

Pastor Russ Yost  
Mr. Tom Stallings  
Mrs. Carol Matheney  
Mrs. Robin O'Brien

### FCA Advisory Board

Mr. Joe Taylor  
Pastor Ken Hiser  
Mr. Jim Short  
Mr. Brian Cowie  
Mr. Nick Hoty  
Mrs. Jennifer Yost

### FCA Mission Statement

FCA exists to support Evangelical Christian families in providing an academically excellent, Biblically integrated education, emphasizing the centrality of the Lord Jesus Christ for the development of young people spiritually, academically, socially and physically, that students may impact their world for Christ.