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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March

"The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... These are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence." - Confucius

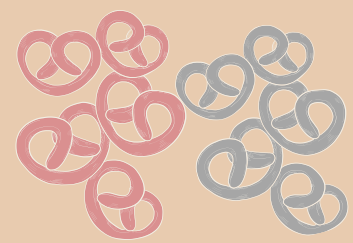
A Taste of What Winning Feels Like!

We are very proud of the accomplishments of many of our students at the end of the Winter Sports Season. Our boys' varsity basketball team won their Regional Championship for the first time in 14 years. It was wonderful to see players, families, the coaching staff and cheerleaders celebrate with jubilation on the court. At times we forget what winning feels like. But once we taste it, we never want it to stop. We want to keep living in the winning moment and we push ourselves to work twice as hard in order to relive the experience.

At the end of MAP winter testing, we are seeing a lot more students winning by achieving their winter growth targets. Our attendance has improved from 87% at this time last year, to 91% this year. Our coaches are the school administrators, teachers and staff that push our students to continue to work hard so they can be ready when the big game, the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) testing, begins in April. Learning is a team sport. Let's continue to inspire and motivate our students to bring their A game. GO PRETZELS!

HAPPY PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK TO OUR STAFF, STUDENTS & FAMILIES!

Public schools educate nine of every 10 students. The great equalizer for children, Public schools help set students on the path to a fulfilling life. Public Schools Week honors the over 51 million students, 3.2 million teachers, and hundreds of thousands of specialists, administrators, and support staff working in public schools today. On behalf of the Board of Ed. and myself we extend a special thank you to the FSD Family.



**SPEAKING OF WINNING.....
WE HAVE A 4X STATE CHAMPION!!**

Last Saturday, Cadence Diduch became a 3X IHSA State Champion in Girls Wrestling. This win makes Cadence a 4X State Champion Over her high school career, as she won the IWCOA championship as a freshman. What an amazing journey it's been for Cadence.



Back in November Cadence signed to the University of Iowa, committing to their Women's Wrestling Team. We'll be cheering her on as a Hawkeye, but of course, **"Once a Pretzel, Always a Pretzel!"**

**Congratulations to All Students
Recently Competing at State Levels**

Tristan Peterson finished 7th place in Boys Diving. Both Diem Beach & Cameren Plowman finished in the Top 30 for Girls Bowling. In Speech, Rachel Sdao finished in 8th place, while teammates Max Krezminski, Mya Ortiz and Nate Redmore finished in the Top 15. Our Freeport Middle School Dancers finished 6th in Lyrical & Hip-Hop at the IDTA State competition. We've got some pretty amazing PRETZELS!

Join me also in congratulating our **FMS & Carl Sandburg Chess Teams** on their state tournament competition. The Sandburg team finished in 34th place while FMS finished at 49th. Job well done to these awesome players and the coaching staff. The following students placed as indicated below:



- Sandburg: Mark Crouch - 110th**
- Denton Loring - 145th**
- Paisley Laymeyer - 147th**
- Dominik Lien - 159th**
- FMS: Myles Moore - 136th**

Staff, [Click here to enter this week's prize drawing!](#)

Women's History Month 2024



The National Women's History Month theme for 2024 celebrates "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion." The theme recognizes women throughout the country who understand that, for a positive future, we need to eliminate bias and discrimination entirely from our lives and institutions. Women from every background have long realized that an uneven playing field will never bring equality or justice. Many feel the critical need to speak up and work harder for fairness in our institutions and social interactions.



Golden Apple

**Calingacion Named
Golden Apple Finalist**

Congratulations to Jones-Farrar teacher, **Eugene Calingacion**, for being named one of 30 finalists for the 2024 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 5: Parent/Teacher Conferences*

1/2 day attendance for students

*conferences on as needed basis

March 25-29: Spring Break

March 29 & April 1: Special Holidays

FSD Closed



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