



Forest Area Community Schools

Forest Area Focus

Serving the Communities of South Boardman and Fife Lake • Spring 2024

Happy Spring from Superintendent Mike Moran

Dear Forest Area School Families,

As I'm writing this message it is 20 degrees and there is snow on the ground. Hopefully as you read this it is sunny and warm and we are kicking off a fun, exciting and positive spring at Forest Area Community Schools.

I have been on the job as superintendent for three months now, and I can honestly tell you I am thoroughly enjoying it. I knew we had a staff, community and students that would make the job enjoyable and rewarding and I have not been disappointed. We have a lot to be proud of!

One of the best ways to ring in the spring season is to get out and support one of the many events that our schools are hosting. We have a group of spring athletes and coaches that are excited to compete and represent their school beginning in April. Plus, the month of May will feature events including the Fife Lake Elementary Carnival, high school musical, FAHS prom and academic awards nights. The 2023-24 school year will culminate with our Class of 2024 graduation ceremony on June 2 at 3 p.m.

However you celebrate the changing of the seasons, we welcome and encourage you to come out and enjoy these great events and celebrate our outstanding Forest Area students. GO WARRIORS!!

Sincerely,

Mike Moran, Superintendent | mmoran@forestarea.org



Key Dates

- May 8**
Freshman Orientation
- May 11**
Prom at TC Opera House
- May 15**
MS Academic Awards, 2 p.m.
HS Academic Awards, 6 p.m.
- May 17**
Fife Lake Elementary Carnival
- May 18**
HS Musical, 7 p.m.
- May 19**
HS Musical, 3 p.m.
- May 23**
Spring Concert
- May 27**
No School - Memorial Day
- June 2**
HS Graduation, 3 p.m.
- June 4**
Half Day of School
- June 5**
Half Day of School/Last Day

Did you know?
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but it adds up!

When a student misses 2 days a month:	When a student misses 4 days a month:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">They will miss 20 days a yearThey will miss 30 hours of math over the school yearThey will miss 60 hours of reading and writing over the school yearThey will miss over a year of school by graduation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">They will miss 40 days a yearThey will miss 60 hours of math over the school yearThey will miss 120 hours of reading and writing over the school yearThey will miss over 2 years of school by graduation

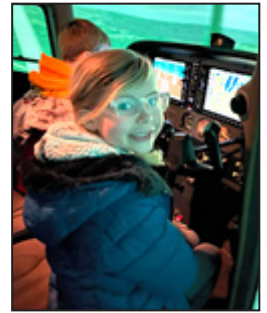
Fife Lake Elementary School
CARNIVAL

GAMES. PRIZES. FOOD. CAKE WALK. POPCORN. COTTON CANDY.
 DUNK TANK AND MORE!

Tickets:
\$1 a Ticket
25 for \$20

Games and Food
 average from 1-5 tickets

Friday
May 17th, 2024
5pm - 8pm
 Fife Lake Elementary School

Reading Month Success

Students enjoyed special activities during March Reading Month with an adventurous theme. There were guest readers, buddy reading with fourth and fifth graders, challenges and prizes. To wrap up, the kids earned a field trip to tour the NMC flight program and experience a variety of aviation technology tools.



Kindergarten Round-Up April 30

Children turning five years old by September 2024 are eligible to attend kindergarten at Fife Lake Elementary School! Kindergarten Round-Up is April 30 and you can schedule your round-up appointment by calling Kathy at (231) 879-3362. A special open house for incoming kindergarten students will be held in August!



Baby Goat Gram

A special sponsor sent Fife Lake kindergarteners a Valentine's Day baby goat gram. The kids and teachers got a kick out of holding and snuggling the baby goats from Lucky Farms in Kingsley.



Elementary Warrior Wrestling

Congratulations to the Elementary Warrior Wrestling program and these students who qualified for the MYWAY State Competition: Kyler Leffingwell, James Morgan, Cora Lundy, Aiden Kowalewski, Bourbon Bell, Cooper Griffith, Evelyn Griffith and DJ Morgan. Evelyn Griffith earned first place at the NUWAY Nationals Wrestling Competition on April 7!

FACS Board of Education

The Board of Education meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the high school commons or via teleconference as needed. Special meeting dates/times/places as published.

Board of Education:

Dan Smith, President
 Chrissy Ingersoll, Vice President
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Meeting Dates:

May 13, 2024
 June 24, 2024
 July 8, 2024

April - June 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
APRIL 15	16	17	18	19	20
22	23	24	25	26	27
29	30 Kindergarten Round-Up	MAY 1	2 School Dentist Visit	3	4
6	7	8 Freshman Orientation	9	10	11 Prom at TC Opera House
13 Board of Education Mtg, 6:30p	14	15 MS Academic Awards, 2 p HS Academic Awards, 6p	16	17	18 High School Musical, 7p (Also on 5/19, 3p)
20	21	22	23 Spring Concert	24	25
27 No School Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	JUNE 1
3	4 Half Day	5 Half Day	6	7	8
Last Day of School End of 4th Quarter					

Dates and times subject to change



WARRIORS

ForestArea.org

School Day Start/End Times

Fife Lake Elementary

Start Time 8:00 a.m.

End Time 3:00 p.m.

1/2 Day 8:00-11:45 a.m.

Forest Area

Middle/High School

Start Time 8:25 a.m.

End Time 3:20 p.m.

1/2 Day 8:25 a.m.-12:05 p.m.

School Dentist

The mobile school dentist will visit the elementary and middle school on Thurs., May 2. If you have students in preschool-5th grade and would like them to see the dentist, please return the flier that went home or call the school office.

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Administration:

Mike Moran,
Superintendent,
Middle & High School
Principal

Amberlee Eaker,
Elementary Principal

2024 FOREST AREA SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Varsity Baseball			Varsity Softball			Varsity Track														
Thurs 4/4	Mesick (A)	4:15	Thurs 4/4	Mesick (A)	4:15	Tues 4/9	Mancelona (A)	4:00												
Tues 4/9	Mancelona	4:00	Tues 4/9	Mancelona	4:00	Tues 4/16	Bellaire (A)	4:00												
Thurs 4/11	Buckley (A)	4:00	Thurs 4/11	Buckley (A)	4:00	Tues 4/23	Bellaire Invite (A)	4:00												
Mon 4/15	Johannesburg Lewiston (A)	4:00	Mon 4/15	Johannesburg Lewiston (A)	4:00	Thurs 4/25	Inland Lakes Invite (A)	4:00												
Wed 4/17	Glen Lake (A)	4:15	Wed 4/17	Glen Lake (A)	4:15	Tues 4/30	Johannesburg Lewiston Invite (A)	4:00												
Fri 4/19	Bellaire (A)	4:00	Fri 4/19	Bellaire (A)	4:00	Tues 5/7	Central Lake (A)	4:00												
Tues 4/23	Inland Lakes	4:00	Tues 4/23	Inland Lakes	4:00	Fri 5/10	Manton (A)	3:00												
Thurs 4/25	Ellsworth	4:00	Thurs 4/25	Ellsworth	4:00	Mon 5/13	Central Lake Invite (A)	4:00												
Thurs 5/2	Gaylord St. Marys	4:00	Thurs 5/2	Gaylord St. Marys	4:00	Sat 5/18	East Jordan (Regional) (A)	9:00												
Tues 5/7	Central Lake (A)	4:00	Tues 5/7	Central Lake (A)	4:00	Wed 5/22	Mancelona (Conference Meet) (A)	4:00												
Thurs 5/9	Manton	4:30	Thurs 5/9	Manton	4:30	Mon 5/27	Cadillac Honor Roll (A)	3:00												
Mon 5/13	Pellston	4:00	Mon 5/13	Pellston	4:00	Tues 5/28	T.C. Honor Roll (A)	3:00												
Fri 5/17	Onaway (A)	4:00	Fri 5/17	Onaway (A)	4:00	Sat 6/1	State Finals TBA	TBA												
Tues 5/21	Hale	4:00	Tues 5/21	Hale	4:00															
Thurs 5/23	Suttons Bay (A)	4:00																		
Cheer for the Warriors! Visit... ForestAreaWarriors.com for sports schedules, photos, videos, and more.			FACS home games in bold Revised 3/20/24			Middle School Track														
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Congratulations Forest Area Class of 2024

Valedictorian Taylor Muth

Taylor is the daughter of Brian and Stacy Muth. She is an outgoing and hard-working student. She has challenged herself with numerous college courses throughout her high school career while diligently keeping up with commitments and deadlines. Taylor is completing a work-based learning program and is applying for colleges and scholarships. She plans to continue her education post high school and because her interests are vast, she has not yet decided on a particular area of study. No matter where Taylor lands, her involvement and participation will be an asset.



Salutatorian Jersey Patton

Jersey is the daughter of Josh Patton and Shawna Andrews. She has found success throughout her high school career with challenging courses and college classes. She finished a very close second to the valedictorian. Jersey participates in numerous extracurricular activities and also maintains high standards in academics. She is stretching her experiences with a work-based learning experience and is still visiting college campuses and exploring options for after high school. Any institution will be fortunate to have Jersey on campus!



High School Graduation
Sunday, June 2, 3 p.m.