



THE PHOENIX

FOXFIRE MONTHLY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

SUPERINTENDENT BLOG-*SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT OCTOBER IN A SCHOOL*



Superintendent
Mr. Todd Whiteman

**The Foxfire
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R4U!**

We Are ...

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Students

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Relationships!**

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The excitement of the new school year has settled in. The routines are becoming familiar. Fall is in the air, Friday nights are getting a little cooler, and our students and staff are finding their rhythm. As I look around Foxfire, I am reminded of something I believe very strongly: Schools are about people!

They are about relationships, second chances, encouragement, and helping young people believe that their future can be different from their past. That is especially true at Foxfire. Many of our students have experienced challenges that most adults will never fully understand. Some have struggled with attendance. Some have struggled academically. Some have struggled to find a place where they feel like they belong. And that is why what we do matters.

Just Show Up- YOUR ATTENDANCE IS # 1

One of the messages I continue to share with our students this year is simple: Show up! Show up when things are going well. Show up when things are difficult. Show up when you feel like you're making progress. And especially show up when you don't feel like it. Because sometimes the biggest victory isn't getting an A on a test, winning a football game, or accomplishing some huge goal. Sometimes the victory is simply showing up and taking the next step. Every day a student walks through our doors, they have another opportunity. Another opportunity to learn. Another opportunity to build a relationship. Another opportunity to discover a strength.

That is why attendance matters so much to us.

We don't want to simply count the days students are here.

We want to make the days they are here count.

Win the Day — With Joy This year's theme at Foxfire is “Win the Day with Joy.”

I intentionally added those last two words. With Joy.

We have high expectations for our students. We want them to work hard. We want them to grow. We want them to take responsibility for their choices and their future.

But we also want them to enjoy being here. We want our students to laugh. We want them to have people they can trust. We want them to discover something they are good at. We want them to experience success. We want them to look back on their time at Foxfire and remember more than the credits they earned or the classes they completed. We want them to remember people who believed in them.

October Is About Progress

We don't expect perfection from our students—or from ourselves.

We expect progress. Progress may look different for every student. We need to recognize those victories. Because sometimes we become so focused on where a student needs to go that we forget to celebrate how far they have already come. At Foxfire, we are going to celebrate progress.

Another opportunity to grow.

Another opportunity to make a difference.

Another opportunity to win the day.

And let's do it with joy.

Win the Day. With Joy.

Todd Whiteman

Superintendent-Foxfire Schools

PBIS STORE OPENS FOR BUSINESS

On Tuesday September 29th the Foxfire PBIS store opened for business for all students that earned a check from points they collected in Liveschool. The store is stocked with various items at four different levels and is located in the back area of the front offices. It has four tiered shelving to provide more space and better shopping efficiency for all four levels of awards (Platinum, Gold, Silver & Bronze).

Besides various items that are available for purchase, students also can choose school passes to visit the game room, earn additional Liveschool points, spend time with favorite teacher or various different gift cards Walmart, Canes, Dairy Queen, Starbucks, McDonalds, etc.

Nearly 40% of students (150) combined in both the intermediate school and high school cashed in their checks! The PBIS store will next open on October 30th for the time period of (September 28th-October 28th) when students earned points.



28,877
Grades 9-10 🏆

28,827
Grades 6-8

23,717
Grades K-5

22,434
Grades 11-12

FOXFIRE LIVE SCHOOL STANDINGS

The Live School PBIS grade band competition is off to a very competitive start! This is the closest that all four grade bands have been to each other in the past three years of our competition. Only 50 points separate 1st place and 2nd! 6,443 points is only the distance between 1st and 4th place!

As of October 8th grade band 9-10 has a very, very small edge over grade bands 6-8! Best of luck to all the teams as they continue to accumulate points into the 2nd grading period to earn a trip to Magic Mountain at the end of the year!

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FOXFIRE OCTOBER BEHAVIOR & ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE

Foxfire Students & Families

From **September 22nd through October 15th** we will be holding an Attendance & Behavior Incentive! Students who have zero absences and zero write ups during this time frame will earn the following:

- **100 Bonus Pts. in your LiveSchool Account**
- **Ice Cream Super Buffet**
- **Name entered in a Drawing for an E-Bike.**

There will be one name pulled for grades K-2, 3-5 & 6-8 (3 total).

High School will have one name drawn for the AM shift and one name for the PM Shift. (2 total)

Let's have as many as we can "Getting on the Bus" to school and making a consistent effort to treat everyone with kindness and respect to help avoid discipline write ups during this incentive!



**RIDE INTO
SUCCESS!**

Perfect Attendance +
Good Behavior =
PRIZES!

-  **Earn 100 Points**
in your LiveSchool Account.
-  Plus an
Ice Cream Buffet!
-  **September 22 - October 15.**

WIN AN E-BIKE!

-  One bike per grade band:
K-2, 3-5, 6-8, High School
-  One winner
per shift

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2026-2027 FOXFIRE CAREER PATHWAYS

Exploring Careers and Planning for the Future

Mr. Krier
GRIT & Pathway
Coordinator

Foxfire High School students are participating in opportunities designed to help them explore careers and prepare for life after graduation.

Our juniors are connecting with career possibilities through Big Brothers Big Sisters' Beyond School Walls program. Classroom lessons, employer presentations, and mentoring activities help students understand workplace expectations, build confidence, strengthen communication skills, and learn from positive adult role models. This series of events will begin on **October 15th**.

On **October 13**, seniors will attend JA Inspire at the Muskingum County Fairgrounds. This Junior Achievement career exploration event connects students with employers and introduces them to careers across a variety of industries, helping them explore possible paths after high school.

That same day, all sophomores will take the GRIT assessment, which helps identify their interests, strengths, and career possibilities. The results provide a starting point for individual career coaching and help students make informed decisions about future training, education, and employment.

Together, these experiences help students connect their learning to real opportunities and develop a clearer plan for their future.

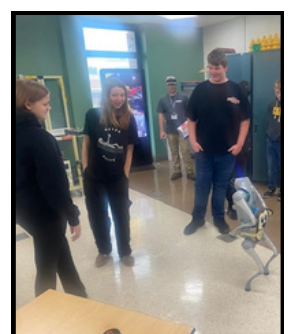


MS STUDENTS VISIT MID EAST VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

As part of our career exploration program at Foxfire, eighth graders had an opportunity to visit Mid-East Career and Technology Center to explore the options that they may provide in the future.

During the visit students visited nearly twenty different career programs to learn more about what a student does daily in the program, what skills it may take to have success and how your interest in the program enhances your experience.

Students were able to briefly participate in "hands on" learning in the labs of the program to get a feel of what it may be like daily as a student and ask questions to teachers and current students.



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MISS NADINE'S COUNSELING

Make a Difference. Be a Hero. Stay Drug-Free.

October is Red Ribbon Month, a time when schools and communities across the country come together to promote healthy choices and raise awareness about the importance of living a drug-free life. At Foxfire Schools, we believe that every student has the power to make a difference—in their own life, in the lives of their friends, and throughout our school community.

This year, our Red Ribbon theme is: **Make a Difference. Be a Hero. Stay Drug-Free.**

Being a hero doesn't mean you need superpowers or a cape. A hero can be someone who makes healthy choices, stands up for what is right, encourages a friend, asks for help when they need it, or has the courage to say NO to drugs, alcohol, vaping, and other substances. Making the choice to remain drug-free is one way students can protect their health, their future, and the goals they are working toward. Parents and caregivers can also make a difference by talking openly with their children about alcohol, marijuana, nicotine/vaping, prescription medications, and other substances.

These conversations don't have to be complicated. Sometimes simply asking, What do you think? Have you ever felt pressured to try something? Can open the door to an important conversation.



Foxfire Red Ribbon Week: October 26–30, 2026

Foxfire Schools will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week October 26–30, 2026, with activities for students in grades K-12. We will once again have our Red Ribbon Door Decorating Contest, giving classrooms an opportunity to get creative while sharing positive messages about making healthy, drug-free choices.

♥ Spirit Days

Monday – ***Wear Red for Red Ribbon Week***

Tuesday – ***I Exercise My Right to Be Drug-Free- Wear Athletic wear***

Wednesday – ***Put a Lid on Drugs- Wear your own creative hat!***

Thursday – ***Heroes Have the Power to Be Drug-Free Dress like your favorite superhero!***

Friday – ***Our School Chooses to Be Drug-Free-Wear your Foxfire gear!***

We encourage all of our students and families to participate and help make Red Ribbon Week a positive and memorable experience. Be the Difference

Red Ribbon Week is more than wearing red or dressing up. It is an opportunity to remind our students that their choices matter. Every student has strengths, talents, dreams, and goals worth protecting.

Let's work together as a Foxfire family to encourage one another, make healthy choices, and create a school community where students feel supported in choosing a drug-free lifestyle.

Make a difference. Be a hero. Stay drug-free!

Miss Nadine

School Mental Health; Substance Use Counselor

Miss Nadine

School
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NURSE LINDSEYS CORNER

Fall Reminders



Reminder of when to keep students home from school:

- Fever (over 100)-can return when fever free for 24 hours with no use of fever reducing medication
- Vomiting/Diarrhea-can return when no vomiting/diarrhea in past 24 hours
- Unknown Rash-can return once a provider diagnoses as non contagious
- Pink Eye-if bacterial can return after 24 hours on antibiotic eye drops
- Significant Respiratory Infections-can return once symptoms are under control, such as cough
- Contagious Illnesses-can return when provider says
- Obvious Illness-when feeling better and above criteria is met
- Nits or Lice-we have a no nit (egg) policy, students must be treated with medical shampoo (no home remedies) and every nit picked out. The nurse must check again before returning to class.

Foxfire partners with Muskingum Valley Health Center (MVHC) to provide a School Link Health Program for your student to have medical, dental, and/or behavioral health visits during the school day if needed. You can get more information and the forms by visiting MVHC's or Foxfire's website or email/calling the school nurse.

Kindergarten and 1st grade vision and hearing screenings will be completed soon. If you do not want your child screened please notify the nurse so the appropriate paperwork can be sent home to sign.

Reminder students wait outside until the school day starts. Please dress them appropriately for the weather.

The **American Red Cross** will be hosting a **Blood Drive on November 13th** for staff and students ages 16 (with parent consent) and older. This is a great opportunity for your student to give back and earn live school points and/or hours.



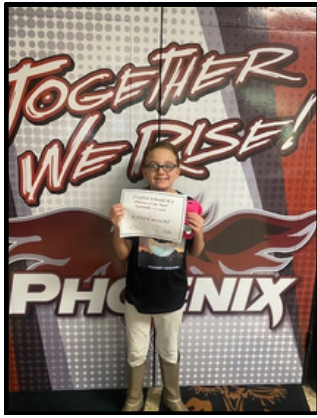
Ways to contact Nurse Lindsey:
740-453-4509 Option 2,
labella@foxfireschools.com
Class DoJo

Foxfire Schools has partnered with School Smiles to bring a dentist to the school on Tuesday December 15th! This means your student can receive dental care without leaving the building or needing a parent/guardian present. Permission forms will be sent home, you can visit the website, or scan the QR code to register. They accept Medicaid, private insurance, and have grants available to help families with no insurance cover the costs, no child is turned away for lack of funds!

The dental staff will do a cleaning, X-rays, and treatment (fluoride, sealants, restorations, extractions, stainless steel crowns) if needed the same day based on time. If it is a treatment that will take longer the staff will schedule to return. Dental health is extremely important so please take advantage of this great program! You may contact Nurse Lindsey with any questions!

SEPTEMBERS PHOENIX OF THE WEEK

September 7-11



Raven Mount-4



Isabella Caplinger-6



Andon Sparks-11

September 14-18



Leo Gill-4



Nevaeh Miller-7



Kaylinn Stotts-9

September 21-25



Aubrey Haro-4



Teagan Hardy-8



Torrence Brown-10

FOXFIRE ATHLETICS UPDATE

The 2026 Fall sports season has begun to wind down! Nearly 65 students in grades 8-12 participated in five programs to start the school year!

Varsity football completed their season on October 3rd finishing the year 1-4 losing 12-14 on the road to North Adams and 0-36 to Worthington Christian JV on Senior Day.

MS Co-Ed soccer completed their season 0-3-1 with a loss to New Lexington 1-2 on October 5th.

MS Flag Football currently stands 0-4 on the season and complete the regular season on on October 24th before playing in the end of the year Tournament on October 31st.

Varsity Volleyball currently stands 1-6 on the year and has two regular season games remaining and the United League tournament to wrap up the season. They will be a #7 seed and will play at #2 seed Torah Academy on Monday October 12th before finishing up the season on Senior Night October 14th against OSD Academy.



GOLF OUTING SUPPORTS FOXFIRE ATHLETICS

The 10TH Annual Rick Lee Memorial Golf Outing selected Foxfire Athletics in 2026 to "Give Back" to! The outing held on September 20th has been giving back to charities since 2018 and to date has provided over **\$65,000** to local charities, organizations, scholarships and families in need.

This year a record amount of **\$10,217.00** was raised for Foxfire Athletics! The money donated will assist all athletic programs at Foxfire. We would like to thank the the golf outing committee for providing our young people with the additional funds to help enhance their athletic experience.



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Day	Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
Sat	Aug 8	@*Columbus Crusaders (Scrimmage)	11:00 am	A
Sat	Aug 15	@West Union (12:26 Early Kick-Off Classic)	2:30 pm	A-Won 12-6
Sat	Aug 29	*Noblesville, IN (MS Flag / Youth Cheer Night)	4:00 pm	H-Lost 0-42
Sat	Sep 12	@*Middletown Christian (C-4)	6:00 pm	A-Lost-0-38
Sat	Sept 26	@North Adams	5:00 pm	A-Lost-12-14
Sat	Oct 2	Worthington Christian-JV (Senior Day)	11:00 am	H-Lost 0-36

*GLCAC Contest



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE 2026-2027



Wednesday	September 2	@Marburn Academy	Away	6:00	L-0-3
Wednesday	September 9	Columbus Torah Academy	Home	6:00	L-0-3
Friday	September 11	Franklinton Prep	Home	6:00	L-0-3
Monday	September 14	@Ohio School for Deaf	Away	6:30	W-3-0
Wednesday	September 23	Marburn Academy	Home	6:00	L-1-3
Friday	September 25	Franklinton Prep	Away	6:00	L-0-3
Wednesday	September 30	@Oakstone Academy	Away	6:00	L-0-3
Wednesday	October 7	Columbus Arts & Technology	Home	6:00	
Monday	October 12	@Torah Academy (1 st Round of United League Tournament)	Away	6:00	
Wednesday	October 14	Ohio School for Deaf (Senior Night)	Home	6:00	

MS CO-ED SOCCER SCHEDULE



Monday	September 21	Bishop Fenwick	Home	5:30 pm	Cancelled
Wednesday	September 23	Shenandoah	Home	5:30 pm	L- 1-2
Monday	September 28	Maysville	Home	5:15 pm	L- 1-3
Wednesday	September 30	Cambridge	Home	5:30 pm	T- 3-3
Monday	October 5	New Lexington	Home	5:15 pm	L- 1-2

MS Co-Ed soccer is part of the Maysville Soccer League and all games are hosted at Foxfire's High School Stadium.



MS FLAG FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Saturday	September 26	Marburn Academy CATA	Away	11:00 am	L- 12-21 L- 0-42
Saturday	October 3	Cornerstone CMS	Away	12:00 pm	L- 20-59 L- 14-39
Saturday	October 10	CMS	Away	12:00 pm	
Saturday	October 17	CATA	Away	11:00 am	
Saturday	October 24	AUSC	Away	11:00 am	
Saturday	October 31	Tournament	Away	10:00 am	

MS Flag football games are part of the United League. All games are held at Cornerstone Academy. Cornerstone is located at 615 E. Walnut Street in Westerville, Ohio 43081

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HS ARENA CHECK IN BEGINS IN OCTOBER

High School Arena check in will be October 12th & 13th. Arena check in is Foxfires personalized approach to ensuring our students are on track in all areas. Many times students can slip through the cracks because no one takes the time to check in on them individually. At Foxfire, we make the time to make sure we meet all of our students needs by meeting with them quarterly during the school year.

#TOGETHER WE RISE FOXFIRE HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

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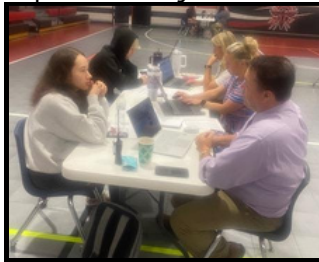
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- **Credit / Testing:** Students will see where they currently are in regards to the number of credits they have and their test scores. A plan is designed to help students meet graduation requirements
- **Community Service Hours:** Students review their current number of hours they have documented and evaluate a plan to meet community service hour requirements including undocumented hours not turned in and or a placement if needed.
- **Medical:** Nurse Lindsay takes the time to meet with students to ensure that both visual and hearing tests are completed. If not, students complete those tests at the station. She also ensures that immunizations are current and updated.
- **Special Education:** Students with an IEP meet with Mr. Grandstaff to review upcoming meeting dates and to ensure that all their accommodations are being met.
- **Extracurricular -Athletics/PBIS :** Students meet with Mr. Lee if they are interested in signing up for an upcoming extracurricular activity. Students are informed of when their current physical expires, schedule & pick up a physical form, review if all signatures are signed in Final Forms. Students can also ask about their current total of points they have in Liveschool or ask questions about PBIS.



SEPTEMBER PHOENIX'S OF THE MONTH



Leo Gill-4



Neveah Miller-8



Kaylinn Stotts-9



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FOXFIRE OCTOBER 2026 CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	 Football Worth-3 Christian-H
4	 MS Soccer vs. New Lex 5 Blended Learning	6	 Volleyball CATA Academy-H 7	8 Parent Teacher Conferences	9 Mid East Presentation End of Qtr. (HS)	 10 MS Flag Football
11	 Volleyball @ Torah Academy (Tourney) 12 Staff PD Day Blended Learning	13 HS Arena Check In	 Volleyball-H OSD Sr. Night 14 HS Arena Check In	15	16	 MS Flag Football 17
18	19 Blended Learning	20	21	22	23	 MS Flag Football 24
25	26 Staff PD Day Blended Learning	27 Red Ribbon Week 27-30 	28	29 Staff Mtg. 3:15-4:15 Parent Engagement	30 Board Meeting PBIS STORE #2 	31 



FOXFIRE HIGH SCHOOL

(MORNING SHIFT)

8:00AM – 11:00AM

(AFTERNOON SHIFT)

11:30AM – 2:30PM

FOXFIRE INTERMEDIATE

8:55AM – 3:15PM

FOXFIRE ELEMENTARY

8:55AM – 3:15PM

PHOENIX PLATTER

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