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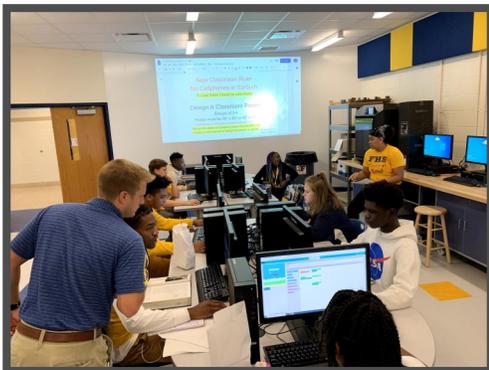


Farrell Schools Undergoing Major Renovation By JORDYN SCOTT

Farrell Area Schools look and feel different this school year! The buildings have been undergoing a district wide renovation that started in June of 2018. The Farrell High Newspaper staff reached out to Superintendent Dr. Lora Adams-King who, along with the School Board and Business Manager, has been instrumental in bringing about these innovative improvements.

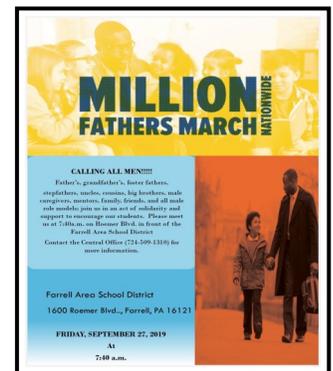
Dr. Adams-King tells us that the reconstruction is scheduled to be finished in November 2019. It is an 18 month project in total and quickly coming to an end. Some highlights of the project have been the updates and remodeling of elementary school classrooms, hallways, offices, cafeteria, and computer labs. The elementary lockers are now smaller for easier student access. Ongoing technology upgrades include iPads and Chromebooks. Windows, lighting, paint, and showcases have been updated throughout both the elementary and high school buildings. Air conditioning has been cooling temperatures throughout both buildings since students returned this past August. Dr. Adams-King's overall impression is that it is going very well.

One of the most exciting things to show off is the brand new, state of the art, S.T.E.A.M. laboratory. Farrell High School now boasts one of the most elaborate spaces of this kind in Western Pennsylvania. This innovative design space directly benefits our Farrell students in various ways. Students are preparing for their futures as well as the future of the technology and design fields that they will be facing in college and in real-world job and career fields. In this lab, and under the guidance of Mr. Justin Lewis, expert and lead STEAM instructor, students are already designing and producing a variety of products and projects.



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Mark your calendars:

- Oct. 4 - Homecoming game vs. Cochran**
- Oct. 5 - Homecoming Dance**
- Oct. 8 - Language Competition at SRU**
- Oct. 11- Act 80 early day**
- Oct. 14 - Columbus Day No school**
- Oct. 15 - Senior Declarations DUE!**

Sept. 15 - Oct. 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month

Contributed by: Señora Torres

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, Spanish-speaking countries in the Caribbean and Central and South America. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15.

During National Hispanic Heritage Month, we recognize the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate their heritage and culture.

Hispanics have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multi-ethnic and multicultural customs of their communities.

Today, 57.5 million people or 18% of the American population are of Hispanic or Latino origin, making Hispanics the largest ethnic minority in the United States. Hispanics serve as Civil Rights



Spanish Teacher, Señora Torres, integrates her own Latino culture (from Puerto Rico) into Farrell Spanish 1-4 Classes.

leaders, politicians, military, educators, first responders, science pioneers and public servants. Hispanics also have a strong presence in the arts, media, and sports.

Hispanic individuals who have contributed to the History of our National include:

Sonia Sotomayor – Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States

Hilda Solis – Former Department of Labor Secretary

Felix Longoria and Hector P Garcia – Helped bring recognition to Hispanic World War II veterans and founded the American GI Forum

Gina Rivera – Actor

Jorge Ramos – News anchor and winner of eight Emmy Awards

Sylvia Mendez – Paved the way for school desegregation and the US perquisite to Brown vs. Education

Jennifer Lopez – Singer and Actor

Hector Elizondo – Actor

Roberto Clemente – Baseball trailblazer

Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta – Co-founders of the United Farm Workers Union

Ellen Ochoa – First Hispanic to leave Earth's atmosphere

Franklin Chang-Diaz – Astronaut

Victor Cruz – Athlete

Albert Baez – Co-inventor of the X-Ray microscope

Richard E. Cavazos – First Hispanic Four-Star General

Alfred Velazquez Rascon – Medal of Honor recipient and 10th director of the Selective Service System

Joan Baez – Folk Singer and Activist

Dr. Severo Ochoa – Doctor and biochemist - Awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1959 for synthesizing RNA (ribonucleic acid)

Dr. Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa - Neurosurgeon, Author, Researcher, and Chair of the Department of Neurologic Surgery at Mayo Clinic

Oscar de la Hoya – Boxing champion

Fernando Vargas – U.S. Olympian and boxing champion

For more information, visit www.hispanicheritagemonth.org



Homecoming Court 2019

Homecoming 2019 is Friday, October 4th with a game against Cochran at home. The dance is Saturday, October 5th from 7pm-10pm at the Farrell VFW. This year's theme is Fall. Student Council, under leadership of Mrs. Kim Kladitis, is expecting over 80 students to attend the dance.



Homecoming 2019 Court is represented by Senior students:

Raymond Raver Jr., SaNiyeh Thomas, Adrian Daniels, Nikki Jefferson, Tyrie Hammonds, Jasmine May, Kyra Crosby, Juwon Samuels, Kalia Knight and Eric Hopson

Linden Pointe Business Campus welcomes three of Farrell's finest

By NATHANIEL WILD



The Linden Pointe program is an entrepreneurship program geared towards helping young minds learn how to make and run a successful business. This year's Linden Pointe class consists of three bright minds from Farrell, Melvin Hobson, Raymond Raver Jr. and Nathaniel Wild. Every day they leave school early, after 4th period, to go to the E-Center located in Hermitage. Along with approximately twenty other students from Mercer County, they learn entrepreneurial skills, problem solving techniques, and many other skills needed to open, and run, a business of their own. Throughout

this year, they will be put into teams and tasked with thinking of a revolutionary idea in no specific domain. Teams will compete against one another in an event at the end of May, on what is called "Demo Day." The winner of the contest will be chosen by a panel of judges.

Student Ray Raver sums up his feelings on the program, "E-Academy is an amazing program where I met a ton of great people from around Mercer County. I enjoy and I'd recommend the juniors to try this during their senior year. This program gives you many great opportunities to do different things that you wouldn't normally do in class."

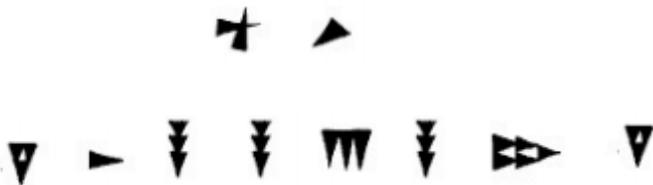
Spotlight on Social Studies substitute,

Ms. Grills

By JORDYN SCOTT

GRILLS GUESSING GAMES

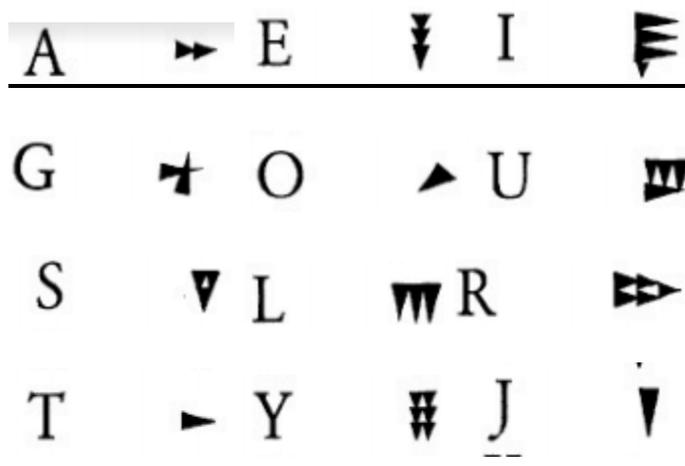
The Sumerians were a civilization that lived between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers in 4000 B.C. They are credited for creating the first writing system in the world called Cuneiform! Try to solve the message below using the key.



The first student who solves it and turns it into room 104 will get a treat!

The first student who has Miss Grills for class will get bonus points!

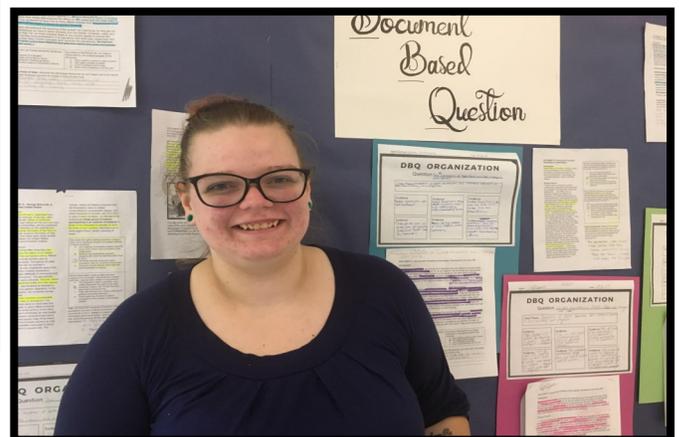
Key



Ms. Jessica Grills started at Farrell in the spring of 2019. She is a long-term Social Studies substitute. The reason why she came to Farrell High School is that it reminded her of the high school she attended. She graduated from Clarion-Limestone and Union City School District and then Clarion University. She recommends Clarion University because it is relatively small, which makes education more personal, similar to here at Farrell. She majored in Social Studies Education.

Being a teacher was Ms. Grills' dream job growing up. The teaching style she enjoys the most is group work, which encourages students to work together, manage time wisely, and develop flexibility. The best thing about teaching is helping the students to understand the meaning and importance of Social Studies and History. The goal she has for herself is to hopefully to continue her career here at Farrell. A piece of advice she wants to give her students is to come to class, do your work, and turn it in.

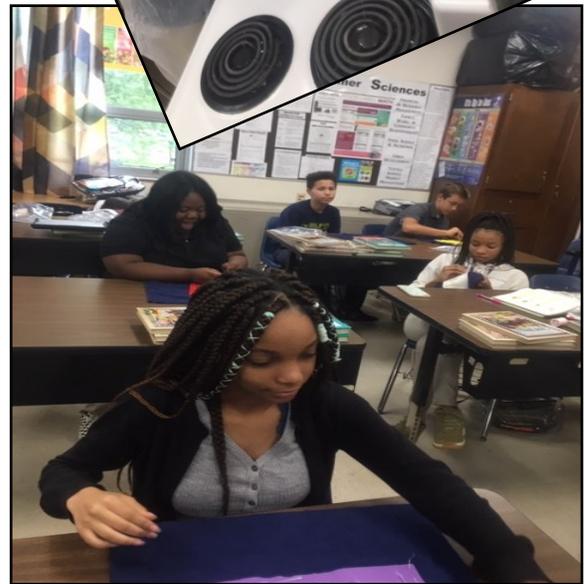
Ms. Grills has very exciting news in her personal life as some people already know; she is pregnant with a baby boy. In a crazy twist of events, she found out that she was pregnant when she got into a car accident just a few months ago. Fortunately, mother and baby are okay and she expects the new addition to her family by this December. Good luck Ms. Grills and thanks for all you do for our Farrell students!



Ms. Bolyard's Family Consumer Science Classes off to a busy start



Grades 9 and 10 students pare apples and fire up the stove for homemade dip and muffins. (Pictured above and right)



Grade 8 students completing a sewing project of felt pillows. (Pictured above and left)



Student SHOUT OUTS!

To: **Miles Goodrich** from Mrs. Armour: You know what you're doing, THANKS so much for going above and beyond!

To: **Tacari Evans**—
Excellent début de l'année.
Continue le BON travail!
-Madame

Farrell Steelers Football Team, new Coach Amp snag 600th Win!

By OMAR STEWART



Already marking a milestone of 600 Farrell Varsity Football wins with a blow out against Mercer on Friday, September 27, we interviewed new Head Football Coach, Anthony Pegues. Known as Coach Amp, he attended Farrell Area Schools and was a part of the 1995 and 1996 Football State Championship Teams. Coach Pegues attended Grambling State University in Louisiana, and majored in Computer Science. What made Coach Pegues want to coach at Farrell was that he was one of “those kids” at Farrell and now wants to give something back to others like him. He wants to help create opportunities that can change students’ lives on and off the field. What Coach Pegues can bring to this coaching position is an opportunity for these young men to be successful both on the field and in life.

Having been offensive coordinator of the football team, Coach Pegues has learned some things from former Coach Jared Samuels. He admires Samuels’ dedication to the game of football and his level of commitment to the kids. He went above and beyond for his student athletes. It is clear that Coach Samuels left some big shoes for Coach Pegues to fill.

When asked about his approach to the new position, Coach Amp responded, “I’m

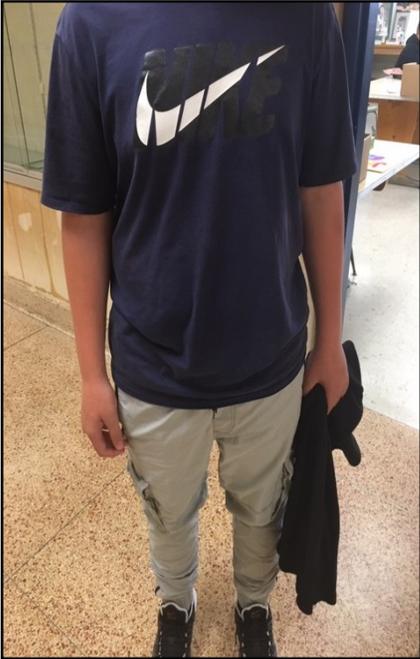
just trying to go above and beyond for the program, be one of the great coaching legends, and teach these young men the game of football that I love so much.” Coach Pegues’ coaching philosophy centers on love and passion for the kids and teaching them how to become outstanding young men and win games. A piece of advice Coach Amp offers to his athletes to be successful on the field is to work hard in the classroom and on the field, and everything will take care of itself.

One of Coach Pegues’ proudest personal moments was watching his son, Anthony, graduate from Washington and Jefferson College. He cites winning the 2018 State Championship as one of his greatest coaching accomplishments to date. Best of luck throughout the rest of the season and in your new position, Coach Amp!





**Dress Code
Dos and
Don'ts:**
Photos by MELONN WELLS

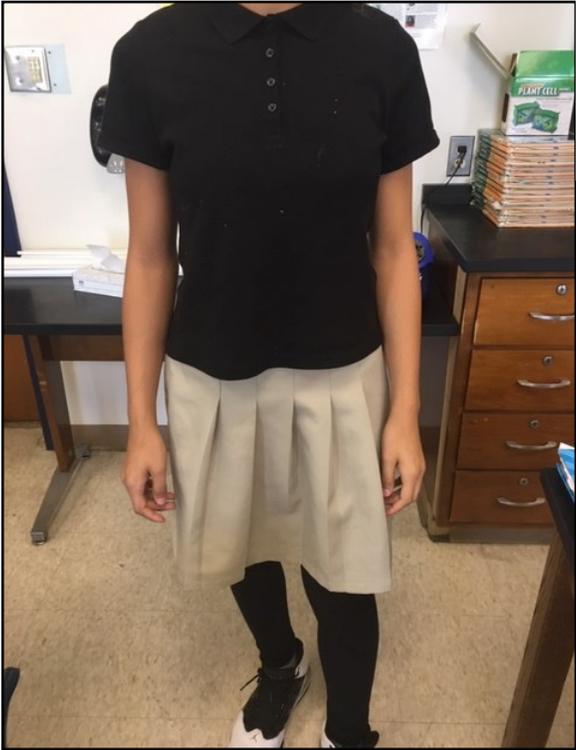


Don't! Students are NOT permitted to wear T-shirts that are not Farrell Wear.



Don't! Sorry, these trendy Ugg slippers are NOT a part of dress code.

Don't! Students are NOT permitted large logos nor pants with more than the standard two pockets in front and two pockets



Do! Complete that look with a solid, colored, collared shirt, skirt and tights.



Do! Visit the School Store or purchase your favorite club T-shirt to add some Farrell Wear to your wardrobe. The school store is open most mornings 7:40-8:00 am.

**While you're DRESSED for SUCCESS...
check out these college visits in October:**

(this is for YOU Juniors and Seniors!)

Mercyhurst University	October 8th @ 12:45
Clarion University	October 10th @12:45
YSU	October 21st @12:45
Bethany college	October 29th @12:45

Racing for charities: Farrell 5K

The 5K is a 3.1 mile run/walk race that is held annually, in September, at FASD. Under the direction of Mrs. Kladitis, Student Council sponsors this event to help raise money for Students for Charities. Students for Charities is an account that helps FASD provide support for families in the region that incur hardship. A huge thanks to all that came out in support!



Race helpers, Jailen Roye, Xavier Footman, Brice Butler and Gary Satterwhite provide water to runners during the race.

FASD hosts local “Million Fathers March”



“When I saw them (the crowd), it really made my day brighter,” commented Junior, Maria Haynes. And brighter it was! A wave of male role models turned out to welcome students of the FASD into classes on Friday morning, September 27. This nationwide initiative hails as its mission:

“The Million Fathers March (MFM) is an opportunity for dads, uncles, grandfathers, coaches, mentors, clergy, men’s groups and organizations to show their commitment to the educational lives of their children throughout the school year by escorting children to school on this day.”

Some C.O.O.L stuff to do after school



Students weigh in on benefits of the C.O.O.L. Program:

Grade 7 students, Martese Beamon and Gizelle Wells take the challenge of a balance and ropes course at Bad Dog Adventure Park.