

August 28, 2014



The Fulton Flyer

Welcome Back to Another Exciting School Year

Back to School preparations are being completed as the end of summer break quickly approaches. The first day of the 2014-2015 school year is Tuesday, September 2nd, 2014. Students are expected to be at school by 7:55 a.m., in their classrooms and ready to learn. Classes will run from 7:55 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.

School Pictures Approaching Fast

Fulton Schools is working with Dick's Studio this school year for our student pictures. To assist you in the ordering process, Dicks studio allows online pre-ordering. If you would like to take advantage of pre-ordering, go to dicksstudio.com, click on order and select Fulton Schools pre-order sale.

You will be able to select the items and backgrounds you would like to purchase. Payment can be made through Pay-Pal. Also new for this year, are school specific backgrounds you are able to choose with online ordering. If you have any questions on how to pre-order school photos, please email Dicks Studio at dsevents1@gmail.com.

Elementary School Picture Dates

- School Pictures – Tuesday, September 16, 2014
- Picture Retakes – Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Middle-High School Picture Dates

- School Pictures - Wednesday, September 10, 2014
- Picture Retakes – Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Adult/Alternative Education Picture Dates

- School Pictures – Date to be Determined

Homecoming 2014

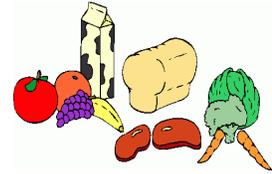
The 2014 Homecoming date has been set for Friday, October 10th, 2014. The event will be highlighted with the annual parade through Middleton on Friday evening which will be followed by the football game between the Fulton Pirates and Potterville Vikings. During halftime of the football game, we will have our traditional crowning of our King and Queen from our senior class. After the football game Middle-High School students will hold their annual Homecoming dance.

We encourage students, families, community members, and alumni to celebrate this annual event with us.





Breakfast and Lunch



Children need healthy meals to learn. Fulton Schools offers healthy meals every school day. Elementary students may buy lunch for \$2.25, \$2.50 for Middle-High School and \$2.75 for Alternative Education. Breakfast prices are \$1.10 for Elementary, \$1.25 for Middle-High School and Alternative Education. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. We sell reduced priced lunches for \$0.40 and breakfasts for \$0.30. If a doctor has determined that your child has a disability and the disability would prevent the child from eating a regular school meal, the school will make *any substitution prescribed by a licensed physician* at no extra charge. The physician's statement, including prescribed diet and/or substitution, must be submitted to the food service department at your school at least two weeks before meals can be prepared in accordance to your doctor. For further information, please call Debbie Dayringer at (989)-236-5642.

For more information on breakfast and lunch menus, and Free and Reduced Eligibility requirements, please go to the school webpage at fultonpirates.net.

Free and Reduced Income Eligibility Requirements

Adults, children, or foster children who are recipients of various programs such as Michigan's Family Independence Program, Food Assistance Program, Medicaid, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, or who are enrolled in Head Start, an At-Risk afterschool center, or an emergency shelter automatically qualify for free meals. Households with incomes less than or equal to the following guidelines qualify for free or reduced price meals or free milk.

Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$21,590	\$1,800	\$900	\$831	\$416
2	\$29,101	\$2,426	\$1,231	\$1,120	\$560
3	\$36,612	\$3,051	\$1,526	\$1,409	\$705
4	\$44,123	\$3,677	\$1,839	\$1,698	\$849
5	\$51,634	\$4,303	\$2,152	\$1,986	\$993
6	\$59,145	\$4,929	\$2,465	\$2,275	\$1,138
7	\$66,656	\$5,555	\$2,778	\$2,564	\$1,282
8	\$74,167	\$6,181	\$3,091	\$2,853	\$1,427
Each additional household member add	\$7,511	\$626	\$313	\$289	\$145

Annual Legal Notices

IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

The following is a description of the immunization requirements as set by the Department of Education and the Department of Public Health. All entering students from age 4 to 18 must show evidence of having received two doses of vaccine against measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR), with one dose administered after the age of (15) months unless there is laboratory evidence of immunity. New students are also required to have received the appropriate four doses of vaccine for diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, and polio. All entering students must show a booster dose of diphtheria and tetanus if it has been ten years since the last dose was administered. New students are also required to be vaccinated against Hepatitis B. Three (3) doses are required. When presented with anything but a medical or religious exemption from immunization requirements, the administrator must obtain the consent of the Director of the local Public Health Office to recognize the exemption and admit the student. All parents are encouraged to review their child's immunization records. If the record does not meet the requirements, please contact your family physician or the Local Department of Public Health. For new students, the school needs to know if your child has had chickenpox or has been vaccinated for chickenpox.

PA 131, PESTICIDE CONTROL ACT

Schools are required to notify parents and guardians of children of their right to be informed prior to any application of a pesticide at the school. Fortunately, we have not been troubled with bug infestations and so do not anticipate a large-scale application of pesticides. However, from time to time we do have to use a pesticide for hornets, ants, and/or bees. We will comply with this law. However, we ask that any parent who wants to be notified regarding limited or routine applications please contact the building principal's office.

FEDERAL REGULATIONS CONCERNING DRUG PREVENTION

In accordance with Federal Law, the Board of Education prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of drugs by any person on school grounds, in school or school-approved vehicles, or at any school-related event. Drugs include any alcoholic beverage, anabolic steroid, and dangerous controlled substance as defined by State statute, or substance that could be considered a "look-a-like" controlled substance.

Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all staff members. Any part-time or full-time employee who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action. When appropriate or required by law, the District will also notify law enforcement officials.

Tobacco Policy

Michigan law prohibits smoking at any time in all buildings owned by public schools. This includes classrooms, maintenance garages, and administrative buildings. Fulton Schools policy discourages smoking and tobacco use on school grounds at any time.



*All of the Fulton Schools teaching Staff
meet the Highly Qualified criteria set by the
State of Michigan and Federal regulations.*

Civil Rights and Non- Discrimination Compliance Statement

The Federal Government has made provisions to insure that no person is discriminated against on the basis of sex, religion, race, color, national origin, age, height, weight, marital status, or handicap. It is the policy of the Fulton Schools that no person shall be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any school program or activity or in school employment.

In order to protect these rights and assure compliance, grievance and complaint procedures are in place. If any person believes that the Fulton Public School District has inadequately applied the principles or regulations of: (1) Title VI of the Education Amendment Act of 1972; or (2) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; or, (3) Title IX of the Education Amendment Act, he/she may bring forward a complaint, referred to as a grievance. to the Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator, Mr. Daymond R. Grifka, Fulton Public Schools, 8060 S. Ely Hwy., Middleton , MI 48856. The procedure to file a grievance is listed below.

- Step 1: A written statement of the grievance signed by the complainant shall be submitted to the local Civil Rights Coordinator within five (5) days of receipt of answer to the informal complaint. The coordinator shall further investigate the matters of grievance and reply in writing to the complainant within five (5) days.
- Step 2: If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision of the local Civil Rights Coordinator, he/she may submit a signed statement of appeal to the Superintendent of Schools or administration within five (5) business days after receipt of the coordinator's response. The Superintendent or administrator shall meet with all parties involved, formulate a conclusion, and respond in writing to the complainant within ten (10) business days.
- Step 3: If the complainant remains unsatisfied, he/she may appeal through a signed, written statement to the Board of Education within five (5) business days of receipt of the Superintendent's response from Step 2. In an attempt to resolve the grievance, the Board of education shall meet with the concerned parties and the representative within (40) days of the receipt of such an appeal. A copy of the Board's disposition of the appeal shall be sent to each concerned party within ten (10) days after this meeting.

Student Directory Policy

The Board of Education has designated the following items as student "directory information": a student's name; address; telephone number; date and place of birth; photograph; major field of study; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; height and weight, membership of an athletic team; dates of attendance; date of graduation; awards received; or any other information which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed.

Parents and eligible students may refuse to allow the District to disclose any or all of such "directory information" by submitting a signed, written request to the District within twenty (20) days after receipt of the District's public notice in this edition of the Fulton Flyer.

Immunizations and Child Wellness



Immunizations

The start of the school year brings on the responsibility to prepare your child or children for a successful school year. Child immunizations need to be completed for your child to attend school. Are you aware, the school can deny your child the opportunity to be in school if they do not meet the state requirements for immunizations or do not have an immunization waiver sheet on file. Please be assured, Fulton Schools never wants to deny anyone the opportunity to learn. To make sure your child year gets started properly, get to your doctor or the Health Department to have your child immunized.

Required Immunizations for Entry Into School

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| *Hepatitis B | *Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis |
| *Polio | *Measles, Mumps, Rubella |
| *Meningococcal Conjugate | *Varicella (Chickenpox) |

Other Required Immunizations during School Career

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| *Haemophilus Influenzae Type B | *Pneumococcal Conjugate |
| *Rotavirus | *Hepatitis A |
| *Human Papillomavirus | *Influenza |

Child Wellness

If your child is not feeling well and has a temperature above normal, Fulton Schools asks you to keep your child home from school. This will allow your child to recover from their cold or flu quicker, and will keep their friends and classmates germ free. If your child is out for three or more days in a row, please provide your child's office with a doctor's slip to avoid any confusion of being considered ill rather than being truant.

Another area of diligence is the control of head lice in our schools. When a student comes into contact with head lice, it can take up to ten days before a nit or head lice is found in a child's hair. Adults can also catch head lice.

To prevent the transmission of head lice, individuals should not share a comb, brush, hat, scarf, headset or other personal headgear. Also avoid trying on hats at public department stores. At school scarves and hats should be stored in jacket sleeves to allow them to be hung separately from their classmates coats. Regular head checks should also be performed each week by a parent or guardian. Together we can make a difference.



We're on the Web!

See us at:

fultonpirates.net

**New to the District,
Missed Preschool Sign up, or
Kindergarten Roundup**

If you have just moved into Fulton Schools District, missed Kindergarten Roundup or Preschool Registration there is still time to get your child(ren) registered for the upcoming school year.

Preschool

Sign up for Preschool slots is still available through the Fulton Elementary School Office at 989-236-7234. Space is getting limited, so make sure you contact the office to secure your child's enrollment. Fulton Schools preschool program can accommodate children of 3 to 4 years of age.

Kindergarten

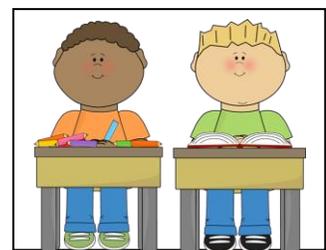
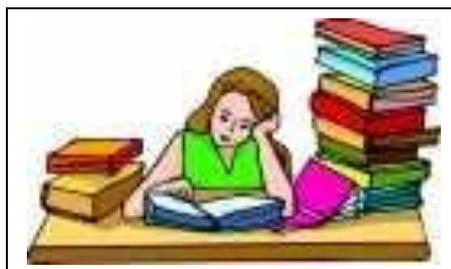
It is still not too late to register your child for Kindergarten classes. Please contact the Elementary School Office for more information.

New to District

Fulton Schools would like to welcome you and your family to our school district and community. Because we are a rural community, the school works hard to keep families and community members involved in school activities. This has been accomplished through youth sports utilizing the athletic fields and buildings for practice and/or competitions. The school district also offers various sports students can be involved in from grades 7th to 12th. Academically, the school supports many different clubs and academic awards opportunities. In fact, our graduates agree with the schools motto of "Fulton Schools, No Better Place to Learn".

To register your child(ren) for the 2014-2015 school year, please call:

Preschool to 6 th Grade:	Elementary School	989-236-7234
7 th to 12 th Grade:	Middle-High School	989-236-7232
9 th to 12 th Grade Alternative	Adult and Alternative Education	989-236-5130
9 th to 12 th Grade Online	Adult and Alternative Education	989-681-4071



Project Graduation Needs Your Help

Fulton Schools has been working hard to keep Project Graduation a major activity of the Junior-Senior prom. Unfortunately, each year there is less and less parental involvement in planning and managing the event. This has caused the event to be downsized for the last two years. At this time, the event is in jeopardy of being eliminated. Parents and community members have always been very generous in giving food and monetary donations, but the problem is the need for volunteers to manage and plan the event.

If you would like to assist in planning and management of Project Graduation, please contact Mr. Paul Hungerford of the Fulton Middle-High School, (989) 236-7232. Parents of any grade level student are welcome to assist in keeping this life saving event going for many more years to come.

Please Do Not Cross Highway 57



Fulton Schools is once again asking all students to not cross M-57 due to the danger of being hit by an automobile. Currently, a crossing guard is not available to assist walkers. The Gratiot County Sheriff's Office provides a crossing guard to assist students and adults who cross M-57 before and after school. Even if a crossing guard is available, all students are asked to utilize Fulton school busses before and after school to avoid being injured by an automobile.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

September 02	First Day of School	
September 10	Early Dismissal	2:00 p.m.
September 17	Preschool Open House	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
September 18	First Day of Preschool	
September 29	No School (Staff P.D.)	
October 10	Homecoming Game and Activities	7:00 p.m.
October 15	Parent Teacher Conferences	12:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
October 16	Parent Teacher Conferences	12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
October 17	No School	
October 31	End of 1 st Marking Period	

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Elementary PTO

The PTO meets the third Tuesday of each month
at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary media center.
Come and join us!

Your School Board

President: Phillip Hyde
Vice President: Lee Williams
Secretary: Dee Grover
Treasurer: Amy Case
Trustee: Dan Rossman
Trustee: Matt Vusich
Trustee: Ed Lorenz

“No Better Place To Learn”

FULTON SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES AND TIMES

School Board Meetings are held in the
Middle-High School Media Center on
the second Monday of the month. All
meetings begin at 7:00 pm. Upcoming
dates include:

September 08, 2014
October 13, 2014
November 10, 2014
December 08, 2014

The public is invited to all meetings.

FULTON SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent
Daymond Grifka
236-7300

Middle/High School Principal
Paul Hungerford
236-7232

Elementary School Principal
Paul Avery
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Mike Myers
236-5130

Director of Support Services
Greg Wolfe
236-7676

Director of Athletics
Chad Podolak
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Director of Food Services
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