

Fort Hayes Opus

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The mission of Fort Hayes is to create expectations of excellence through challenging and collaborative learning by blending the arts, academic and career programs.



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Ways to Encourage Resourcefulness in Kids

Resourcefulness is a highly desirable attribute, not just in education but in our careers and life, in general. It is certainly a trait that can be developed at home in children and will stand them in good stead moving forward.

resourceful – adjective – having the ability to find quick and clever ways to overcome difficulties

Resourceful people are just that; full of resources or tools for coming up with solutions. Resourceful people adapt to novel or challenging situations and they are often able to think creatively.

Use different methods to find the answer

Most problems have several possible solutions or at least different ways of reaching the right answer. If a child has found a solution to a problem in a roundabout way, that says a lot about their thought patterns. This isn't to be discouraged! Sometimes it's those folk who think differently or find a novel thought process that solve the most challenging of problems. If there's only ever one way of finding a solution, we become blinded to alternative methods or become too tunnel-vision-ed. We then don't automatically tend to think of novel solutions. Of course, when it comes to school work and subjects like math, it's important to get to the right solution quickly, especially in timed exams to there is merit in finding efficient solutions as well.

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Fort Hayes Masonry Students create Freedom Plaza

The Fort Hayes Career Center students from the Masonry Department and the National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER) programs partnered with the Ohio Aggregates & Industrial Minerals Association (OAIMA) to create a Freedom Plaza in Gahanna. This project honors our veterans in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard.

The students were bused in each day from the Career Center to the location to complete the project. Students were able to build something that is for the community and will be a part of the community for years to come. Mr. Viney and Mr. Knecht, both veterans, led the charge in giving their students opportunities to make a positive and monumental impact on society.

To see the students in action, please go to the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGsfG03Scqo>

“...encourage resourcefulness” continued

Try puzzles and lateral thinking games

Sometimes schoolwork can feel like following a series of processes within a set framework. It might be the case that schoolwork doesn't really require or promote resourceful thought. If this is the case, you might want to look at other exercises or ways of play that do require a different type of thinking or problem-solving. A Rubik's cube seems completely impossible to solve until you learn and remember the methods required to solve it. Try some riddles or brain teasers; they're usually all about looking beyond the obvious and thinking outside the box.

Leave them to work it out

Children are naturally inquisitive and creative. As educators, our aim should be to provide the minimum information and guidance possible that a student needs to complete their task. Leaving them to get on with their work may mean they take longer to complete it, but they'll learn to work hard to complete tasks on their own and work out ways of solving problems.

Ask questions to lead them to the answer

If you are required to step in and help, see if you can ask the right questions to guide a child to the right answer or at least get them on the right track. Sometimes getting a child to rephrase or reframe a question might help them to overcome an initial blocker. It's important to avoid just taking over and giving away all the answers right away.

Introduce them to other resources/Embrace Technology

An important element of resourcefulness is knowing how or where to look for a solution. Helping kids know how to use a dictionary, thesaurus, encyclopedia or Google search is a great way to give them the tools to learn more. No one is expected to know the answer to everything but it's almost always possible to *find* the answer! There are also a plethora of apps, games and websites that are designed help children solve problems and embrace their passions independently. In encouraging them to use these platforms and software, you encourage them to understand that they have access to other resources. Over time, this independence will build up within them and their resourcefulness will develop too.

“Ways to Encourage Resourcefulness” conclusion

Remember it’s a Mindset

We often think of resources as physical things but resourcefulness is primarily a mindset. Cultivate a can-do attitude whereby even if they cannot see the solution immediately, they back themselves to find it and work out the first steps to completing a task. Seeing a challenge as a hurdle rather than a dead-end is a big part of this attitude. Even with the greatest mind, if you aren’t looking for the solution or believe you can find it, you won’t!

Reflect on Success and Failures

Making mistakes is a valuable part of the learning process and failures when trying something new are an inevitability. When trying to be resourceful in the face of challenges, it’s important to be able to learn from both our successes and failures. From both of these, we can work out how better to approach problems next time. Appreciated that not everything goes to plan all of the time means that we’re less fazed when that happens. We know that we simply must look for the next solution. Building this process of reflection will become a habit and this kind of feedback loop will become hardcoded in a child as they grow.

Ask them for their Help and Suggestions

Children are generally the ones that ask a lot of questions, and that’s great! But why not turn the tables and ask their thoughts and opinions? If they don’t know the answer, simply ask them how they can find out.

Resourcefulness is a key part of life, and should definitely be encouraged. Children are always going to be curious, they are always going to meet with issues and they are always going to need you. However, in being taught how to overcome difficulties, they are being taught a vital skill for life.



Columbus Promise Press Conference at Fort Hayes

The Columbus Promise is an exciting new program that enables CCS graduates to go to college for free at Columbus State covering six semesters of tuitions and fees.



Jazz Legend Joey DeFrancesco held a Masterclass at Fort Hayes previous to his Masterclass at OSU.

School Calendar

Thursday, November 18

Instrumental Music Concert 6:30 pm

Saturday, November 20

Saturday School 9-12:00 pm

Monday, November 22

Beginning of Wellness Week
Asynchronous Day

Tuesday, November 23

Asynchronous Day

Wednesday, November 24

Beginning of Thanksgiving Break

Monday, November 29

Begin EOC Ohio State Testing Week
Shot Tower Gallery: “Inspired Reunion Take 2 – the Fort Hayes’ Alumni Exhibition 2022” through February 18, 2022

Thursday, December 2

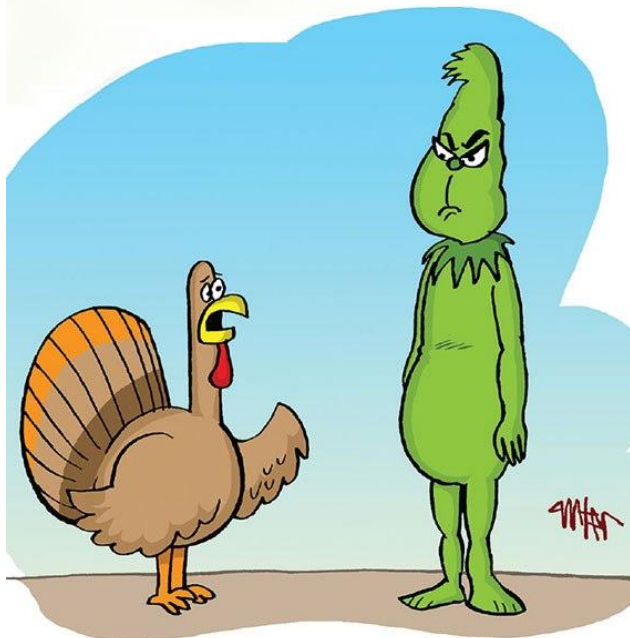
National Honor Society Induction 1:15 pm
Career Center Open House 3:00 pm

Thursday, December 9

High School Choir Concert 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 11

Saturday School 9-12:00 pm



“We’d like to hire you to steal Thanksgiving.”

BE EXCELLENT.
BE THE EXCEPTION.
BE FORT HAYES.

Focused	Hardworking
Organized	Artistic
Resourceful	Yearlong
Teachable	Engaged
	Scholarly

WE WORK HERE!

CCS is making students
READY FOR SUCCESS

Through:

- Instructional Fidelity
- Leadership Fidelity
- Parent Engagement
- Culture and Climate

Fun Fort Fact:

Did you know that if you were to start at Central Enrollment and walk around campus on the outside boundary of all the buildings (including AIMS) you would have walked exactly 1 mile?



Columbus City Schools 2021-2022 School Calendar

Dates to Remember

Aug 23 - 25	Staff Professional Development
26-Aug	First Day for Students
6-Sep	Labor Day (schools closed)
15-Oct	Professional Development Day
26-Oct	End of Q1
27-Oct	Records Day
2-Nov	Professional Development Day
24-Nov	Parent Teacher Conf. Comp Day
Nov 25 - 26	Thanksgiving Recess
17-Dec	30 Min Early Release (Holiday)
Dec 20 - 31	Winter Break
14-Jan	End of Q2
17-Jan	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
18-Jan	Professional Development Day
19-Jan	Records Day
2-Feb	Professional Development Day
21-Feb	Parent Teacher Conf. Comp Day
9-Mar	Professional Development Day
22-Mar	End of Q3
23-Mar	Records Day
14-Apr	30 Min Early Release (Holiday)
Apr 15 - 22	Spring Break
30-May	Memorial Day (schools closed)
2-Jun	Last Day for Students
3-Jun	Records Day



Parent Page

Parent Portal: What is that?!

It is the way within Columbus City School District that parents are able to access all of their students' information: from grades, attendance, teacher contact information, missing assignments, paperless applications to fee payments.

Most importantly, it is our way of communicating with YOU.

With so much digital communication right now, the ability to communicate with our parents is even more important than ever. In order to do that, we must have your correct contact information.

Please, Please, Please update and verify your:

- Contact Email
- Contact Phone number

The link to the Parent Portal is below:
<https://www.ccsdh.us/ParentPortal.aspx>

Forgot Your Password?

Email: parentportalaccess@columbus.k12.oh.us

Or call the CCS FACT Line at
614-221-FACT (3228)

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION

If your student needs a **Chromebook or Hotspot** please contact the school and we will set up a time for pick up.

Please contact the CCS Help Desk if the student or parent has any:

- General Access Questions
- Log In issues
- Account Questions

Columbus City Schools Helpdesk:
614-365-8425

If your child has a **broken** Chromebook, Hotspot or broken/lost Power Adapter, please contact the school to schedule a time for an exchange.

Remember that students are supposed to bring their Chromebooks to school (fully charged) to use in classes throughout the day.

<https://www.ccsdh.us/FortHayesHS>

<https://www.ccsdh.us/FortHayesCC>