

Fort Hayes Opus

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

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The Fort Hayes Double Dutch Divas (FH Double Dutch Club – FHDDC for short) working hard after school on their 'rope skills'. They have already been asked to showcase their skills in the Columbus Community and engage with other schools in the district!

Teaching Strategies to Boost Engagement

by Ryan Ayers

Whether you're teaching online or in the classroom, engagement is key. Not only are engaged students more excited and eager about learning, but they are also more likely to retain any new concepts they learn. Plus, as a teacher, it's no fun to speak to a group of disengaged kids! But getting engagement can be a challenge, especially for some students. Educators sometimes have to get a little creative and try something different in order to get students on board and actively learning. Remember, creating an engaging lesson can be very inspiring, so it's well worth the effort! Not sure where to start? Here are 6 great student engagement activities and strategies to try.

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Career Center Highlight:

Fitness and Wellness Students explore OSU's Exercise Science Program

excerpt taken from the CTE [Newsletter](#)

FHCC's Fitness and Wellness students recently visited the Ohio State University to learn about OSU Exercise Science Program. Professors explained the major, the various classes and curriculum, the internship program and the numerous career options for graduates in the program.

The high school students were paired with undergraduate students who showed them their research projects and spoke with them about their experiences in the program. The FHCC students also had an opportunity to explore the health and exercise science labs where they were able to participate in various activities and witness several demonstrations as subjects were being evaluated.



School Calendar

Friday, April 26

“A Brighter Tomorrow, Flaws and All”
Performance
Performing Arts Theater 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 27

Saturday School
8:00 – 12:00 pm

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Performance
Performing Arts Theater 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 1

Fort Hayes New Student Orientation
Career Center (PA) 5:00-7:00 pm
High School (Building 110) 5:30-7:00 pm

Saturday, May 4

Countdown to Kindergarten
10:00 – 1:00 pm

Monday, May 6

Career Center – Allied Health Only
(PA) 5:00-7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 8

Media Arts Fest
Shot Tower 7:30 – 10:00 pm

Shot Tower Gallery Senior Showcase
Through May 30

Thursday, May 9

High School Vocal Music Concert
Performing Arts Theater 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 11

Saturday School
8:00 – 12:00 pm

Tuesday, May 14

Career Center Senior Block Party

“...Boost Engagement” concluded

Have Students Work Together

It's much harder for students to disengage or “check out” if they have to work as a team. Collaborative learning can be a great way to get the whole class involved. Whether you're working on a class experiment or having your students do research and write a report, having other students to bounce ideas off of can be helpful for engagement.

Have a Debate

There are two sides to every story, and students will feel more invested if they need to debate their position. Just make sure to emphasize civility when you're having students debate. It's healthy to learn how to consider other positions in a respectful way, but debates can get heated sometimes. It's best to assign “sides” to ensure that students think critically and gather facts to use in their arguments.

Write to Learn

Reading is great, but many students won't be fully engaged with the material through reading alone. Writing is a great way to solidify learning and understanding. Short writing assignments throughout the day can give students the opportunity to review what they've learned and express themselves.

Brainstorm

This is a great exercise for helping students develop problem-solving skills. Simply pose a question to the whole class and have them brainstorm solutions. Don't provide any feedback on the ideas or any of your own solutions, just let them throw out tons of ideas and brainstorm together. Tossing these ideas out quickly will capture students' curiosity and build enthusiasm.

Leverage their Interests

How do you make math interesting? By putting it in the context of students' interests! Consider having your students analyze metrics like video game stats or TikTok followers. Your students are probably talking about their interests nonstop, so listen and use those interests to create more engaging lesson plans!

Get Students Moving

Many kids (and even adults!), especially the youngest learners, struggle with sitting all day. And who says learning has to take place at a desk, anyway? One way to get students moving is to have students brainstorm at the board or to set up stations. Even if you're teaching virtually, you can try activities like a scavenger hunt to engage students and get them moving.



Chris Gardner
(American
businessman and
motivational speaker)
graced our stage earlier
this month to speak on
the importance of hard
work and labor.

You may also
recognize his name as
the champion of the
movie
“Pursuit of Happyness”.

Columbus City Schools 2023-2024 School Calendar

Dates to Remember

4-Sep	Labor Day (schools closed)
20-Sep	Professional Development Day (no students)
20-Oct	Professional Development Day (no students)
24-Oct	End of Q1
25-Oct	Records Day (no students)
7-Nov	Professional Development Day (no students)
Nov 20-24	Wellness Week/Thanksgiving Recess (schools closed)
22-Nov	Parent Teacher Conf. Comp Day (no students)
19-Dec	30 Min Early Release (Holiday)
Dec 20-Jan 2	Winter Break (no students)
12-Jan	End of Q2
15-Jan	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (schools closed)
16-Jan	Professional Development Day (no students)
17-Jan	Records Day (no students)
7-Feb	Professional Development Day (no students)
19-Feb	Parent Teacher Conf. Comp Day (no students)
6-Mar	Professional Development Day (no students)
15-Mar	End of Q3
20-Mar	Records Day (no students)
28-Mar	30 Min Early Release (Holiday)
Mar 29-Apr 5	Spring Break
8-Apr	Professional Development Day (no students)
27-May	Memorial Day (schools closed)
30-May	Last Day for Students

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Fort Hayes Performing Arts Presents:
A BRIGHTER TOMORROW
Flaws and All

A mixed-media review show featuring works from The Color Purple, Ragtime, Heathers, Nina Simone, and More!

SCAN FOR TICKETS:

APRIL 26TH AT 7PM
APRIL 27TH AT 7PM

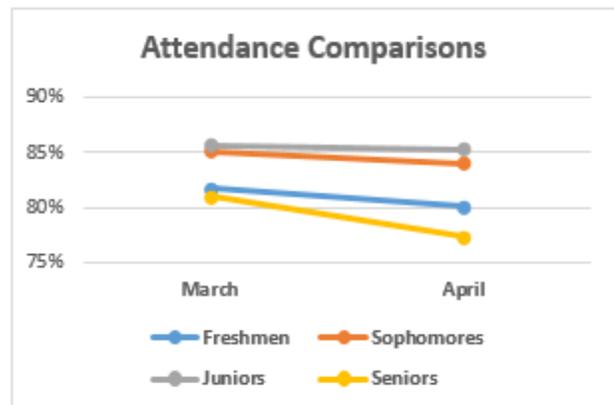
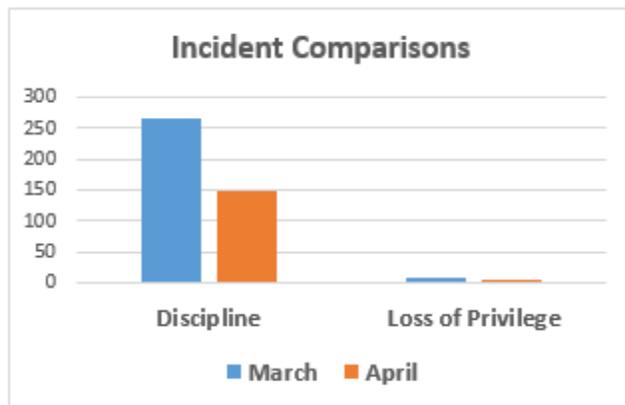
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BE THE EXCEPTION.
BE FORT HAYES.

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| Focused | Hardworking |
| Organized | Artistic |
| Resourceful | Yearlong |
| Teachable | Engaged |
| | Scholarly |



Parent Page

PBIS Trending Data



News you Need to Know:

Your **Parent Portal** account allows you to access the following information on your student(s) teacher contacts, grades and course schedules, daily attendance, missed assignments, fees and how to pay them, paperless applications (for school choice, summer school and career tech). Please, update and verify your:

Contact Email & Contact Phone number

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

Forgot Your Password? Email: parentportalaccess@columbus.k12.oh.us



STUDENT TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION

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

Beginning this school year, students should keep the same device. When repairs are needed, we will repair and return that same device to the assigned student unless that device is deemed unrepairable by an IT Technician. *Please note - any requests submitted will require the student's name and student ID.*

SENIORS class of 2024

April 16: class of 2024 Senior Meeting

April 17: High School Senior Cap and Gown Photos

May 8: Shot Tower Gallery hosts the Senior Showcase (through May 30)

May 8: High School Senior Cap and Gown Make-up Photos

May 11: Prom

May 24: Last day of School for Seniors

May 28: High School Graduation Rehearsal (at Fort Hayes)

May 30: Graduation (at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, Battelle Ballroom, 6:30pm)