Welcome Back Ferndale Middle School Students and Families,

On behalf of the Ferndale Middle School staff I thank you for choosing us. We value your confidence in the leadership and staff at FMS. Each year brings new anticipation. As building principal my success is directly aligned to your scholar(s). Ferndale Middle School will continue to maintain its great course offerings and unified arts programming. But our most important goal will be to educate the whole child and we will continue to support our students through high quality instruction and Social and Emotional Learning supports.

“Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.”

Literacy Focus

I need the Ferndale Community’s support and commitment to student literacy. Our scholars must engage in consistent reading and writing at school and at home. Studies show that U.S. students on average spend 6-8 hours each day using technology or online with social media. The fact is online usage is impacting student academic achievement levels. Let us commit to Ferndale Middle School students reading at least 30 minutes each night at home. Studies show reading traditional text improves students comprehension and literacy rates. I need our students to commit to completing all assignments both in class and homework packets. I need our students to commit to asking for assistance when needed. I need our parents/guardians to commit to regularly checking your child’s progress on MIStar. I am excited and appreciative of this opportunity to serve as the building principal of Ferndale Middle School.

AVID 2019-20

This year, Dr. Bazzi has added a new and exciting program. The AVID Program will begin this year with 7th and 8th grade cohort groups. Next year it will be expanding to all three grade levels. This program along with our current honors programming is intended to expand student access to the college and career ready tracks. We will send out student applications in early 2020.

Technology Usage and Tardiness

Last year Ferndale Middle School parents were informed that we would abide by the district’s technology use policy. The technology policy is listed on the Ferndale Public School website. Students will have limited access to cell phones during the school day. We must improve daily attendance percentages and reduce daily tardies. Classes start at 7:45. We understand that there could be times when students might miss or arrive late. But our goal is to have students in class and prepared to engage in high level learning each day and each hour.
Ferndale Middle School Student Supply List

Middle school students will need:

- A trapper keeper
- 4 spiral notebooks (one each: red, yellow, blue, green)
- 4 pocket folders (one each: red, yellow, blue, green)
- 1 student planner
- 10 pencils
- 4 blue ball point pens
- 5 erasers

Registration & Orientation

Ferndale Middle School’s Registration/Orientation will occur on August 27th - 28th from 2:00 - 6:00 pm in the Middle School Commons Area. Students will receive their schedules and take student identification pictures.

- Last name A-M: Tuesday, August 27, 2019
- Last name N-Z: Wednesday, August 28, 2019

Washington D.C. Planning Meeting

On September 19th from 5:30-6:30 pm Ferndale Middle School will host our parent information and planning meeting. Parents will be able to review the trips cost, itinerary and meet the Corporate Travel’ Agency Representative. We will also have a representative from Step It Up a fundraising option that we are using to reduce the cost for the trip.

Curriculum Night

Parents and students are invited to attend our Curriculum Night Program on September 19th from 6:30-7:45 pm. You will learn about Ferndale Middle School’s academic expectations, exciting new programming, and after-school opportunities. You will also meet the exceptional teachers of FMS.

Let’s have a fantastic 2019-20 school year!

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