Dear Ferndale Family,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break.

January is School Board Recognition Month; Ferndale Public Schools will join the Michigan Association of School Boards and other districts across the state to honor the countless contributions of the Ferndale Public Schools Board of Education. School Board Members hold a difficult job and shoulder enormous responsibilities. These are community members who are elected to make the policies that guide how ferndale Public Schools. They provide voice and leadership in their roles as advocates, and they will continue to stand up for public schools and guard against anything that takes away from our children or undermines our public schools.

Our district benefits from the tireless work and countless hours contributed by these local citizens who work without pay. They are the vital link between the community and classrooms. It’s more important than ever before that the public support public education so that today’s students are prepared to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow. Please take a moment and tell school board members ‘thanks for caring about our children and giving so much to our community.’ Let them know we support them and that their dedicated service is recognized and truly appreciated.

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In Education,

Dania H. Bazzi, PhD

Superintendent

Ferndale Schools

January 4th, 2019

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STUDENT VIDEO CONTEST REMINDS EVERYONE TO FOCUS ON THE ROAD

By now, most of us are well aware of the dangers involved in distracted driving, and yet, according to the latest report from the National Highway Traffic Safety Agency (NHTSA) this knowledge has done little, if anything, to affect behavioral changes and, in turn, the number of incidents and fatalities. The simple fact is far too many young drivers are still texting and driving – and dying.

That's why The Suburban Collection, Michigan's largest auto dealer group, is launching its Focus on the Road initiative with local high schools. We are tasking all high school students at Ferndale High School to create Public Service Announcements (PSAs) that educate their peers on the perils of the distraction (no particular writing) aimed at helping to minimize this growing epidemic.

Ferndale High School Students will be competing for cash prizes totaling $4,000 (per district), broken down as follows:

- $1,500 1st place
- $1,000 2nd place
- $500 3rd place

$1,000 School with the most student participation (highest percentage of submitted videos per student capita)

EARLY COLLEGE INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Would you like your student to earn an Associates degree while in high school? Then consider Oakland Accelerated College Experience (ACE) or Oakland Technical Early College (OTEC). Both programs are three years long and begin in the 11th grade year with high school and college courses. ACE focuses on preparing students for a 4-year university while OTEC prepares students for high demand, high wage careers. Each program requires current 10th grade students to complete an application and be accepted in order to participate.

To learn more about the programs, please attend our Early College Informational Meeting on Wednesday, January 16th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm in the Nest at Ferndale High School.

While only current 10th graders can apply, we encourage students and parents of current middle school and 9th grade students to attend this meeting.

HOW TO CHECK SCHOOL LUNCH BALANCE

Do you know how to check your student’s lunch balance? Simply follow the below steps and you can view your student’s account information.

1. GO TO FERNADELSCHOOLS.ORG
2. CLICK ON THE MISTAR LINK AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE
3. CLICK ON MISTAR PARENT CONNECT BUTTON
4. ENTER YOUR LOGIN INFORMATION (IF YOU NEED LOGIN INFORMATION, CLICK ON "NEED YOUR LOGIN INFORMATION" & ENTER YOUR PASSWORD)
5. FOLLOW THE PROMPTS - STUDENT’S NAME - CAFETERIA
6. THIS WILL SHOW A LIST OF ALL FOOD ITEMS PURCHASED AND ANY PAYMENTS PROCESSED.

If you have any questions regarding Payschools or lunch balances contact our Business Office at 248-586-8656.

SAFE SNACK LIST UPDATED

Did you know that 1 in 13 kids in the United States has a food allergy? That is approximately 2 students per classroom. For children with food allergies, even a small amount of the allergen can make them very sick. The most common food allergies are to milk, egg, peanuts, tree nuts (I.E. - walnuts, almonds, cashews), soy, wheat, fish, and shellfish. Another fast growing allergen is sesame.

To protect our students, Ferndale Early Childhood Center and Ferndale Lower & Upper Elementary buildings are peanut-, tree nut-, and sesame-free. We have updated our resources to help all of our parents and students navigate this sensitive but vitally important issue.

READ MORE ON OUR SAFE SNACK WEBSITE
FERNDALE PARKS AND RECREATION
junior | ages 7–13 | 7–7:45pm
pee-wee | ages 4–6 | 6:15–7pm

thursdays

january 10

• Gabrielle (Lizzy) Reeves- Principles of Marketing, Test Score Medal,
  • Alissa Logan- Apparel and Accessories State Qualifier
  
Before break, UHS DECA had another great showing at the District 8

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• Scott, Kaiya - role play, state finalist
  • Robertson, Sadorian - exam, role play, state finalist
  • Nwachukwu, Miracle - exam, state finalist
  • Nicholas, Branden - exam, state finalist
  • Newman, Kyra - exam, role play, state finalist
  • Maddox, Taliya - exam, role play, state finalist
  • Jenkins, Nia - role play, state finalist
  • Hopkins, Alondra - exam, role play, state finalist
  • Dutra, Max - exam, role play, state finalist

recognized for medaling in their events:

competitors, our very own emerging business leaders. We are very

Ferndale Public Schools. Students have the opportunity to receive up

recognition for their outstanding efforts and excellent representation of

DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing,

level competition at Baker College on Wednesday December 19, 2018.

Ferndale High School DECA competed in Michigan DECA's District


In other FIRST robotics news, The Blockheads and Ferndroids FLL

and coaches of the Lego League teams.

help guide their junior counterparts in the Ferndale Family as mentors

achievements and community engagement. Impi team members also

team has won several awards in recent years for its incredible student

participate in the FIRST Lego League, an introductory robotics program.

The Ferndale Early Childhood Center has been selected to participate in

Early Childh OOd rObOtiCs prOgram

opportunity to thank the staff in person.

Ferndale was honored and humbled by Oakland Community College

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days

Tennis is a lifetime sport the whole family can play! In addition to

self-reliance, and problem solving. Classes are held by Coach Chip

questions about the class, racquet sizing, or tennis in general.

available for purchase.

You do not need to be strong or fast to practice this

Yoshinkan Aikido is a Japanese martial art that teaches

yotei cocoa rub. chocolate fudge coffee. dark

you know Mars, meet the Cocoa Exchange

The cocoa exchange will have samples and recipes!

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MONDAY, JANUARY 7TH
7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
Board of Education Special Meeting
- Annual Organizational Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9TH
Early Release Wednesday

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10TH
Montessori Open House
FUEL Room 1

MONDAY, JANUARY 21ST
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
No School

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