Dear Ferndale Family,

As you know, our previous Strategic Plan expired in 2018. As a result, last summer we began the process of writing our next 5-year plan. Thank you to all of our Ferndale Family members who took part in that process last summer. While some great work was done we felt that more was needed to craft the strategic plan our community deserves. In doing this, we will be working with US 2 during the Spring of 2019 and will be asking for a small group of stakeholders to join the writing process. We will be very purposeful in choosing this team and ask for your support.

We would like to have a team of 15-20 stakeholders consisting of the following representatives:

- One parent from each of our seven schools
- One representative from each of our five unions
- Two administrative staff
- Two high school students
- Up to four additional teaching staff (with the hopes of having every school represented)

The time commitment from our initial group of 15-20 stakeholders will be approximately 25 hours. Below is a full list of tentative dates.

- 1/26 @ 9 AM: FHS - The Nest
- 2/11 @ 6 PM: UHS Cafeteria
- 2/28 @ 6 PM: UHS Cafeteria
- 3/14 @ 6 PM: FUEL Media Center
- 3/21 @ 6 PM: FUEL Media Center
- 4/11 @ 6 PM: Lower Elementary Media Center
- 4/18 @ 6 PM: Lower Elementary Media Center
- 4/25 @ 6 PM: FHS - The Nest
- 5/9 @ 6 PM: FHS - The Nest
- 6/6 @ 6 PM: FHS - The Nest

We ask that those selected to participate in this group commit to ALL sessions in order to craft the most succinct and effective Strategic Plan for Ferndale Schools.

The representatives will be chosen purposefully from those who volunteer and will be asked to speak from their stakeholder group’s perspective. If you volunteer to support our efforts and are not chosen to be on the initial team of 15-20 representatives, we will hold an additional session in late April asking for additional feedback from up to 50 stakeholders. We will then share our plan at the May Board Meeting and ask for feedback from everyone present. Our goal is to have a finalized plan presented at the June Board Meeting for approval to start the 2019/2020 school year.

For more information, please contact strategicplanning@ferndaleschools.org.

Thank you, in advance, for your continued support and commitment to our Ferndale Family – where we provide all students with an exceptional education that prepares them for college, careers, and success in a diverse society.

In Education,

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NEW PRINCIPAL MEET AND GREET!

Please join us in welcoming Seth Petty, the new Principal of FMS at a special meet and greet on Thursday, January 31st, beginning at 6:00 pm, in the FHS Nest! Everyone is welcome!

2019 Ferndale Schools Open Houses

It’s finally here! You’re ready to make the next step to prepare your little one for future success, but you want to find a school family that cares about individual needs and thinks about the whole child. Come to our open house to find all the answers you have been searching for. Welcome to Ferndale Schools.

RSVP Below to qualify for a Prize Giveaway

PRE-SCHOOL - Ferndale Early Childhood Center

Thursday, January 24th
5:30 - 7:00 PM
2920 Burdette
Ferndale, MI 48220

Ferndale Schools’ Early Childhood Center (FECC) is a high-quality preschool servicing children age 3 and up is FREE to Oakland County families who qualify. Our building hosts Ferndale Head Start, The Great Start Readiness Program, our District’s Early Childhood Special Education program, and Little Eagles Preschool, our tuition-based program. Preschoolers must be 3 years old by September 1st, 2019.

KINDERGARTEN - Ferndale Lower Elementary

Monday, February 4th
6:00 - 7:30 PM
2610 Pinecrest Dr
Ferndale, MI 48220

As a primary school, Ferndale Lower Elementary is designed with the young learner in mind. Teachers use curriculum and learning techniques based on brain research that enhance visual learning and include music and movement while taking into consideration the individual strengths and needs of each child. Additionally, the program’s reputation for excellence is based on a philosophy that fosters independence, promotes self-directed learning, and provides instruction in a project-based environment.

JOIN THE FERNDALE SCHOOLS MONTESORI CLASSROOM

This week the 2019-2020 Ferndale Schools Montessori Classroom interest form was released. If you are interested in having your student join the classroom please click the link and follow the prompts. The Ferndale Schools Montessori Classroom services students in grades 1st-3rd and is located at FUEL. The interest form will remain open until March 15th. If you have questions on enrollment into the Montessori Classroom please contact Mr. Bill Good at 248-586-8672 or bill.good@ferndaleschools.org.

- On March 21 at 7:30PM at the AMC John R in Madison Heights, the film Intelligent Lives will be showing. This documentary follows three students, one from Berkley, MI. The documentary challenges perceptions of intelligence and shows the impact of actively including all learners in our schools. Educators, families, and students are encouraged to join us in sharing in this perspective shifting experience.

FUEL is welcoming adult family members and community members into the classroom to help with specialized, individual reading help and math skills as well as teacher assistance. All volunteers must have an approved Volunteer Registration Form on file. A new Sign-Up will be provided on a monthly basis and will include all participating teachers. Volunteer opportunities are listed by date and time. You can search the Sign-up by teacher name if you’re looking to volunteer for a specific teacher; however, you need not have a student in a particular classroom to volunteer. All (approved) volunteers are welcome and encouraged to sign up for any available volunteer opportunities!! Please reach out to either Adrianne Quinn (adrianne.quinn@gmail.com) or Kesha Reed (kesha.reed@ferndaleschools.org) if you have questions.

VIEW THIS MONTH’S OPPORTUNITIES

8TH ANNUAL LADIES CLOTHING SWAP

A clothing swap is a great way to liven up your wardrobe on the cheap, have a fun girls’ night out, and support local kids. The event will be held Friday, February 8th at The Loving Touch (22634 Woodward) in Ferndale from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm. This event is for ladies only and is 21+. There is a $20 cover charge and a minimum of 5 fashionable clothing items and/or accessories are needed to enter the swap. Guests are then able to shop the clothing donations and take home what suits them for free! It’s a wonderful way to add items to your closet in a green fashion, without losing a bunch of green from your wallet.

Complimentary services include:
• Makeup consultations
• Manicures
• Henna hand art
• Chair massage
• More to be announced!

Appetizers, treats, and drink specials by:
• Ara Sotelo -- chips and salsa sampling
• Woodward Ave Brewers (WAB) -- drink specials

All door funds go to Ferndale Elementary School’s Camp Program.
The student here at OSTC!

WHEN: 5:00–7:30 PM

WHAT

Ghost by Jason Reynolds

by Alex Gino

Clayton Byrd Goes Underground

ANGST

Detach this flap and put it somewhere

Don't Forget!

Trustees - Anthony Ibrahim

Secretary - Gianna Kell-Mueller

Jim O'Donnell

Treasurer - Sandra Duckie

Vice President - Mike Davison

First district-level competition is March 6-8th in Belleville, Michigan.

more updates soon. Planning and prototyping has already begun. Our competition and are ready for our launch into Deep Space. Visit www.FHs ImpiroBotics Team Blast Off!

Kick off for this season was on January 5th and many students are ready to sign up.

Find or create a team of 3-4 students, sign up with your teacher, and create awesome costumes! As a team, read the six books listed below between January and March. Books are available to borrow at FUEL and Ferndale Library.

Books is a trivia-style reading tournament. All FUEL 5th graders are encouraged to sign up.

The first two rounds will take place on February 6, 2019 and March 21st at 2PM. The event will be held in the Nest & Auditorium.

The final battle will take place in school on March 21st at 2PM. The opponent will be the top six students in the District. The six will be interviewed and discuss their favorite book. The top three will be named as the District Champions and will be entered into the Regional competition. The top three regional winners will move to the state competition. The top state winners will move to the national competition.

Find out more via the FUEL Newsletter. The finals will be on March 21st at 2PM in the Nest & Auditorium.

The 2019 Battle Books event is for 5th graders.

The 2019 Battle Books will take place on March 21st at 2PM in the Nest & Auditorium.

Ticket prices:

$25 - 100 will feed a child every weekend during the school year at BLISS, a documentary that serves over 1,000 students below the poverty level.

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$200 will feed an entire family every weekend during the school year at BLISS, a documentary that serves over 1,000 students below the poverty level.

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Congratulations to re-elected Board Members Jim O’Donnell, Jackie Hart, and Sandra Duckie.

At Monday’s Organizational Meeting the Board of Education also voted to elect their positions for the coming year.

Our Priority

Don’t Miss

Thank you for voting and voting with us.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of your legal right to request a hearing, pursuant to Section 303 of the Board of Education’s legal authority. Any such request must be made in writing to the Director of Legal Affairs at 248.209.2062, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328-2736.

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Save The Date

Monday, December 24th
Winter Break Begins
District Closed

Wednesday, January 2nd
School Resumes

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