From the SUPERINTENDENT

Ferndale Family,

As we prepare to celebrate the holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., I wanted to take a moment to honor his legacy. I remember one of my favorite quotes of his, “The time is always right to do what is right.” At Ferndale Public Schools, we work hard every day to stay true to these words and model this with our students. Dr. King has taught us that impactful social change can be accomplished through nonviolent methods. His words continue to give us hope and inspiration.

In addition to preparing for the MLK holiday, our secondary students are preparing for final exams. I am sure many of you are busy with projects, papers, or studying for finals. For those of you who are prepared and ready to go, I say well done and best wishes. For those of you who have put things off to the last minute, I offer you my empathy for what is certain to be a very busy weekend! No worries though, you still have time to prepare.

Here are some study tips for this weekend:

1. Get plenty of sleep. (This is far and away the most important thing you can do. Your brain and your body will not store the information if you are studying when over tired or recall it when you need it if you are underslept.)
2. Take short breaks to help you focus.
3. Turn off your phone, television, and gaming systems. (Yes, I said turn off your phone. It is a distraction!)
4. Have a studying plan laid out.
5. Eat healthy food that fuels the brain. Try apples, walnuts, blueberries, etc. instead of chips and soda or energy drinks.

Please remember, the entire Ferndale Staff is in your corner. Finals can be stressful; if you need to talk to anyone or need a helping hand, please remember we are here. We wish you the best of luck on your final exams.

In Education,

Dania H. Bazzi PhD
Superintendent
Ferndale Schools

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SAVE THE DATES
OSTC CAREER NIGHT

Discover the career that is right for you! OSTC Career Night provides an opportunity for families, potential students, the community and businesses to experience our state of the art facilities and learn more about the many career driven programs offered at the OSTC campuses.

News Flash

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 let us know you are coming.

PRE-SCHOOL - FERNDALE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Monday, February 4th
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, and Ferndale's privately funded preschool program, Little Eagles Preschool.

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.

READ THE JOB POSTING AND APPLY HERE

Big Green Needs a Garden Educator

Last year, Big Green provided Ferndale Schools with multiple Learning Gardens at no cost to us through a grant-funded program. This year, Big Green will support over 45 gardens. This means the Big Green Team needs some help.

Big Green is currently hiring a full time Garden Educator. This is a salaried position with benefits!

To learn more about Ferndale Schools partnership with Big Green check out our great story from Local Magazine!

READ ABOUT FERNDALE’S LEARNING GARDENS

DANCE CLASSES

Registration and FIRST CLASSES on Saturday, January 26, 2019

The classes include 12 classes plus 1 Dress rehearsal and 1 Show! There will be no classes on March 2 and March 16, 2019

Theme: On the Move (transportation)

Sponsored by the Ferndale Dance Team!
Parent & Child Cake Pop Class!
FRIDAY, FEB 1st - 3:30pm

The TCEC Tree of Knowledge has continued to bloom this year! As we have reported here before, the Tree is started each year to showcase student growth and school-wide learning in bloom. When students complete a class, they receive a leaf to add to the tree. Upon graduation, students receive a dove that they add to the wall.

Recently, TCEC teachers Christine Lovins and Linda Grand have added something else to that wall near the tree. It is called “Next Steps,” which towards success now that they have completed high school.

So far this year, TCEC students have finished 1,210 classes with 31 graduates!

Congratulations to Cindy Burns who was selected as our January Eagle of the Month! Cindy, who will be retiring from Ferndale Schools after more than 35 years of service to our community, also received a special recognition from our local State Representative Robert Wittenberg.

Calling all Ferndale Sports Fans! Check out these fantastic images of Ferndale Athletics! The Communications Department has contracted Brian to take some photos of all our varsity athletics teams this year, and we are very excited about the results so far.

Brian Sevald is a local freelance photographer, a team photographer for the Pistons whose work has been featured in Sports Illustrated. The Communications Department is so excited, we had to share some more of them right away. Keep an eye out for more information on what we plan to do with the photos and an upcoming gallery project on our website.

In the past week, we have created the ball intake/outtake, the cone mechanism, the rocket, and the climber prototypes. The rules quiz were also produced. The Programming team installed the ball intake and safety quiz. The Electrical team learned how to control the light on the wall, and the Wiring Workshop team learned how to install the control system for the game. The Robot arm was updated and ready to go. The Components team learned how to build a pressure sensor and a power sensor. The electronics were also updated. The PowerX10 was also added to the robot. The mechanism was also updated and ready to go.

We are so excited about the results so far. We are planning a RoboMegaVan to take the robot to local schools and events. We are also planning a RoboMegaVan to take the robot to local schools and events. We are also planning a RoboMegaVan to take the robot to local schools and events.

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To see more of Brian's photos, visit his site at BrianSevald.com.
Save The Date

MONDAY, JANUARY 21ST
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY - THURSDAY, JANUARY 22ND - 24TH
1st Semester Finals

FMS/FHS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22ND
½ day, 1st and 2nd Hour Final Exams

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23RD
½ day, 3rd and 5th Hour Final Exams

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24TH
½ day, 6th and 7th Hour Final Exams

UHS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22ND
½ day, 1st and 2nd Hour Final Exams

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23RD
½ day, 3rd and 5th Hour Final Exams

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24TH
½ Day, 6th And 7th Hour Final Exams

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25TH
Records Day
NO SCHOOL