This week I would like to highlight the Ferndale Winter Guard. For those of you who are not familiar with Winter Guard, it is an indoor color guard sport. Performances include flags and other equipment, dance, and other interpretive movement. The Ferndale Winter Guard has had an exciting and successful season, taking first place at all three competitions this year (West Bloomfield, Troy Athens, and Chippewa Valley).

We are excited to be able to see the Ferndale Winter Guard perform their 2019 production, “I Found...” on Friday, March 29 at Ferndale High School at 7:30pm. Please be sure to join us. After that, they will compete at the Michigan Color Guard Circuit Championships at Saginaw Valley State University on Saturday, March 30.

To our students, we are so proud of your strong work ethic and dedication to the Arts. You are an inspiration to the entire Ferndale family.

In Education,

Dania H. Beqzzi, PhD
Superintendent
Ferndale Schools

YOU'RE INVITED
FERNDALE WINTERGUARD FRIENDS & FAMILY PERFORMANCE
FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH
7:30 PM
FERNDALE HIGH SCHOOL

MICHIGAN COLOR GUARD CIRCUIT CHAMPIONSHIPS
SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH
NOON (EVENT START)
1:30 PM (FERNDALE PERFORMANCE)
SVSU RYDER CENTER
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We have posted some information and documents released by OCHD in the Parent Information section of our website at ferndaleschools.org/district/get-involved/#measles

BASKETBALL SCHOLAR SIGNS TO ALBION

Congratulations to FHS Senior Keelen Lucas who has officially committed to Albion College to continue his education and play basketball!

ROBOTICS TEAM TO STATES

As of this week, the FHS Impi Robotics Team was ranked 6th out of 532 teams in the State of Michigan! This ranking should qualify them for the State Championships! Way to go Impi Warriors!

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INFO SHEET AND APPLICATION

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10 am to 3 pm
CASA, 23561 Rosebud
Oak Park

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EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR HONORED

Congratulations to our 2018-2019 teachers and support staff of the year!

FERNDALE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
Support Staff - Alex Dulgerian
Teacher - Dana Zawicki

LOWER ELEMENTARY
Support Staff - Elizabeth Larkin
Teacher - Jodi Cusmano

UPPER ELEMENTARY
Support Staff - Kesha Reed
Teacher - Michele Harris

FERNDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Support Staff - Kiara Johnson & Ericka Wilcher
Teacher - Mike Sigler

FERNDALE HIGH SCHOOL
Support Staff - Marie Gearing
Teacher - Maurice Telesford

UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL
Support Staff - Patti Skop
Teacher - Leslie Handyside

TRI-COUNTY EDUCATION CENTER
Support Staff - Pam Bellaver
Teacher - Matt Mroczkowski

TRANSPORTATION
Support Staff - Patricia Sanders
Driver of the Year - Donna Newman

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
Support Staff - Ashley Hart
FERNDALE STUDENTS WIN BIG IN "FOCUS ON THE ROAD" VIDEO CONTEST

This week, the Suburban Collection announced the local winners of their Focus on the Road video contest. Click the names to watch the student videos.

1st Place - Dylan Hoey, FHS - $1,500
2nd Place - Mar’Kya Smith & Maria Singleton - $500 each
3rd Place - She’Tera Lowery - $500

FROM THE CONTEST PAGE:

"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 select local High Schools. We are tasking high school students to create Public Service Announcements (PSAs) that educate their peers on the dangers of distracted driving (in particular texting) aimed at helping to minimize this growing epidemic."

Thank you to the Suburban Collection for their continued support of Ferndale Schools and for bringing needed attention to the vital issue of distracted driving.

GUEST READER DAY A HUGE SUCCESS

Last Friday was Guest Reader Day at Ferndale Lower and Upper Elementary. Thank you to all of our wonderful guest readers who spent time in the classroom with our students.

The FECC has also had a number of celebrity readers this month, including Representative Robert Wittenberg. Thank you again to everyone who helped make March is Reading Month another huge success across the district. Literacy is a foundational tool for lifelong learning, and we are so fortunate to have a community that supports all of our students' ability to read.

2ND GRADE DOCTORS INTERN AT PLACE VALUE HOSPITAL

Mrs. Tyler's second graders received their medical degrees last week when they became Doctors at Place Value hospital. Students learned to perform surgery on numbers by taking them apart and "stitching" together, reading place value x-rays, and diagnosing different numbers.

FUEL STUDENTS WAGE THE BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

On March 21st, FUEL fifth grade students participated in our first annual Battle of the Books competition! The students read six different novels over the course of a few months and competed in the fun and challenging battle over the course of a 60 minute competition. Students cheered and celebrated after each question, and the joy over books was truly amazing! Special thanks to the Ferndale Library for all of their work in supporting and running this event, as well as to our ELA teachers and our parent volunteers who helped monitor and "run" answers to the scoring table. The winning team will have their names on the BOTB plaque in our FUEL library!

Congratulations to the first-place team:

THE STARTLED PANDAS
Dania De La Mora, Melanie Donati & Sephera Meyers

We are so proud of all of our students for their commitment to and love of reading!

FHS CHOIR ROCKS FESTIVAL

The FHS Bel Canto Choir attended the MSVMA Choir Festival at Walled Lake Central High School last week and received  all 1s (excellent rating). Way to go!

FHS STUDENTS VISIT U OF M COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

On March 15th, 12 of our students took a field trip to the University of Michigan College of Engineering. The UM National Society of Black Engineers student group held a STEM-ULATION outreach day for high school students in the area. The day consisted of learning about material science engineering, participating in an Escape Room activity related to admission to U of M, touring North Campus, and engaging with a student panel of undergraduate and graduate engineering students. We are also happy to report that our FHS students asked over half the questions during the panel!
Save The Date

MONDAY, APRIL 1ST
THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH

Spring Break

MONDAY, APRIL 22ND
6:00 PM

State of the District Scavenger Hunt
Ferndale High School

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