Ferndale Family,

This week, the Board of Education approved an exciting new program for Ferndale Middle School. Beginning in the Fall of 2019, FMS students will be able to take AVID. Advancement Via Individual Determination—or AVID—is an in-school academic support program that prepares students for honors and Advanced Placement courses and sets them on a college path. AVID is for all students, but it targets those in the academic middle. Avid is a different kind of class in that it is not about “what” we teach, but rather it’s “how” we teach. It is a way to help kids develop the organization, communication, time management, and study skills they need to really take off.

If you think back to your most positive experience in school, there’s usually a teacher in that story: one who really motivated you, fueled your passions, got you to believe in yourself, and pushed you out of your comfort zone. AVID is a tool that will help Ferndale Schools teachers be those type of transformational instructors. The culture of the AVID classroom affects the whole building as teachers are brought into the program and the strategies learned become building wide practices.

We are very excited to bring this exciting approach to Ferndale Middle School. As we get closer to the end of this school year, we will share more details on the program and how your student can get involved.

In Education,

Dania H. Bazzi, PhD
Superintendent
Ferndale Schools

NEWS FLASH

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ADULT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

Ferndale Athletics is hosting our first adult volleyball tournament to raise money for our district-champion volleyball program. Sign up soon, as the roster is already halfway full.

ENTRY FEE - $180 PER TEAM

must have a minimum of 3 women on the court at all times.

4 team pools, with gold and silver brackets.

DEPOSITS - $50

Due May 1

Venmo @kristimathis

or PayPal stellajstone11@gmail.com

No guy/girl rule

Normal 6s rules

TEAM SIGN UP - FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE

STATE OF THE DISTRICT SCAVENGER HUNT

On Monday, April 22, we will be hosting the 2019 State of the District report in the form of an expedition-themed scavenger hunt. To participate, RSVP with a team of 4. Students, parents, staff and community members are invited. Free snacks will be provided. A letter from a mysterious organization called The Golden Eagle kicks it all off.

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Sincerely,
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RSVP

THE ARTIST IN YOU 2019

Each year, the Ferndale Area Chamber of Commerce proudly brings The Artist in You to our city. Students from our Ferndale Schools—FHS, UHS, & CASA—enter a competition to have their artwork displayed at the Ferndale Public Library with a public reception. Additionally, the three top scoring students will receive achievement awards for their efforts.

LEARN MORE

BIG GREEN IS HIRING

Our learning garden partner, Big Green, is growing. They are in need of two part-time support staff. Experience with gardening and/or leading children is recommended. Reliable transportation and a valid driver’s license is required. This is a great opportunity for a parent looking to earn some extra income while students are still in school. The position will run from April to June, with a possibility to extend until Mid-July.

$11/HR

20 PER WEEK

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVELING

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ACCEPTING JFK AWARD NOMINATIONS
Nominations are now open for the JFK Award. The John F. Kennedy Award provides an annual opportunity for teachers, administrators, and members of the community to nominate and recognize seniors who demonstrate a combination of outstanding scholarship and individual responsibility. The nominees should exemplify the goals of public education, which include integrity, maturity, industry, scholarship, citizenship, athletic and/or cultural contributions, school and/or community support, and personal goals. Please compose a brief summary stating your reasons for making your nomination and comment on how the nominee exemplifies these traits.

SUBMIT A NOMINATION

THE FARM COMES TO FERNDALE
This week, Upland Farms visited Ferndale Lower Elementary! The students loved petting the animals and learning about them.

APRIL AWARD WINNERS HONORED
Congratulations to the UHS National Honor Society members, recipients of the Superintendent's Excellence Award.

Ayriana Butler, Dylan Clemons-Midgett, Zhane Ingram, India Jackson, Caleb Johnson, Amari Jordan-Toone, Davonte Merritt, Jaya Owens, Joi Parker, Mya Pearson, Jacob Riffey, Joe Scandalis, Mumtaz Shabazz, Rena Shephard, Tekayla Turner, AhJanae Walton, Jennifer Weje, Nya Williams, Mya Williams

Also, congratulations to TCEC staff member Erika Bauer, our Eagle of the Month.

ROBOTICS TEAM QUALIFIES FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, TOP 10% IN STATE
Last weekend, the Impi Warriors competed at the MI FIRST Robotics State Competition on the Consumers Energy Field. The team finished 8th out of 40 teams on that field and moved up to be the 6th place alliance captain. Our alliance with teams 6569 - Gladiators & 3175 - Knight Vision was eliminated during the quarterfinals.

The team did receive the Safety Award for the CE field. The Impis finished the season ranked 32nd out of 542 teams in Michigan! This puts them in the top 10% of teams in the state and qualifies them for the World Championships in Detroit on April 24th-27th. Good luck, Impis!

UHS STUDENTS CREATE SIDEWALK ART
Our UHS students are celebrating National Poetry Month with their English classes. Last week, they created chalk art with poetry.

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Save The Date

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH
No School

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH
Early Release Wednesday

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