Dear FPS Family,

A little later in this eBlast, you will read about the tremendous honor Ferndale Schools received earlier this week from the Midwest & Plains (MAP) Equity Assistance Center. Before you learn about this great honor, I wanted to take a moment and provide the appropriate context to this recognition.

As Ferndale Schools continues on our path towards equity, we realize that this amazing award from the MAP Center is not the culmination of this important work, but rather a great opportunity to reflect upon the beginning of our equity journey. Ferndale Schools is committed to providing an equitable and inclusive school community. However, I want to remind everyone that we are not perfect and will make mistakes. That is why important endeavors like equity are a never ending journey of continuous improvement toward a greater goal. While I cannot promise you perfection, I can promise you that our hearts are always open; and when we find that we have stumbled, we will strive to fix the problem in an expedient and comprehensive manner.

As our equity vision statement says, we are a school family of continual learners. We support each and every student to develop their purpose, plan, and passion. We encourage and honor dialogue about the histories, cultures, and goals of our communities. We actively and intentionally facilitate equitable access and representation, meaningful participation, and high expectations for ALL.

This summer, the Ferndale Schools Board of Education also adopted a strategic plan that will guide our collective efforts for the next five years. As you review this plan, you will find that equity has become the backbone of all that we do.

READ THE STRATEGIC PLAN: 2019-2024

I am honored to serve as Superintendent in a school community that values the contributions of all our students. It is this commitment to equity that makes the Ferndale Community such a special place to live and learn.

If you would like to help guide us on our equity journey, please consider joining our Diversity Committee. Their next meeting is September 25th, 6:30 pm at Ferndale Upper Elementary School - 24220 Rosewood, Ferndale, MI 48237.

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE WEBPAGE

In Education,
Dania H. Baggi, PhD
Superintendent
Ferndale Schools

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SAVE THE DATES
Hearing and vision screenings are required by Michigan Law (The Public Health Code 368 of 1978) and are provided annually in Oakland County schools by Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) at no cost. Screenings help identify vision and hearing difficulties that can affect a child’s school performance, speech and language skills and social development. OCHD Public Health Technicians do not diagnose any conditions but can make parents/guardians aware if a child may need further follow-up from a doctor.

Screenings begin in tandem in Pre-School and alternate for the following years. Vision screenings occur in Pre-School, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 9th grades. Hearing screenings occur in Pre-School, Kindergarten, 2nd, and 4th grades.

For more information: visit www.oakgov.com/health, call OCHD’s Hearing and Vision program at 248-424-7070, or contact your child’s school.

CELEBRATE FERNDALE EAGLES HOMECOMING AT THE EAGLE PRIDE PARADE & TAILGATE

Join us for the annual Eagle Pride Homecoming Parade & Tailgate next Friday, September 27th. The parade will begin at 4:30 pm. (Staging begins at 4:00 pm) The parade will continue west on 9 Mile to Pinecrest, and turn south toward Ferndale High School and the Tailgate. Live music, food trucks, and fun & games will be available for free. All are welcome to join in this festive celebration of eagles past, present and future!

The Ferndale Eagles kick-off at 7 pm against Berkley.

DISCUSSION OF READ BY GRADE 3 LAW

Ferndale Schools Superintendent Dania Bazzi and Assistant Superintendent Dina Rocheleau will be at Ferndale Area District Library to answer your questions about Michigan’s new Read by Grade 3 Law, talking to parents about what it means for their students.

This event is presented in partnership with the Ferndale Area District Library, and features a lively, interactive storytime session with professional storyteller/performer Genot Picor. Light refreshments and snacks will be served, and the administrators will be taking questions after their presentations.

FERNDALE’S LIBRARY READ BY GRADE 3

Thurs., Sept 26
5:30 pm
222 E. Nine Mile Rd
FACEBOOK.COM/FERNDALEKIDS

DANCE CLASSES

Registration will end at 12:00 noon on Monday, September 16th, 2019.

This dance course includes 10 classes plus a dress rehearsal and a show! There will be no classes on Monday, November 25th.

Grades 4, 5 and 6 9:30 to 10:30 am
Grades 2 and 3 10:30 to 11:30 am
Grade 1 and Kindergarten 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
Onstage Saturday Rehearsal: Saturday, November 30th
– Students report at their regular class time in costume
Dress Rehearsal: Monday, December 9th @ 6:30 pm
– Run of the entire show in costume.
Recital Date: Wednesday, December 11th
– Ferndale Auditorium at 7:00 pm

Tuition is $95.00 for all classes. Tuition cost includes costume and tights!
Checks must be made payable to FSFAB (ferndale schools fine arts boosters)
Dance students wear dance attire (leggings, leotard, tights, etc.)
Black tap shoes and black ballet or jazz (must have shoes by 3rd class)
We have tap shoes available to trade/take, and we accept donations of gently used tap shoes.

QUESTIONS?
janet.whinham@ferndaleschools.org

FUEL AFTER-SCHOOL RUNNING CLUBS

FUEL and the Royal Oak YMCA will be offering a FALL session of Girls on the Run this year. In addition, a small number of spots are available for the boys’ STRIDE program.

GIRLS ON THE RUN

Tuesdays & Thursdays
3:30-4:45 p.m.
REGISTER

STRIDE

Mondays & Wednesdays
3:30-4:45 p.m.
(please note: the flyer sent home this week incorrectly states T/Th).
REGISTER

If you have any questions or would like to register at the branch, please contact Sandy Gossett.
Royal Oak YMCA
1016 W. 11 Mile Rd.
Royal Oak, MI 48067
248.547.0030
If you have any questions or concerns regarding this important safety issue please contact the Oakland County Health Division at 248-858-1280. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this important safety issue please contact the Oakland County Health Division at 248-858-1280. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this important safety issue please contact the Oakland County Health Division at 248-858-1280.

A rare, mosquito-borne virus, called the Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus (EEEV), has been confirmed through the harvesting of over 500 mosquitoes from various locations around Oakland County. The virus is transmitted by mosquitoes and can cause serious illness or death among humans. The Oakland County Health Department (OCHD) has been closely monitoring the situation and has provided the following information:

- **Human Cases:** None have been reported within Oakland County. All human exposure cases reported within the state are located on the east side. There have been several cases of animal exposure but none within Oakland County.
- **Incidence:** The virus is rare and occurs at a sporadic rate. It is typically distributed across the southeastern U.S., with more than 25 cases reported in humans this year.
- **Mortality Rate:** With a fatality rate of 30%, EEEV is one of the most lethal viruses. It can cause severe brain inflammation (encephalitis) and death.
- **Prevention:** To help avoid mosquito bites, OCHD has provided the following tips:
  - Wear protective clothing such as long-sleeved shirts and pants.
  - Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by removing standing water around your home as well as some tips to limit your mosquito exposure. Please note that all of this is done from an abundance of caution.
  - Keep all pets inside and away from areas where insects may be present.
  - Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellent. Repellent purchased at most home improvement stores.
  - Treat standing water that cannot be eliminated, such as retention ponds or drainage ditches, with a mosquito larvicide, which can be purchased at most home improvement stores.
  - Clean clogged roof gutters, particularly if leaves tend to plug up water flow.
  - Turn over any type of container that can collect water.
  - Empty discarded tires in your yard or garage, pool covers and leaves, rain gutters, and discard containers and containers (pots, pans, bottles, buckets). Ponds or drainage ditches can also be treated with mosquito larvicides.
  - Treat standing water regularly, as needed.
  - Check your yard or property for standing water at least once a month.

EEEV is spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on animals infected with the virus, such as horses, birds, and other animals. The virus is not spread from person to person. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid mosquito bites. Allows the Oakland County Health Department to continue monitoring the situation and provide updates as information becomes available.

In order to help avoid mosquito bites, OCHD has provided the following tips:

- **Wear Protective Clothing:** Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants when outdoors, especially during peak mosquito hours (dusk and dawn).
- **Get Rid of Mosquito Breeding Sites:** Remove standing water around your home and property to prevent mosquitoes from breeding. This includes emptying water from containers, pools, and other sources.
- **Use EPA-Registered Insect Repellent:** Use insect repellent that contains the active ingredient DEET or another EPA-registered insect repellent.
- **Limit Your Exposure:** Avoid outdoor activities during peak mosquito hours (dusk and dawn).

The Oakland County Health Department encourages residents to take these steps to reduce their risk of mosquito-borne illnesses and to stay informed about the virus. For more information, please visit the OCHD website or call 248-858-1280.
Oakland County’s 100th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage

"I Voted!"

Sticker Contest commemorates the centennial anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, which guaranteed women the right to vote.

Two winning designs will be printed as stickers and distributed to voters at precincts across Oakland County during upcoming elections.

TWO STUDENT WINNERS WILL EACH RECEIVE $1,000

• One student in grades 6-8 (student’s teacher awarded $250)
• One student in grades 9-12 (student’s teacher awarded $250)

Prize money is courtesy of Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union

CONTEST OVERVIEW

• Contest is open to students in grades 6-12
• Student must be a resident of Oakland County
• One entry per student is permitted
• Designs must include the words "I Voted!"
• Designs must portray the celebratory theme of "The 100th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage"
• Designs must be in full color and can be created using any medium (crayon, colored pencil, paint, etc.)
• Judging criteria includes use of creativity, artistic skill, execution and interpretation of the theme
• Designs must be submitted online no later than Friday, October 18, 2019

For more information and the Official Contest Rules, visit: OakGov.com/VotesForWomen

Questions? Contact Haley Hansen at hansenhm@oakgov.com or (248) 858-1092

Oakland County's "I Voted!" Sticker Contest
SPONSORED BY:
RAIN OR SHINE!

Hosted by:
Ferndale Public Schools

Date:
October 9, 2019; 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Ferndale High School Auditorium

881 Pinecrest Dr, Ferndale MI

FERNDALE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY'S

Ferndale Schools’ Superintendent Dania Bazzi and Assistant Superintendent Dina Rocheleau will be here to provide a brief presentation on Michigan’s READ BY GRADE 3 law and to answer your questions.

KIDS 4 & UP WELCOME
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT FROM GENOT PICOR, STORYTELLER
STORIES AT 5:30PM
PRESENTATION AT 6:15PM

WWW.FERNALEPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG

9 mile Woodward Pinecrest

4:30 – 7:00
LIVE MUSIC
GAMES & FUN
FOOD TRUCKS

Parade
Route
Tailgate Kick Off
7PM vs Berkeley
Staging: 4:00
Start: 4:30
AT FerndaleSchools.org
2019 Theme
"A night amongst the Stars"

Ferndale High School
725 Pinecrest
Illustrations by Ivan Dubovik
Instagram: vandubovik

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