Dear Ferndale Family,

The Detroit Free Press highlighted Ferndale Middle School’s implementation of the AVID program this week.

AVID is an in-school academic support program for grades 4-12 that prepares students for honors and AP courses and sets them on a college path. At Ferndale Middle School, we have two AVID elective courses at 6th (taught by Ms. Zold) and 7th grade (Ms. Morden). AVID is for ALL students, but it targets those in the academic middle. The AVID implementation team is made up of district administrators, school administrators, and teachers who will be working to integrate AVID skills school-wide at Ferndale Middle School.

Thank you to our AVID team for all their efforts to ensure a smooth implementation.

In Education,

Dania H. Bazzi, PhD
Superintendent
Ferndale Schools
**FUTURE TEACHER DUAL-ENROLLMENT PROGRAM**

Ferndale Public Schools is excited to announce a new partnership with Wayne State University that allows our Junior and Senior students to dual-enroll in the College of Education! Students have an opportunity to earn a full semester of college credit through WSU’s College of Education with no cost to the student.

**WHO**
- FPS (UHS and FHS) Juniors and Seniors with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA

**WHAT**
- WSU dual-enrolled College of Education courses
  - 1st course = TED2250

**WHERE**
- UHS, room TBD

**WHEN**
- Mondays & Wednesdays from 3:00PM-4:25PM
  - January 6th-April 20th
    - (WSU Spring Break is March 9th-14th)

**WHY**
- FREE college credit for future teachers!

**LEARN MORE**
- Information Night
  - October 10th, 6:30PM
  - UHS Cafeteria

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**ENJOY THE SEASON WITH NEW FRIENDS**

Elementary Connections group is partnering with the Detroit Exploration and Nature Center (DEN) to provide a guided nature walk through Palmer Park. New and old elementary families are invited to learn about why leaves change colors in the fall and use all their senses to take in the beauty that surrounds us (forest bathing). Join the fun!

**ELEMENTARY CONNECTIONS GROUP WALK AND TALK**

- Friday, October 11th
  - Palmer Park - 910 Merrill Plaisance, Detroit, MI 48203

**WALK & TALK INFO & RSVP**

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**PRINCIPALS MONTH**

October is principals month. Thank you to each and every building leader for being a positive presence in your school! Take some time to share your appreciation with your principal this month.

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**FERNDALE VFW SPONSORING SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST**

The VFW is dedicated to promoting patriotism and investing in our future generation. If you are a democracy-loving high school student interested in a $10,000 college scholarship or a patriotic middle school student interested in winning $5,000, these scholarships may be for you.

Ferndale VFW Post 1407 will be sponsoring the local Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen contests this year.

**VIEW MORE DETAILS**

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Entries must be submitted by October 31st.

Finished submissions can be sent to Bill Good at BILL.GOOD@FERNDALESCHOOLS.ORG.
FHS STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR NATIONAL MERIT

FHS student John Lemelin has been named a Commended Student in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship program, having “demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success.” Commended students represent an outstanding national resource. John placed among the top 50,000 scorers (of more than 1,500,000 students who took the PSAT in 2019.) It was also announced recently that FHS student Sadorian Roberts was named as a National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist, having placed in the top 16,000 nationally.

We join the NMSC in encouraging John and Sadorian as they continue their pursuit of academic success.

FIRE FIGHTERS VISIT FIRST FIVES

First Fives started their Community Helpers Unit this week, and they had some help from the Ferndale Fire Dept! Students have been learning about fire safety and what a firefighter does all week, and they were excited to receive a visit from the Fire Dept. In 2 weeks, they will be walking to the Pleasant Ridge Police Dept.

Check out the wonderful photos of Mrs. Majeske’s First Fives and Mrs. Yacks’s class!

6TH GRADE JUNIOR COACH TALKS AT PROJECT PLAY SUMMIT IN DETROIT

FMS 6th Grader Gustavo Levya joined Playworks Executive Director Angela Rogensues as a panelist at the Project Play Summit in Detroit recently. The annual event brought leaders at the intersection of youth, sport and health to Detroit for two full days of programming. Gustavo was featured on a panel discussing how to put kids’ ideas into action.

» Positive reinforcement
» Adapt games to include all students
» Capitalize on the talents & strengths of others

Gustavo was an amazing and well-spoken ambassador for Ferndale Schools, and we are very proud of his role as a junior leader in this important movement.

VOLLEYBALL PINKS OUT AND POWERS UP

Tuesday night, the women’s volleyball team defeated Hazel Park in three sets. Emily Foster ended the night with 15 kills and Zoe Verkeyn had 18 assists.

Thursday evening the Eagles hosted a pink-out game in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The ladies junior varsity defeated Southfield A&T. Ava Verkeyn had 15-serve streak.

The last home game is Wednesday, October 16. JV plays at 5:30, varsity 7. Come on out and support!

FERNDALE STRUTS DOWN 9 MILE, STOMPS ON COMPETITION FOR HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

The Annual Eagle Pride Homecoming Parade & Tailgate was a singing success. Community members old and new joined the parade which ended at the block party at FHS. Snacks, games, and robotics demonstrations were enjoyed by all.

To top off the week’s festivities, your Ferndale Eagles football team celebrated Homecoming with a resounding victory over the Berkley Bears, decimating their rivals: 22-0. The halftime show was also a spectacular performance for all to enjoy.

TCEC STUDENTS AND STAFF BEAUTIFY LANDSCAPE

The TCEC Beautification Committee was hard at work this week improving the landscaping and planting flowers. The volunteers also constructed some garden beds around the building. Thanks to everyone who came out to help!
Wayne State University is partnering with high schools to manage for children. Topics of discussion will include: sensory overload, tantrums vs. meltdowns, correlation of how kids mirror their parent's expressions, and techniques used for releasing anger.

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

**CONTEST OVERVIEW**

Two student winners will each receive $1,000. Designs must be submitted online no later than October 9th. Judging criteria includes use of creativity, artistic skill, and can be created using any medium (crayon, colored pencil, paint, etc.).

Designs must portray the words "The battle of the sexes," or, "The battle of the sexes." Designs must be submitted online no later than October 9th. Judging criteria includes use of creativity, artistic skill, and can be created using any medium (crayon, colored pencil, paint, etc.).

Every 75 books, come to the library to claim your prize! Please join us in learning realistic techniques used to improve anger management for children. The event will be facilitated by Judith E. Lipson, M.A., L.P.C., a Licensed Professional Counselor with over 30 years of experience in all levels of public education, including teacher consultant and crisis counselor. Her specialties include working with individuals who experience anxiety, ADHD, and ASD.

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**STICKER CONTEST**

Oakland County’s 100th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Board of Education - Committee of the Whole
FHS Main Office Conference Room
871 Pinecrest Dr, Ferndale, MI 48220

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Elementary Parent Teacher Association
& Elementary Connections Group Meetings
Ferndale Upper Elementary
24220 Rosewood, Oak Park, MI 48237

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH
Early Release Wednesday

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH
6:30PM TO 7:30PM
Vaping 101: What’s Important to Know
FHS Auditorium
881 Pinecrest, Ferndale, MI 48220

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
6:30 PM
Future Teacher Dual-Enrollment Information Night
UHS Cafeteria
2521 Bermuda St, Ferndale, MI 48220

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WALK & TALK INFO & RSVP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Elementary Fall Fest
Ferndale Upper Elementary
24220 Rosewood, Oak Park, MI 48237

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH
3:30 PM - 10:30 PM
Marching Dead 5K-1K Run/Walk Fundraiser
Ferndale High School Track
881 Pinecrest, Ferndale, MI 48220