Dear Ferndale Family,

This past Wednesday, Cheryl Phillips from St. Joseph Mercy Health providing a seminar entitled Vaping: 101. The seminar included the following topic areas:

1. What a vape is and how is it used?
2. What are the effects of its use?
3. What are the legal issues surrounding vaping?

It is important for students to understand that vaping presents serious health risks and is not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Since there is no regulation on the products, we do not know what goes into the vaping solution and its short/long term health risks.

Manufacturers of vaping products are also targeting youth by advertising flavors such as gummy bear, tutti frutti, and strawberry. Although Michigan recently banned flavored vaping products, it is important that we continue to educate our students of the serious health risks associated with vaping.

According to the CDC, 1 in 5 high school students have vaped. That is a shocking 20% of high school students. Interestingly enough, students who vape don’t necessarily identify themselves as smokers, often assuming they are only inhaling flavored steam. However, vaping contains large amounts of nicotine, a highly addictive and habit-forming stimulant derived from tobacco and found in cigarettes. It is important to teach your children, vaping has many of the same negative effects and dangers of smoking.

To read more about how schools are attempting to address vaping among children, please see the Detroit Free Press Article:

READ THE STORY

In Education,

Dania H. Bazzi, PhD
Superintendent
Ferndale Schools
FERNDALE COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND BEGINS 5TH SEASON

The FCCB 2019 concert schedule is as follows:

» SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019
» SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019
» SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020
» SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020
» SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020

All concerts are held at 3:00 p.m. in the Ferndale High School auditorium. Please join us in supporting our local musicians and Ferndale High School students in concert each Sunday at 3:00 p.m. We gladly accept any donations.

BAKE SALE

Following each concert is a Musician Bake Sale, and we have some wonderful bakers amongst our ensemble. Please plan on buying your favorite dessert.

FECC PTO FACEBOOK PAGE

Did you know, the FECC Parent & Teacher Organization (PTO) has a Facebook page that is a great place to ask questions and learn about events. Come take a look!

FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/FECCPTO/)

CORRECTION

It was recently announced that FHS student Sadorian Robertson was named as a National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist, having placed in the top 16,000 nationally of more than 1,500,000 students who took the PTSA in 2019. We mistakenly printed Sadorian's last name as Roberts instead of Robertson and apologize for the error.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP WEEK

Join us in celebrating national Digital Citizenship Week, October 14th-18th, 2019. Digital Citizenship Week highlights the importance of building student and community capacity with skills like creatively collaborating with others across digital spaces, reflecting on digital habits, and curating a positive and effective digital footprint. Current best practice research points to a shift from a fear-based prescriptive lists of “Don’ts” towards framing digital citizenship skills positively and advocating for them as a form of empowerment for students.

This year, the International Society for Technology in Education introduced five competencies of a digital citizen:

» INCLUSIVE
» INFORMED
» ENGAGED
» BALANCED
» ALERT

Take on one of the #DigCitWeek challenges based on those competencies with your family or even just have a DEVICE FREE DINNER!

FERNDALE VFW SPONSORING SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

The VFW is dedicated to promoting patriotism and investing in our youth of today. Those who graduate high school and are enrolled in a $1,000 college scholarship or participate in high school outreach programs, may be eligible for the $30,000 Post 1407 Voice of Democracy Scholarship. The Spirit of America Scholarship is for patriotic middle school students. For more information, you can visit the VFW website. Entries must be submitted by October 31st. Finished submissions can be sent to Bill Good at BILL.GOOD@FERNDALESCHOOLS.ORG.

FERNDALE HIGH SCHOOL CHOIRS & ORCHESTRA PRESENT MUSICAL REVOLUTION CONCERT OCTOBER 24, 2019

Join us for a variety of live fun-filled, all-age entertainment. Come early for the chili cook off, dress up for our costume parade, and stay late for our costume contest!

CHILI COOK OFF
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
FHS Commons

CONTEST
7th Grade – 2nd Place
8th Grade – 1st Place
MARCHING BAND SWEEPS LAKE ORION

The Golden Eagle Marching Band took 1st place and swept all captions at the Lake Orion competition. Congratulations to the Marching Band on another incredible performance.

TCEC STUDENTS VISIT FACTORY, LEARN ABOUT MANUFACTURING

Last Friday, several Tri-County Educational Center students had a great day at Deshler Group UniBond for Manufacturing Day! They learned a lot, held a box-folding competition, riveted some brake parts, and operated a forklift! You can see videos and more photos of the event on their Facebook page.

TCEC FACEBOOK PAGE

UHS SPANISH VISITS DIA

On October 8th, students from University High School along with three staff members had the pleasure of visiting the Detroit Institute of Art to view their Ofrendas Exhibit. Students were able to examine ofrendas from sixteen participating artists. The class learned about the tradition of creating ofrendas and the celebration of Día de los Muertos. Everyone had a wonderful time while extending their classroom learning!
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH
6:00 PM
Elementary Connections Group - Walk and Talk
Palmer Park
910 Merrill Plaisance, Detroit, MI 48203
Elementary Connections group is partnering with the Detroit Exploration and Nature Center (DEN) to provide a guided nature walk through Palmer Park. We will learn about why leaves change colors in the fall and use all our senses to take in the beauty that surrounds us (forest bathing).

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH
Early Release Wednesday

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
UHS Parent-Teacher Conferences

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
FECC Family Fun Night – Trunk or Treat
Ferndale Early Childhood Center
2920 Burdette, Ferndale, MI 48220

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
Elementary Half-Day
Reading Log

the great K-3 reading spree

Read 300 books before 3rd grade!

Every 75 books, come to the library to claim your prize

Stop by the youth desk to sign up today

DON'T STOP AFTER 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN -- KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING TO 3RD GRADE AND BEYOND!

"The beauty of finding agency - or, momentarily, be an endurer."

(Dick, 2017)

The ELEMENTARY CONNECTIONS GROUP invites families to a NATURE WALK AND TALK with guides from the Detroit Exploration and Nature Center at Palmer Park.

Connect with other families and enjoy one of Detroit's gems.

FRIDAY, OCT 11 AT 6:00 P.M.

At the Detroit Exploration & Nature Center (DEN) (entrance to the DEN is located on 7 Mile Rd. next to the 12th Precinct Detroit Police Station).

For more information, contact Christine MacDonald via text/email at martinhouse248@gmail.com or 313-418-2149. If you need a transportation, we can connect you for a possible ride share. This is not a drop-off event, students must be accompanied by an adult.

Please let us know if you can make it by texting Christine or online at: https://forms.gle/7AsgPzW47xPqW1nu7

FERNDALE ELEMENTARY CONNECTIONS GROUP NATURE WALK AND TALK

The Ferndale Elementary Connections Group is devoted to bringing nature, families, educators, and the community together to create unique and memorable experiences that nurture our children's minds.