Dear Ferndale Family,

At this month’s Board of Education Meeting, our new Student Representatives were announced. These students will serve as liaisons between the school board and our high school students at both Ferndale High School and University High School. The term of office is two school years, beginning in September of the student’s Junior year and concluding in June of the student’s Senior year.

The Student Representative role is a vital voice on the Board of Education. Everything we do is about preparing our students to be successful once they leave our schools. We recognize the importance that student voices play in our process of collective decision-making. Thank you to these fantastic Ferndale students for taking on this important role.

**2019–2021 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

» Zoe Butters - FHS-12th
» Nyia Williams - UHS-12th
» Zhane Ingram - UHS-11th
» Kai Walker - FHS-11th

Want to learn more about the role of the Board of Education and the Student Representatives?

In Education,

Dania H. Bazzi, PhD
Superintendent
Ferndale Schools
FERNDALE SCHOOLS DIVERSITY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 28th
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Ferndale Upper Elementary Media Center
Childcare is available, though RSVP is required and a donation is requested.

RSVP HERE

This primary objective of this meeting is to decide on and begin planning a district wide cultural education event. If you are unable to attend this event, please vote here:

VOTE

Contact ferndaleschoolsdiversity@gmail.com for questions or comments.

ELEMENTARY CONNECTIONS GROUP UPDATES

CLASSROOM VOLUNTEER LIAISON NEEDED

It’s October, so that means Classroom Volunteering has begun! The Elementary Connections Group is looking for a Classroom Volunteer Liaison for both Upper and Lower Elementary (two separate roles). These are new committees, so the roles are still being defined, but if you’d like to help encourage and increase classroom volunteering (1:1 reading help, math facts, crafts, service, assistance, etc.) please reach out to Adrianne Quinn at adrianne.quinn@gmail.com or (248) 722-2131. Adrianne has some ideas on how to get started and you can work together to define those Committee Roles.

ELDER OUTREACH LIAISON NEEDED

The Elementary Connections Group would also love to find someone to help with Elder Outreach! The Elementary Connections Group would really like to incorporate the FPS district elder community into the classroom. The Elementary Connections Group is very hopeful and open about the opportunities here (for both our elder community and student alike), but could really use some help finding us! Do you have experience in helping get inter-generational learning off the ground? (please contact Adrianne at adrianne.quinn@gmail.com or (248) 722-2131 for more details). Adrianne has started doing some research and has a plan of action, she just needs a partner (or two or three...).

FHS BLOOD DRIVE

The need for blood is constant, and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds. Most of us will need blood at some point in our lifetime.

To help contribute to the effort, Ferndale High School will be hosting an all day (8:00 am – 2:00 pm) blood drive in the Media Center on October 29th, 2019.

Contact Ms. Oliver at 248-548-4600 for more info.

ELIGIBILITY

Must be 16 years of age or older. See Ms. Oliver for the blood drive consent form that you will need signed by a parent or guardian prior to your appointment.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

See Ms. Oliver or in room 227 at The Dale

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT ONLINE

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross Blood program!

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 $30,000 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!

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Entries must be submitted by October 31st.

Finalized submissions can be sent to Bill Good at bill.good@ferndaleschools.org.
As our students transition from Lower Campus to Upper Campus we wanted to do something that would connect them from campus to campus and keep them in the spirit of learning. With that in mind, we partnered with Kids Read Now, a national non-profit to provide our students and families a way to stay focused on reading throughout the summer in a fun, meaningful way.

For the past 2 years our 2nd grade students and families had the chance to participate to receive 7 books throughout the summer. Students select the books, receive 3 books at the end of the year during the 2nd grade celebration, and then receive 4 books through the US Mail when families complete the simple correspondence with Kids Read Now.

Over this past summer alone we had:

» 157 Students enrolled in Kids Read Now
» 1,014 books delivered
» 1,664 text messages delivered to families
» 540 voice mails delivered to families
» 272 emails delivered to families
» A total of 2,476 times via phone, text, and email to send weekly reminders, motivational messages, and timeline reminders!
» Families/students reported on 676 books (Read A Book, Get a New Book)
» 6.5 books delivered per student on average
» 7.4 books reported per active student on average
» 58% of the 157 students/families enrolled participated

Students who participated in the program will be participating in a Kids Read Now Celebration with Mrs. Jeffrey and Mrs. Keefe on October 22.

We want to say thank you to the Principals and teaching staff that sent motivational messages throughout the summer. We also want to say thank you to the families who participated in the program and in turn supported a love of reading with their child.

We look forward to the summer of 2020 for our current 2nd graders to participate in this important transition activity!

FMS JOG-A-THON A HUGE SUCCESS

The 2019 FMS Jog-a-thon was another huge success! The annual fundraising opportunity took place on Friday, October 18th. It was a beautiful fall Michigan morning with the sun shining brightly to start our day, with sunshine lasting throughout the entire event. Our FMS students were utterly incredible – participatory, enthusiastic, supportive, and focused. Every student present enjoyed the shared experience whether walking, jogging, or spectating. Some pledges have already been received; thank you! A concentrated Student Pledge collection effort will continue over the next couple of weeks throughout the community of families and friends and will be used to support individual and collective building-level educational opportunities for all FMS students throughout the school-year. Congratulations, Ferndale Middle School. You are amazing, and we are so proud!

OCTOBER AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to our October award winners who were honored at Monday's Board of Education Meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT’S EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

Kyra Newman-FHS
Morgan Karnick-Lower Elementary

EAGLE OF THE MONTH

Eagle of the Month-Todd Whalen

FMS STUDENTS GET HANDS-ON WITH SCIENCE

Last week, Mrs Philip and Morden's 6th grade science classes went to the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum. The students had a great time. They toured the museum and even had the chance to dissect cow eyes as they study cells and anatomy. What a cool day!

AP LIT GOES TO OTHELLO

Mrs. Morrison’s Advanced Placement Literature and Composition students attended the Stratford Festival to see a production of Othello on October 22nd.

MARCHING BAND TAKES ALL CAPTION AWARDS

The Golden Eagle Marching Band received a score of 91.525 and all captions at the Lindedn Competition last weekend! Congratulations on a spectacular showing, Golden Eagles.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR FERNDALE SCHOOLS STAFF

KAREN GORDON
ROLE: Math Teacher
BUILDING: FHS
HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN IN FERNDALE? 12
WHAT DO YOU MOST LOVE ABOUT WORKING IN FERNDALE? I love the close knit community, the city of Ferndale, the school district, the kids, the families, and the staff.
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE LOCAL FERNDALE BUSINESS AND WHY? Fly Trap!!! Amazing food...great vibe!
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Diversity Committee Meeting
FUEL Media Center
24220 Rosewood, Oak Park, MI 48237

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
FHS Blood Drive
FHS Media Center: The Nest
881 Pinecrest Dr, Ferndale, MI 48220

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
Early Release Wednesday

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
Pre-K – 5th Grade: Half Day
FECC, Ferndale Lower & Upper Elementaries

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH
BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM
Bond Informational Meeting
FHS Media Center: The Nest
881 Pinecrest Dr, Ferndale, MI 48220
stressors of parenting. This parent education class will explore how to implement daily coping skills to improve stress management and concentration. You will be encouraged to encourage calmness, relaxation and rejuvenation. Attendees are encouraged to come through a series of guided meditations and short breathing exercises to boost their personal power.

Amy Tarrant is a local mindfulness coach, meditation leader and massage therapist with numerous years of experience. Her specialties include working with parents, teachers and all school aged children. You can find more information about Amy Tarrant at www.Meditatedetroit.org.

For more information, contact Curtiss Strietelmeier at (219) 216-1180 or curtiss@cdwg.com.