From the SUPERINTENDENT

Dear FPS Family,

All Ferndale Schools students in grades K-10 will be taking the Northwest Evaluation Association assessment (NWEA) this year. This assessment is taken three times per year (Fall, Winter and Spring) to track the academic progress of each student in Math and Reading. The MAP assessment (Measures of Academic Progress) is an online assessment that is aligned to the Common Core standards. It is adaptive, meaning the difficulty of each question is based on how well a student answers all the previous questions. The assessment meets the student where they are at to identify current instructional level, as well as a road map toward achieving mastery. Regular testing allows teaching staff to monitor a student’s growth and adjust instruction as needed during the school year. You can read more about modeling growth alongside achievement in our recent article.

READ ABOUT GROWTH METRICS »

These assessments are very important tools for monitoring student progress so that instruction can be adapted and improved to meet the needs of each individual. We appreciate your support throughout this process.

In Education,

Dania H. Bazzi, PhD
Superintendent
Ferndale Schools
TIPS TO BALANCE TECH

A new resource from Common Sense offers text tips to help 3-8 year olds develop healthy media habits at home. To sign up:

» TEXT “KIDS” TO 21555.

» ANSWER A SIMPLE 5-QUESTION SURVEY TO REGISTER.

You will start receiving 2 messages per week with tips, advice, and resources on balancing media and tech with your family. You can pause messages at any time by simply replying “pause” to take a break from receiving messages.

Data and messaging rates from your mobile provider may apply; check your plan.

BASKETBALL ALUMNI APPRECIATION GAME

Ferndale Basketball and the Southeast Oakland Coalition will be presenting an Alumni Appreciation Exhibition Game this weekend on Sunday, December 8, 2019.

3:00 PM – DETROIT KING VS FLINT CARMAN AINSWORTH

5:00 PM – FERNDALE VS. ANN ARBOR HURON

A special recognition ceremony will be held to honor Ferndale graduate Rashad Phillips, NBA/College Analyst.
MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS LEARNS ABOUT TECHNICAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

This week, Mr. Turner took FMS students on a tour of the Oakland Schools Technical Education Center (OTEC) campus. OTEC is a group of technical and trade skills classes that students within Oakland County can attend while in high school. The students were very excited to think about all of the future class possibilities!

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS THANKFULLY GIVE

During the weeks before Thanksgiving, students at Ferndale Lower helped to collect and sort food items and money for Gleaner’s Community Food Bank. The students collected a total of 1,285 food items/dollars to help their community! Mrs. Randle and Ms. Santangelo’s classes brought in the most items and will get to attend a special assembly led by staff from Gleaner’s next week. Congratulations to the whole school for making a difference!

FIREFIGHTER VISITS FUEL

Fireman Nick visited Mrs. Andrzejewski’s class at Ferndale Upper Elementary last week. Nick is a firefighter and paramedic for the city of Taylor. He has worked in an ambulance for five years and has been a firefighter for two years. During his visit, he urged students to do things like sleep with their doors shut and check to see if their smoke detectors are working. He made sure to show students what a firefighter looks like and sounds like with their gear on.

FMS 7TH AND 8TH TAKE PSAT

This week FMS 7th and 8th grade students took the PSAT test. This pretest helps students as they prepare for the SAT during their Senior year in high school. The main goal for having our students take the PSAT in middle school is to help prepare for the SAT by becoming familiar with the kinds of questions and the exact directions they will see on the SAT. By taking the test early, students can receive feedback on their strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for future success. Way to go, FMS!

FMS ASSEMBLY DISCUSSES CYBER SAFETY

This week both the Oakland County Chief and Assistant Chief Prosecutors came to talk to FMS students about Cyber Safety. Students heard safety information on a wide range of topics including OK TO SAY, anti-bullying, cyber safety from online predators and the hazards of making posts and sending pictures digitally. The main message was know who you are talking to online and never meet up with anyone you meet online.

FMS VISIT UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY

FMS had the opportunity to visit the University of Detroit Mercy’s campus. Students were treated to a collegiate women’s basketball game and lunch courtesy of U of D.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
3:00 PM
Ferndale Community Concert Band
Holiday Concert
FHS Auditorium
881 Pinecrest Drive, Ferndale, MI 48220

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
3:00 PM
Alumni Appreciation Exhibition Game
FHS Gym
881 Pinecrest Drive, Ferndale, MI 48220

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Elementary Parent Teacher Association/Elementary
Connections Group Meeting
Ferndale Upper Elementary Media Center
24220 Rosewood, Oak Park, MI 48237

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH
Early Release Wednesday

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
1st Grade Music Concert
Ferndale Lower Elementary – Gym/Cafeteria
2610 Pinecrest, Ferndale, MI 48220

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
FECC – No School
Ferndale Early Childhood Center ONLY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Elementary PTA Craft Night
Ferndale Lower Elementary – Gym/Cafeteria
2610 Pinecrest, Ferndale, MI 48220

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
FHS Winter Choir/Orch Concert
FHS Auditorium
881 Pinecrest Drive, Ferndale, MI 48220