Dear FPS Family,

As we enter Winter Break, I urge everyone to take some well-deserved time off to rest, relax, and recharge your battery! The holidays can be a very stressful time for many. It is important that we all take a step back and exhale so that we return in the new year, rested and ready to finish first semester with enthusiasm.

As a reminder, Winter Break runs from Monday, December 23rd through Wednesday, January 1st. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Thursday, January 2nd, 2020!

In Education,

Dania H. Bazzi, PhD
Superintendent
Ferndale Schools
NATURE WALK & TALK
The Ferndale Elementary Connections Group is partnering with the Belle Isle Nature Center to provide a guided nature walk through Belle Isle. Join us as we explore the jewel of Detroit on foot and enjoy the wonders of winter. Belle Isle is home to foxes, deer, bald eagles, hawks, and more—we might get to see some as we hike. All ages and abilities are welcome. Connect with other FPS families on Sunday, December 29, and enjoy one of our region’s most precious gems!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29
Meet at 10:30 am at the Belle Isle Nature Center
176 Lakeside Drive
Detroit, MI 48207

For more information, contact Christine MacDonald at martinhouse248@gmail.com or 313-418-2149. If you need transportation, we can help coordinate a ride share.

MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Join your fellow FPS families for a screening of “Like A Boss” and support Blessings in a Backpack! Saturday, January 11 at 4:00 pm at Emagine Theater in Royal Oak. $26.95 gets you a movie ticket, pop and popcorn (free refills). We will have a 50/50 raffle and other great prizes in the theater!

GET YOUR TICKETS HERE

TCEC ESL COURSE FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS

We are always looking for community partners. Right now, the Tri-County Educational Center is coordinating with the Centro Cultural Hispano to offer an English as a Second Language (ESL) course beginning January 27th. Do you know any Spanish speakers looking to learn English? We’re collecting input for when to schedule the course sessions. If you or someone you know is interested in the course, please fill out the Google Form.

NEW INCENTIVE FOR STUDENTS TO GO TO THE LIBRARY

The Ferndale Library and FMS ELA Department have come up with a new incentive to get your students into a Ferndale or Oak Park library during any of the upcoming breaks for the rest of the school year. Punch cards have been sent home with all FMS students, and replacements are available at both library locations and through your student’s ELA teacher, as well. Students can head to the teen circulation desk at either the Ferndale or Oak Park library to check out a book and get a punch on the card. The more students read, the better off they will be. This program supports the development of a flourishing culture of literacy at FMS! For information on how to get a replacement punch card, please email Aaron Blatt at AARON.BLATT@FERNDALESCHOOLS.ORG.

If you have any questions about this program feel free to email Aaron at Aarontb@ferndaleschools.org.

EARLY COLLEGE INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Would you like your student to earn an Associates degree while in high school? They can through Oakland Accelerated College Experience (ACE) at Oakland Technical High School (OTEC), both programs are three years long and begin in the 11th grade with high school and college courses. ACE focuses on preparing students for a 4-year university while OTEC focuses on preparing students for high-demand, high-wage careers. Each program requires current 10th grade students to complete an application and be accepted into the program. To learn more about the programs, interested 10th grade students should attend the Early College Informational Meeting on Tuesday, January 14th from 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the Media Center at Ferndale High School. While only current 10th grade students can apply, we encourage all interested students and parents to attend this meeting.

For additional information please contact Tom Maes at 248-586-8666 or TOM.MAES@FERNDALESCHOOLS.ORG.
UHS STUDENT COUNCIL RECEIVES REWARD FULL OF WINTER FUN!
The UHS Student Council kids took a trip to go ice skating at Campus Martius today. This was a celebratory trip to reward them for all of their hard work planning our fall events. Thank you, UHS student council, for your dedication!

FHS SCHOLAR HEADED TO STANFORD
Congratulations to FHS Senior Sadorian Robertson who was accepted to Stanford University. Stanford is the most selective school in the United States accepting just 4% of applicants! Way to go, Sadorian! We are so proud of you, and can't wait to see the great things you will do in the future.

FIRST GRADE FLIES TO MERRY OLD ENGLAND
On Thursday, December 19th, all second grade students at Ferndale Lower were learning and growing their brains while on a virtual trip to England! The day began by boarding a plane with their luggage and using boarding passes for the 3,700 mile virtual flight to England. Students worked on themed centers in the morning which included making crowns, creating Stonehenge, decorating a Winnie The Pooh puppet and more.

At lunch, they had an authentic Fish and Chips luncheon all together at tables fit for a queen. The afternoon continued with stations where students were building English structures, learning about etiquette with Tea Time and fun souvenir shopping with their English pounds. The entire experience could be described as the "Bees Knees!" A special thank you to the many parent volunteers that helped all day. Thanks for going to England with us!

UHS HOLDS ANNUAL RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE FUNDRAISER
During this time of giving, it is important to show compassion to the less fortunate. University High School held the 3rd successful fundraiser for the Detroit Ronald McDonald House housed at Children's Hospital. Students and staff gave generously. Over 150 items were donated to the center and a sumptuous holiday luncheon was also provided for the entire RMH families and staff. Way to go UHS!

FLU UPDATE FROM OAKLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
The flu is a contagious respiratory illness that causes more hospitalizations among young children than any other vaccine-preventable disease. Making healthy choices at school and at home can help prevent contracting the flu and spreading it to others.

PROTECT YOUR CHILD FROM THE FLU:
» Get a flu shot. Everyone person 6 months and older is recommended to get a flu vaccine every year. This is especially important for people at high risk of serious complications from influenza including children younger than 5 years old, pregnant women, older adults, and those with chronic medical conditions.

» Wash hands and clean/sanitize surfaces. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like the flu.

» Stay home when sick and/or wear a mask. While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them. If you are sick with flu-like illness, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care. If you are unable to stay home, wear a mask to limit spreading illness.

For more information, visit www.oakgov.com/health. Nurse on Call is also available to answer questions at 800-848-5533 or noc@oakgov.com, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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School Resumes

MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH
FECC School Resumes

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7TH
6:30 PM
Bond Informational Meeting
Lower Elementary
2610 Pinecrest, Ferndale, MI 48220
FERNDALEFORWARD.COM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Early College Informational Meeting
FHS Media Center (The Nest)
881 Pinecrest Drive, Ferndale, MI 48220

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST
NOON
Bond Informational Meeting
Upper Elementary – 24220 Rosewood
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST
9:00 AM–5:00 PM
Bond Informational Meeting
FHS – 881 Pinecrest Drive
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH
6:30 PM
Bond Informational Meeting
TCEC – 21131 Gardenlane
FERNDALEFORWARD.COM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH
6:30 PM
Bond Informational Meeting
FECC – 2920 Burdette
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Attention Femlae Middle Schoolers!

Keep reading over Break Week!

• Go to the Civic Center Library and get your first book.

• Stop by the youth desk to sign up today.

• Return books to your local library.

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

• Don’t stop after 1000 books before kindergarten—keep the momentum going to 3rd grade and beyond!

“The benefit of reading is deeply emotional—like a magical friendship. What grows in the mind is not a dark forest of trees, but a golden air filled with flowers and song.”

(Diary 2017)

DEADLINE: Monday, January 6, 2020

For additional information, please contact:

MAGGIE BEAVER
(248) 377-8223 / MBEAVER@PISTONS.COM

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COME WATCH THE TRI CITY SOUTH BASKETBALL TEAMS AS THEY PLAY AT THE BRAND-NEW PISTONS PERFORMANCE CENTER ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH FROM 4 PM-6 PM.

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