



Grosse Pointe Public Schools

April, 2017

## Ferry Features & Facts

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Dear Parents,

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**Grosse Pointe Woods,**  
**MI**  
**48236**

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Thank you for joining us for March conferences. When we return from spring break our testing schedule will be in full gear. We begin our M-Step testing with 5<sup>th</sup> grade on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The schedule is as follows:

5<sup>th</sup> Grade M-Step  
April 11-April 13      5<sup>th</sup> grade English Language Arts  
April 18-19      5<sup>th</sup> grade Math  
April 20      5<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade M-Step  
May 2-3      English Language Arts  
Math 9-10      Math  
May 11      4<sup>th</sup> grade Science

Classroom teachers will send out a schedule with the specific testing times for each day. It is the State Michigan's intent that all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students take the M-Step. There are no provisions for opting a student out of the tests. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

In addition to the M-Step tests, all K-5 students will be taking the NWEA tests in reading and math during the window of April 17-May 26. We will develop a schedule to ensure students are not taking the M-Step and NWEA during the same week.

Finally, the Grosse Pointe Writing Assessment will also be administered. This is a lot of testing for our students, but I know they are up for the challenge and will demonstrate their academic accomplishments! The information these tests provide not only document your child's growth over time, but also help us to plan instruction for the upcoming year. Thank you for working with us to ensure your child's success.

Sincerely,

Gloria Hinz



### **Calendar Information:**

**April 3—April 7 **No School** - Spring Break**

**April 14 **No School** - Good Friday**

**April 18 TCBY PTO Fundraiser 7:00 pm—10:00 pm**

**April 19 PTO Meeting 7:00 pm Library**

**April 24 Spring Instrumental Concert Assembly 10:30 am Ferry Gym**



**May 2 Transition to Kindergarten 2017 11:00 am—5:00 pm**

**May 4 Spring Instrumental Concert and Spring Choir Concert—2nd, 4th,  
4/5 Magnet and Choir 7:00 pm Parcels Auditorium**

**May 5 PTO's Daddy/Daughter Dance 7:00 pm—9:00 pm Ferry Gym**

**May 10 PTO Meeting 7:00 pm Library**

**May 19 **AM Classes Only** Professional Development in PM**

**May 29 **No School** Memorial Day**

National Geographic Society is providing all 50 states and the District of Columbia a 16-by-20-foot Giant Traveling Map of their state. The Michigan Geographic Alliance (MGA) then loans the Giant Traveling Map of Michigan (and many lessons/activities they created) to schools around the state. Mr. Sean McBrady, the K-12 Social Studies Consultant and Ferry parent, represented the Macomb Intermediate School District.

Mrs. Ellis' 3rd graders did an exploration of map features and played a game that culminated in the creation of a giant population density map. Students teamed up and used cards with city or county names, a grid location, and a number of cups to represent population. Students placed the cups on the map in the correct location, slowly building a map showing where people live in Michigan. The end result was a map crowded with cups in SE Michigan and a rather sparse northern MI and Upper Peninsula! Kids were quickly able to see where most big cities are located and where the "crowded" parts of the state are.

The Giant Traveling Map of Michigan provides kids a fun and powerful way to practice spatial thinking skills, practice reading maps and using map features, and learn about our state.

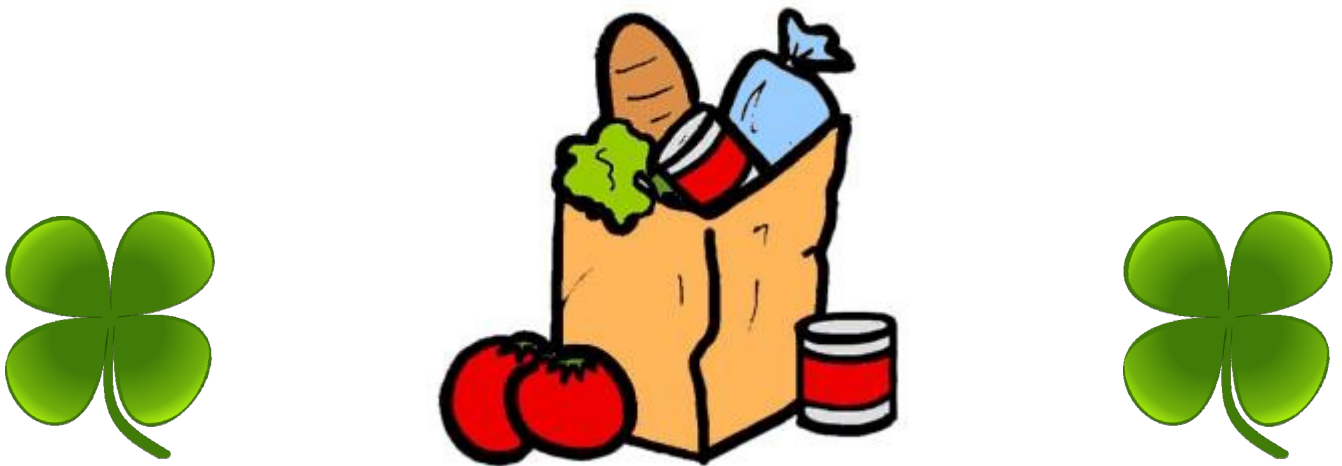


Mrs. Erhard/Schrade's class learned about map features and played fun games with the compass/directions.

**Thank you Mr. McBrady!**



Do you choose paper bags or plastic grocery bags? We hope you chose paper bags. While neither is an ideal choice, paper bags hold more items, are easily reused and have a better chance of being recycled. Of course, the best choice is reusable cloth bags! Many of our Ferry families already use cloth bags! Our Student Council brainstormed many ideas to save energy and other environmental tips and created green shamrocks with these tips. Stop by and read the clever ideas our Student Council posted in the hallway near the office.



The Box Tops collected for January and February have finally been counted and the total is \$203.40. The total for the year, so far, is \$556.80. The top collecting class for the months of January/February was Ms. Orhan's class!



# What Makes Ferry So...

## *“Special”*

Below, please find the latest happenings with students in their “specials” classes.

Dare we say that Spring has finally sprung? The art room is starting to thaw out from the cold winter and warmer projects are making their way into the curriculum. Some of our students are focusing on their grade level artists such as Georgia O'Keeffe in Kindergarten, Vincent Van Gogh in Second grade, and Claude Monet in Third grade. Others are focusing on their grade level art cultures such as Asia in First grade, Africa in Fourth grade and Native American art in Fifth Grade. Art works are always being uploaded to Artsonia as they are being finished and works are on constant display throughout the school. It is also in the plans to have extra projects on display at the end of the school year at the ice cream social! Whether you are supporting your young artists at home, through Artsonia, or viewing displays at school it is greatly appreciated. Have a wonderful break!



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Our best year ever in for Jump Rope For Heart. Our Ferry students raised \$15,091.00 for the American Heart Association this year! Thank you to all the students to help save lives. This spring we will be working on our volleyball skills, tennis skills and golf skills. Keep your kids playing outside, eating healthy snacks to maintain a strong and healthy body.

**Physical  
Education**



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Spring Choir Concert - 2nd, 4th, 4/5th Magnet, and Choir at Parcels Middle School Auditorium







## It's Springtime!!! From your Elementary Library Media Specialists!

(click on each image for a link)

Have fun exploring this month's digital picks. This month, we take a different approach with our digital resources, emphasizing the moderate, responsible use of technology. Take some time to visit these online resources and discover some strategies to take charge of technology and its presence in your life.



<https://thefamilydinnerproject.org/>

See if this 4-week program can help you reclaim dinner time for family sharing. This website is filled with recipes, suggestions and resources and age-appropriate games to play during meal time.

Common Sense Media  
#DeviceFreeDinner

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/device-free-dinner>

Check out this website for great dinner time conversation starters and technology-free activities. Turn dinner into a time spent sharing rather than one competing with devices and distractions.



Recently, reports in the news have address the addictive nature of technology for children and adults alike. Visit the [Technology Addiction resource](#) page of Common Sense Media and explore questions according to different age groups. Find well-researched answers to concerns you may have about your child(ren)'s technology use - and maybe your own!.



<https://www.getepic.com/>

Web-based, app for the iPhone and iPad. \$4.99 monthly subscription. Free for educators. Have instant access to thousands of ebooks for children without the inconvenience of waitlists. Scan and page through collections of fiction and nonfiction books.



See what all the excitement is about - [GoNoodle](#) website (free) turns movement into a game and makes it easy to be active, the kid way—silly, energetic, playful, and fun. Just press play on hundreds of custom-created videos and get kids running, jumping, dancing, stretching, and practicing moments of mindfulness.

### Elementary Library Media Specialists

- Danielle Gostomski: Kerby, Mason, Poupard
- Amy Hermon: Defer, Maire, Monteith, Richard
- Sherry Martin: Ferry, Mason, Poupard
- Cheryl Quinlan: Defer, Maire, Monteith, Richard
- Rachel Walpole: Defer, Richard, Trombly



# EGGstravaganza!!!

The Annual Ferry Lunchtime Egg Sale is coming!

Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>



Eggs will be sold for \$1 each at lunchtime. All eggs will contain candy but 20 special eggs will also contain a **GOLDEN TICKET!!!** If you choose an egg with a **GOLDEN TICKET** inside you will get to come to a pizza party at lunchtime on Friday April 21<sup>st</sup>!

All proceeds benefit The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion



Ferry is having our annual Talent Show on June 13th this year and all are invited to try out. We are looking for a VARIETY of acts. If you have hidden talents that you would like to show off, then come and try out. Acts should be practiced at home under parent supervision and be “show ready” with costumes at try out time. Tryouts will take place the afternoon of April 25th and 27th from 3:45 – 5:30PM. **All singing acts with music must have a karaoke version (without the artist) for their tryout.** An AUX cord or CD player is available for use. Time slots will be given at a later date. The acts selected for the show will be posted Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Once selection is over, your talent show hosts will hold a meeting during the lunch hour recess to finalize details for your act. Those dates will be given later. **Thursday, June 8th will be our one and only MANDATORY dress rehearsal from 3:30 – 5:30pm.** It will take place in the gym. Students **must** be at dress rehearsal to be in the show. If you have any questions, please feel free to email any one of your Talent Show Hosts. We hope to see you there. Good luck getting ready for the try-outs!

Ferry’s Talent Show Hosts,

Mrs. Brumme, Ms. Flanagan, Ms. Tyler, Mrs. Balderson,  
Mrs. Foust, Mrs. DeBow and Miss Verbeke



# **Ferry Talent Show June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Try-Out Form DUE: April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Try-outs will be April 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 3:45pm-5:30pm.

Title of Act: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Act: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Example: musical instrument, song, dance, poem, piano, gymnastics, etc.)

Music Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Karaoke versions only, no music with the artist singing)

**STUDENT (s) first and last names**

**GRADE**

**TEACHER**

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## **TRY-OUT RULES**

1. WEAR YOUR COSTUME AND BRING YOUR MUSIC. Karaoke versions for singing acts only. AUX cord or CD player available. **BE SHOW READY!!!!!!**
2. Students **may only participate in one act.**
3. Student must attend the mandatory dress rehearsal on Thursday June 8th 3:30 – 5:30 in order to participate in the final show on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
4. Try-outs are for judges and student participants only. Parents are only permitted at the final show. All judging results are confidential.
5. Acts may be no longer than **3 minutes**.

GOOD LUCK!

Ferry's Talent Show Hosts,  
Mrs. Brumme, Ms. Flanagan, Ms. Tyler, Mrs. Balderson,  
Mrs. Foust, Mrs DeBow, and Miss Verbeke

# Cinco de Mayo Daddy Daughter Dance

Inviting all Ferry girls and their dad (or special person) to attend

Ferry's annual dance on

Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

From 7-9pm

Enjoy an evening with dancing and refreshments



Admission cost: \$15 per Dad-daughter couple

\$20 maximum for additional daughters

5 X 7 photo is included in the package for each family

**Advanced reservations ONLY! No tickets sent home.** Check-in at the door. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Questions? Please contact Julie Nurse at [julie.nurse@gpschools.org](mailto:julie.nurse@gpschools.org), Natalie Lingeman at [natalielingeman@gmail.com](mailto:natalielingeman@gmail.com) or Lauren Sisk at [laurensisk37@yahoo.com](mailto:laurensisk37@yahoo.com)

**Please return this portion no later than Tuesday, May 2, 2017**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher (youngest): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Additional girls: \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

*5 X 7 photo included by professional photographer*

**Please make checks payable to Ferry PTO**

\*We are having a Mexican fiesta! Please help us by donating the following items: 2 liters of 7 UP, 16oz., bags of tortilla chips, jars of salsa, spoons, plates, and festive napkins.

*Please place items in the designated box in the Ferry office by Tuesday, May 2, 2017.*

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Family Name (print)

Phone Number

Items to be donated





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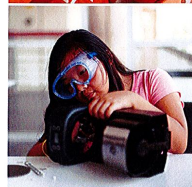
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LEARN MORE AND SECURE YOUR SPOT!



Gary Sharp, National Inventors Hall of Fame Inductee, inventor of 3D Projection Systems



National Inventors  
Hall of Fame®

*Inspiring future innovators*

## Imaginations get their rocket fuel at Camp Invention.

Children are presented with fun, hands-on challenges that encourage creative problem solving, teamwork, entrepreneurship, and innovation. Inspired by the Inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, this summer's all-new curriculum allows children to:

**Create** their own personal, ultimate Spy Gadget Alarm Box by taking apart and upcycling everyday machines.

**Explore** a distant new exoplanet and design inventions to create the next Earth.

**Launch** water rockets, build Bubble Blasters, and engineer giant castles.

**Design** duct tape products and pitch them to mock investors.

We are a **national non-profit organization** and all of our Camp Invention program activities are led by **experienced local educators**.

See us in action at [campinvention.org](http://campinvention.org)

### SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY & SAVE \$15!

Register at [campinvention.org](http://campinvention.org) or 800.968.4332. Use promo code **DISCOVER15**. Offer expires May 1st.

#### Your local Camp Invention site information:

Price **\$265** (before discount) | For children entering **1st - 6th grade** | Register at [campinvention.org](http://campinvention.org)

**Brownell Middle School** | 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

**June 26 - 30, 2017 from 9:00am - 3:30pm**

Directed by Molly Collins  
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(313) 432-4400

*If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit [campinvention.org](http://campinvention.org) for other locations near you.*

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