FERRYNEWSLETTER

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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PRINCIPAL MESSAGE



Dear Ferry Families,

This is such a busy time of year. I will keep my newsletter short, simple, and sincere. I appreciate each day you share your children with us!

They are truly amazing! It is so rewarding to be a part of the Ferry Family. I am also thankful for all you do as parents to create such a strong sense of community in our school. Finally I want to give a special thank you to the Kindergarten Parent Elfs who so joyously decorated the outside of

our building. They truly brought the spirit of Christmas to life!

I wish all of our families much love, health and happiness this holiday season and all through the New Year.

Mrs. Hinz









DECEMBER 2017 - JANUARY 2018



December 20 **Nature Club Meeting**

December 20 Girl Scouts Troop 71293

December 20 String Extravaganza

December 21 Boy Scouts Pack 34- Holiday Dinner

December 21 Band-O-Rama Concert

December 22 Holiday Concert (5th grade)

December 22 3-5 Holiday Movie

December 22 **PreK-2 Holiday Cartoons**

December 25 - January 2 No School. Winter Break

January 4, 10, 18 & 24 Nature Club Meeting

January 5 Nest Activity. Habit #3

Flanagan Literature Lock-in January 5

January 9 & 16 **Boy Scouts Troop 34**

January 11 **Boy Scouts Pack 34**

Parcells Admin@Ferry for 5th grade Registration January 11

Elementary Choir Tour January 12

January 15 **No School.** Martin Luther King Day

Girl Scouts Troop 71293 January 17

January 19 Townhall

Student Lighthouse Team January 23



School Closing Information

Here are some of the factors that are taken into consideration to close schools in Winter days:

- Actual temperature and wind chills
- Amount and type of snow
- When the snow falls, and when the snowfall is expected to end
- Ability to clear parking lots and sidewalks around school - Freezing rain and the effect on
- roads, power lines and tree limbs All of these factors are reviewed in total, taking into account the fact that the Grosse Pointe municipalities and our facilities staff do an outstanding job of clearing streets, sidewalks and

parking lots. The Manager of Building and Grounds and the Assistant Superintendent survey

road conditions by driving around the district starting at 4 a.m. They consult with the

Superintendent and reach a decision, normally no later than 5:30 a.m.

Roslyn Traffic Reminders for Kindergarten

Pull as far forward as possible before dropping off your child.

Once your child is dropped off, please exit the drop-off line.

Be respectful of your fellow parents. There are 50 kindergarten parents trying to get as close to the kindergarten door as possible. This can happen as long as everyone keeps the line moving. Do not keep your car standing in the drop off loop for any rea- son except the brief time it takes your child exit your vehicle.

PLEASE REPORT ALL STUDENT ABSENCES TO THE OFFICE BY 8:45 AM

THE ATTENDANCE LINE, 313-432-4101 IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY



Next Meeting: Thursday, November 30th 6:30pm to 8:00pm at Defer Elementary Library Topic: Everyone has a Story

Child care available for 11/30 meeting! Let us know if you're bringing a child so we can provide enough sitters. Contact Susan: susansuto@yahoo.com (3+ years old, please)



As a new staff member to Ferry, I am amazed with what this learning community does together, for the benefit of all members!

One such instance is the Kindergarten Drop-Off in front of the school. This is a convenience for the youngest members that is held together by the adults who day in and day out follow the rules,

keeping this a moving lane. While

really wanted to take a moment to

say a HUGE THANK YOU to the

parents and family members who

it does not always run perfectly,

consistently keep this a moving lane by staying in their cars and pulling as far forward as possible.

I also want to thank the parents and family members who wish to walk up to the doors of the school for parking around the corner and walking back to the school!.

We should mention a huge thank you to the drivers who follow directions and circle the block and come back around when there is space to get in line! . Also, THANK YOU to the family members and caregivers who decide even at this often stressful time of day, when everyone has a schedule to keep, to smile and speak kindly to the staff that work to keep the children safe in this area! It really is an impressive system! .

One that is worth our efforts and is an example of the Leader in Me Habit of thinking win-win! Nicely done, Ferry Falcon Families!!

Sandra Cameron.







Digital Picks

From your Elementary Library Media Specialists

> December 2017 Volume 6 Issue 4

Selected by the elementary library media specialists for the families of Grosse Pointe Public Schools Please enjoy this month's educational, informational, and entertaining websites and apps—"digital picks" We hope you find our reviews helpful, and welcome your suggestions.



www.duolingo.com Duolingo is a great language-learning platform and website and app that is free. Learning is fun with points scored for correct answers.



<u>Sushi Monster</u> is a game created by the Scholastic educational team in which players must solve a series of addition and multiplication math problems.



<u>Drawp for School</u> is the award-winning K-12 workflow management platform with built-in design tools, swipe-to-share collaboration, standards-aligned content and unlimited cloud storage. Students use Drawp creativity tools to add drawings, voice recordings, text and photos to assignments.



<u>Bookabi</u> is a new fun interactive and entertaining iPad app for your kids to create their very own storybook! Unique and innovative it offers a wide selection of 2D and 3D characters, fanciful backgrounds and fun stickers and objects that your kids can place, resize and rotate with the swipe of a finger. Everything is included for your kids to get creative.

Elementary Library Media Specialists

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









The students in the Nature Clubs have been working with Mrs. Lassiter and Ms. Moores to learn about the animals that call Ferry's Nature Center their home. We have found evidence of squirrels, garter snakes, mice, rabbits, and a wide variety of birds. We also suspect that bats, opossums, and possibly owls may live there too. We will soon be making videos of some of the amazing facts we have found in our research. These cute creatures were caught on our outdoor trail camera enjoying a treat!

Ms. Moores and Mrs. Lassiter
Nature Club Coordinators



Our mission is to celebrate and grow our love of nature and inspire others to do the same.

We will meet with Ms. Lassiter on Thursdays at lunch in room 120 on the following dates:

Jan. 4

Jan. 18

Feb. 1

Feb. 15

Mar. 8

Mar. 22

Apr. 12

Apr. 26

May 10

May 24

June 7

And with Ms. Moores on Wednesday at lunch in room 119 on the following dates:

Dec. 20

Jan. 10

Jan. 24

Feb. 7

Feb. 28

Mar. 28

Apr. 18

May. 2

May. 16

June 6



Box Tops for October/November have been counted and Mrs. Erhard/Mrs. Schrade's 1st grade class is the top collecting class! Mr. Fisher's class was in 2nd place and Mr. Sattelmeier's class was in 3rd place. Ferry families helped raise \$203.40 so far for Ferry School.

Please keep clipping and collecting those Box Tops!

2 0 1 7 DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

"Opecial"

In Mrs. DeBow's art class we have all been enjoying some time with clay!

Students are creating a variety of works from pinch pots to Picasso relief sculptures. Look for these artworks to begin coming home before and after the holiday break. After clay Kindergarten will be working on landscapes, First and Second will be creating some fun Penguin drawings. Third will be making some snowman perspective drawings. Fourth will be creating African shields while Fifth will be creating some origami relief sculptures.

What Makes Ferry So...

As always thank you for all of the Artsonia support, it has been a great year so far.





Welcome to our Ferry visual arts gallery on Artsonia. Thank you for visiting and supporting the arts. The money generated through Artsonia will help purchase art supplies for your student! Please enjoy.











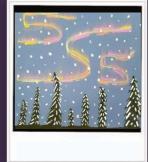




















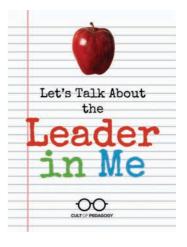




Leader in Me

Habit 7 Sharpen the Saw

This Habit reminds us to take time for ourselves every day. Most of us believe we are too busy to do this, but if we fail to preserve our greatest asset (ourselves) we cannot effectively help others. During this time we take each day, we must think in terms of renewing our body, mind, heart and spirit. Do you spend a bit of time everyday exercising? This is an example of sharpening the saw! Perhaps you take a few moments each day to read something inspiring. This is another example of sharpening the saw! Think of something that helps you achieve a balance and renewal of your body, mind, heart and spirit and commit an hour each day to these practices! (Or start with a few minutes and build up to the hour!











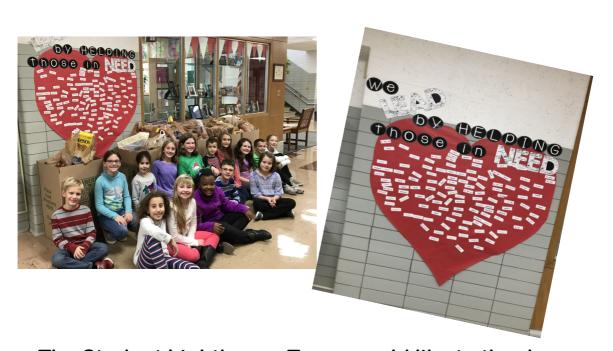
FUN RUN LION'S ASSEMBLY K-2

We learned about being a Leader for Life and had a lot of fun doing it!



FOOD DRIVE





The Student Lighthouse Team would like to thank everyone for their donations to Gleaners Food Bank. We are proud to have so many kind and generous people at Ferry. Our donation of 719 pounds of assorted foods to Gleaners will provide more than 596 meals to our hungry neighbors in need.

Way to go Ferry leaders!





Please keep sending in empty toilet paper and paper towel tubes – newspapers, too!



First, we put the treats on newspaper.



Next, we wrap the newspaper around the treats.



We stuff the newspaper-wrapped treats into the tube.



Then, we put the rolled treats into a box and fold the box closed.



Finally, the dog gets to find the treat and enjoy!

Thank you so much for supporting my year-long volunteer efforts at Detroit Dog Rescue!!!

Peace to all,

Karen Listwan



A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THE DONATIONS. THE ANIMALS WILL APPRECIATE THE BLANKETS, COMFORTERS, PILLOWS, FOOD, TOYS, AND THE MANY OTHER ITEMS THAT WERE DONATED.

Big Heart Award!

To all the Ferry families and Ferry Staff



The Michigan Anti-Cruelty-Society thanks Ferry families, friends and staff for their kind and thoughtful donations.

The dogs and cats will enjoy eating their food, sleeping on comfortable blankets and playing with their new toys!

Animal Shelter Student Leaders: Addison, Liam, Polly, Alissa, Shelby, Laila, Carter, Gavin, Noah, and Andres. Mrs. Ellis, Animal Shelter Leader



News from Grosse Pointe Public Schools



Help us thank our GPPSS Distinguished Employees for 2017:

- · Lisa Aouad Mason Elementary
- Brian Benz Pierce Middle School
- · Bertolini Maire & Richard
- Ann Marie Diehl Brownell Middle School
- · Carolyn Gross Brownell Middle School
- Julie Huellmantel Barnes Early Childhood Center
- · Carla Palffy Parcells Middle School
- Andrew Praedel North High School (South)
- Lynne Roby Trombly (Barnard, Mason, and Defer)
- Julie Walkley Ferry (North and Mason)



Need a coat?

Grosse Pointe Rotary is generously sponsoring Operation Warmth again this year. If your student needs a new, warm winter coast, please tell your office secretary today or email the size, gender, school and name

to <u>fannonr@gpschools.org</u> and we will quietly distribute them.



Strategic Plan

Strategic Plan approved – what will you do to promote our mission and vision for the future

The Board of Education unanimously approved the GPPSS Strategic Plan Our Vision: One GP → where everyone learns, every day Our Mission: Promote Innovation → Maximize Potential → Embrace Community

The document is posted here



Diversity Calendars produced with Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors

Diversity Calendars produced with Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors 100% of the proceeds from the What Diversity Looks Like 2018 Calendar will go to the GPPSS Diversity program. All artwork was created by GPPSS students. Calendars are \$10 each and only 500 copies will be printed. Reserve yours today with your credit card using this secure order form on the district website. Orders must be in by 12/8/17.

Install the Grosse Pointe Public Schools App on your phones and follow your children's schools.

You can receive messages informing of any happenings in your school, reminders, points of pride, etc.



District Partnerships













