

# FERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER**



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# Principal Message

Mrs. Hinz

Dear Grosse Pointe Families,

We are excited to announce Grosse Pointe Public School System's inaugural parent camp event #OneGP Parent Camp: Empowering Parents with Information and Dialogue to Support the Children of our Community. It will be held at Parcels Middle School on Saturday, March 2nd from 8:30-12. A keynote speaker and breakout session on Unconscious Bias will be facilitated by Dr. Asha Shajahan. Dr. Shajahan is a board certified family physician from Beaumont Hospital. Other breakout session topics include: restorative practices, social media, cultural competency, bullying, suicide, early intervention, anxiety, trauma, vaping, special education, and more. The event will be a conference format with a 45 minute keynote session followed by two 55 minute breakout sessions where participants can attend the sessions of their own choosing.

Refreshments and childcare (to potty trained children) will be provided. Please click on this link to fill out the online preregistration for the event.

[#OneGP Parent Camp Registration Survey](#)

# MARCH CALENDAR

March 1, 8, 15 & 29

DDR Doggie Delights Club

March 4, 7 & 11

Science Olympiad

March 5

Leadership Day

**ES 1/2 Day AM - Records Day PM**

March 6

Tornado Drill

Science Olympiad STEM Catapult Build night

Choir Rehearsal - Grade 5 Choir only

March 6 & 20

Nature Lovers Meeting

March 7, 14 & 28

TGA Golf

March 7 & 14

Boy Scouts Pack 34

March 12

Student Lighthouse Team Meeting

Choir Rehearsal - Grade 4 Choir only

March 12 & 19

Adolescent Health Parent Meeting

Mini Picassos

Girl Scout Troop 74770

March 12, 19 & 26

Boy Scouts

March 13 & 27

The Wildlife Club

March 13 & 27

Girl Scout Troop 71293

March 13

Nest Activity

PTO Meeting

March 14

Tier II

March 15

Townhall

PTO Family Fun Night

March 18 & 28

Choir Rehearsal - Full Choir

March 19

4th grade Museum

Staff Meeting

March 19, 20 & 21

Book Fair

March 19 & 26

First Serve Tennis

March 20

ES Evening Conferences

March 21

**ES 1/2 Day AM** - Afternoon & Evening Conferences

March 22

Reading Assemblies - Magic Bookshelf

**ES 1/2 Day AM - ES No School PM**

March 25

Adolescent Health

March 27

Special Education Consult Meetings

March 27

Tornado Drill

March 28

S3 Meeting





## Elementary Bell Schedule for 2018-19

### PLC Monday

9:05 a.m.	Entry Bell
9:10 a.m.	AM Instruction Begins
11:56 a.m.	Lunch Bell
12:44 p.m.	Lunch Dismissal Bell
12:46 p.m.	PM Instruction Begins
3:38 p.m.	Dismissal Bell

### Tuesday – Friday

8:20 a.m.	Entry Bell
8:25 a.m.	AM Instruction Begins
11:36 a.m.	Lunch Bell
12:24 p.m.	Lunch Dismissal Bell
12:26 p.m.	PM Instruction Begins
3:38 p.m.	Dismissal Bell

### PLC Mondays

September	10, 17, 24
October	1,8,15,22,29
November	5,12,19,26
December	3,10,17
January	7,14,21,28
February	4,11,25
March	4,11,18,25
April	1,8,15,22,29
May	6,13,20
June	3,10

### Service Safety Hours

#### Mondays

8:50 – 9:05 am (tardy @ 9:10 am) Mornings

3:35 – 3:50 p. (leave class at 3:30 pm)  
Dismissal

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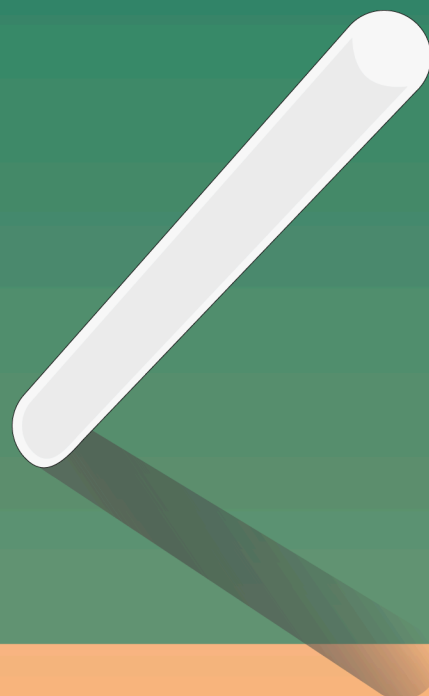
### Morning Announcements

Monday 9:15 am

Tuesday – Friday 8:30 am

### AM ½ Day Bell Schedule

8:20 am	Entry Bell
8:25 am	AM Instruction Begins
11:36 am	Dismissal Bell



FEBRUARY 2019



# GPFPE

Grosse Pointe Foundation  
for Public Education

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education [GPFPE] is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing private funding to enhance academic and enrichment programs for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Our purpose is to augment public funding to improve the quality of education for students in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

## DDR DOGGIE DELIGHTS

We continue to need empty paper towel and toilet paper rolls, as well as newspaper. Our club meets every Friday at lunch recess to assemble enrichment treats for the sweet pups at Detroit Dog Rescue.

Thank you for your ongoing support!



## Reporting Absences

Please report all student absences to the office by 8:45 AM. The attendance line, 313-432-4101, is available 24 hours a day.

## **BOX TOPS**

Ferry students have raised \$274.40 so far this year using Box Tops for Education. Mrs. Schrade's class earned the trophy for collecting the most box Tops for December/January. In the past, Ferry students have raised much more throughout the year, so make sure to always look for and clip unexpired Box Tops. Having relatives and neighbors save for you is also another way to increase our fundraising efforts.





## Leadership Roles at Home

Each new school year brings opportunities for academic growth and growth in all areas of development. Although children must be knowledgeable when they graduate, they must also be healthy, engaged, responsible, and caring people.

One of the best ways to help your child realize his or her worth and leadership potential is to provide an opportunity to lead. Most Leader in Me Schools offer student leadership roles as a way to teach:

- Responsibility.
- Leadership.
- Contribution.

Leadership roles can also be used at home.

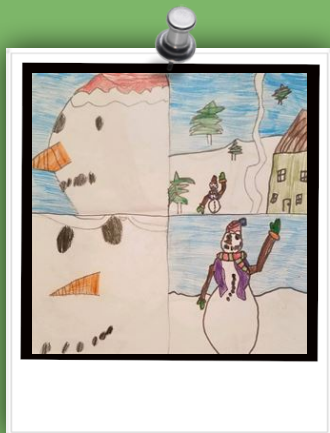
To begin:

1. Talk with your child about the leadership role he or she might be interested in at home.
2. Discuss why he or she is interested in the role. Ask what leadership qualities your child has that will help. Ask how he or she will handle homework or other commitments with this new-role responsibility.
3. Together, discuss, write, and sign the paper detailing the leadership behavior and expectations of the role.

Give your child a week or so to adjust and then discuss how it's going. This may open a conversation on how to handle things that are too easy or too difficult. Express appreciation and celebrate success!

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.

# THE ART ROOM





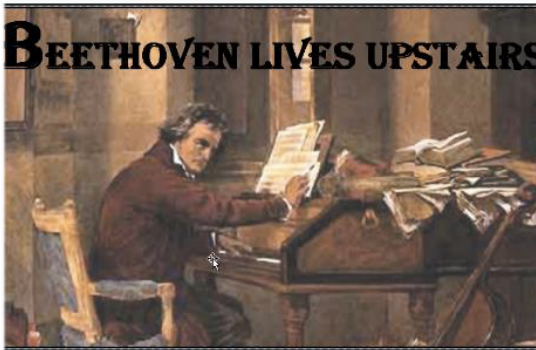
# MUSIC

Some exciting concerts presented by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra are coming up this year that your children are sure to enjoy!

The concerts are designed with young people in mind and are usually about an hour long and feature high-interest music. (see below) Tickets sell out quickly, so you are encouraged to act quickly if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity.

Please follow this link for more information: [DSO Young People's Family Concerts](#)

## BEETHOVEN LIVES UPSTAIRS



### Young People's Concert Orchestra Hall

Saturday, March 23rd

11:00 a.m.

An irritable grouchy old man moves in to the apartment above Christoph and his family in Vienna. Christoph is not pleased by **Beethoven's** arrival, but he begins to understand his genius and the beauty of his music. See the full story unfold in this interactive theatrical concert.



### Young People's Concert Orchestra Hall

Saturday, May 4th

11:00 a.m.

Travel to a galaxy far, far away with the DSO! This family-friendly program highlights the music behind favorite characters from the beloved Star Wars film series.



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



This year Mrs. Lassiter has 2 Nature Clubs that meet at lunch.

THE NATURE LOVERS (only 2nd graders from her class) will meet at lunch in room 120 on the following dates:

Mar 6	Apr. 10	May 8
Mar 20	Apr. 24	May 22
		June 5

THE WILDLIFE CLUB (2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders from other classes) will meet at lunch in room 120 on the following dates:

Mar. 13	May 1	June
Mar. 27	May 15	
Mar. 17		

So far this year we have had a scavenger hunt in Ferry's Nature Center and made painted leaf prints using leaves from the Ferry Forest. Upcoming projects include making bird feeders, planting flowering bulbs, and making animal and bird posters.





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**TODAY  
A READER,  
TOMORROW  
A LEADER.**  
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MARGARET  
FULLER



MARCH IS READING  
MONTH





**ATTENTION FERRY FALCON FAMILIES! JOIN US IN READING THE LEMONADE WAR!**

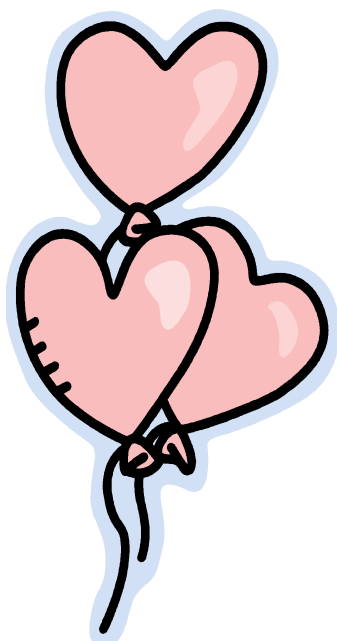
**FERRY'S ONE BOOK....ONE SCHOOL EVENT WILL BE RUNNING FEB. 25-MARCH 18! PLEASE SEE THE BOOKMARK IN YOUR PACKET FOR THE DAILY READING SCHEDULE! WHAT ON EARTH COULD CAUSE A BROTHER AND SISTER SO MANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND LEAD TO BATTLING LEMONADE STANDS?!**



# **Big Heart Award!**

**To all the Ferry families and Ferry Staff**

**Thank you for  
your generosity!**



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!**

**Student Animal Shelter Leaders and  
Mrs. Ellis, Leader of Animal Shelter Club**





# *DDR Doggie Delights*

We have a new 'club' called DDR Doggie Delights. Students in this group spend 2nd recess every Friday afternoon in Ms Listwan room preparing treat packets for the dogs at Detroit Dog Rescue. We use the newspaper and paper towel rolls that are collected and roll treats in the newspaper and stuff them in the paper towel tubes. We deliver the finished treat packages to DDR every Saturday morning.

**DDR Doggie Delights Club meets on Fridays at 11:30 during lunch.**



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# EXXONMOBIL EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE PROGRAM



The ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program has received a nomination for Ferry Elementary School, to receive a \$500.00 grant check from our local Exxon/Mobile (Pit Stop) gas station locations.

We appreciate this acknowledgement from The Jawad Family, a former Ferry family!



#ONEGP PARENT CAMP

# Empowering Parents with Information and Dialogue to Support the Children of Our Community

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 | 8:30 AM - 12 NOON  
PARCELLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

KEYNOTE: DR. ASHA SHAJAHAN  
UNCONSCIOUS BIAS

A Grosse Pointe Public Schools program for parents, supported by The Family Center and Healthy Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. Topics include: social media, cultural competency, bullying, suicide prevention, anxiety, trauma, unconscious bias, vaping, special education, early intervention, and more.



The  
Family  
Center  
*Resources for Families, Individuals and Professionals*



# Digital Picks

From your *Elementary Library Media Specialists*

February 2019

*Please enjoy this month's educational, informational, and entertaining websites and apps—"digital picks"—selected by the Elementary Library Media Specialists for the families of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools. We hope you find our reviews helpful, and welcome your suggestions. (Follow [text links](#) for additional information.)*



Animated selfies! [CHOMP](#) takes your face and sticks it on dozens of interactive animations, turning you into a wacky superhero, a concert pianist, a panda, a spaghetti-slurping dog—even a living cuckoo clock. Simple, feel-good illustrations make for the type of silly fun that guarantees laughter from all ages. Ages 3+. iOS \$3.99; Android FREE!



[Wonderscope](#) uses augmented reality to transform ordinary spaces into lively story settings. Wonderscope populates your own kitchen or backyard with characters and props and invites young users to move through this augmented space, reading prompts to engage with the characters and to help them solve problems and move the story along. Ages 4+. iOS. First story is free; additional stories available in-app (\$4.99).



So much more than just maps! [Kids US Atlas \(iOS\)/Atlas 3D for Kids \(Android\)](#) is 7 apps in one, full of interactive maps, HD images, and videos. Activities and games let kids explore the land and the animals of the 50 states as they take a virtual journey across the country. Ages 9-12. iOS/Android, free with in-app purchases optional.



[Emoji Builder](https://phlntn.com/emojibuilder/) (<https://phlntn.com/emojibuilder/>) offers a simple web platform for creating your own emojis. Start with one of twelve "base" faces, then select from an assortment of eyes, mouths, and accessories. Completed designs can be downloaded as PNGs. No registration required.

## Elementary Library Media Specialists

- Danielle Gostomski
- Amy Hermon
- Sherry Martin
- Cheryl Quinlan
- Rachel Walpole





# News from Grosse Pointe Public Schools



## Peachjar

Grosse Pointe Public Schools has recently started using [Peachjar](#) to send home school-approved flyers digitally, saving schools time and money while eliminating paper waste. This means that you'll now receive flyers via email, and can view them on our school's website!

Flyers about things like school events, flu shots, open houses, and coding camps are just a few of the programs and activities you'll learn about in your Peachjar-delivered flyers. You can also easily sign-up for these types of programs online!

We are so excited to have this opportunity to serve you and your family, as we know how important school activities and afterschool programs are in providing children with the opportunities they need to succeed.

Only school-approved flyers will be distributed, and no further action is required to begin receiving these flyers. If you wish to manage your account preferences, log in to [Peachjar](#) using the user and password that GPPSS sent you via email

If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact us.



## Family Home Login Guide

Grosse Pointe Public School System uses Clever as a convenient way for students to access many of our learning applications in one place including Lexia. Clever also serves as a home to bookmark frequently used digital resources.



### Step 1

a.) Access our district portal at <https://clever.com/in/gppss> from your preferred internet browser.

or

b.) Download and access Lexia Core 5 app and the Clever app available in the iTunes store. Once the app is downloaded, you will have to enter in your child's teacher's email address. Once complete, click on "log in with Clever".

### Step 2

Login to Clever with one of these options:

#### Active Directory



Log in with Active Directory

#### Login:

Student identification number

#### Password:

Unique to student

#### Clever Badge

Obtain Clever Badge from classroom teacher.



Hold Clever Badge up to camera, lining it up with the square.

## District Partnerships



GROSSE POINTE FOUNDATION  
FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION  
*Enriching, Engaging, Inspiring our Future*



Scholarship  
through  
Service



MISTAR  
ParentPortal





# FERRY MISSION

A community of learners  
and leaders- acknowledge,  
encourage, and celebrate  
talents and diversity