



Grosse Pointe Public Schools

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Ferry Features & Facts

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Dear Parents,

Over the last several weeks we have all been dealing with extremely cold temperatures. Please remember during morning arrival, supervision by the teachers begins at 8:15a.m. At that time teachers will be by the doors to let children in the building if the temperature is zero or below. In the case of "normal" temperatures, students are expected to line up outside until the 8:20 a.m. entry bell rings. At 8:20 a.m. the teachers bring the students into the classroom and our service/safety students remain at the doors until the tardy bell rings 8:25 a.m.

During extremely cold temperatures please do not drop students off before 8:15 a.m. as we cannot guarantee the students will be let into the building at their entry doors prior to 8:15 a.m.

If you are dropping students off after the 8:20 entry bell, you are always welcome to have your child enter the bike rack doors to ensure their entry. If I am not at the door, the children can use the buzzer and the office staff will let them in.

Please remember when you are dropping off and picking up to pull as far forward as possible before letting your child exit or enter the car. The moving lanes are intended to be one continuous line of cars to avoid cars cutting into an open space. Under no circumstances should there be a double line of cars causing children to walk in between cars to get to the sidewalk. Finally, we ask that you do not walk through the parking lot with your child.

Keep in mind these procedures are in place to keep all students safe. Your child's safety is important to all of us!

When we return in January students will be taking the Winter NWEA Tests in math and reading, and taking a practice Grosse Pointe Writing Test. Your child's teacher will give you the exact dates.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Gloria Hinz

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Calendar Information:

January 9 Classes resume—Late Start Monday 9:05 am

January 16 No School Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 17 5th Grade Parent Meeting— 7:00 pm Parcels Auditorium

January 18 PTO Meeting—7:00 pm Library

January 27 No School—Professional Development



February 8 Student Count Day

February 20—24 No School Mid-Winter Break

Dear Santa,

How are you? Did you go golfing over the summer? I think I was a good girl. But who knows? Oh wait! You do! Guess what I want for Christmas? Can you find me a Hatchimal?

The third graders wrote nice letters to Santa this year. Find out what they want for Christmas in last week's Grosse Pointe News, December 15 issue.

Mrs. Jane Ellis

Grade Three Teacher



Ferry Friends (our special education students and staff) have a wonderful assortment of handmade items for last minute shopping. Ferry parents are welcome to sign in at the office and head down to Mrs. Walkley's room, room 122 (across from the music room) to see what we have for sale. Items include handmade soaps, embossed note cards, gift tags, fabulous ornaments, bird feeders, coasters, pedestal plates and more!



Box Tops will be collected this week and counted right after the holiday break. Please send in all trimmed, non-expired Box Tops to your child's teacher. Please keep sending in Box Tops for our Fabulous Ferry School!

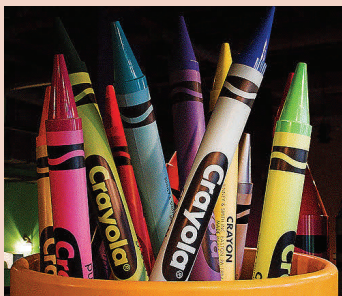




“A very big thank you is extended to all staff and students who participated in this year’s Salvation Army Giving Tree. The holiday cheer spread by the Ferry community will touch many.

Way to go, Ferry!”

Need an activity for the kids this break? Mrs. DeBow needs your crayons! Give her your tired, your poor, and your broken masses of crayons. She will be melting them down and using them as rewards for her awesome students. Any donations are appreciated, unwrapped crayons are even better! If your students need something to do hand them some crayons to peel and help Mrs. DeBow at the same time!



Thank you Ferry!

Amanda DeBow

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.
You donated \$127.50 too!**

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

**The Ferry School Student Council
Mrs. Ellis, Leader**

5th GRADE PARENT MEETING
Parcells Middle School Auditorium
January 17th at 7PM

WHAT: 5th Grade PARENT MEETING

WHO: Anyone who has a child entering **Grade 6** at Parcells Middle School in **2017/18**

WHY: Learn about the registration process and how to complete the 6th grade registration form

WHEN: 7pm January 17th

WHERE: Parcells Middle School Auditorium



No RSVP is requested, ALL ARE WELCOME

What Makes Ferry So...

“Special”

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

The art room has been really working hard to create some beautiful pieces. Thank you again to everyone who has shown their support for the arts through Artsonia. Still don't know what Artsonia is, please contact Mrs. DeBow with any questions. The new year will be bringing us new projects. In January and February students will begin to work with clay! Thank you to everyone for a great end to 2016 and can't wait to see what 2017 brings!!



We had a blast the last two days in Physical Education! Reindeer Games are concluding and a winning reindeer team will be announced on Friday. The children rode on Santa's sleigh, wrote winter words with icicles, rounded up all the reindeer and even had a snowball fight. Lastly, we will decorate a tree and see if anyone can get a Santa's Hat Trick using our hockey skills. The students are looking forward to a new year and to start we will play Brummeopoly. *Please remind you students to bring along their tennis shoes when wearing boots to school.* I hope you all have a wonderful break and enjoy the time with your family together.

**Physical
Education**



Spanish just started and we have sure kept ourselves busy. Third graders learned basic greetings and how to describe their feelings and personality. Similarly fourth graders learned how to describe their family members emotionally and physically. Fifth graders have learned about the great Colombian writer Gabriel García Marquez, how to give directions in Spanish, and about holiday traditions in Spanish speaking countries. Hope our school year continues to be just as successful, or even more :)

Spanish

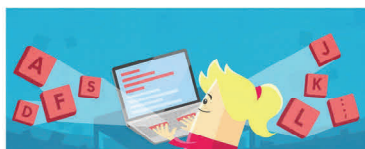




Happy New Year's from your Elementary Library Media Specialists!

(click on each image for a link)

Try some of these websites with your students! You will be surprised how long students will stick with these 3 keyboarding games and how quickly they master the keyboard. Bad habits start early so consider using these websites with even the youngest elementary students. The last 2 websites are kid-appropriate Internet search engines.



[Dance Mat Typing](#) Website - No subscription required. There are four levels to play, each divided into three stages. Students start by learning the home row keys. Each stage builds on previous lessons, gradually introducing new letters.



[Super Hyper Spider Typer](#) Website - No subscription required. There are 3 levels to play. Students strengthen their keyboarding skills and save the spider from the hungry chameleons.



[Popcorn Typer](#) Website - No subscription required. Students can select from 3 different levels and focus on home row keys, upper and lower keys. Once they've mastered this level, they can challenge themselves with 3 and 4-letter words.



[KidRex](#) searches emphasize kid-related webpages from across the entire web and are powered by Google Custom Search™ and use Google SafeSearch™ technology to check keywords, phrases, and URLs.



[KidsClick](#) KidsClick is owned and run by the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) at Kent State University and was originally created by a group of librarians in an effort to guide their young users to valuable and age appropriate web sites. Advantage: No advertisements Be advised: This is not a filter.

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

