

JANUARY 2019 |

FERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Principal Message

Mrs. Hinz

Dear Parents,

As you know our PTO had a very successful fundraiser this year. The funds raised through the 2018-2019 Fun Run were earmarked for the Ferry library. The library is one of only a handful of spaces at Ferry Elementary that truly services all K-5 students, as well as teachers/staff and the community. It is often our school's first impression to visitors as they attend Kindergarten Information Night, a PTO meeting, or other community events/meetings. Access to technology is an important aspect of learning and succeeding in the 21st Century and it's a criteria by which schools are now evaluated. The PTO supports the need to modernize Ferry Elementary's library.

In evaluating where to allocate its budget, the PTO considers the number of students impacted, with a priority toward improved technology and building a sense of community.

The media center vision for Ferry Elementary would provide more shared access to technology and a flexible environment to effectively use the technology. The library is small and the PTO recognizes the need for more functional equipment, providing fluid transition between group learning, individual reading and technology-rich areas.

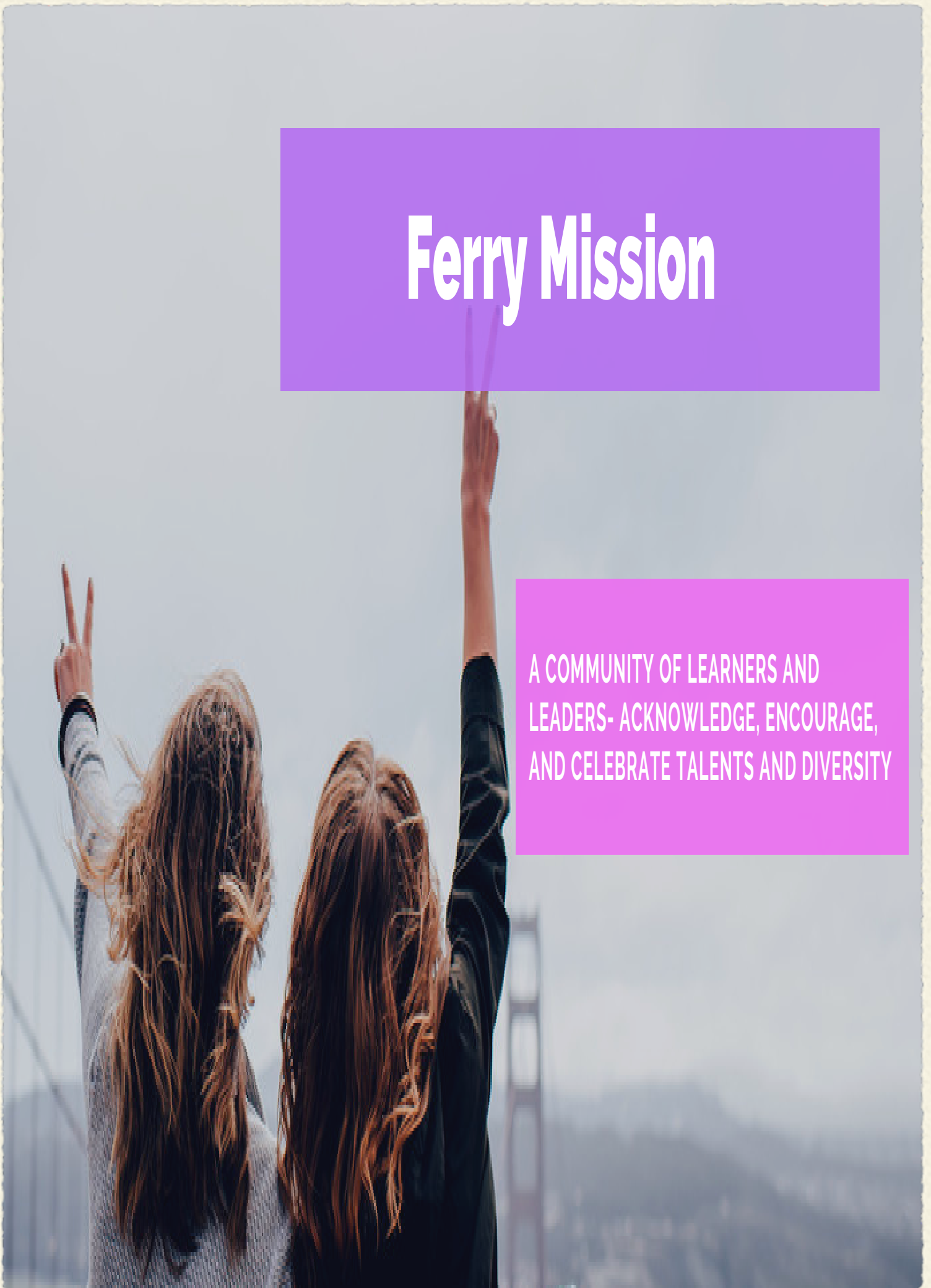
With that being said, the PTO is hard at work reviewing the budget and working with Ms. Martin and me to prioritize the purchases for the library that will support the vision described above. We are hopeful that you will see the transformation of our library during this school year!

I would like to thank our PTO for their hard work, dedication and sense of teamwork.

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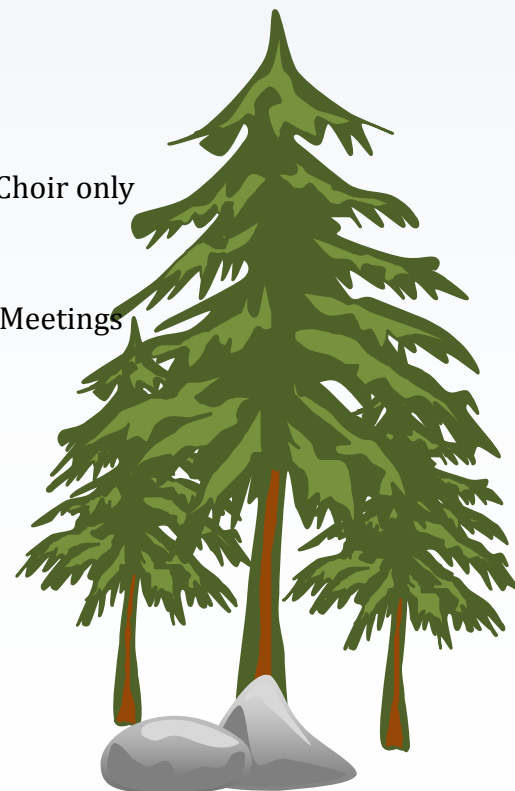
Ferry Mission

A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS AND
LEADERS- ACKNOWLEDGE, ENCOURAGE,
AND CELEBRATE TALENTS AND DIVERSITY



FEBRUARY 2019

February 1	Grade 5 Choir Party Boy Scouts Pack 34
February 1, 8 & 15	DDR Doggie Delights Club
February 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8	Smencil Sale
February 4	Ms. Schrade Class to Max Box
February 5	Student Lighthouse Team Meeting
February 5 & 28	Choir Rehearsal - Full Choir (Grades 4 & 5 together)
February 5 & 26	Staff Meeting
February 6	Nature Lovers Meeting
February 7	Jump Rope Team Assembly 1st grade to Detroit Zoo Tier II
February 11	Yearbook Group Pictures Choir Rehearsal - Grade 5 Choir only
February 13	Nest Activity PTO Meeting
February 15	Townhall Choir Rehearsal - Grade 4 Choir only
February 18 - 22	Mid-Winter Break
February 27	Special Education Consult Meetings The Wildlife Club
February 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

Tuesday – Friday

8:10–8:20 am (tardy @ 8:25 am) Mornings

3:35 – 3:50 pm (leave class @ 3:30 pm)
Dismissal

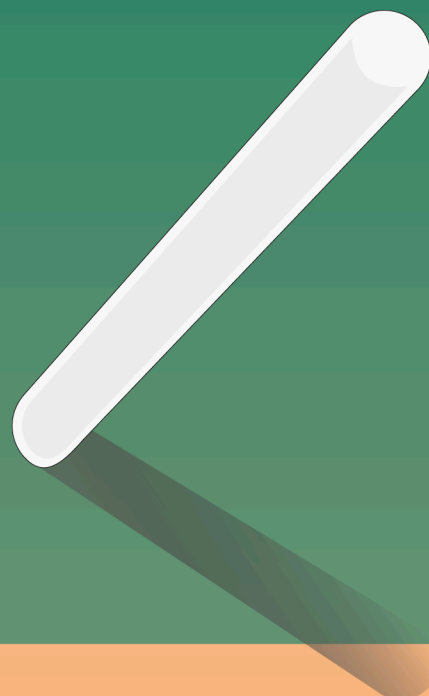
Morning Announcements

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

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.

Parking Lot Reminders

Parking lot drop off and pick up: Children should be dropped off curbside from the drop off line. Please do not park and walk your child through the parking lot. This increases the risk of student injury. We also ask that you do not drop children off near the bike racks. This area is intended for buses and our handicap students. When cars are blocking this area the buses get backed up which negatively impacts the drop off lane.

Thank you for your cooperation.



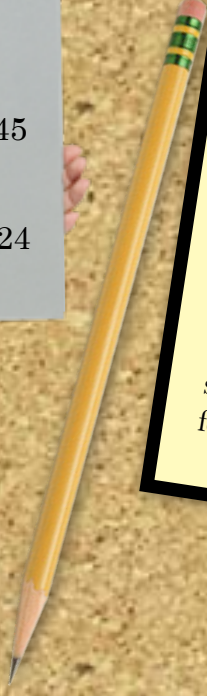
Reporting Absences

Please report all student absences to the office by 8:45 AM.

The attendance line, 313-432-4101, is available 24 hours a day.

VERY IMPORTANT !

Electronic devices from home are allowed in the classroom for classroom work. Students may not use devices to text or email mom, dad, friends, etc. If students are using devices for anything other than classwork, it is considered a misuse of technology and the device will be confiscated and returned to the students at the end of the day. If the offense is repeated, the student code of conduct will be followed.





This is our new hallway ceiling. Parents and teachers working together!





Learning Spanish

My name is Sra. Grattan, and I have the pleasure of teaching Spanish at Ferry this year! We just finished our first rotation together, and it was so lovely getting to know the students and staff.

Our third graders learned how to greet others, describe their feelings, and describe what they are like. Students created a Spanish "Vote for Me!" poster as part of an imaginary class election, and participated in several Spanish stories. They can also talk about their age and their favorite colors! Students finished their rotation with a lesson on Frida Kahlo, a Mexican artist, and created their own self-portrait with information about themselves surrounding it.

Fourth graders learned about the Spanish calendar and weather, which will carry into planning our imaginary trip to Peru throughout the course of the year. We learned about two major cities in Peru, Cusco and Lima, and talked about what the seasons and weather are like there. Students also began a clothing unit, during which we helped our character pack appropriate clothing for her trip to Peru.



Our fifth graders learned about the history and culture of Spain, which we will be tying into all of our units this year. We discussed our community and communities in Spain, and we learned how to give directions. Students then learned how to describe their house, playing games and listening to stories to practice rooms. They also created blueprints of their ideal apartments in Spain, and finished by helping catch a robber in a Spanish story. Please encourage your children to practice their Spanish at home until I see them again in the spring. Resources can be found at <https://sragrattan.weebly.com/>.

Thanks for a wonderful session!



Respecting Diversity

Today more than ever children interact with people of differing ethnicities, religions, and cultures. Their circle of friends, their schoolmates, and their athletic teams are much more diverse than those of even a generation ago. The person who learns to be open to differences will have more opportunities in education, business, and many other aspects of life. Your child's success depends on being able to understand, appreciate, and include others.

Parents who understand the 7 Habits come to realize that the 7 Habits encourage and welcome inclusiveness and respect for diversity as well as having integrity to one's own beliefs:

Habit 1: Be Proactive

- You're in Charge: Take responsibility for your thoughts and actions.

Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind

- Have a Plan: Know what you want and what you value and believe.

Habit 3: Put First Things First

- Work First, Then Play: Live by your values and beliefs.

Habit 4: Think Win-Win

- Everyone Can Win: Think mutual benefit with others.

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood

- Listen Before You Talk: Seek to understand others and to be understood by others.

Habit 6: Synergize

- Together is Better: Creatively cooperate with others.

Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

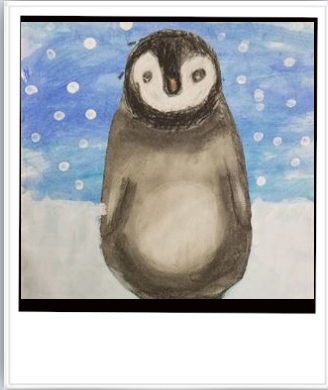
- Balance Feels Best: Continuously renew your body, brain, heart, and soul.

When parents encourage learning and living the 7 Habits they are teaching their children to respect diversity while always acting with integrity to their own principles and values.

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

artsonia
just beyond imagination



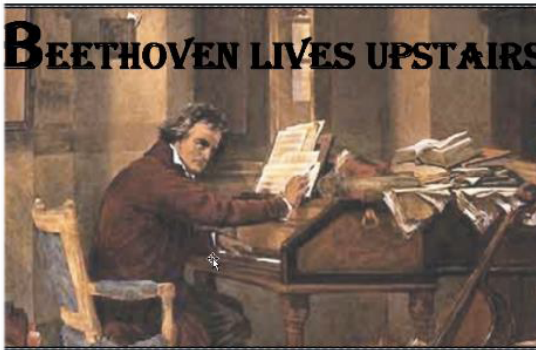
MUSIC

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:

Feb. 6	Mar. 20	May 8
Mar 6	Apr. 10	May 22
	Apr. 24	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:

Feb. 27	Mar. 27	May 15
Mar. 13	Mar. 17	May 29
	May 1	June 5

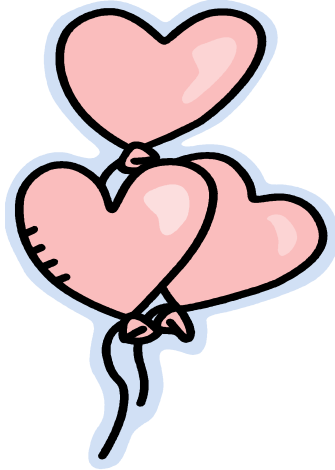
So far this year we have had a scavenger hunt in Ferry's Nature Center and made painted leaf prints using leaves from the Ferry Forest. Upcoming projects include making bird feeders, planting flowering bulbs, and making animal and bird posters.



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 2:00 during recess.



February is Heart Month and Ferry will be hosting our 25th annual KIDS HEART CHALLENGE fund raising event! Every year millions of elementary students across the country exercise to raise money for the American Heart Association. The funds that are raised from these events contribute to all the vital research and programs made possible by the American Heart Association. I look forward to being a part of this important and healthy movement for the 25th year in a row! Ferry has raised over \$217,000 dollars for the American Heart Association in the past 24 years and I hope to keep that number growing this year.


Feb 13th, 14th and 15th all Ferry students will be invited to exercise, collect donations, and earn prizes for themselves as a part of the Kids Heart Challenge event. *However, it is certainly optional as to whether you would like your child to collect donations for the American Heart Association or not.*

If you choose to have your child collect donations, they should bring their donation envelope to school on the designated day of their event or earlier. Checks should be made payable to **The American Heart Association**. On this backside it gives the thank you gifts incentive structure detailing prizes earned for donations collected. Just think, if each child raised \$15.00 we would donate approximately \$5250.00 to AHA and every child would have their own jump rope to jump with. WOW!

ONLINE DONATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AND RECOMMENDED; SEE YOUR CHILD'S DONATION ENVELOPE FOR DETAILS OR GO TO heart.org/jump and sign up with Ferry school. The "KIDS HEART CHALLENGE" event will be a fun time for Ferry's kids to feel good about supporting a worthwhile cause and at the same time, participate in an event that will promote cardiovascular exercise and fitness. With your support, we can continue to expose our children to a variety of healthy practices that they can pursue long after elementary school.

Parents are welcome to come watch their kids at the event. Please see the schedule below to see when your child's PE class time slot is. You do not need to stay the whole time. I will ask the parents to encourage, assist in twirling, and if you are up to it participate with your child. Your child will surely be thrilled just to have you there to marvel at their fitness challenges. Participation is not a requirement on your part, but you may join in if you like, wear your tennis shoes!!!!!!

▼ Please check this chart for your child's KHC schedule ▼

Wednesday, February 13 th KHC	Thursday, February 14 th KHC	Friday, February 15 th KHC
Walsh 8:40 – 9:25	Lucido/Hard 8:40 – 9:25	Sattlemeier 8:40 – 9:25
McKelvey 9:30 – 10:15	Aldrich 9:30 – 10:15	Fisher 9:30 – 10:15
Flanagan 10:20 – 11:05	Reinhard 10:20 – 11:05	
Schrade 1:00 – 1:45	Gill 1:00 – 1:45	Lane 1:00 – 1:45
Gallacher 1:50 – 2:35	Ellis 1:50 – 2:35	Walkley 1:50 – 2:35
Moores 2:40 – 3:25	Lassiter 2:40 – 3:25	Listwan/Moskwa 2:40 – 3:25

♥Thank you, - Mrs. Brumme - Physical Education Teacher, Ferry Elementary ♥



Ferry Elementary Leadership Day

A Sports Fan's Dream

Registration Form

Our Leadership Day is designed for educators and community leaders to experience our leadership journey. You will observe students and staff living the habits within the classroom setting, student clubs, NEST time, and Town Hall meeting. There will also be an opportunity for students to share their data notebooks with you. Finally, there will be time to debrief with Lighthouse Team Members and ask questions about the Leader in Me process. We hope you will join us for our first Leadership day.

The Ferry Elementary Leadership Day will be held at Ferry Elementary on Tuesday, March 5th, 2019 from 8:30-12:00. The cost per person is \$10. Please make checks payable to Ferry Elementary or send cash to:

Attention: Jennifer Smith
Ferry Elementary
748 Roslyn
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Registration deadline is: **February 15, 2019**

School/Organization: _____

Participant's name: _____

Position/Grade/Other: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Grade level interested in viewing: _____



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](#).



Digital Picks

*From your Elementary Library
Media Specialists*

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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.



Let's Read allows you to create personalized picture book experiences for your kids by the people who love them the most! Let's Read provides a fun, easy way to record video & audio narrations for your kids. The app synchronizes your video/audio recordings with the illustrations from an award-winning collection of picture books. Let's Read was originally conceived by a media researcher to create healthy screen-time that children would love to play. Imagine your child with his/her own digital bookshelf filled with personalized stories recorded just for her by mom and dad, aunts, uncles, grandparents and even family friends too! Age 4+. Available for iPhone and iPad. Cost is FREE.



The Infinite Arcade by Tinybop. Make and play your own games! Share them with friends! Make platformer games, adventure games, pinball games, ball and paddle games, text puzzlers, and mazes. Create your own characters! Make games with zombie mobs, hot lava, disco bricks, crystal geysers, trampoline tiles, oil slicks, wandering stars, and more. So many parts to create your games with! Infinite Arcade is a game construction kit. It's the fourth app in Tinybop's Digital Toys series which includes the iPad App of the Year, The Robot Factory. Digital Toys apps are designed to let kids create anything they can imagine. Age 4+. Available for iPhone and iPad. Cost is \$2.99.



Hoopa City 2 starts out slowly, with green grass, a blue sky, and a short strip of road. As kids explore, tap, and build a few roads, other building tools are added, two at a time, until kids can build with love, money, energy, roads, bricks, water, and nature as well as remove what they build with a shovel. Each tool, used alone, builds something distinct -- bricks build houses; love builds hospitals -- but the tools can be combined to build a variety of buildings. Kids explore and discover just what can be built and create a whole world. For kids, simply creating their own little worlds is certainly entertaining and valuable play, but Hoopa City becomes mind-blowingly fun as kids figure out all the building possibilities. It's even better -- and more exciting for them -- that they get to discover it on their own. Age 5+. Available for iOS devices and Android. Cost \$3.99.

Elementary Library Media Specialists

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





News from Grosse Pointe Public Schools

Mid-Winter Break Camp

7:00 AM-6:30 PM
February 19-22, 2019 (Tues.-Fri.)

Trombly Elementary, 820 Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230

\$185 for the week or \$50/day drop-in

YOU MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN KIDS CLUB IN ORDER TO ATTEND BREAK CAMP.

* ENROLLMENT BEGINS 1/4/19 & ENDS 2/5/19. *
Space is limited so register soon! No registrations will be taken after 2/5/19.

District's Multi-Age Program

The Grosse Pointe Public School System's multi-age classroom is:

- an intentional mix of children of various ages, readiness levels, learning styles and personalities
- instruction flowing from the basis of continuous progress
- designed to help students develop autonomy
- where children benefit from working with a consistent group of students for 3 years
- an environment where students are provided an opportunity to grow into student leaders and peer mentors

It is not a split grade. Want to learn more? Come visit our classroom housed at Trombly Elementary, or attend the Multi-Age Info Night at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, January 24th, in the Trombly library (third floor)!

The program is open to all GPPSS residents in grades 1-3. There is a lottery process which will be explained at the Info Night if interest exceeds capacity.



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.

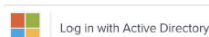
or

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



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.



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