

# **JANUARY NEWSLETTER**

**FERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

# FEBRUARY 2020

February 3, 10 & 24

Kids Yoga

February 4, 11 & 25

Boy Scout Troop 34

February 4 & 25

Science Olympiad

February 4

Student Lighthouse Team Meeting

February 5

5th Grade Camp Parent Meeting

February 6, 13 & 27

TGA Golf

February 6 & 12

Choir Rehearsal

February 6

4th grade Hero Night

February 10 - 24

Kids Heart Challenge

February 10

Yearbook Group Pictures

February 12

Lockdown

PTO Meeting

5th and 6th grade Information  
Night at all middle schools

February 14

Townhall

February 17 - 21

**Mid-Winter Break**

February 24

Nest Activity



January 2020



## Ferry Elementary

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## Ferry PTO

@FerryPTO

The official twitter account of the Ferry Elementary School PTO

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## 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.

## Elementary Bell Schedule for 2019-2020

### 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 | 9, 16, 23, 30 |
| October   | 7,14,21,28    |
| November  | 4,11,18,25    |
| December  | 2,9,16        |
| January   | 6,13,27       |
| February  | 3,10,24       |
| March     | 2,9,16,23,30  |
| April     | 13,20,27      |
| May       | 4,11,18       |
| June      | 1,8           |

### 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        |





# The Leader in Me®

Happy New Year!

January is an awesome time for reflecting on “beginning with the end in mind.” Establishing a personal vision is crucial for the long term success of students, parents, and teachers. During a recent training session, Ferry staff members were challenged to live by design rather than exist by default. The clear definition of one’s life mission and purpose allows for efficacious goal setting. Our

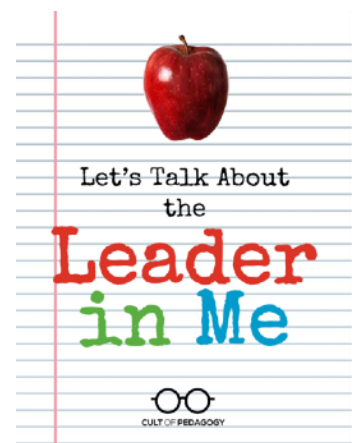


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f r e q u e n t l y  
e n c o u r a g e s

New Year’s resolutions which are ephemeral and often abandoned by February. The development of a Personal Mission Statement

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commitment to aligning the trajectory of one’s life with those things that are of the first priority. Make this January a time to recognize the vigorous pursuit of your life mission!



# HABIT

# 5

## Seek **First** to Understand, Then to Be Understood®

Listen to people sincerely.

### HOW WE COMMUNICATE

53%

**BODY LANGUAGE**

40%

**TONE/FEELING**

7%

**WORDS**

THESE WILL HELP YOU FEEL BETTER.

BUT I HAVE A STOMACHACHE.





# Learning Spanish

¡Hola! Our Spanish rotation was so much fun! Your children are so wonderful, and I am looking forward to working with them again in the spring. Thank you for sharing them with me!

3rd graders have been learning how to give greetings, provide basic descriptions of themselves, tell how they are feeling, count to 30 and give their age in Spanish, and identify colors. We held a mock election for class president after a story, discussed emotions through an Incredibles movie talk, talked about the artist Frida Kahlo, and much more!

5th graders began the rotation with an introduction to Spain. They have been learning how to identify places in the community, recommend good places to go, give and understand directions in Spanish, describe their homes with the help of Pepito el Perrito and the thief, and draw comparisons between our culture and Spanish culture.

I hope that you will continue to encourage them to review their vocabulary at home, and that you will allow them to teach you some new vocabulary, too! Please feel free to email or call me if you have any questions. I would also like to encourage kids to keep up with their Spanish, even during our breaks. I love the Duolingo app and the Epic! reading app (which has Spanish stories)! There are countless more free Spanish games and activities if you check the app store. There are also wonderful resources on the web, like Basho and Friends and Sr. Wooly on Youtube, [www.rockalingua.com](http://www.rockalingua.com), and resources for parents at [www.spanishplayground.com](http://www.spanishplayground.com) and [www.mommymaestra.com](http://www.mommymaestra.com). Finally, you can always check out our website at <http://sragrattan.weebly.com/>, where students will find many of their favorite songs and materials.

¡Gracias por todo! Thanks for everything!

Señora Grattan (Mrs. Aldrich's class and Mrs. Walsh's class)

# GREEN SCHOOL

## Waste Free Wednesdays

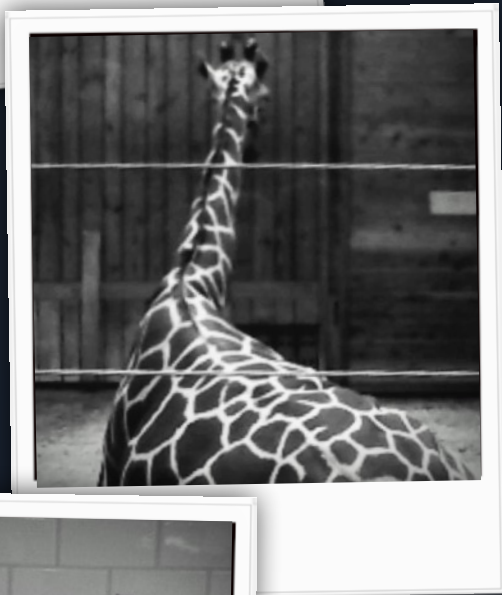
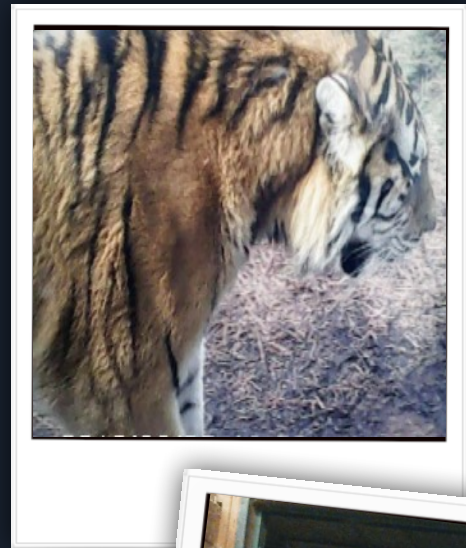


Remember, as part of our Green School Initiative Ferry encourages Waste Free Wednesday in the lunchroom. Please pack your child's lunch on Wednesdays (or remind him/her to do so) in a way such that there is little or no waste going into the trash. We only have one planet earth, and we want to be as green as we can. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

The Green School Committee



# THE ART OF LIM PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



[See the full gallery here](#)

## An Art Class Update from Mrs. Graham

The students have been completing components of their grade level curriculum. These categories include **artists, techniques, works of art, and cultures**. Each class has been introduced to or enhanced their knowledge of different mediums in painting and drawing. An individual piece or two have been sent home, but the students are designing a **personal portfolio** to house their art work.

A compilation of that work will be sent home prior to mid-winter break.

My current **objective** is to have each student **increase their artistic ability** through discovery using new **assignments, mediums, and techniques**.

My **goal** is to have each student **grow in appreciation for some form of art**.





## ATTENTION: PARENTS OF GPPSS STUDENTS!

Dear GP Community!

Our Parents For Unity In Diversity Committee is happy to announce that the district-wide parent meetings for this year will take place on **Jan. 28th** (in the Mason Elementary Library) and **April 13th** (in the Defer Elementary Library) from 6-7:30 pm.

The meetings will be facilitated by Ginni Winters and the topic of our conversations will be centered around how we can help our community heal and become better during this time of transition for all our students. We are asking all participants to come prepared to brainstorm ways we can make our community better for everyone involved. Please consider joining us for these rich conversations; our students and community deserve it!

Thanks for your time,

Parents For Unity In Diversity  
Committee







February is Heart Month and Ferry will be hosting our 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> year in a row! Ferry has raised over \$233,581 dollars for the American Heart Association in the past 25 years and I hope to keep that number growing this year.







**Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>** 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 RECCOMMENDED; SEE YOUR CHILD'S DONATION ENVELOPE FOR DEATAILS OR GO TO [heart.org/jump](http://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 jumping, 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 ▼

| Monday,<br>February 10 <sup>th</sup><br>B Day | Tuesday,<br>February 11 <sup>th</sup><br>C Day | Wednesday,<br>February 12 <sup>th</sup><br>D Day                                    | Thursday,<br>February 13 <sup>th</sup><br>A Day                                       |
|---|--|---|---|
| Ellis<br>9:20 – 10:00                         | Sattlemeier<br>8:40 – 9:25                     |  | Walsh<br>8:40 – 9:25  |
| Flanagan<br>10:05 – 10:45                     | Listwan<br>9:30 – 10:15                        | Reinhard<br>9:30 – 10:15  | Lucido<br>9:30 – 10:15  |
| Aldrich<br>10:50 – 11:30                      | Fisher<br>10:20 – 11:05                        |  | Mckelvey<br>10:20 – 11:05   |
| Moores<br>1:15 – 1:55                         | Schmitz<br>1:00 – 1:45                         | Walkley/Moskwa<br>1:00 – 1:45   |  |
| Gill<br>2:00 – 2:40                           | Gallacher<br>1:50 – 2:35                       |  |  |
| Hard<br>2:45 – 3:25                           | Schrade<br>2:40 – 3:25                         | Lane<br>2:40 – 3:25   |  |

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





## 10 BENEFITS OF READING

- 1. Children who read often and widely get better at it.** After all, practice makes perfect in almost everything humans do, and reading is no different.
- 2. Reading exercises our brain.** Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain rather than watching TV, for example. Reading strengthens brain connections and builds NEW connections.
- 3. Reading improves concentration.** Children have to sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story when they are reading. If they read often, they will develop the skill to do this for longer.
- 4. Reading teaches children about the world around them.** Through reading a variety of books children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience.
- 5. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills.** Children learn new words as they read. Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in their writing and speaking.
- 6. Reading develops a child's imagination.** As we read our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. While we are engaged in a story we are also imagining how a character is feeling. Young children then bring this knowledge into their everyday play.
- 7. Reading helps children to develop empathy.** As children develop they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation.
- 8. Reading is a fun.** A book or an e-reader doesn't take up much space and is light to carry, so you take it anywhere so you can never be bored if you have a book in your bag.
- 9. Reading is a great way to spend time together.** Reading together on the sofa, bedtimes stories and visiting the library are just some ways of spending time together.
- 10. Children who read achieve better in school.** Reading promotes achievement in all subjects, not just English. Children who are good readers tend to achieve better across the curriculum.

# Helping animals in need

By Mary Anne Brush on January 08, 2020

This holiday season, Ferry Elementary School students — members of the **Ferry School Animal Shelter Club** — decided to do their part to help animals by collecting items for the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society from November to Dec. 18.

According to third-grade teacher and club adviser Jane Ellis, the students designed posters and gave speeches on the school's public address system. Ferry families and staff brought in dog, puppy, cat and kitten food and many people donated blankets, comforters, toys, bones, collars and animal beds.

“The students felt good accomplishing their mission — to help make the lives of homeless animals more comfortable and enjoyable until they find their forever homes,” Ellis said.

“The MACS serves animals by providing humane education, supporting affirmative legislative action and performing adoptions and rescues. The society helps to reunite lost pets and conducts cruelty investigations. Their only sources of support are memberships, donations and fundraisers.”



**Ferry Elementary Schools Animal Shelter Club members, pictured with third-grade teacher and adviser**

The DDR Doggie Delights Club is ready for Ferry leaders in 3rd and 4th grades. Applications will be on the Leadership Opportunity Board. This Club is open to 3rd and 4th graders only. We will meet each Thursday during 2nd recess (2:00-2:20) to wrap treats for the dogs at the Detroit Dog Rescue. Wrapped treats will be delivered each Saturday. All supplies will be provided. Thank you.,



**DDR**  
**DETROIT DOG RESCUE**  
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*What makes Ferry so special !*







# Ferry Elementary *Spiritwear*

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# Ferry Elementary PTO Rewards Program



***Calling all parents — it's easy to help our Ferry Elementary PTO by simply doing what you normally do, shopping! Here are four ways you can make a difference:***

It's super easy – when shopping from a PC (not the Amazon app), just use the URL **[smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)** and choose Dexter M. Ferry Parent Teacher Organization as the cause you are shopping for. A percentage of purchases are rebated by Amazon to the PTO to use to fund projects at Ferry!

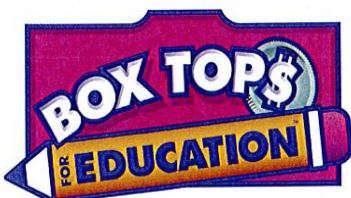


Sign up for Community Rewards, shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card. Go to:

**<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>**

Snap pictures of your receipts from any store that primarily sells food, health or beauty items to earn cash donations for Ferry Elementary.

Go to: **<https://www.shoparoo.com/>**



Found on hundreds of products, Box Tops has moved to an electronic system. Follow the instructions for downloading the app and start earning for Ferry Elementary. Go to:

**<http://www.boxtops4education.com/>**

**#ONEGP PARENT CAMP**

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

**Saturday, February 29**

**8:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**Parcells Middle School**

**Registration:**

**<http://bit.ly/ParentCamp2020>**



# FERRY MISSION

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

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