



Grosse Pointe Public Schools

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Ferry Features & Facts

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Dear Parents,

Ferry staff and students are actively involved in The Leader In Me (TLIM) process to create a common language within our school and build on leadership principles and skills. Since beginning our journey we have accomplished the following:

Professional Learning

Ongoing staff learning provided by our Franklin-Covey Coach

Booster Activities during PLC time presented by staff members to staff members

Attendance at Community Coaching Days to learn and collaborate with other TLIM schools

Teachers were trained in the 7 Habits in August. We have a 2 day training planned for our office staff, custodial staff, classroom assistants, Kids Club staff and pre-school staff on March 30th and April 22nd

Student Learning

Students have learned the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Practices and are identifying the use of the 7 Habits in their everyday life. Ask your child to sing the "Cooperation Chant" Mrs. Brumme taught them.

Family Learning

Keeping our parents informed through classroom newsletters and school newsletters

We have added a link to our webpage as a resource for our parents

Ask your child to teach you the Habits

Leadership Environment

Orange Habit High Five Tickets have replaced our Golden Tickets- Habit High Fives are given to students by staff members when they are demonstrating one or more of the 7 Habits

Each week a Key Leader is identified in each class and a certificate is displayed on our bulletin board next to a picture of the class

We also have "Growing The Leader In Me" certificates that teachers can send home with students

Our future plans include an expanded focus on family learning, our leadership environment, and shared leadership by giving our students a voice through a Student Lighthouse Team and Student Leadership Roles.

We are grateful for the support of the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Education and the funds they awarded to Ferry Elementary to embark on our leadership journey.

Sincerely,

Gloria Hinz

For a complete newsletter and more important information, go to <http://gpschools.schoolwires.net/gpferry>



Calendar Information:

March 8 PTO Meeting—Library 7:00 pm

March 14 AM Classes Only

March 23 Report Cards distributed

March 29 Evening Conferences

March 30 No School - AM and PM Conferences



April 3—April 7 No School - Spring Break

April 14 No School - Good Friday

April 18 TCBY PTO Fundraiser 7:00 pm—10:00 pm

April 19 PTO Meeting 7:00 pm

April 24 Spring Instrumental Concert Assembly 10:30 am Ferry Gym

Waste Free Wednesdays

Wednesdays are “Waste Free Wednesdays” in the lunchroom. Please pack your lunch in such a way that you have no trash or very little. Use a reusable lunch box and eliminate sandwich and snack bags by using a reusable containers for items in your lunch. Remember, it’s the only world we have. Let’s keep it clean!



What Makes Ferry So...

“Special”

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

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful February break with unusually warm February weather. Grades K-4 have finished their clay projects and are in the process of bringing them home! Fifth grade will be working on their ceramic piece this month and hopefully bringing them home before spring break. Our other grades are focusing on variety of projects that reflect their grade level area of study. Artsonia is still doing an amazing job! Remember if you don't think you have signed up for Artsonia to contact Mrs. DeBow for your sign in information.



WOW! Our Ferry students and community raised over \$15,000.00 for our Jump Rope for Heart program. A HUGE thank you from the American Heart Association and Mrs. Brumme for all your generous donations. Ferry school can be proud to say, “we are saving lives.” Lifelong activities are a key component to our Physical Education program. Ask your students about our bowling unit and how we have 6 bowling lanes in our gym this month. After bowling we start our March Madness Basketball skills and lead-up games.

**Physical
Education**



Kindergarten, second and fourth grades and the 4th and 5th grade choir are all gearing up for a spring concert performance on May 4th at Parcels auditorium at 7 p.m. Our theme is friendship around the world.

First graders are exploring the voices of instruments in Peter and the Wolf and creating their own scenes to the story.

Third graders are also exploring instruments of the orchestra, their sounds, shapes and the physics of sound.

Fifth graders are interpreting and deciphering many aspects of instrumental music, and creating listening maps to show what they have learned.



Digital Picks

*From your School Library
Media Specialists*



Please enjoy this month's educational, informational, and entertaining websites and apps—"digital picks" suggested by your Elementary School Media Specialists. We hope you find our reviews helpful, and we welcome your comments and suggestions.



DragonBox Numbers **Grades: Pre-K-1** **\$7.99** **Android, iOS**

Explore the concept of numbers through puzzles and fun gameplay.



DIY App—Creative Community for Kids **Free** **iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch**

From cardboarding to cooking, this app helps kids find the fun in DIY.



Book Creator **Grades 3-8** **\$2.49-4.99** **Android, iPad**

Magically easy way to create and publish digital books and multimedia.



Fiete KinderZoo **Free** **iOS and Android**

In this "made for kids by kids" adventure, users simply walk through a hand-drawn zoo and feed the animals. The sounds are hilarious!




Bookworm for Kids **Website** **www.bookworm4kids.com**

This is a great resource for teachers, parents, grandparents, and all others who want to encourage children to love reading.

Media Specialists

Danielle Gostomski	Kerby, Mason, Poupard
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BOOK DRIVE



Green Team Used Book Drive

The Ferry Green Team is collecting gently used books for the Hamtramck Schools during March. The collection will be from March 1-31. This will allow us to recycle and reuse books we are done using as well as celebrate the joy of reading with students that might not be able to afford to purchase books. We are looking for books for ages baby to sixth grade.

Please help!

Bring your used books to Ferry School and put them in the boxes outside the office near the gym door anytime between March 1st and 31st.

Thank You!