



Grosse Pointe Public Schools

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## Ferry Features & Facts

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Dear Parents,

The teachers and I are beginning to plan for next year. During the last week in May we will begin working to create class lists for next year. Much time and effort is put into this process. The teachers, social worker, reading specialist and I all meet together to ensure a balanced environment exists in every classroom. We consider the need for like learning partners, equal number of boys and girls, and social and behavioral needs. I also would like to give parents who choose to do so, the opportunity to share information regarding their child's placement.

Ms. Soule, our computer lab assistant has placed a Parent Input Form under the Parent section of Ferry's website. It is not necessary for every parent to complete this form. Only use the form if you feel it is necessary to share information about your child. If you choose to use the form please print, complete and return a hard copy to the office no later than Monday, May 22nd. It is important we have your input by that date. Once class lists are in the process of being created, it is very difficult to accommodate new information.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gloria Hinz



### **Calendar Information:**

**May 2 Transition to Kindergarten 2017 11:00 am—5:00 pm**

**May 4 Spring Instrumental Concert and Spring Choir Concert—2nd, 4th, 4/5 Magnet and Choir 7:00 pm Parcels Auditorium**

**May 5 PTO's Daddy/Daughter Dance 7:00 pm—9:00 pm Ferry Gym**

**May 10 PTO Meeting 7:00 pm Library**

**May 19 AM Classes Only Professional Development in PM**

**May 29 No School Memorial Day**



**June 7 PTO Meeting (off-site wrap up party)**

**June 9 PTO—Ice Cream Social/Tin Can Raffle 6:00 pm—9:00 pm Gym**

**June 14 AM Classes Only**

**June 15 AM Classes Only—Last Day of School**



# Library Dates for Year End

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*The school year is winding down and the library is preparing to perform its annual process of collecting and organizing its materials before year end. Below are some important dates for staff and students.*

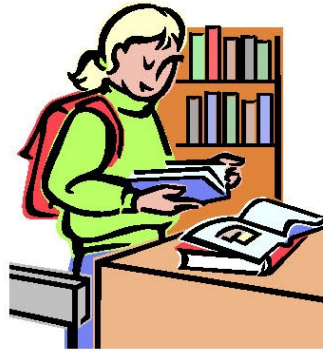
## ***Last days to check out books:***

Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> (A Day)

Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> (B Day)

Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> (C Day)

Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> (D Day)



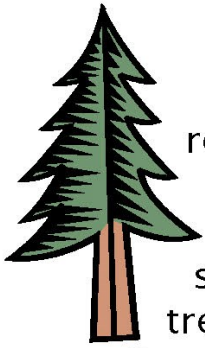
**All books checked out on the above dates will be due the following A, B, C, and D days (May 31, June 1, 2, 5).**

**Ferry Field Day is scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup>. ALL LOST OR SEVERELY OVERDUE BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED OR PAID FOR BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 31<sup>st</sup> IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN FIELD DAY.**

Thank you for all your help in assisting us with the returning of these materials 😊

Ferry Library

### **Third Graders Celebrate Arbor Day**

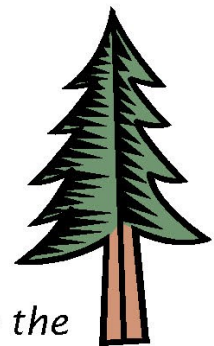


Ferry third graders celebrated Arbor Day by reading books and thinking about the importance of trees in our community. Mr. Chan, of the Grosse Pointe Woods Tree Commission, helped students become aware of the differences between tree species and the proper planting of trees. With a diversity of trees, there is less tree disease and a greater diversity of wildlife.

The students drew colorful posters depicting the theme, "Trees are Terrific, in all shapes and sizes." Children's illustrations showed how trees..

- shade our homes and conserve energy.
- help control soil erosion.
- are nature's air filters.
- give us oxygen to breathe.
- add beauty to our landscape.

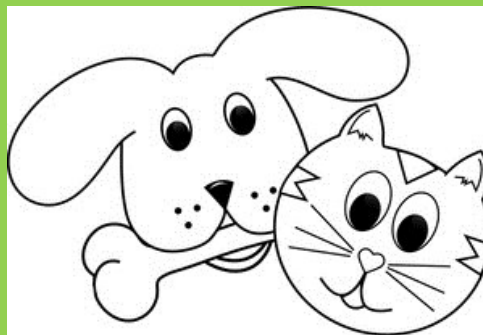
Katie Scott from Ms. Samborski's class, won the poster contest . All students received a Littleleaf Linden sapling for planting at home.



*The Tree Commission wants you to help keep the  
"woods" in Grosse Pointe Woods!*



*Are you spring cleaning? Wondering where to donate those extra towels, sheets, and comforters? The Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society could use those items for the dogs and puppies, cats and kittens they rescue, feed, and find homes for. The Ferry School Student Council is collecting all of these items and more until May 22. They also are in need of dog beds, collars, leashes, hand soap, and jars of meat baby food. For a complete list, see their Wish List on the Ferry website, Student Council link .*



# What Makes Ferry So...

## *“Special”*

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

Students in art are continuing to create wonderful projects. Students have been working on hard on paintings, weavings, and even printmaking. As a reminder, most artworks are published to Artsonia each week. Be sure to check out the newest things your student has created. Also, extra work will be on display during Ferry's ice cream social so check it out as well! Lastly, the art room is in need of Styrofoam egg cartons, they are perfect containers for painting. Thank you always for the continued support of the art room.



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Thursday, May 4, 2017

Instrumental and Spring Choir Concert  
- 2nd, 4th, 4/5th Magnet, and Choir at  
Parcells Middle School Auditorium



# 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. Many of these resources are STEM based and can be changed based on your child's skill level.



## **Crazy Gears**

**Grades: K-2**

**\$3.99**

**iPad, iPhone**

Crazy Gears is a problem-solving game that gets kids thinking critically, problem solving, and exploring physics and other STEM topics. This engaging puzzle-like app asks students to construct gears to complete each level. Users will be introduced to important STEM skills that connect to tasks across disciplines. This is a really creative, highly accessible and fun option for exploring physics and engineering.



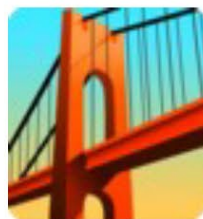
## **Hopscotch**

**Grades: 4-5**

**Free**

**iPad, iPhone**

Hopscotch provides a scaffolding learning for coding. This app empowers the students to experiment and create their own coding. Students need to be independent readers and can access the many levels in the Levels section to solve coding problems. Once these have been mastered students can create their own coding programming stories.



## **Bridge Constructor**

**Grades: K-5**

**Free**

**Android, iPad, iPhone**

Prove yourself as an accomplished master bridge builder! Test your construction skills and build bridges over deep valleys, canals, and rivers. The stress simulator reveals whether the bridge you build can hold the weight of cars and trucks or if the construction will crash.

The FREE version contains the first world (8 levels) of the full version. You can upgrade to another version for \$1.99.

## **Media Specialists**

Danielle Gostomski	<b>Kerby, Mason, Poupard</b>
Amy Hermon	<b>Defer, Maire, Monteith, Richard</b>
Sherry Martin	<b>Ferry, Kerby, Mason, Poupard</b>
Cheryl Quinlan	<b>Defer, Maire, Monteith, Richard</b>
Rachel Walpole	<b>Ferry, Richard, Trombly</b>

# Cinco de Mayo Daddy Daughter Dance

Inviting all Ferry girls and their dad (or special person) to attend

Ferry's annual dance on

Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

From 7-9pm

Enjoy an evening with dancing and refreshments



Admission cost: \$15 per Dad-daughter couple

\$20 maximum for additional daughters

5 X 7 photo is included in the package for each family

**Advanced reservations ONLY! No tickets sent home.** Check-in at the door. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Questions? Please contact Julie Nurse at [julie.nurse@gpschools.org](mailto:julie.nurse@gpschools.org), Natalie Lingeman at [natalielingeman@gmail.com](mailto:natalielingeman@gmail.com) or Lauren Sisk at [laurensisk37@yahoo.com](mailto:laurensisk37@yahoo.com)

**Please return this portion no later than Tuesday, May 2, 2017**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher (youngest): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Additional girls: \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

*5 X 7 photo included by professional photographer*

**Please make checks payable to Ferry PTO**

\*We are having a Mexican fiesta! Please help us by donating the following items: 2 liters of 7 UP, 16oz., bags of tortilla chips, jars of salsa, spoons, plates, and festive napkins.

*Please place items in the designated box in the Ferry office by Tuesday, May 2, 2017.*

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Family Name (print)

Phone Number

Items to be donated

# Ferry Elementary School

## May 22 – 31, 2017

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

In Southeast Michigan, more than 300,000 free or reduced-fee meals are served in school every day.

With the help of Gleaners' supporters like you, and the Children's Hospital of Michigan, children who might otherwise go hungry during the summer will have access to nutritious food while school is out.

**Please help Children's Hospital of Michigan collect boxes of cereal and oatmeal to help feed children in the Detroit Metropolitan area**

### What to Do:

- Bring as *many* boxes of *any* brand of cereal or oatmeal you like to school between May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>
- Place the cereal in the designated collection boxes located throughout the school

Contact Madelyn Torakis with any questions:  
313-410-2420 or [mtorakis@att.net](mailto:mtorakis@att.net)



**Children's Hospital  
of Michigan**  
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Camp Invention®

# THE LAUNCHPAD FOR YOUR IMAGINATION



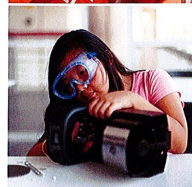
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LEARN MORE AND SECURE YOUR SPOT!



Gary Sharp, National Inventors Hall of Fame Inductee, inventor of 3D Projection Systems



National Inventors  
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*Inspiring future innovators*

## Imaginations get their rocket fuel at Camp Invention.

Children are presented with fun, hands-on challenges that encourage creative problem solving, teamwork, entrepreneurship, and innovation. Inspired by the Inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, this summer's all-new curriculum allows children to:

**Create** their own personal, ultimate Spy Gadget Alarm Box by taking apart and upcycling everyday machines.

**Explore** a distant new exoplanet and design inventions to create the next Earth.

**Launch** water rockets, build Bubble Blasters, and engineer giant castles.

**Design** duct tape products and pitch them to mock investors.

We are a **national non-profit organization** and all of our Camp Invention program activities are led by **experienced local educators**.

See us in action at [campinvention.org](http://campinvention.org)

### SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY & SAVE \$15!

Register at [campinvention.org](http://campinvention.org) or 800.968.4332. Use promo code **DISCOVER15**. Offer expires May 1st.

#### Your local Camp Invention site information:

Price **\$265** (before discount) | For children entering **1st - 6th grade** | Register at [campinvention.org](http://campinvention.org)

**Brownell Middle School** | 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

**June 26 - 30, 2017 from 9:00am - 3:30pm**

Directed by Molly Collins  
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(313) 432-4400

*If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit [campinvention.org](http://campinvention.org) for other locations near you.*

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