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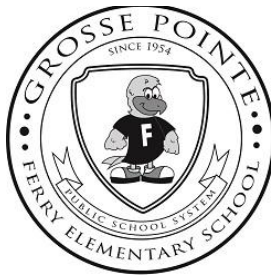
FERRY

features & facts

OCTOBER 2017

Dear Parents,

Our Leader in Me Journey continues this year thanks to support from The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education. This year we will continue to learn, teach and practice the 7 Habits. Our new focus, "Create a Leadership Culture". You may have noticed changes to our physical environment. As you enter from the bike rack doors, you see "Live, Laugh, Learn, Leave a Legacy". This is our mission for Ferry School and all who enter our doors. We cherish our history, value our students and staff both past and present, and strive to create a culture in which together we live, laugh, learn, and leave our own legacy. You will also noticed our 7 Habits tree as you walk up the main stairway. Staff members worked together over the summer to start the transformation of our physical environment. This is only the beginning! We look forward to including parents and students as the transformation continues.



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. One person's success is not achieved at the expense of others." - Stephen R. Covey

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.

Sincerely,

Goria Hinz
Principal, Ferry Elementary School

We also have made strides in expanding student leadership roles. This year we started an application process for various leadership opportunities. In addition to Service, Safety, and Green Team, Ms. Flanagan and Mrs. Balderson have established a Student Lighthouse Team. Mrs. Lassiter and Ms. Moores are sponsoring a Nature Club. Ms. Judy Griffith is starting a Photography Club. Mrs. Brumme is overseeing the Recess Leaders and PE Posse. Ms. Martin works daily with our Broadcast Team. In addition, every child has a classroom leadership role. It is wonderful to see the excitement and commitment our students are displaying in their new roles. More leadership opportunities will become available as the year progresses.

Finally, the staff is working to schedule assemblies or Town Hall Meetings on a regular basis. The Student Lighthouse Team will be planning our Town Hall Meetings. Students will have the opportunity to lead our meetings. Another future endeavor is to plan regular Ferry Falcon Nest activities. Each "nest" will be comprised of K-5 students. Activities will focus on the 7 habits to build a larger sense of camaraderie and belonging to the school community.

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

October - November

2017



October 21	Fall Festival
October 25	Picture Retake 9:00-11:30
October 25-27	5th Grade Promotion Lollipop Sale
October 31	Half Day for Students Halloween Parade 9:00 a.m. Assembly 3-5, 9:30-10:15 Assembly K-2, 10:30-11:15
November 1	Parcells Seussical the Musical Grades 3,4 &5
November 1, 8, 15 & 29	Choir Rehearsal
November 2, 18, 8 & 30	Nature Club Meeting
November 4	Boy Scout Can Food Drive
November 7	No School for Students- Professional Development
November 8	PTO Meeting 7:00
November 12	District Open House
November 12-16	Ferry Book Fair
November 13 5:30-8:30	Book Fair Family Night
November 17	5th Grade Promotion Fundraiser Movie Night 6:00-8:30
November 21	AM Classes Only
November 22 - 24	No School Thanksgiving Vacation



Bell Schedule Reminder 2016-17

Monday

9:05 AM	Entry Bell
9:10 AM	AM Instruction Begins
11:56 AM	Lunch Bell
12:44 PM	Lunch Dismissal Bell
12:46 PM	PM Instruction Begins
3:38 PM	Dismissal Bell

Tuesday-Friday

8:20 AM	Entry Bell
8:25 AM	AM Instruction Begins
11:36 AM	Lunch Bell
12:24 PM	Lunch Dismissal Bell
12:26 PM	PM Instruction Begins
3:38 PM	Dismissal Bell



AM 1/2 Day Bell Schedule

8:20 AM	Entry Bell
8:25 AM	AM Instruction Begins
11:36 AM	Dismissal Bell



Install the Grosse Pointe Public Schools App on your phones and follow your children's schools.

You can receive messages informing of any happenings in your school, reminders, points of pride, etc.

*PLEASE REPORT ALL STUDENT
ABSENCES TO THE OFFICE BY
8:45 AM*

*THE ATTENDANCE LINE,
313-432-4101 IS AVAILABLE 24
HOURS A DAY*

PTO NEWS

What a great start to the school year it has been!! Thank you to everyone who supported the Ferry Fun Run. The event was great. We are very lucky to have amazing teachers, staff, administrators and parent-volunteers that were so flexible and made it possible for us to avoid the rain and get outside for the event! The run as surpassed its original goal of \$15,000 and we are working towards our stretch goal of \$20,000. This is the largest fundraiser that PTO does, so again, thank you for your continued support of this great Ferry tradition.



Fall Fest is just around the corner. The PTO has been working hard to plan a great evening of fun for everyone. Please buy your tickets (order forms came home Friday, October 6) and join us for an afternoon of cider and donuts, face painting, tattoos, corn hold and other games, Dad's Club Chili Cook-Off, Motor City Road Wings, and a caramel apple bar. All kids will go home with a special gift and great memories of this fun fall event!!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the PTO at ferrypto@gmail.com. We are always here to help make sure you have the best Ferry experience possible.

-Thank you,
Ferry PTO

Calendar of Events

October

15 - Haunted Garage, 6pm-9pm
21 - Fall Fest; 4pm-6pm
31 - Half-Day (AM classes only) / Halloween Parade

November

7 - No School
13-16 Book Fair
21 - Half Day (AM classes only)
22-24 - No School (Thanksgiving Break)

December

6 - Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
7 - Half Day (AM classes only/ PM conferences)
8 - Santa Dinner, 4:30pm-10pm
25 - Winter Break Begins



FERRY CHOIR



Ferry Choir Rehearsal Schedule 2017-2018

lunch recess

Wednesday, 9/27

Wednesday, 10/4

Wednesday, 10/11

Wednesday, 10/18

Wednesday, 10/25

Wednesday, 11/1

Wednesday, 11/8

Wednesday, 11/15

No choir 11/22 (Thanksgiving Break)

Wednesday, 11/29

Monday, 12/4 Extra rehearsal due to concert

CONCERT: Tuesday, December 5th, 7:00p.m.
at 6:45p.m.

Choir Members report to Parcels

Wednesday, 1/31

Wednesday, 2/7

Wednesday, 2/14

No choir 2/21-midwinter break

Wednesday, 2/28

Wednesday, 3/7

Wednesday, 3/14

Wednesday, 3/21

Wednesday, 3/28

No choir 4/4-Spring Break

Wednesday, 4/11

Wednesday, 4/18

Wednesday, 4/25

Wednesday, 5/2

Wednesday, 5/9

Wednesday, 5/16

CONCERT: TUESDAY, May 16th, 7:00p.m.
6:45p.m.



Choir Members report to Parcels at

CAMP HOWELL



Ferry's fifth grade students spent three days at camp at the Howell Nature Center last week. Outdoor activities included survival with fire and shelter building, archery, canoeing, team challenges, and tours of the animal compound for rehabilitating animals. By far the favorite challenges were the high ropes course and the tower rock climb. It was a great time, and we brought lots of fond memories back with us.





**Our mission is to celebrate and grow
our love of nature and inspire others
to do the same.**

We will meet with Ms. Lassiter on Thursdays at lunch in room 120 on the following dates:

Oct. 5	Jan. 4	Apr. 12
Oct. 19	Jan. 18	Apr. 26
Nov. 2	Feb. 1	May 10
Nov. 16	Feb. 15	May 24
Nov. 30	Mar. 8	June 7
Dec. 14	Mar. 22	

And with Ms. Moores on Wednesday at lunch in room 119 on the following dates:

Oct. 11	Jan. 10	Apr. 18
Oct. 25	Jan. 24	May. 2
Nov. 8	Feb. 7	May. 16
Nov. 29	Feb. 28	June 6
Dec. 6	Mar. 14	
Dec. 20	Mar. 28	

Box Tops are being collected monthly! Please send in neatly trimmed, non-expired Box Tops to your child's teacher as soon as you clip them. Because they do expire, please do not accumulate them. Ms. Listwan's class will count them and announce the monthly top collecting classes.
Happy clipping!

“Special”

What Makes Ferry So ...

Welcome back to our new year of art!

A few things to know:

1. I photograph most completed art projects to be added to our online art gallery Artsonia.
2. If you do not know how to sign in to see your child's work please email me personally (Mrs. DeBow).
3. Art projects are also hung up in the hallways at Ferry for display.
4. Artwork will eventually be sent home, but not until it has been taken down from the halls.

So far this year we have 550 artist fans of Ferry and almost 400 artworks have been photographed! Too bad I don't like coffee, I could use the caffeine boost! Please keep checking out Artsonia and commenting on your child's work, we love to see the feedback.



The Leader in Me®

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF FERRY'S COMMUNITY SUCCESS PLAN

The Ferry Community Success Plan is based on the philosophy of Conscious Discipline developed by Dr. Becky Bailey. This brain smart philosophy guides children to be in control of their own emotions and behavior so that they can build positive relationships with others. It involves 7 skills and classroom structures that facilitate a safe environment where children can learn.

In 2016, Ferry's staff adopted the "Leader in Me" philosophy of Dr. Stephen R. Covey. Dr. Covey's extensive research into what makes people most effective led to the development of

the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People.

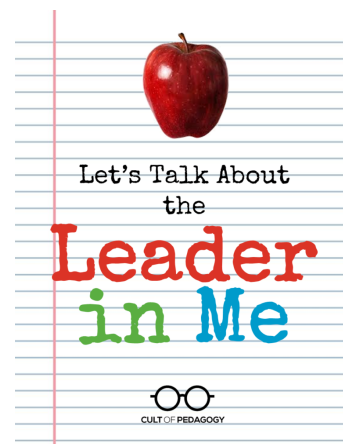
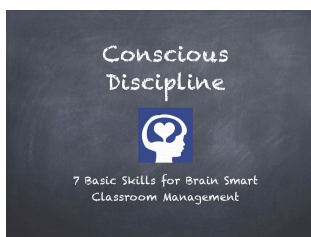
Eventually a system of teaching these habits to children was developed called "The Leader in Me".

Schools that have adopted The Leader in Me "have

seen marked improvements in the culture, the

confidence of students, and the engagement of staff and parents, as well a reductions in discipline problems" (p.10 Launching Leadership).

Discipline at Ferry School means using common language with procedures and behavior expectations which focuses on the positive and uses natural consequences. Teachers will use Ferry's Behavior Expectation Matrix and the Student Behavior Intervention Flow chart. Strategies include: Clip chart, Habit High Fives, data collection using Mi-Star Q, S3 and Tier 2 processes, ratio of 4 positive to 1 negative teacher/student interactions, and referral procedures.



The Leader in Me®

Ferry staff and students are so excited to be back at school and right back into our Leader in Me journey!

Last year, students were taught the 7 Habits:

- 1.) Be Proactive
- 2.) Begin with the End in Mind
- 3.) Put First Things First
- 4.) Think Win-Win
- 5.) Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood
- 6.) Synergize
- 7.) Sharpen the Saw

As the school year started, classes spent time discussing what a “leader” is, establishing classroom routines and expectations, and crafting mission statements. A mission statement outlines our purpose for coming to school each day. A classroom mission statement reminds us to be a team player, work to our potential, always be prepared and respectful, and make the most of each school day. Have you ever considered writing a family mission statement? It may be a quality dinnertime discussion to talk about your family’s purpose, values, and goals for leaving a legacy!

In September, students and teachers focused on Habit 1: Be Proactive and Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind. When we are proactive, we have a “can-do” attitude. We choose our actions, attitudes, and moods. Being proactive means always doing the right thing, even when no one is looking. Proactive students are kind, respectful, and responsible.

When we begin with the end in mind, we make a plan and set goals. We think about the future, and we work towards accomplishing steps towards our “end in mind.” This may mean, children share what they want to be when they grow up, and think about what they can do now and today, as elementary students, to one day reach successfully their dreams.

In October, students are focusing on Habits 3, 4, 5, and 6.

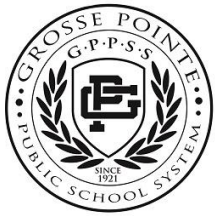
Stay tuned for an update in our next monthly newsletter!

The Leader inMe®

Student Light House Team

Our meeting schedule

- Tuesday, October 3
Tuesday, November 28
Tuesday December 12
Tuesday January 23
Tuesday, February 27
- Tuesday, March 27
Tuesday, April 24
Tuesday, May 22
Tuesday, June 5
- All meetings will be held during the student lunch hour and will take place in Room #113
- * Additional meetings may be schedule



News from Grosse Pointe Public Schools



Maire Elementary Receives Blue Ribbon Award

"Dear Maire Families,
It is my pleasure to inform you that Lewis E. Maire Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Public School District has been recognized

as an Exemplary High Performing Schools National Blue Ribbon School for 2017 by U. S. Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos. The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program award recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students either achieve very high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap. Since 1982, the U. S. Department of Education has sought out and celebrated great American schools. The National Blue Ribbon School award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content.

November 6 and 7 are the dates for the recognition ceremony in Washington, D.C., where each school will be presented with a National Blue Ribbon School plaque and flag as symbols of its achievement. Principal Sonja Franchett and Reading Specialist Kathleen McClanaghan will be attending this special event as representatives from Maire School. In addition to these official ceremonies, Maire School is thinking about lots of ways to celebrate right here in Grosse Pointe. Blue Ribbons, Blue

Cookies, Blue Beads and Blue Hats are all ideas that students, parents and teachers have been brainstorming. We will also have an official ceremony of recognition for our school community, as well as recognition at the district level. Be looking for a Celebration Calendar, where dates will be noted for our school's Blue Ribbon functions. As always, we welcome your opinions and ideas, as we make our plans.

For additional information about ALL the celebrating 2017 Blue Ribbon Schools, please refer to: <https://nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov/awardwinners>.

Sincerely,
Sonja Franchett"



Mothers' Club is hosting an event November 17th at Bert's Marketplace. Please visit their website to learn more about the event and the fabulous auction items



Garage Sale

The Grosse Pointe South Choir Boosters will be holding their annual Garage Sale on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 28 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) and 29 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.). The sale will be at Grosse Pointe South (11 Grosse Pointe Blvd.) and all proceeds benefit South's award-winning show choir. The Boosters are also accepting donations for the sale and items may be dropped at South's MPR Oct. 23-26 or we can make arrangements to accept donations in advance. For more information or if you have questions, contact Lauren Wilson (laurenwilson373@gmail.com by e-mail or call 313-410-1686) or visit the [Boosters' website](#)

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