



Grosse Pointe Public Schools

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Ferry Features & Facts

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Dear Parents,

Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up soon! You should have received an email from your child's teacher inviting you to sign up for conferences through Sign Up Genius. Conferences will take place this week from 5:00-7:00p.m. on November 16 and all day and evening on November 17. Please remember our specials teachers are available during conferences. I am also available should you want to stop in and see me. You will have 20 minutes to meet with your child's teacher. It will be necessary for teachers to adhere to the schedule in order to have an opportunity to meet with all parents. If you feel more time is needed, you are more than welcome to schedule a follow-up visit with the teacher on a later date.

Main: 432-4100
Attendance: 432-4101
Fax: 432-4102

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As a parent you are your child's first and most important teacher. You and the staff at Ferry School both want your child to learn and do well. Parent Teacher conferences are a great way to have a two way conversation where you learn about your child's progress in school. It is also a time when the teacher has an opportunity to learn what your child is like at home. When you tell the teacher about your child's skills, interests, needs, and dreams, the teacher can help your child even more!

Good parent teacher conferences focus on how well your child is doing in school as well as share learning goals that identify what your child can learn to do even better. The teacher will go over student data, assignments, and assessments during the conferences. This is a great time for you to ask questions about ways you can help your child achieve their learning goals.

Remember to talk to your child. The parent teacher conference is all about your child, so don't forget to include him or her. Share with your child what you learned. Show him or her how you will help with learning at home. Ask for your child's suggestions.

Thank you for being such an integral part of your child's academic life. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Gloria Hinz
Principal, Ferry Elementary School



Calendar Information:

November 8 **No School** Election Day

November 13 **GPPS Open House**

November 16 **Evening Conferences**

November 17 **No School** All Day Conferences

November 22 **AM classes only**

November 23-25 **No School** Thanksgiving Vacation



December 2 **PTO—Santa Diner 6:30pm—9:00 pm Ferry**

December 8 **Winter Choir Concert—Ist, 3rd, 5th, 2nd/3rd Magnet, and
Choir—at Parcels Middle School Auditorium 7:00 pm**

December 9 **Parents Night Out Holiday Edition 6pm –8:30 pm Ferry**

December 13 **Elementary Report Cards Distributed**

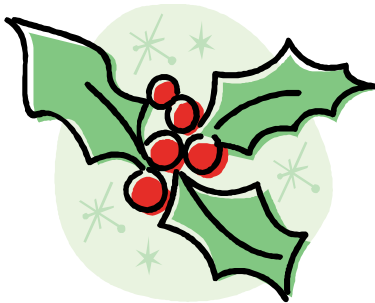
December 23 **Instrumental Holiday Assembly—8:45 am Ferry Gym**

December 26—January 6 **No School** Winter Break

Roslyn Traffic Reminders for Kindergarten Parents



- Drop your child off as soon as you pull into the drop off loop.
- Once your child is dropped off, please exit the drop-off line.
- Be respectful of your fellow parents. There are 50 kindergarten parents trying to get as close to the kindergarten door as possible. This can happen as long as everyone keeps the line moving. Do not keep your car standing in the drop off loop for any reason except the brief time it takes your child exit your vehicle.



FERRY WINTER CONCERT

Parcells Middle School Auditorium

DECEMBER 8th 7 p.m.

**1st, 3rd, 5th grades, 2/3 Magnet,
and 4/5 Choir**

Our concert rehearsal will take place on *Wednesday, December 7th* in the Ferry gymnasium in the morning.

Singers report to Parcells by 6:45 p.m. for the concert on Dec. 8th.

See you there!

Carolyn Sevin, Music at Ferry

Congratulations

Ben K., Michela T., and Leighton M.



Congratulations to fifth grader, Ben K., fourth grader Michela T., and third grader Leighton M. for being winners of the WCCCD's Holiday Traditions writing contest. They entered the contest, writing about one of their favorite memories of the holiday season.

Their essays will be in an upcoming issue of the Grosse Pointe News. They will be riding on WCCCD's fire truck in the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade on the Friday after Thanksgiving in Grosse Pointe. Keep an eye out for their essays, and look for them in the parade on November 25.

Congratulations—Ben, Michela, and Leighton!

We are proud of you!

Thank You Ferry Family!

Ferry families and staff donated approx. 110 lbs. of candy for our Grosse Pointe senior citizens at SOC: Services for Older Citizens. The most ever! We needed the biggest cart Ferry has to move the candy to the senior van. Ms. Gerlach tells us the seniors will use the candy in their treat bags for upcoming events. Now that's a Win-Win!



Congratulations to our Ferry family on a wonderfully successful Ferry Fun Run/Walk! Together we raised \$13,146.50 to support our PTO and school. Team Gallacher topped the classroom leaderboard, earning 212% of their goal! And to celebrate reaching our school goal, Mrs. Gallacher will become a HUMAN ICE CREAM SUNDAE on Thursday, November 3rd! Javier Rodriguez, our top-earning student, will

Thank you to all the people that came out and enjoyed the Haunted Garage. We made a profit of \$816 and it keeps getting more popular every year! We will be looking for a chairperson for this event next year, so if you are interested, please let us know! (jcbehringer@yahoo.com or sbarr444@gmail.com)

Thank you to all of the families who decorated their vehicle for Trunk or Treat. We appreciate your hard work and enjoyed seeing all of the creativity. The most creative decorated trunks went to the families of Lauren J., Savanna S., and Madeline P.

What Makes Ferry So...

“Special”

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

Artsonia has been a huge success so far! As of the end of October over 500 artworks have been uploaded to the Ferry online art gallery. The Ferry Artsonia page has 518 art fans and we are continuing to climb. We have even had over 200 comments on student artwork. What awesome feedback. The gallery is also earning money for the art program at Ferry! Students will soon begin to bring home their first few projects from the beginning of the year. Artworks are sent home in batches to eliminate confusion and also so Mrs. DeBow can display the wonderful work around the school. Soon students will be beginning some winter themed (yes it is around the corner) art projects in class. Thank you for all of the support for the arts!



Our famous [speed stacks](#) are coming out of the closet this month. We will be working on our eye/hand practicing the skills of cup stacking. Don't be surprised when your kids get out the cups and start stacking them at home. If your kids are interested in Speed Stacks you can order them on the web at speed-stacks.com. This could be a great Christmas gift idea. Also watch for the Turkey Wobble Dance from your kids. I hope your family has a wonderful Thanksgiving.



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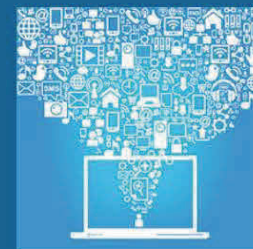
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Digital Picks

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.

Stack the States

\$2.99

iPhone, iPad, iTouch

Your child answers questions about state flags, capitals, nicknames, abbreviations, and geography-related facts. When she gets one right, a ring of stars appears and she can move and drop the animated version of the state anywhere onscreen. Once she stacks up enough states to reach the checkered line, she can unlock new levels.



Brain POP Jr. Movie of the Week

FREE

iPhone and iPad

This app, an offshoot of the popular subscription video series, offers one three-minute video every week at no charge. Recent ones covered the solar system and the Lewis and Clark expedition. "My son watched the movie on Abraham Lincoln over and over," says Everett. "Then we took out books from the library so he could learn even more." □

Faces iMake - Right Brain Creativity

\$2.99

iPad

Parents need to know that *Faces iMake - Right Brain Creativity* encourages kids to be creative by creating faces using collage materials. It also provides opportunities for kids to share their creativity via email and social media as well as with other app users worldwide in a special gallery called FaceWorld. **2012 Parents' Choice Silver Award!**



Monument Valley

\$3.99

iPhone, iPad, iTouch

Monument Valley is a puzzle game developed and published by indie studio Ustwo. The player leads the princess Ida through mazes of optical illusions and impossible objects while manipulating the world around her to reach various platforms. **Apple Game of the 2014!**

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The Ferry PTO presents:

Santa Dinner



Friday, December 2, 2016

6:30– 9:00pm

Pasta Dinner catered by Marchiori - 6:30 & 7:30 seatings

Visit with Santa— photo package from Kaiser Studios

Crafts & Activities

Santa Shop— a variety of vendors available for shopping

Raffle— (50/50 and Gift Cards)

\$10 per child includes Pasta Dinner, Crafts & Activities, and Photo Package
Children age 3 and under are FREE

\$7 per adult for Pasta Dinner (Dinner tickets NOT available at the door)

\$6 per child includes Crafts & Activities and Photo Package (no dinner)

Questions? Contact Gemila Loper: 313-737-4149

Please RSVP for Dinner by Wednesday, November 30 (send this to school w/your child)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Child Dinner Tickets (age 4 and up) @ \$10 each = \$ _____

_____ Adult Dinner Tickets @ \$7 each = \$ _____

_____ Child Tickets— activities only- NO Dinner @ \$6 each = \$ _____

*ALL children must be accompanied by an adult

Preferred Seating Time:

6:30pm or **7:30pm**

(please circle one)

TOTAL Amount Due: \$ _____ CASH\$ _____ Check # _____ (please make checks payable to Ferry PTO)



Want to get some shopping done, have a nice dinner, or just have a fun activity for the kids? Then drop the kids at Ferry School on December 9th.

Parents' Night Out Holiday Edition

Need a break as the holidays approach ?



The Ferry Staff is offering another Parents' Night Out to raise funds for our Leader in Me Program.

When: Friday December 9

6:00PM-8:30 PM (2 ½ hours of fun)

FOR FERRY STUDENTS ONLY

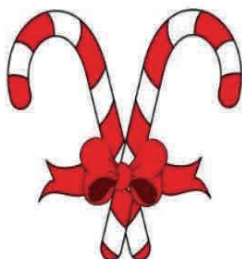
Cost: \$20.00 donation for 1 Ferry student
\$25.00 for families sending more than 1 student

Limit: 120 students (presales only)

(We are limiting the number of students due to craft and snack purchase needs).



If you have a meal at Watermark Restaurant during the event, 15% of your bill will come back to Ferry School. You will receive a coupon for this at student drop-off.



Your student will create a holiday craft to bring home, play games in the gym, view a short holiday film, and more as they rotate through six stations led by Ferry teachers and staff.

Parents' Night Out (Holiday Edition) Registration Form: December 9, 2016

Student(s) _____

Student(s)' Ferry Teachers _____

Parent Name (if last name is different from student, please note that here)

Phone Number for parent contact at the time of the event (Dec. 9 6:00 PM-8:30 PM)

Amount enclosed _____

**Please enclose CASH or a check written to CASH.
Please do NOT write checks to Ferry School or the PTO.**

Help the Homeless Animals!

at the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society (MACS)

Sponsored by the Ferry School Student Council

November 14 - December 19, 2016



The Student Council wants to help the homeless animals in our community!

The MACS serves animals by providing humane education, supporting affirmative legislative action and performing adoptions and rescues. The MACS helps to reunite lost pets and conducts cruelty investigations. Their only sources of support are memberships, donations and fundraisers. The animals will be so thankful if Ferry Families could look around their homes or go shopping for some supplies that would make their lives more comfortable.

Please put your donations in the boxes outside the office.

MACS Wish List:

Items for dogs, cats, rabbits....

Comforters, quilts, blankets, sheets, pillowcases

Towels, washcloths, paper towels

Dryer sheets, laundry detergent (HE), liquid hand soap

Ziploc or Gladware containers, stainless steel bowls,

Proplan dog or puppy food, canned or dry, Fancy Feast, Friskies

Spam, Tuna Fish in oil

Jars of meat baby food, turkey, chicken, beef

Dog and cat beds, toys, treats, rawhide chews

Dog collars

disposable cameras

Highlighters and permanent markers

Postage stamps, clay cat litter

Unfolded Newspaper, paper plates, paper bowls

Gift cards to Costco, Sam's Club, office stores, CVS, pet stores

Your friends in the Student Council: Mrs. Ellis;
Student Council Advisor