

# Newsletter

November 2018



## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE



Dear Parents,

December is upon us! Report Cards will be coming home on Tuesday, December 4th. Along with your child's report card you will receive a Cumulative Assessment Report. The Assessment Report provides information from standardized test that your child takes each year. This information, used in connection with reports of progress, daily work, conferences and other assessments, can be a useful tool in tracking your child's academic progress. When reviewing this information it is best to look for patterns of achievement and growth over time. If you have questions about this information please feel free to contact your child's teacher or me.



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Also during the month of December, Ferry staff and students are working on Wildly Important Goals or (WIGS) as part of Leader In Me. There are 4 dimensions to successfully achieving goals:

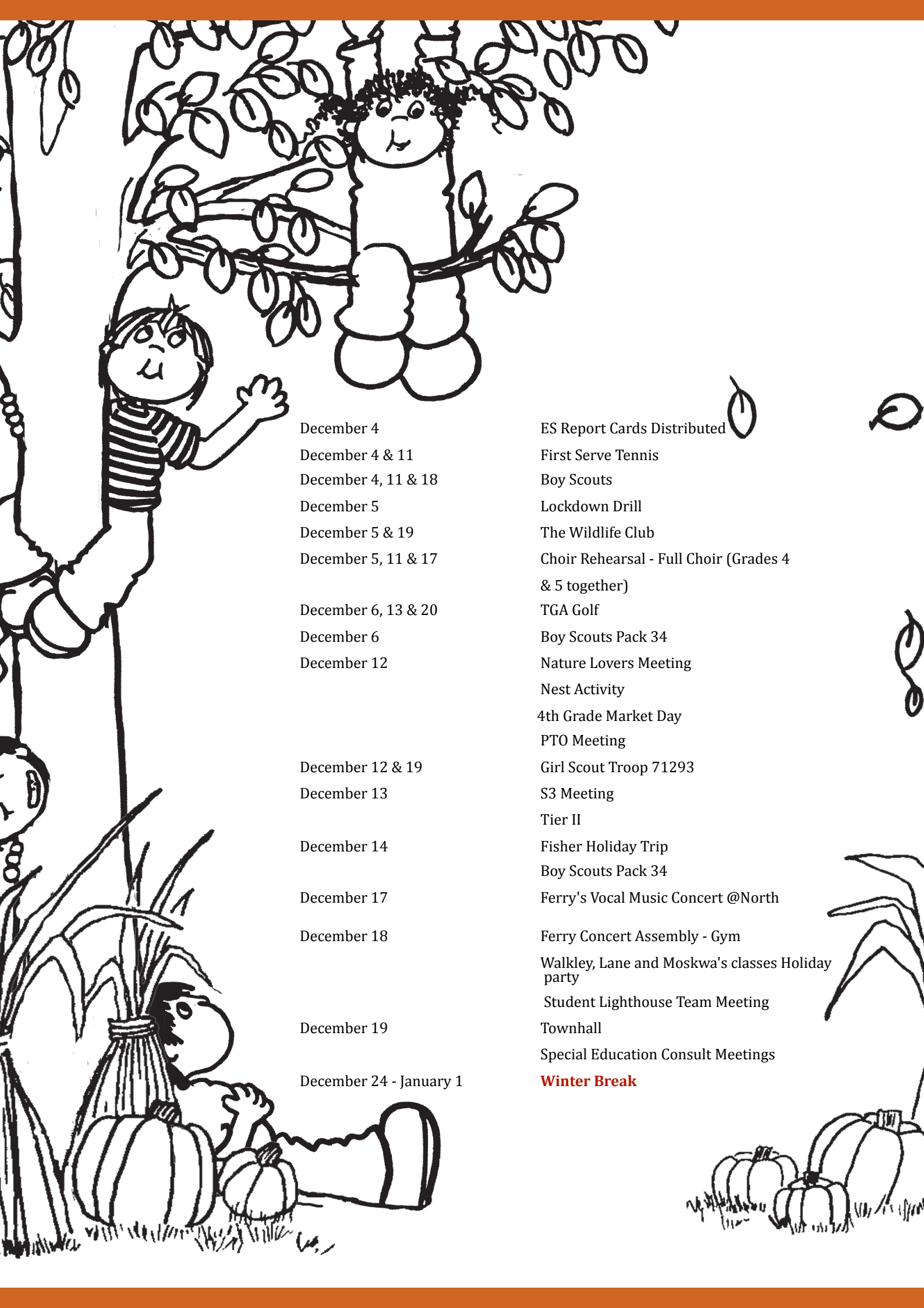
1. Focus on the Wildly Important
  - a. What is important to me? Where am I now? Where do I want to be by when?
2. Establish and Act on the Lead Measures
  - a. What actions can I take to help me achieve my WIG?
  - b. Pick actions/strategies that are doable and will make a difference.
3. Keep a Compelling Scoreboard
  - a. Make a scoreboard and post it where everyone can see it
  - b. Include a calendar or tally chart for tracking lead measures
  - c. Add a graph to chart your progress over time
4. Create a Cadence of Accountability
  - a. Find a partner to update and review your scoreboard
  - b. Did I meet my commitment
  - c. Celebrate

Ask your child about their classroom, personal or academic goals. The link I have included is an example of a WIG planner. Your child may even want to help you in establishing a family goal. [Goal Planner](#). The goal planner can also be a great conversation starter between you and your child in reviewing information on their Report Card and Cumulative Assessment Report.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our Santa Dinner on November 30th and our Choir Concert for grades 1,3,5,  $\frac{2}{3}$  magnet,  $\frac{4}{5}$  magnet, and choir on December 17th.

Gloria Hinz





December 4

December 4 & 11

December 4, 11 & 18

December 5

December 5 & 19

December 5, 11 & 17

December 6, 13 & 20

December 6

December 12

December 12 & 19

December 13

December 14

December 17

December 18

December 19

December 24 - January 1

ES Report Cards Distributed

First Serve Tennis

Boy Scouts

Lockdown Drill

The Wildlife Club

Choir Rehearsal - Full Choir (Grades 4  
& 5 together)

TGA Golf

Boy Scouts Pack 34

Nature Lovers Meeting

Nest Activity

4th Grade Market Day

PTO Meeting

Girl Scout Troop 71293

S3 Meeting

Tier II

Fisher Holiday Trip

Boy Scouts Pack 34

Ferry's Vocal Music Concert @North

Ferry Concert Assembly - Gym

Walkley, Lane and Moskwa's classes Holiday  
party

Student Lighthouse Team Meeting

Townhall

Special Education Consult Meetings

**Winter Break**





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### Parking Lot Reminders

Parking lot drop off and pick up:

Children should be dropped off curbside from the drop off line. Please do not park and walk your child through the parking lot. This increases the risk of student injury. We also ask that you do not drop children off near the bike racks. This area is intended for buses and our handicap students. When cars are blocking this area the buses get backed up which negatively impacts the drop off lane.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### **A Message from the Music Room**

**Winter Concert: Monday, 12/17/18 North  
PAC 7:00p.m**

Attention families in the following classes:

Gill, Schrade, Ellis, Walsh, Sattelmeier, McKelvey, Aldrich, Fisher, & Grade 4/5 Ferry Choir.

Students are to report to assigned rooms at North H.S. classrooms @6:45p.m.)

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Magill at [magillm@gpschools.org](mailto:magillm@gpschools.org)



### Reporting Absences

Please report all student absences to the office by 8:45 AM.

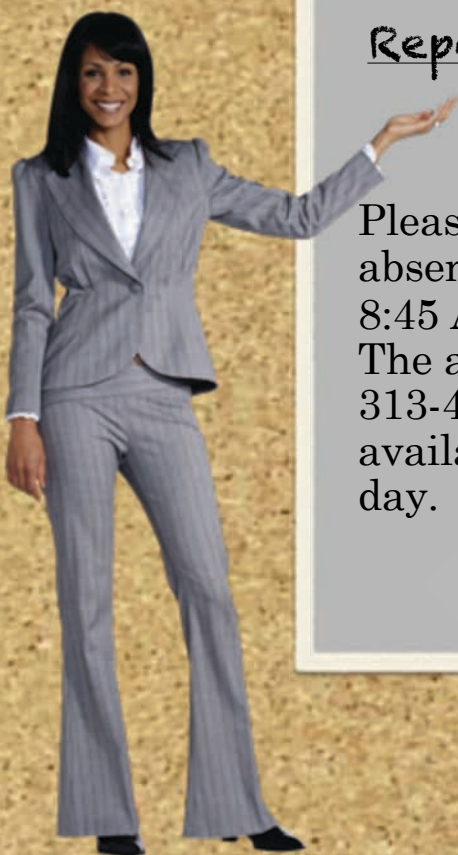
The attendance line, 313-432-4101, is available 24 hours a day.



### **VERY IMPORTANT !**

**Electronic devices** from home are allowed in the classroom for classroom work. Students may not use devices to text or email mom, dad, friends, etc. If students are using devices for anything other than classwork, it is considered a misuse of technology and the device will be confiscated and returned to the students at the end of the day.

If the offense is repeated, the student code of conduct will be followed.





## Elementary Bell Schedule for 2018-19

### 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	10, 17, 24
October	1,8,15,22,29
November	5,12,19,26
December	3,10,17
January	7,14,21,28
February	4,11,25
March	4,11,18,25
April	1,8,15,22,29
May	6,13,20
June	3,10

### 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





## Family Mission Statements

Mission statements have long been a part of organizations; they provide a clear path for what the organization wants to accomplish and how they plan to go about doing it. Yet, seldom does a family take the time to write a mission statement, and what organization is more important than the family? By establishing who you are as a family, how you want to be known, and how you plan to do it, you are practicing Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind®. The process is a great way to practice all of the 7 Habits.

### Step 1.

Ask yourself these seven questions: How do we want our family to be known? How do we want to treat each other? What is most important to us as a family? What are some of our talents, gifts, and abilities? What makes us the happiest? What makes us unhappy? What kind of home do we want to invite friends to?

### Step 2.

Write your Family Mission Statement. Consider all four areas:

- Body (health and physical welfare)
- Brain (learning)
- Heart (relationships)
- Soul (inspiration)

Keep it simple, one to two lines, so the youngest family members can memorize it and find it meaningful. Examples: "We are builders," "No empty chairs," "To serve others," "All for one and one for all," etc.

### Step 3.

Stay on course. As parents, you are the role models. Keep smiling and getting back on track. The promise: By writing a Family Mission Statement, the message to your children is that your family is important—you know what you stand for and how you are going to work together to accomplish it.

# HAPPY VETERANS DAY



Third graders learned about Veterans Day through research, class lessons, and discussion with their families.

Children wrote the names of a family member or friend on a USA flag and colored them. We posted them outside our classroom door with the sign, "Years of Service, A Lifetime of Honor"

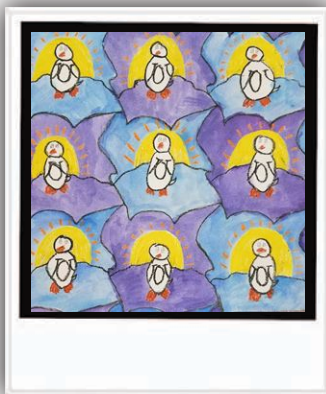
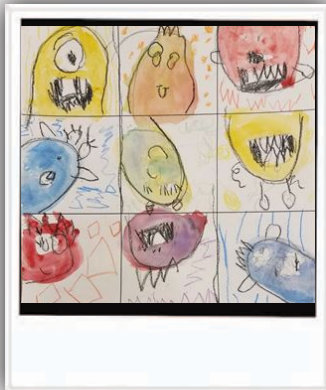
We also wrote heartfelt cards for the Veterans Day breakfast at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Third graders, Mrs. Ellis' class



# THE ART ROOM

artsonia  
just beyond imagination



Visit the complete artworks at:

<https://www.artsonia.com/schools/school.asp?id=37394>

# THE ART OF LIM PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



[See the full gallery here](#)





## Halloween at Hogwarts

Young People's Concert  
Orchestra Hall

**Saturday, October 27, 2018**  
11:00 a.m.

All aboard the Hogwarts Express! Join the DSO for selections from your favorite Harry Potter films and more. Witches, wizards and even muggles are invited to participate in the annual costume contest and other spooktacular pre-concert activities!



## The Snowman

Young People's Concert  
Orchestra Hall

**Saturday, December 8th**  
11:00 a.m.

Based on the award-winning children's book by Raymond Briggs, *The Snowman* comes to life on the big screen! The DSO performs Howard Blake's memorable soundtrack while the animated classic plays above the orchestra. Come inside from the cold to enjoy this and other musical winter favorites!

Some exciting concerts presented by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra are coming up this year that your children are sure to enjoy!

The concerts are designed with young people in mind and are usually about an hour long and feature high-interest music. (see below) Tickets sell out quickly, so you are encouraged to act quickly if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity.

Please follow this link for more information: [DSO Young People's Family Concerts](#)



## Young People's Concert

Orchestra Hall

**Saturday, March 23rd**  
11:00 a.m.

An irritable grouchy old man moves in to the apartment above Christoph and his family in Vienna. Christoph is not pleased by **Beethoven's** arrival, but he begins to understand his genius and the beauty of his music. See the full story unfold in this interactive theatrical concert.



## Young People's Concert

Orchestra Hall

**Saturday, May 4th**  
11:00 a.m.

Travel to a galaxy far, far away with the DSO! This family-friendly program highlights the music behind favorite characters from the beloved Star Wars film series.



# Ferry Winter Concert



## “In This House A Winter Celebration

*Presented by the students in the following classes:*

Gill, Schrade, Ellis, Sattelmeier, Walsh, Aldrich, McKelvey,  
Fisher

**Monday, December 17, 2018**  
**7:00p.m.**

**North High School Performing Arts Center**

♪ Weather permitting, **all classes will be WALKING to North High School** during the day on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> for a rehearsal on the “Big Stage.” Please dress for the weather!

♪ For the evening performance, **students are to report to assigned classrooms at North at 6:45p.m.** Performers are encouraged to wear “Dressy Best.” When choosing your ensemble, please keep in mind that the stage can get quite warm! Ladies, please wear flat shoes or low heels if possible as you will be climbing up and down the risers.  
Safety and comfort first for our young performers!



## NATURE CLUB NEWS



The Nature Lovers and the Wildlife Club made bird feeders from recycled soda pop bottles to hang in their own yards. We decorated the bottles with colored tape and markers and then attached feeding dishes and hangers from Amazon.com.

Many thanks to Mr. Juip and his family who continued work on the nature center landscape project by adding many bags of soil and some plants. Thanks also to the Dad's Club that provided the funds for this project. Nature Club members are now in the process of planting daffodil bulbs in that area.

Our next project is to do some research on the animals that live in the nature center and then make posters about them to raise awareness of the importance of this habitat at Ferry.

Mrs. Lassiter - Nature Club Coordinator



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



This year Mrs. Lassiter has 2 Nature Clubs that meet at lunch.

THE NATURE LOVERS (only 2nd graders from her class) will meet at lunch in room 120 on the following dates:

Dec. 12	Mar. 6	Apr. 24
Jan. 23	Mar. 20	May 8
Feb. 6	Apr. 10	May 22
		June 5

THE WILDLIFE CLUB (2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders from other classes) will meet at lunch in room 120 on the following dates:

Dec. 5	Feb. 27	May 1
Dec. 19	Mar. 13	May 15
Jan. 16	Mar. 27	May 29
Jan. 30	Apr. 17	June 5

So far this year we have had a scavenger hunt in Ferry's Nature Center and made painted leaf prints using leaves from the Ferry Forest. Upcoming projects include making bird feeders, planting flowering bulbs, and making animal and bird posters.







# Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society

MAKE IT A BE KIND TO ANIMALS WORLD

## ***Help the Homeless Animals!***

at the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society (MACS)

**November 28 - December 17, 2018**



Ferry School students want 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 on the tables outside the office.



### **MACS Wish List:**

**Items for dogs, cats, rabbits....**

**Comforters, quilts, blankets, sheets, pillowcases  
Towels, washcloths, paper towels, rubber-back rugs  
Dryer sheets, laundry detergent, liquid hand soap  
Ziploc or Gladware containers, stainless steel bowls,  
Proplan dog or puppy food, canned or dry, Fancy Feast  
Spam, Tuna Fish in oil, peanut butter  
Jars of chicken, turkey or beef baby food  
Dog and cat beds, toys, treats, rawhide chews, big chew toys  
Dog collars, paper plates and bowls  
disposable cameras, AA, AAA and 9 volt batteries  
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, gas cards,  
pet stores**

***Sponsored by Mrs. Ellis and Ferry Student Animal Shelter  
Volunteers***

Detroit Dog Rescue needs your empty paper towel/toilet paper tubes and newspapers! We use those empty tubes and newspaper to wrap treats for the shelter dogs to open - keeps them engaged, enriched and allows them a bit of fun during their stay at DDR. There is a large box in the front hallway near the big Leader in Me sign for your contributions. Thank you for your support!



**DDR**  
**DETROIT DOG RESCUE**  
**RESCUE.NOT RETAIL.**



# Professional Development



#OneGP

NOVEMBER  
6TH



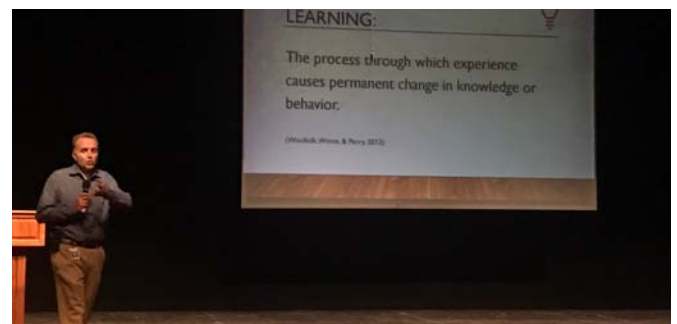
A day of professional development is kicking off at North in the PAC! #oneGP where everyone learns every day



For today's PD my fellow APs and I presented on Teaching Emathy Using Affective Statements. We had a great group of staff from across all buildings! #OneGP



Who's ready for a day of learning together? #onegp @gpsps



What a wonderful day filled with learning from the many talented educators from @GPSchools. #oneGP #teacherled #educate



**GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC  
SCHOOL SYSTEM**

# **Kids Club Program**

**Before and  
After School  
Care**

The Grosse Pointe Public School System recognizes the need for school-based child care in our community. Officially titled "School-Age Child Care Program" (but is informally known as Kids Club), is a self-supporting program aimed at providing a supervised and safe environment for children before and after school. Kids Club offers planned, interesting activities that are developmentally appropriate and enhance physical, intellectual, social and emotional growth. Children benefit from the opportunity to be with friends in a supervised program that offers parents a safe, practical solution for childcare needs before and after school.

Kids Club is offered on most 1/2 days during teacher workshop and conference days.

visit:

[www.gpschools.org](http://www.gpschools.org) or call

**313-432-3009 for more information!**

Kids club starts at 7:00 am Monday-Friday at your child's school. Our programs run after school until 6:30 pm.

**Parent or Guardian Signature Required  
for Registration**

I am the parent or guardian of the below listed minor (herein after referred to as child). In consideration of my child's participation in this activity and with the understanding that my child's participation in the activity is only on the condition that I enter into this agreement for my child, myself and my heirs and assigns, my child and I assume the inherent and extraordinary risks involved in this activity, in the use of the activity's equipment, and any risks inherent in any other activities connected with this activity in which my child voluntarily participates. My child and I expressly assume the risk of and accept full responsibility for any and all injuries (including death) and accidents that may occur as a result of my child's participation in this activity and release from liability Grosse Pointe Public Schools and Dan Griesbaum Baseball School and their officers, directors, sponsors, agents, representatives, employees, and volunteers. My child and I waive any claim we may later have as a result of any and all injury to my child's person or property as a result of my child's participation in this activity, my child's use of the activity's equipment, and in any other activities connected with the activity in which my child may voluntarily participate.

In further consideration for my child's participation in this activity, I agree to indemnify all of the persons named above and their sponsors for any and all claims, including attorney's fees and costs, that may be brought against any of them by anyone claiming to have been injured as a result of any injury to my child or my child's property which may occur as a result of the activity. I also agree that this release and all its particulars include the owners of the property where the activity is held.

My child and I understand that this activity is a physical sport and that physical injury may result. My child and I certify that we have read and fully understand this release. I am of lawful age and legally competent to make this agreement.

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Print Child's Name

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

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Date

# **GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BASEBALL**



## **HOLIDAY HITTING CAMP**

**Sponsored by:**

**BURKE'S SPORT HAVEN**

**Saturday, December 22, 2018**

**9:00 A.M.-Noon**

**\$50**

**Grades 2-6 Only\*\***

**Players will be age grouped.**

**Grosse Pointe South H. S.  
(11 Grosse Pointe Blvd.)  
Main Gym**

**7th and 8th graders from OUTSIDE Grosse  
Pointe South District boundaries may attend  
this camp.**

CO-SPONSORED BY:

**Grosse Pointe South Baseball**

**Burke's Sport Haven**

**DAN GRIESBAUM BASEBALL SCHOOL**

**OBJECTIVE:** To provide detailed instruction on the fundamentals of the game of baseball by teaching proper mechanics in a safe and positive atmosphere. EMPHASIS WILL BE INSTRUCTIONAL, NOT RECREATIONAL.

**CAMP DIRECTOR**

**Dan Griesbaum**

- ◆ 36-year Head Varsity Baseball Coach, Grosse Pointe South
- ◆ STATE CHAMPIONS-2001, 2018
- ◆ Member MHSBCA Hall of Fame
- ◆ 8 Final-Four Appearances
- ◆ 24 District Championships
- ◆ Coach of pro players: Chris Getz, Adam Abraham, Cam Gibson, Carmen Benedetti
- ◆ 70-plus Former Grosse Pointe South players have gone on to play in the college ranks.

**The camp will be staffed by Grosse Pointe South Players and Coaches**

Campers will be age-grouped and will rotate through 5-6 hitting stations, with emphasis on fundamentals.

Drills will also be demonstrated that parents can do with their player at home.



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**ALL PLAYERS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED**

**NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED**

**AT THE DOOR**

Mail-in registration only. Just fill out the attached form and mail with your check payable to:

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH DUGOUT CLUB**

835 Hidden Lane

GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MI 48236

QUESTIONS?

313-347-3672

[Dan.griesbaum@gpschools.org](mailto:Dan.griesbaum@gpschools.org)

**No refunds once camp has started.**

**Enrollment Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY, DEC. 22, 9:00-12:00**

**COST: \$50**

**The waiver on the back of this form MUST be signed in order to participate.**

**Players should bring their own bat and helmet if possible.**

**South will have a limited amount of helmets and bats for those who do not have their own.**





## Digital Picks

*From your Elementary Library  
Media Specialists*

**November 2018**

Volume 7 Issue 3

*Please enjoy this month's educational, informational, and entertaining websites and apps—"digital picks"--selected by the Elementary Library Media Specialists for the families of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools. We hope you find our reviews helpful, and welcome your suggestions.*



**PBS KIDS Games** invites kids to play learning games with favorite characters, anytime, anywhere. The app features top shows, including *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood*, *Wild Kratts*, *Super WHY*, *The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That!*, *Dinosaur Train* and more. PreK - 3. iOS/Android. Free!



The **PBS KIDS Video** app accesses thousands of free videos, including full episodes and clips from top PBS KIDS series. Tap the "LIVE TV" button to watch what's airing on your local PBS station right now. PreK - 3rd. iOS/Android. Free!



Another award-winning app from PBS Kids, **Plum's Creaturizer** lets students create fantastic cartoon creatures and then use Augmented Reality technology to place their inventions in real outdoor settings that suit their particular characteristics. K - 5. iOS/Android. Free!



**ASL KIDS** has kids teaching kids common American Sign Language hand signs. App includes dictionary of 21 free signs and interactive quiz games. Extra sign packs available to purchase. K-5. iOS/Android. Free!

## Elementary Library Media Specialists

- Danielle Gostomski
- Amy Hermon
- Sherry Martin
- Cheryl Quinlan
- Rachel Walpole





# News from Grosse Pointe Public Schools

## Schoology Update



Schoology is now available for staff and students in the district!

Schoology is the new Learning Management System (LMS) that will allow staff, students, and parents to be able to access instructional material, class announcements, grades (secondary only), and assignments throughout their courses.

You can access Schoology by going to: [gppss.schoology.com](https://gppss.schoology.com)

Your account name and password is the same as your network username and password



## Family Home Login Guide

Grosse Pointe Public School System uses Clever as a convenient way for students to access many of our learning applications in one place including Lexia. Clever also serves as a home to bookmark frequently used digital resources.



### Step 1



a.) Access our district portal at <https://clever.com/in/gppss> from your preferred internet browser.

or

b.) Download and access Lexia Core 5 app and the Clever app available in the iTunes store. Once the app is downloaded, you will have to enter in your child's teacher's email address. Once complete, click on "log in with Clever".

### Step 2

Login to Clever with one of these options:

Active Directory	Clever Badge
 Log in with Active Directory	
<b>Login:</b> Student identification number	Obtain Clever Badge from classroom teacher.
<b>Password:</b> Unique to student	Hold Clever Badge up to camera, lining it up with the square.

## District Partnerships

