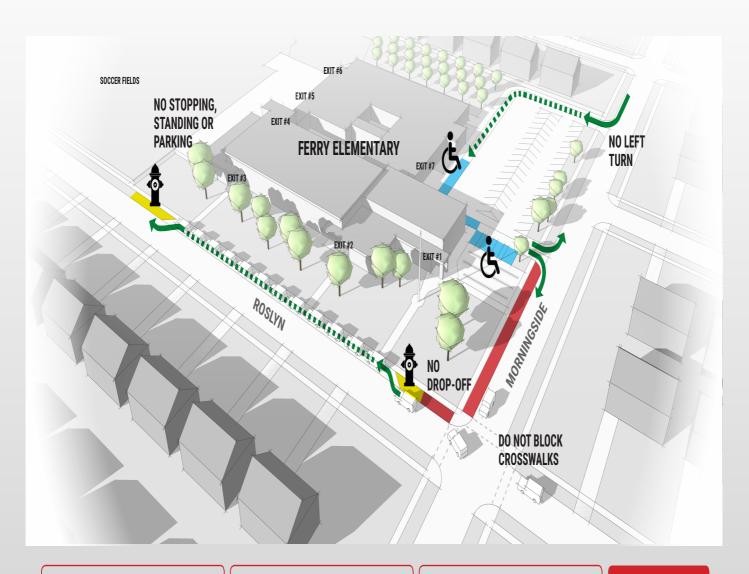


NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2019

FERRY DROP OFF & PICK UP PROCEDURES



PULL ALL THE WAY FORWARD

Regardless of which building door your child will enter or exit, please pull your vehicle all the way forward before stopping. We understand you want to give your child the shortest path to their door, but we have hundreds of students to accommodate. Students must exit from the right side of your vehicle onto the sidewalk.

DO NOT BLOCK FIRE HYDRANTS

There is no stopping, standing or parking by the yellow-marked curb at the end of the Roslyn Road drop-off lane. It is a city-enforced law to keep fire hydrants free from traffic.

DO NOT EXIT YOUR VEHICLE

If your child needs assistance exiting your vehicle, you should not be in the drop-off lane. Please park along the soccer field or nearby side streets and walk your child to the sidewalk.

NO CUTTING

Vehicles must enter the drop-off lane from the same entry point. Cutting in line causes weaving in and out of cars and disrupts the flow of traffic. The drop-off lane is a single lane of vehicles. Do not create a second lane. Students are not permitted to pass between cars and it prevents vehicles from exiting the drop-off lane.

ONE-WAY TRAFFIC

Vehicles cannot turn left into the parking lot from northbound Morningside between 8-9am and 3-4pm. When exiting the lot, the right lane is for turning right and the left lane is for turning left. We also encourage you to treat Roslyn as a oneway during these times. Do not use driveways to turn around as this disrupts the flow of traffic.

HANDICAP PARKING

In the parking lot, parents of students with physical disabilities may pull to the front of the line behind the buses. If no space is available, please use the handicap spots. Do not create a second lane.

THINK SAFE. ACT SAFE. BE SAFE.



BE A LEADER DURING SCHOOL DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

The purpose of the school drop-off/pick-up lane on Roslyn and in the parking lot is to provide parents an efficient means of getting their child(ren) safely to and from school without parking their vehicle. If you choose to utilize the school drop-off/pick-up lanes, you are agreeing to adhere to the rules outlined in this document. Just as we instill in our students the seven habits of *Leader in Me*, we ask our parents to be mindful as well.

HABIT 1: BE PROACTIVE

Practice at home with your child how to buckle and unbuckle their seatbealt, operate the car door and to identify your vehicle from the side. These simple steps will save time in line.

HABIT 2: BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND

Focus on the safety of all our students and maintaining a one-way flow of traffic to ensure all parents can pick-up their child(ren) efficiently.

HABIT 3: PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST

Please refrain from using your cell phone in the drop-off/pick-up lane to focus on your surroundings and the safety of our students.

HABIT 4: THINK WIN-WIN

Vehicles that cut in, turnaround in driveways or double park cause other vehicles to weave in and out creating an unsafe environment for our students and disrupting the flow of traffic. By entering and exiting the drop-off/pick-up lanes from a consistent point, the overall process is more efficient and safe for all.

HABIT 5: SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN BE UNDERSTOOD

Be aware of your surroundings and have patience. In the parking lot, parents of students with physical disabilities are permitted to pull to the front of the line behind the buses. If there is no space, however, we ask these parents to use the handicap parking spots instead of creating a second lane.

HABIT 6: SYNERGIZE

Crossing guards, parents, teachers and staff are all working toward the same goal of getting EVERY student to school on-time and safely.

HABIT 7: SHARPEN THE SAW

Drop-off and pick-up should not be a stressful experience for parents or students. Reviewing these procedures periodically will ensure our process remains efficient and our students stay safe.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

THE 8:20 BELL HAS RUNG, WHERE DOES MY CHILD ENTER?

There are two morning bells, 8:20 and 8:25. Students are to enter their assigned door unless the 8:25 bell has rung. At that time, students must enter the doors by the bike rack as all other doors will be locked.

I AM LATE PICKING UP AND DO NOT SEE MY CHILD?

If you are late picking up and do not see your child(ren) outside, we have walked them to the office to wait. We don't want to leave any children out unattended. Please find a parking spot and use the doors near the bike rack to enter the school and pick them up.

CAN I STOP AND STAND IN A "NO PARKING" ZONE?

You may stop and stand in "No Parking" zones ONLY when dropping off or picking-up your child. If you leave your vehicle, you are "parked" and subject to ticketing. Please continue to pull as far forward as possible in the cutout area, regardless of which door your child will enter or exit. Fire routes or yellow-marked curbs in front of fire hydrants are NOT to be used for stopping, standing or parking at any time. Officers patrol the area in marked and unmarked police vehicles, recording license plates of violators and mailing tickets to registered owners. (This method avoids creating more congestion by detaining violators to issue citations personally.)

WHERE ARE RECOMMENDED PARKING ZONES FOR PICKING UP OR DROPPING OFF MY CHILD(REN)?

We encourage you to drop-off and pick-up your child in areas other than the heavily congested vicinity of the school. Roslyn west of Wedgewood or Hampton are safe alternatives. The crossing guards at Wedgewood/Roslyn or Morningside/Roslyn will safely cross your child.

WHERE ARE BICYCLES PERMITTED?

Ferry Elementary encourages students to bike to school and offers plenty of rack space to secure bikes during the day. Please bring your own lock. Walk your bike on school property and cross the street with the crossing guard. Once you are across the street, you may ride your bike where foot traffic is not so heavy.

NOVEMBER 2019









November 1, 8, 14 & 20 Choir Rehearsal

November 4 Tornado Dril

November 4, 11 & 18 Kids Yoga

November 5 Election Day-No School for Students

Staff Professional Development

November 6 & 7 Hearing + Vision

November 7 Henry Ford Museum Flanagan/Reinhard

November 7, 14 & 21 Cub Scouts Pack 34

November 7, 14 & 21 TGA Golf

November 12 & 19 Mini Picassos

November 12 Ferry Family Game Night

November 13 PTO Meeting

November 14 Dodgeball Night

1st grade to Parade Company

November 18 Fire Drill

November 19 Student Lighthouse Team Meeting

November 20 4th and 5th grade to Sound of Music

November 22 Town Hall

November 25 Nest Activity

November 26 ES 1/2 Day AM

November 27 - 29 No School. Thanksgiving Break







Ferry Elementary

@ferryelementary

Ferry Elementary School, Grosse Pointe Woods #onegp

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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.





Ferry PTO

@FerryPTO

The official twitter account of the Ferry Elementary School PTO

Follow us at Twitter

Elementary Bell Schedule for 2019-2020

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

PLC Mondays

September	9, 16	23	30
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October 7,14,21,28

November 4,11,18,25

December 2,9,16

January 6,13,27

February 3,10,24

March 2,9,16,23,30

April 13,20,27

May 4,11,18

June 1,8

Tuesday - Friday

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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

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)

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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



Ferry PTO 2019-2020 Calendar

PTO Meeting Schedule

Each meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Library (2nd Floor)

*September 18th

*October 16th

November 13th

December 11th

January - Parents Night Out - TBD

February 12th

March 11th

*April 15th

May 13th

June-TBD

*Denotes deviation from standard 2nd Wednesday of the month.

DATE October 4th October 4th October 9th and 10th October 11th October 12th October 13th

November 8th December - TBD

January - TBD

January/February - TBD

March 18th and 19th

March 27th April 17th

April 24th

April 25th

May 4-8th

May 11th-15th

TBD

June 5th

EVENT

Fun Run Glow Dance Fall Book Fair Parents Night Out **Beautification Day**

Haunted Garage

Superboys and Leading Ladies Dodgeball

Santa Event

Parents Night Out (Adults only)

Lunchtime Enrichment Spring Book Fair Family Fun Night Girls VIP Dance

Superboys and Leading Ladies Kickball

Beautification Day

Teacher Appreciation Week Ride your bike to school week Volunteer Appreciation Day

Ice Cream Social

EVENT CHAIR

Andrea Pietrowski/Lauren Samyn Andrea Pietrowski/Lauren Samyn

Beth Cueter Randie Kohler Donielle Hudson Mrs. Brumme **Emily Rubio** Courtney Arioli

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Melissa Aslam/Mrs. Hard

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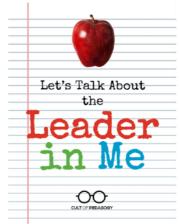


A BRIEF SUMMARY OF FERRY'S COMMUNITY SUCCESS PLAN

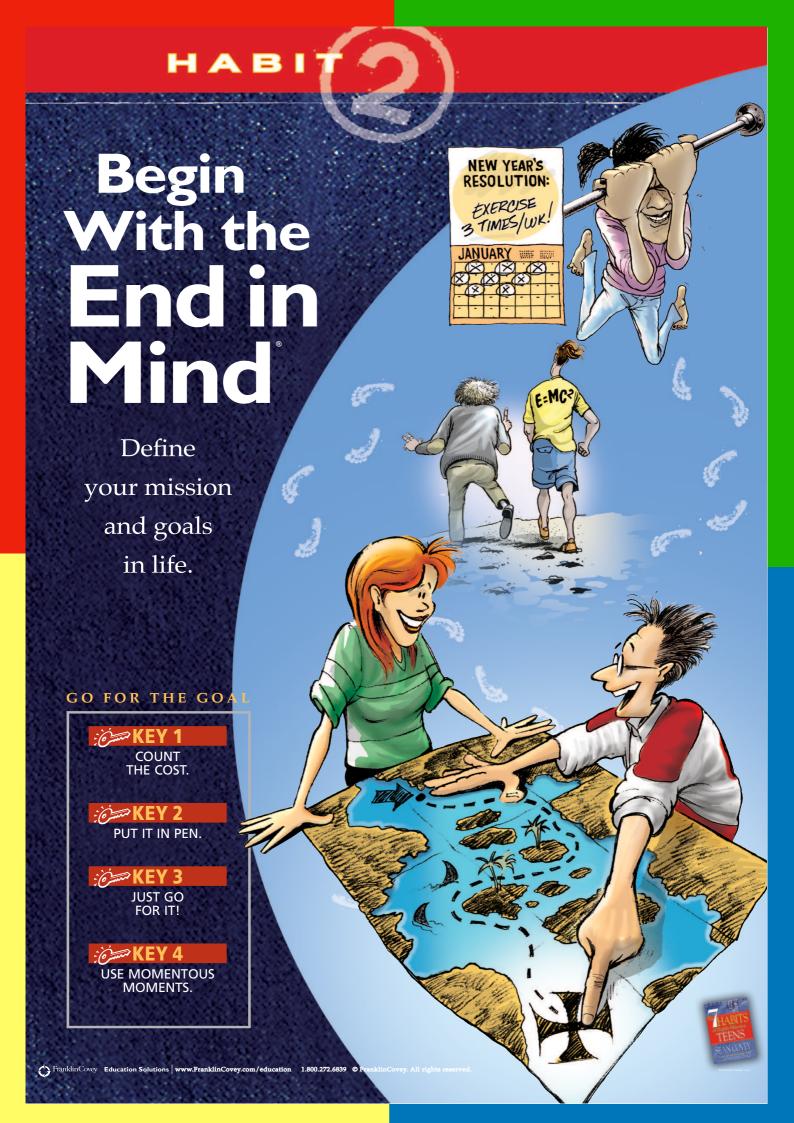
The Ferry Community Success Plan is based on the philosophy of Conscious Discipline developed by Dr. Becky Bailey. This brain smart philosophy guides children to be in control of their own emotions and behavior so that they can build positive relationships with others. It involves 7 skills and classroom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



FERRY CHOIR

Ferry Choir Schedule 2019-2020

Meets "D" days at lunchtime recess

- 9/24 Tuesday
- 9/30 Monday
- 10/4 Friday
- 10/10 Thursday-no choir-1/2 day
- 10/16 Wednesday
- 10/22 Tuesday
- 10/28 Monday
- 11/1 Friday
- 11/8 Friday
- 11/14 Thursday
- 11/20 Wednesday
- 11/26 Tuesday-no choir-1/2 day
- 12/5 Thursday
- 12/10 Tuesday-Concert Practice at North!!! (12:30-3:15p.m.)

 WALK to North High School (dress for the weather!)



CONCERT Tuesday, December 10th, 7:00p.m. Choir Members report to North H.S. at 6:45p.m.



- 1/31 Friday
- 2/6 Thursday
- 2/12 Wednesday
- 2/25 Tuesday
- 3/6 Friday
- 3/12 Thursday
- 3/18 Wednesday
- 3/24 Tuesday 3/30 Monday
- 4/3 Friday
- 4/16 Thursday
- 4/22 Wednesday
- 4/28 Tuesday
- 5/4 Monday
- 5/8 Friday
- 5/14 Thursday
- 5/18 Monday-Concert Practice at North!!! (1:00-3:15p.m.)

 WALK to North High School (dress for the weather!)

CONCERT Monday, May 18th, 7:00p.m. Choir Members report to North H.S. at 6:45p.m.







Notes from the Music Room:

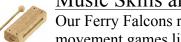
Musicians Habits

September and October were busy months in the music room as students reviewed music lesson routines and procedures. Our daily routines include

- 1. Entering quietly-ready to learn
- 2. Taking turns to talk
- 3. Giving best work
- 4. Using kind words & actions
- 5. Getting ready for the hall

These routines help us to use our learning time together in a way that helps ourselves and others to *learn* while having *fun* and being *safe*.

Music Skills and Concepts



Our Ferry Falcons reviewed steady beat skills during September by playing instruments and movement games like Freeze Game, March and Shrink, Squirrel Game, Robot Rampage, Sherlock Holmes and Pass the Seasonal Item ②.





In October we began studying **Rhythm Patterns** as we reviewed and practiced rhythmic notation. "Rhythm Pattern" is the pattern of long and short sounds and silences that make up music. It can be written using traditional notation (quarter notes, eighth notes, etc.) or nontraditional and invented notation. Students have practice reading rhythm patterns and instruments and through games like Black Cat, Tippy-Toes, Cut the Cake, Hand Game Song and Chicken on the Fence Post.

The Role of Music

This year, music students will also have the opportunity to think a little deeper and make connections as they consider the role of music in their lives.



In September, we examined the role of music in TV & Movies. Students investigated how music helps tell a story as they listened to some great music from various movies including Star Wars, Trolls, Ugli Dolls, Lion King, and Spiderman-into the Spider-Verse. Students in grades 3-5 even got to "be the director" as they practiced choosing music for movie scenes.



In October, students have been exploring the role of music in Celebrations. From birthdays, to holidays and significant life celebrations, music is a big part of our special celebrations. In addition to traditional Halloween music. Grades 3-5 learned about a song written for Indigenous Peoples Day by Indigenous Hip Hop artist, Frank Waln. Students in Grade 2 experienced a Native American Hand Game Song by first reading the rhythm pattern and then playing the game.

Winter Concert

Some of our students have already begun preparing for our Winter Concert! It will take place on Tuesday, December 10th, 7pm at North High School and will feature students from the following classes: Gill, Schrade, Ellis, Sattelmeier, Walsh, Fisher, Flanagan, McKelvey and the grade 4/5 Ferry Choir.

Tuesday, December 10th for a rehearsal on the "Big Stage." Please dress for the weather!



Ferry Winter Concert!



Presented by the students in the following classes:
Gill, Schrade, Ellis, Sattelmeier, Walsh, Aldrich, McKelvey, Fisher
& the Ferry Grade 4/5 Choir

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 7:00p.m.

North High School Performing Arts Center

Weather permitting, <u>all classes will be WALKING to North High School</u> during the day on Tuesday, December 10th 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!

Ferry Family Game Night

Coming November 12th to the Ferry School Gym

from 6:00-7:00 PM

This Leader in Me Family Event is being provided by Learning Gizmos and the Ferry Staff.





Great Educational Games in all subject areas and for all students and their families.

Do some early
Christmas
shopping!

Here's how it works:

- The Ferry School teachers/staff are trained on how to play all the games from
 5:00-6:00 PM by the Learning Gizmos staff. Some student leaders will be invited to be trained as Event Greeters and Teacher Assistants at the Game Stations.
- 2. THEN, Ferry families are invited to come and play the games with the teachers/staff from 7:00-8:00 PM. You can try out as many games as you like. You do not need to buy any of the games.
- 3. However, if you love any of the games, Learning Gizmos will have them available for sale. If our school sells more than \$500 worth of games, Ferry School earns 10% of the amount sold to put toward our Leadership Activities. You can take the games home that night. If a favorite game is sold out, you can order one and have it delivered to Ferry School within 3 days.

^{*}There will be no food in the gym during this event, as requested by Learning Gizmos. This keeps the focus on learning the games and makes sure none of the games are damaged by spills or food stains. Please eat dinner before you come to the event.









Dear Families,

The Box Tops for Education program is changing the way we can earn cash for our school!

Over the summer, participating brands have begun to change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.









Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team has worked hard to build a NEW-and-improved, user-friendly Box Tops mobile app, available now.

The new app features state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD THE NEW APP OR UPDATE YOUR EXISTING APP:





If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, you can "double dip" during the packaging transition by clipping traditional Box Tops AND scanning your store receipt containing participating products.

Thanks for helping our school get what it needs!

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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.

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

www.gpschools.org or call 313-432-3009 for more information!

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Digital Picks From your Elementary Library Media Specialists!

October 2019



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A great show for kids! You can watch the first episode for free and watch all episodes for free if you have an Amazon Prime account. Eleven year old genius and kid-scientist Anne has invented and built her own amazing androids. Nick discovers Anne secret junkyard laboratory and enlists the help pf Shania tp befriend Anne and her mechanical companions. Together they solve Anne's scientific problems through real-life solutions.

One Globe Kids

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Explore the world without leaving the comfort of your living room. Stories and activities can be used on iPad, iPhone, smart board or computer. A couple are free and the others require a \$1.99 purchase. Spark a child's global imagination with beautifully photographed, interactive stories by and for children around the globe. One Globe Kids offers an innovative way to experience friendship with a peer in a different country.

DIY.org

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Not so cheap monthly subscription, but so worth sharing with you! I would give the free 14 day trial a try. DIT.org allows kids to watch inspiring videos, do creative projects, and make their own videos on DIY which gives them amazing opportunities to both learn and inspire other kids. DIY's video library is filled with the awesome stuff in the world that delights both parents and kids. Art, innovation, science, laughter and everything in-between. Plus, it's all ad-free.

Alien Assignment

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For iPhone and iPad. Alien Assignment is an innovative, award-winning app which takes your child on a scavenger hunt around your home to help the Alien family fix their spaceship. It utilizes the camera on your device in order to take a picture of an item fitting an attribute needed by the aliens. After all 4 pictures have been taken, an adult can review whether the pictures fit the descriptors. If they do, the mission is accomplished. There are no IAPs or Ads.

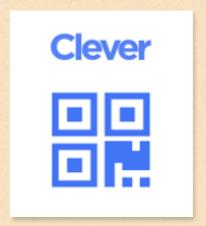
Elementary Library Media Specialists

Digital Content for Elementary Classrooms (Using Clever)

For the 2019-2020 school year, you will find that GPPSS will continue utilizing CLEVER more than ever before!

At the elementary level, the following digital content will be available through CLEVER:

- Amplify
- Freckle
- Imagine Math
- Lexia
- Raz Kids



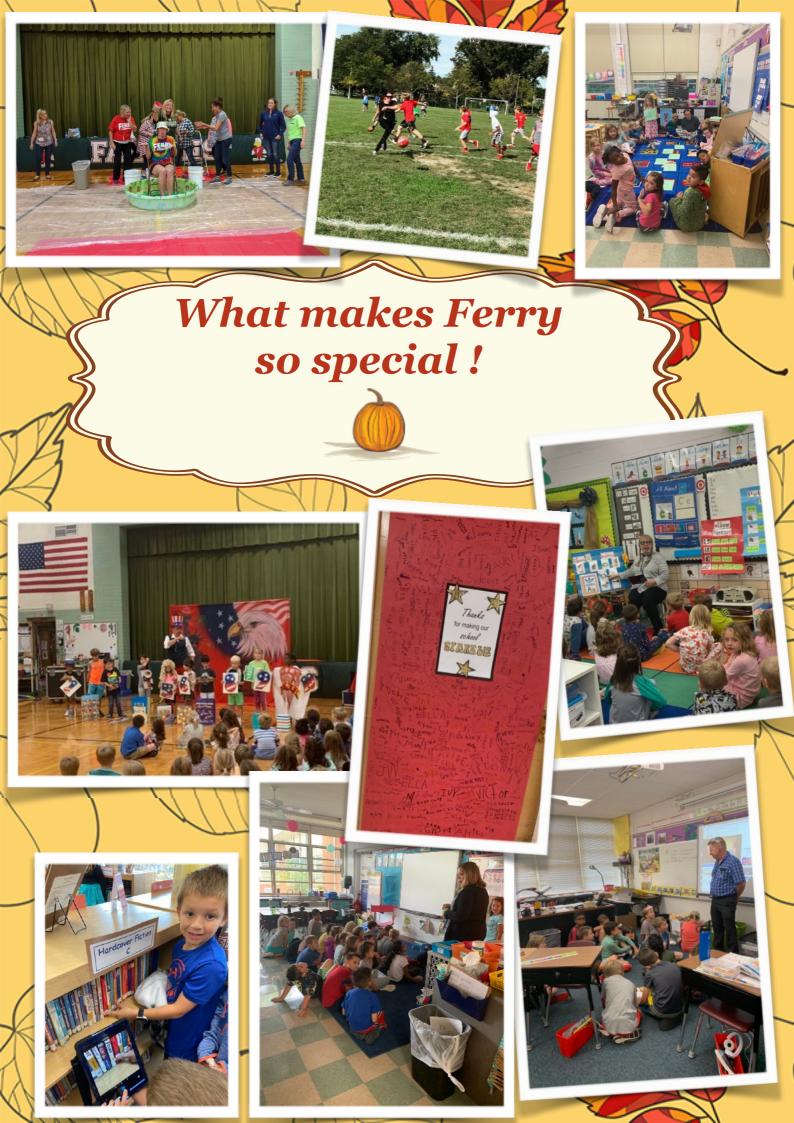
You can access Clever by going to your elementary school's webpage and finding the link on the right-hand side under "Student Short Cuts"

For our lower grades (Y5-3rd grade), it will be important for students to be able to use badges.

Everyday Math will still require the same login as the previous school year.

Many of these are available for student use now; however, click here to find instructions and availability dates for content:

Digital Content	Grade Levels	Rostering	Instructions	Availibility
Adobe Spark	Y5-12	Adobe Sync	Spark Instructions	Now
Amplify	Y5-5	Clever	Log In through Clever	Coming Soon
Everyday Math	Y5-5	OneRoster	EDM Instructions	Now
Freckle	Y5-2	Clever	Log In through Clever	Now
Imagine Math	3-5	Clever	IM update	Now
Lexia	Y5-5	Clever	Lexia Update	Now
RAZ Kids (Learning A-Z)	Y5-5	There is no Rostering		Now
Schoology	K-12	MISTAR	Either through Clever OR gppss.schoology.co m	Now





News from Grosse Pointe Public Schools

<u>Update on Middle School</u>

Reconfiguration

As we continue to work through the Reconfiguration Process we want to make sure that everyone has accurate information regarding reconfiguration decisions that are being made. In advance of the District Open House this weekend administration has reviewed each of our middle schools and discussed the placement of certain grade levels and logistics related to 5th - 8th graders being in each of our middle schools next year. We've identified the following as being decided for next year:

For the 2020-21 school year at each middle school in GPPSS:

- 5th and 6th graders will have their own wing/area of the building where they will attend their core classes.
- 5th and 6th graders will have their core classes on the 2nd floor of the building.
- 5th and 6th graders will have restroom facilities that are designated for 5th and 6th grade use.
- 5th and 6th graders will have lunch and recess at a separate time from 7th and 8th graders.
- 5th graders will have science instruction in their 'homeroom' classroom (identical to how current 5th grade science instruction occurs) using the newly adopted Amplify science kits.
- 7th and 8th graders will have a designated location for most core classes in each building.
- All students will have access as needed to specific spaces such as gyms, art rooms, etc.
- · Lockers will be assigned by grade level.
- Lockers for all students will be in close proximity to their core classes.

Partners In Learning district newsletter

in this week's GP News

To minimize delivery costs, the district now includes its <u>district</u> newsletter in two of the full-run issues of the Grosse Pointe News which are delivered to every home within the GPPSS boundaries. The newsletter is also posted on our district website under Headlines. Topics of interest include:

- · Facts about the millage reauthorizations
- · Gold Card calendar of fine and performing arts events
- · Our middle school off and out of sight policy
- · Third grade reading legislation update
- Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education gifts and grants
- · Safe Routes to School grant initiative
- · Bond update
- Partnerships with The Family Center and Healthy Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods

Upcoming South Players performance

November 7-9, at 7:30 p.m., the Pointe Players will present "The Game's Afoot" by Ken Ludwig in the South Auditorium. Tickets are available after October 28 at Duffy and Co. in the Park and at the door (\$12 adults/ \$8 Students/Seniors).

Download the district calendar

The <u>district</u> and the <u>performing arts</u> Google calendars have been updated on the website. They include Back to School Nights in September, Info Nights in January, and concerts and plays all year long. Use the icons in the upper right corner to download to your personal calendar!

District Partnerships













FERRY NISSION

A community of learners and leaders- acknowledge, encourage, and celebrate talents and diversity

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