



Grosse Pointe Public Schools

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Ferry Features & Facts

www.gpschools.org

Dear Parents,

Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up on November 16th and 17th. You will receive an email from your child's teacher inviting you to sign up for conferences through Sign Up Genius on Tuesday, November 1st late in the afternoon. You will be able to sign up for conferences between November 1st and November 15th. Conferences will take place from 5:00-7:30p.m. on November 16th and all day and evening on November 17th. 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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48236

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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 to 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 a integral part of your child's academic life. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Gloria Hinz
Principal, Ferry Elementary School

For a complete newsletter and more important information, go to <http://gpschools.schoolwires.net/gpferry>



Calendar Information:

- October 5** **Student Count Day!**
- October 5-6** **Hearing & Vision Testing**
- October 14** **Parent Night Out - Leader in Me Fundraiser**
- October 26** **Picture Re-Take Day**
- October 31** **AM classes only**

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- 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**
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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.



Halloween Costume Parade

First thing in the morning

Halloween Assembly Times

9:45-10:30 Grades 3,4,5,

10:40-11:25 Grades K,1,2

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



Picture Re-Take Day

School pictures will be taken on **Wednesday, October 26.** Photographs will be taken between 9:00 am and 11:00am. Parents who are not satisfied with their child's picture and wish to have them retaken will **need to return the complete package.** Students who were absent on Picture Day will have their picture taken on Retake Day. If you wish to order pictures at that time, please turn in a completed order form with payment on Retake Day. Order forms are available in the office.

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

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





On Friday, October 14th some presenters from DTE Energy came to do the “Think Energy” program with the 4th grade students. This program goes along with the Fourth Grade Green Team Program and helped students learn ways to use energy and water more efficiently. Students took home a “Take Action Kit,” which had energy saving objects and ideas to help families have “Green” homes too! If 100% of our 4th grade student participants return the “Home Energy Worksheet” they were given, each fourth grade class will receive a mini grant for \$100!



What Makes Ferry So...

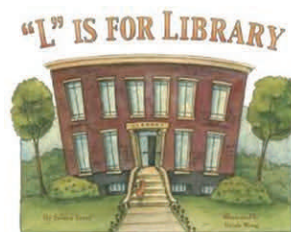
“Special”

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

Art has been having a great start to the year! Students have been busy making a variety of projects. Something new this year is the use of the online art gallery Art-sonia. Over 400 Ferry student artwork has already been uploaded to the site! In order to see your student's work online and to be able to share with friends and family please sign up using the permission slip your student has brought home. If you have misplaced your permission slip please email Mrs. DeBow for the information! Thanks for supporting the fine arts.



Lower elementary students have been learning about parts of a book and book care as well as sections of the library and library care. We will soon begin our fiction/nonfiction units. Second graders have also received instruction on how to find a book with a “Just Right” reading level for them. Reference and research are all abuzz in upper elementary. Third graders are preparing to use the OPAC to find materials by title, keyword, author, and subject searches. 4th grade students are combining their research and creative writing skills to factually write a skit that will be recorded using green screen technology in library. 5th grade students are covering a comprehensive Internet unit focusing on key Internet terms, effective search techniques, website evaluation and accessing subscription databases.



Keeping the beat in music!

All students have been working on steady beat and rhythm this month. Students learned a variety of patriotic songs to start off our school year. Have your child sing one to you! Our singers in 1st, 3rd, 2/3 magnet, 5th grade and our 4/5 choir are gearing up for a wonderful winter concert on December 8th, 2016. The concert will be performed at 7 pm at the Parcels Auditorium. More to come in our next newsletter!



What a great start to our P.E. class. The students have been going through some cooperative challenges and are gearing up for our Haunted Gym and Halloween Stations. Keep your kids playing outside as the weather has been so nice. Thank you for providing your child with safe shoes to wear in P.E. A spare pair in their locker works out great as boot weather comes upon us.

Physical Education



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.



Operation Math

\$2.99

iPhone, iPad, iTouch

Defeat Dr. Odd and earn the latest spy gear in the award-winning game that transforms math drills into a global learning adventure. From the streets of Paris to the pyramids of Egypt, Operation Math includes more than 100 timed missions that help players learn addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Solar Walk - Planets System, Orbits, Moons & Size

\$2.99 iPhone, iPad, iTouch

This 3D solar system model lets you navigate between planets, see their positions on a specific date, explore how they move and why. You will see the entire Milky Way galaxy from a far and zoom in to study all the planets and satellites in close-up, learn their trajectories, inner structures, history of their exploration, and geography.



Weather by Tinybob

\$2.99

iPhone, iPad, iTouch

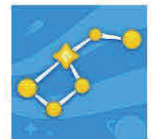
Dive into a cloud and see what it's made of. Make it rain, make it snow, or make a thunderstorm. Whirl a tornado or a hurricane. Play with sun, air, water, temperature, wind, and precipitation. Discover the signs that tell you what it's going to be like outside today.

Star Walk™ Kids - Explore Space

\$2.99

iPhone, iPad, iTouch

Star Walk Kids is perfect for introducing kids to astronomy. With colorful images and friendly narrators, kids as young as four can begin to recognize constellations, planets of the solar system and grasp the fundamental principles of astrophysics.



Stack the Countries

\$2.99

iPhone, iPad, iTouch

Stack the Countries® makes learning about the world fun! Watch the countries actually come to life in this colorful and dynamic game! As you learn country capitals, landmarks, geographic locations and more, you can actually touch, move and drop the animated countries anywhere on the screen. Carefully build a stack of countries that reaches the checkered line to win each level.



The Toymaker

FREE

<http://www.thetoymaker.com/>

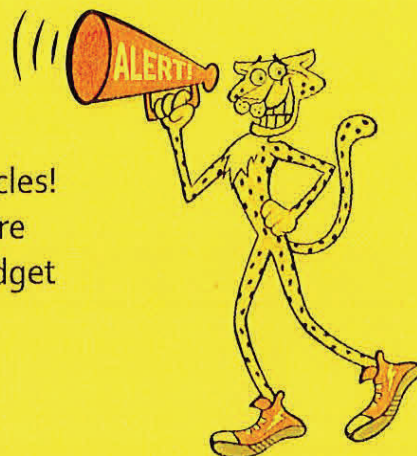
Cheerful paper toys to print and assemble. A site created to help parents and kids spend time together!

Media Specialists

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The Ferry Fun Run is Coming!

All students participate with their friends on Friday, October 21st. Students will run, walk, skip, or jog while dodging some fun obstacles! Our fundraiser is geared toward health and wellness so students are enriched with a fitness education experience aimed to achieve budget success for this school year.



Ferry Fun Run

Friday, October 21st

8:45—9:30—4th & 5th Grade

9:45-10:20—K & 1st Grade

10:30-11:15—2nd & 3rd Grade

Parents are encouraged to attend to cheer on their child and their friends. Or better yet, get involved! To volunteer to help out at the event, please sign up at

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0549a8a822a6fc1-ferry>

Thanks for your support, we can't do it without you!

The Ferry PTO is raising money to fund assemblies, library books, 5th grade camp, and much more! We NEED your Support!

Simple Steps to Donation Success!

We now accept credit card payments online in addition to cash and checks sent in to the school.

1. Register your child for our Fun Run by visiting www.thegetmovincrew.com
2. Click the star at the bottom right corner of the home page.

Get
Registered
Parent
Login

Register at www.thegetmovincrew.com





Join us for the Ferry PTO

TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 28th from 6:30 – 8 pm

Kids will wear their costumes and trick-or-treat from car to car in the school parking lot. Extra activities in the gym include games, nail painting, and more!

Trick or Treaters will receive a **TRICK OR TREAT BAG, HALLOWEEN FREE KIDDIE CUP COUPON FROM TCBY** (ages 12 & under), **DONUTS, CIDER**, and the first 150 children will **GET A PUMPKIN TO DECORATE**.

ADMISSION: \$6.00 PER STUDENT
CHILDREN AGES 4 AND UNDER ARE FREE
(\$12 family maximum)

All family members are encouraged to dress in costumes. Please keep it *family friendly*!
Contact Becky Veitengruber with any questions: beckyveit00@gmail.com

FERRY TRUNK OR TREAT ADMISSION FORM

Student name(s): _____

Grade(s): _____ Teacher(s): _____

Amount Enclosed: \$6.00 x _____ Students (ages 5 & up) = \$ _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Checks made payable to: Ferry PTO There will be a box in the school office labeled "Trunk or Treat."