



FERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2018



**OUR EVACUATION
DRILL WILL BE ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER
1ST AT 9:45 AM**

Principal Message

Dear Families,

October is upon us and Parent Teacher Conferences are just around the corner on October 10 and 11. The sign-up sheet will be sent to you via email next week Wednesday. As in the past, fall conferences are individual conferences between parents and teachers. When you meet with your child's teacher here are some suggestions:

Get Ready. Do your homework prior to parent-teacher conferences. Prepare by writing notes to yourself concerning:

Any questions about the school's programs or policies.

Things you can share with the teacher about your child and his life at home.

Questions about your child's progress.

Ask Important Questions

Don't be afraid to engage in a frank conversation with your child's teacher. Your goal is to develop an action plan for your child's success at school. Good questions to ask the teacher include:

What are my child's strengths and weaknesses?

How does my child get along with classmates?

Is my child working up to her ability? Where could she use improvement?

What can we do at home to support what you are doing in the classroom?

Also remember to make time to visit our specials teachers and support staff. They may not send out a sign-up sheet, but they are available in the building for you to stop by and visit. Our Book Fair will also be up and running during conferences.

We are all looking forward to our Spirit Week next week. Check the calendar for special activities each day. Our hope is to have a very successful Fun Run on October 5th. Some of the funds will be used to upgrade our library to a 21st Century learning environment. Our new library will benefit all students for years to come!

Sincerely,

Gloria Hinz.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 1	Evacuation Drill	9:45 AM
October 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5	Fun Run Spirit Week	
October 2, 16	Staff Lighthouse	12:35 AM
October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30	First Serve Tennis	3:45 PM
October 2	Girl Scout Troop 74770	6:00 PM
October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30	Boy Scouts	7:35 PM
October 3 & 24	Girl Scout Troop 71293	3:45 PM
October 4	5th Grade Camp	
	Choir Rehearsal (4th grade)	11:35 AM
4, 18 & 25	TGA Golf	3:45 PM
4 & 18	Boy Scouts Pack 34	6:30 PM
October 5	Fun Run Dance	5:00 PM
October 9 & 30	Lighthouse Team Meeting	11:35 AM
October 10	ES Evening Conferences Book Fair Choir Rehearsal - (5th grade)	11:35 AM
October 11	Book Fair ES 1/2 Day AM - Afternoon & Evening Conferences	
October 14	PTO Haunted Garage Explore GP Open House	
October 16	Choir Rehearsal - Full Choir	11:35 AM
October 17	Fire Drill Nest Activity PTO Meeting	9:30 AM 12:30 PM 7:00 PM
October 18	S3 Meeting	8:20 AM
October 19	Townhall	10:50 AM
October 22	Choir Rehearsal - (5th grade)	11:35 AM
October 23	Staff Meeting	4:00 PM
October 24	Special Education Consult Meetings	11:30 AM
October 26	Choir Rehearsal - (4th grade)	11:35 AM
October 29	Ellis Island	8:30 AM
October 31	ES/MS 1/2 Day AM - Professional Development PM	

October 2018

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.

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.



Reporting Absences

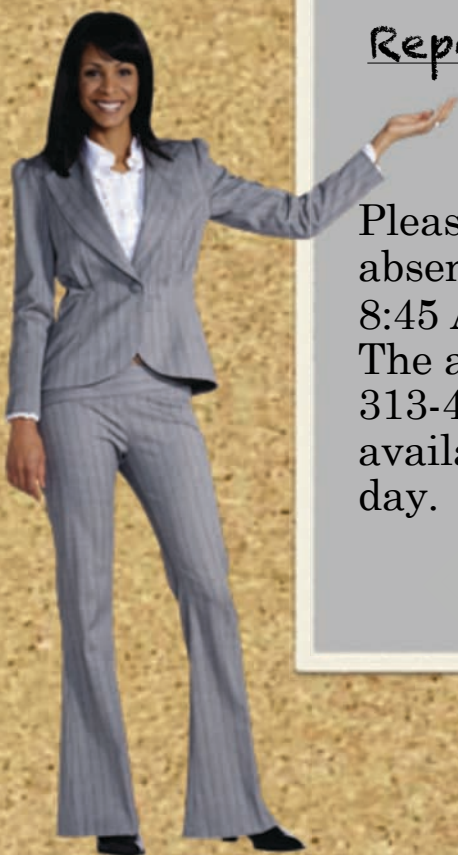
Please report all student absences to the office by 8:45 AM.

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



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!



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 $\frac{1}{2}$ Day Bell Schedule

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

$\frac{1}{2}$ -Days

October 11	Parent/Teacher Conferences (AM classes, PM conferences)
October 31	Halloween (AM classes/PM Professional Development)
November 20	Records day (AM classes/PM Records Day)
January 18	AM classes for students/PM - Professional Development
March 5	Records day (AM classes/PM Records Day)
March 21	Parent/Teacher Conferences (AM classes/PM Conferences)
March 22	AM classes for students/PM Comp time
June 13	Records day (AM classes/PM Records Day)
June 14	Last day of school (AM classes)

Professional Development/Parent-Teacher Conferences/Vacations

October 10	Parent-Teacher Conferences—Evening (regular day of school for students)
November 6	Election Day--Full day Professional Development (No School for students)
November 21-23	Thanksgiving Holiday (No School for students/staff)
December 24-January 1	Winter Break (No School for students/staff)
January 21	Martin Luther King Holiday (No School for students/staff)
January 19	AM School for students, PM Half day Professional Development
February 18-22	Winter Break II (No School for students/staff)
March 20	Parent-Teacher Conferences—Evening (regular day of school for students)
April 1-5	Spring Break (No School for students/staff)
April 19	Good Friday No School
May 27	Memorial Day (No School for students/staff)

KIDS CLUB - 432-4208/Voice Mail #4209

Opens 7:00 am / Closes 6:30 pm



2018-2019 Ferry School Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

FRONT

- Our pick-up and drop-off procedures worked very well in past years. We would like to thank all drivers who cooperated with the pick up and drop off rules. This is a very dangerous area for children to be unless these rules are followed.
- When dropping off, please pull in the drop off/pick up lane and pull as **far forward** as you can before letting your child out of the car. Please do not drive up to the front and cut in. By cutting in it causes weaving in and out of cars and this is an accident waiting to happen. It also disrupts the flow of cars pulling forward.
- Please pull as far forward as you can when picking up and dropping off. It alleviates the backup on the street. The students will walk to your car rather than the car stopping before getting directly behind the car in front of them.
- Drivers should not get out of their car. Please make sure the children are getting out on the right side so they are on the sidewalk and not in the road. This will help with the line moving quickly to let more cars in the drop/pick up lane.
- We encourage you to refrain from cell phone use when dropping off and picking up your children.
- If you are late dropping off and the bell has rung, please drop your child off closer to the flagpole. They can enter the doors by the bike rack. **All other doors are locked for security reasons.**
- If you are late picking up and your child/children and they are not outside, we have walked them to the office to wait. We don't want to leave any children out unattended. Please park and come in to get them.
- There is no stopping, standing, or parking by the yellow curb at the end of the drop off lane. There is a fire hydrant there and it is a law to keep it free from traffic.
- Please do not use the driveways as a turn around. This blocks more traffic and we need it to flow.
- If you need to get out of your car, please park by the field past the yellow curb/fire hydrant.

PARKING LOT

- The parking lot is a designated drop-off/pick-up zone. The entrance is at the NORTH end of Ferry school's property and the exit is at the SOUTH end. When you enter, please pull as far forward as possible to keep traffic moving. Your child will be escorted to your car. There is no need to get out.
- Parents of special needs students with physical disabilities may pull to the front of the line behind the buses. If there is no space available please use the handicap spots. Do not create a second lane. This creates a traffic backup in the parking lot.
- We encourage you to refrain from cell phone use when dropping off and picking up your children.

- You may enter the lot ONLY from southbound Morningside. You will NOT be allowed to turn left into the driveway from northbound Morningside from 8:00am-9:00am and 3:00pm-4:00pm.
- When exiting the lot, the right lane is for turning RIGHT and the *LEFT* lane is for turning left.
- If you are coming into the building, we ask that you not walk through the parking lot with your child during drop off and pick up times. Please join the drop off line, leave your child with one of the adults outside, then park your car. Again, this is for the safety of the children.

STOPPING, STANDING, PARKING

- You may stop and stand in “No Parking” areas ONLY when dropping off or picking-up your child. If you leave your vehicle, *you are “PARKED” and are subject to being ticketed.* As always, *fire routes are NOT to be used for stopping, standing, or parking.* Officers will be patrolling the area in marked and unmarked police vehicles, recording license plates of violators and mailing tickets to registered owners (This method is used so that officers don’t create more congestion by having to detain violators to issue citations personally).
- We would like you to continue to pull as far forward as possible in the cutout area. Kindergarten students will be escorted to your car. Please do not pull into driveways to turn around. It causes congestion and is a danger to our students. Please proceed around the block to get to your destination.

CROSSWALKS

- As always, we encourage you to drop-off and pick-up your child in areas other than the heavily congested vicinity of the school. Try using Roslyn west of Wedgewood or even Hampton as safe alternatives. The crossing guards at either Wedgewood/Roslyn or Morningside/Roslyn will be there to safely cross your child. On the back of this letter is a map designating *suggested* drop-off/pick-up zones based upon where students enter and exit the building. Thank you for your cooperation in helping make the Ferry School area safer for the students.

WALKERS

- Please do not cross in front of the parking lot entrance or exit. Use the sidewalk that goes around the parking lot. The sidewalk was designed to keep children away from entering and exiting traffic.

BIKERS

- Bikers should use the sidewalk across the street from the school. Walk your bike on school property, cross with the crossing guard. Once you are across the street, you may ride your bike where foot traffic is not so heavy.

The patience, smiles and waves make our jobs easier! The staff is here for your children’s safety and to help the pick up and drop off procedure go smoothly.

MAP

Attached is a map designating drop-off/pick-up zones based upon where students enter and exit the building. ***Thank you for your cooperation in helping make the Ferry School area safe for our students.***

[Grade Level Entry and Exit Doors](#)



**LIGHTHOUSE
TEAM**

Congratulations on being selected to participate on Ferry's Student Lighthouse Team.

Our meeting schedule

Tuesday, September 18
Tuesday, October 9
Tuesday, October 30
Tuesday, November 27
Tuesday, December 18
Tuesday, January 15
Tuesday, February 5
Tuesday, March 12
Tuesday, April 9
Tuesday, April 30
Tuesday, May 21

All meetings will be held during the student lunch hour and will take place in Room #207

* Additional meetings may be scheduled.

Student Lighthouse Team

Ferry Elementary School
2018 -2019

Kathryn Schaden...Ms. Aldrich's class

Olivia Sexton...Ms. Aldrich's class

Maggie Dionisopoulos...Mrs. Reinhard's class

Addison Graves...Mr. Fisher's class

Natalie Greene..Ms. Flanagan's class

Aubri Behrns...Mrs. Walsh

Isabella Delgado...Mrs. Walsh

Lily Lawes...Mr. Sattelmeier

Katerina Nasiou...Mr. Sattelmeier

Zoe Profeta...Mrs. Walsh

Monte Kohler...Mr. Sattelmeier

Mia Wilhelm...Mrs. Lassiter

Cameron Lorence...Mrs. Lassiter

Ada Cavanagh...Mrs. Gill

Co-Sponsors: Mrs. Balderson & Ms. Flanagan



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.



OCTOBER 1-5, 2018 FUN RUN SPIRIT WEEK

1

OCTOBER 1ST -- ROCK YOUR RED DAY

Show your school spirit and rock your red clothing.

2

OCTOBER 2ND -- MISMATCH DAY

Mismatch, inside out, upside down, you name it!
Time to show your creative fashion sense.

3

OCTOBER 3RD -- PAJAMA DAY

Get cozy in your favorite PJs...but no sleeping in class! :)

4

OCTOBER 4TH -- SPORTS & ACTIVITIES DAY

Show pride in your favorite sport or activity! Warm up for Fun Run Day by dressing in your favorite team or activity gear.

5

OCTOBER 5TH -- WILD HAIR DAY

FUN RUN DAY! Come to school in your wildest hairdo!



OCTOBER 5, 2018

[Pledges accepted through October 12th]

HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD WITH THE GET MOVIN' CREW?

1. Visit www.thegetmovincrew.com



2. Click *Get Registered Parent Login* from the upper right-hand menu.

Get Registered Parent Login ★

3. If you are new to the system, click **CREATE A PARENT LOGIN**. Otherwise, login to your existing account.



WHY SUPPORT THE FUN RUN?

The Fun Run is one of the most direct monetary ways that parents and the community can make an impact at Ferry Elementary. Every dollar raised is a dollar that goes toward supporting our students and their educational experience.

Money raised during the 2017-18 school year enabled the PTO to organize a variety of family events, fund unique opportunities for students and support our amazing teachers. With the remaining funds, in conjunction with reserve funds, the PTO Board has already provided the school with 38 Chromebooks, eight iPads, two charging carts and several Osmo Classroom Kits.

WHAT DOES MY DONATION MEAN FOR FERRY ELEMENTARY?

The PTO will continue to support fun family and student activities, both during and after school, as well as our teachers, but where we hope to make a bigger impact for the 2018-19 school year is the library.

Detailed information on the benefits of transforming our traditional school library into a state-of-the art media center are attached. For exciting Fun Run updates and more details on the media center vision, connect with the Ferry PTO on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ferrypto).

Online pledges via your child's Get Movin' Crew account are preferred, but pledges may also be turned into the school in the form of cash or check (made payable to FERRY PTO).



Box Tops Poster Contest

Welcome back to school! It is time start collecting box tops again. In an effort to get the word out, we are asking you to make a poster. Please help us spread the word that box tops earn money for Ferry. All you have to do is clip them and bring them in! Each month the class with the most box tops will be recognized. There will be a special prize at the end of the year for the winning class! Here are the details of the contest:

- 1. Your poster is due by September 28th**
- 2. You can turn your poster in to your teacher**
- 3. A winner will be announced the week of October 1st**
- 4. The winner of the contest will receive a
\$25 AMAZON GIFT CARD!**

So be creative and make sure to tell everyone how valuable those little box tops can be to our school!



FERRY AFTER SCHOOL ART PROGRAM



- Open to Kindergarten through 5th Graders*
 - 6 Week Sessions- 1st session- October 9th-November 20th! (NO class Halloween Week)
 - Tuesdays from 3:40-5:00 PM –In the Ferry art room!
 - \$75 per child- go to www.minipicassosstudio.com to sign up!
- Come join us each Tuesday to enhance your child's artistic skills, learn new art forms, and most importantly have fun! Art forms we will be learning include: **Drawing, Painting, Clay, Tie Dye, Printmaking & MORE!!**

*Children will be given more advanced instruction and challenges based on age and ability!

"Ms. Heather & Ms. Katy from Mini Picassos have the perfect blend of fun and fine art!
My son has so much fun with them!"-Nicole H.

"Friendly, relaxed, welcoming environment for your little ones to explore art
and have a great time!! Love it!!- Terra P.

Please cut off and send in register with payment or contact Katy Wereley to use a credit card.
Checks can be made out to Katy Wereley!

Name of child _____

Grade _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Please contact Katy Wereley with any questions!! 313-283-6710- Mini.Picassos.GP@gmail.com

Ferry Elementary School

Print Directory Advertising 2018-2019

Do you run a business? Would you like our Ferry families to know about it? The Ferry student directory is a great place to promote your business! Over 150 families use their printed directory during the year.

We are offering ad space in the following sizes and rates:

- Inside Front or Back Cover (11" X 8") **\$100**
- Interior Full Page (11" X 8") **\$75**
- Interior Business card (2.75" X 4") **\$20**

All ads will be printed in black & white.

Ad space is sold on a first come, first served basis and will only be guaranteed with full payment. File formats accepted are: hi-res (300dpi) pdf, jpeg, or tif.

Please make your check out to **"Ferry PTO"**

The deadline for ad submission is Tuesday, October 2, 2018. Please complete the bottom portion and return it to the office with payment and artwork. If you have a digital submission, email it to: gemilagl@gmail.com. Please type "Directory Ad" in the subject line.

The PTO reserves final approval for ads based on the appropriateness for elementary school population.

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Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Email: _____ Contact Phone#: _____

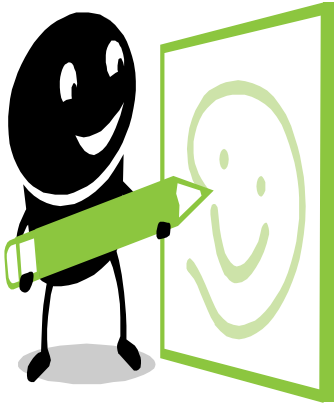
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| <input type="radio"/> Inside Front Cover | \$100 |
| <input type="radio"/> Inside Back Cover | \$100 |
| <input type="radio"/> Interior Full Page | \$75 |
| <input type="radio"/> Interior Business Card | \$20 |

Total Amount Enclosed \$_____

Please return this form *with payment and artwork or business card* to the school office in an envelope labeled: "Directory Ad" no later than Tuesday, October 2nd.

Please contact Gemila Loper with questions: gemilagl@gmail.com or 313-737-4149



Attention Ferry Fifth Graders...

It's time for the Design the School Directory Cover Contest

If you would like to enter our Design the Cover Contest, please follow these 3 easy steps and you could be this year's winner! Good Luck!

1. *In the space below draw a picture that you think would be awesome for our cover! It can be anything that you want. DO NOT COLOR YOUR PICTURE - IT MUST BE BLACK AND WHITE!*
2. *Fill in your name & have your parent sign the entry form.*
3. *Return it to your teacher by **Tuesday, October 2nd**!*

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

BIG HALLOWEEN EVENT

HAUNTED GARAGE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

THE HAUNTED GARAGE

Sunday, October 14, 2018

6-9 PM

19520 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Rain Date:

Sunday October 28th 6-9 PM

Donation

\$11.00 per person



A Ferry PTO Fundraiser



**No Scare Blinky
Light Available**

**MC/VISA Available
At The Door**

*****Students must be accompanied by a paying adult*****
www.hauntedgarageproductions.org

Student Name: _____

of Tickets: _____

Teacher: _____

Make check payable to: Ferry PTO

Please return this completed form with check to your child's teacher or to the Ferry Office before Thursday, October 11th 2018. Thank you!

www.hauntedgarageproductions.org

It's Back to School time! From your Elementary Library Media Specialists!

Please enjoy this month's educational, informational and entertaining apps. These digital pics have all been selected by the American Association of School Librarians to be among those apps chosen to be the Best Apps for Learning and Teaching 2018. The elementary library media specialists hope you find this assortment worthwhile for your youngest students.



The Complete Fairytale Play Theater: In an inviting and intuitive interface, students select scenes, characters, musical soundtracks, props and narrate/act out their own versions of classic tales using the artwork from Nosy Crow's popular fairytale apps series. Users can choose from among 60 characters and tell the classics or rethink/enhance the tales. Platform: iOS



PuppetMaster is an intuitive animation app for kids, where learners can bring to life any image, just by acting things out in front of the camera. Voice is also recorded resulting in an animated video. PuppetMaster encourages the creation of visual art in any medium as well as active storytelling and sharing. Platform: iOS



RelationShapes: Open-ended play gives young children opportunities to practice problem-solving and experience visual-spatial reasoning. Geared towards early childhood, RelationShapes allows young users to move and resize shapes on one side of an axis, then create a matching image on the other side. After each level, new shapes and stickers are unlocked to create fun pictures. Platform: iOS, Android



Clips: Turn your iPhone into a video production studio with Clips. Create and edit dynamic videos with the ability to add subtitles, animated stickers, filters, and music, all within the app. Videos are easy to make and share via text or social media. Platform: iOS



Pixie: Students creating their very own digital stories, nonfiction pages, comics or podcasts with little instruction. Pixie is an authoring tool students can use to share ideas, imagination, and understanding through a combination of text, original artwork, voice narration, and images. Students can use Pixie's paint tools, text options, clip art, and voice recording to develop storybooks, curriculum projects, videos, and so much more. Platform: iOS, Android

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

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

Proposed 2018 Bond

The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education is considering a ballot question in November 2018 that if approved would provide \$111 million in bond funds for the purpose of upgrading the School District's facilities.

On May 21, 2018 attorney from Miller Canfield presented the proposed Resolution to Submit Bond Proposal for the November 6, 2018 election date. Documents related to the resolution, proposed ballot language and the financial information are available here:

[Proposed Ballot Question](#)

[Resolution Certifying Proposed Bond Ballot Question](#)

[Financial Information - Pre-Election Tables](#)



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

District

