



FERRY FACTS AND FEATURES

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A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

I am so excited to report on the implementation of *Everyday Mathematics*. As I visit classrooms, students are so engaged in math activities that stimulate higher level thinking. I know many parents would like more information and have questions about the program. I am confident that once you have had your questions answered you will be thrilled with the learning opportunities your child is being immersed in through *Everyday Mathematics*.

In this edition of the newsletter I have included two articles; “*Why does the math that my child brings home look different from the math I remember*” and “*How to Help Your Child with Mathematics*”. In addition to the printed material, I would also like to give directions to maneuver through the website.

Go to: www.everydaymath.com

- Bottom (center) of page: Everyday Math Parent Connection
 - Right side of page: University of Chicago Mathematics project
 - Left side of page:
 - Elementary component
 - Everyday Mathematics Center
 - Center-right of page:
 - Parent’s Homeroom
 - Family Letters 3rd edition
 - Family Letters (in rectangular box near bottom)
- Select Grade – right side of page

The teachers and I are also planning an *Everyday Mathematics* Parent Workshop on Monday, October 27th at 7:00p.m. The agenda for the evening is as follows:

WELCOME (gym)

- Why did GPPS change the math materials
- How was *Everyday Mathematics* chosen

Overview of *Everyday Math*

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (grade level classrooms)

- Teachers will involve parents in a typical math lesson and provide brief explanations of each activity in the lesson

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Teachers and parents will meet back in the gym for questions and answers

To help us in planning for the evening, I have included an RSVP form as the last page of the newsletter. Please return the form if you are planning to attend and include specific questions and comments you may have at this time.

Very Sincerely,

Gloria Hinz

Check out Ferry’s website for updates, classroom happenings, and other information.

Ferry Fall

Festival!

Friday, October 17

6 - 9 pm

Dinner,
Cider & Donuts,
Games, Activities,
Prizes,
Pumpkin Patch,
Entertainer -
Mr. Seley



Reminder

- Please call the Attendance Line: 432-4101 to report your child’s absence. The line is available 24 hours a day.

New Staff at Ferry -

We would like to welcome the newest members to the Ferry staff:

Nancy Eckert - PM Magnet teacher

Lori Beck - ASD assistant

Rob Chevalier - ASD assistant

Conference Sign-Up

The sign-up sheets for Conferences will be on tables outside the Office
Monday, October 13th — Friday, October 17th.

**After October 17th you will need to contact the teacher via teacher email
to schedule your appointment.**

Conferences are Thursday, November 6th and Thursday, November 13th.

MEAP Testing

MEAP testing will take place from October 14 - 30.

The days that testing will take place are:

Tuesday, Oct. 14	Math
Thursday, Oct. 16	Language Arts
Tuesday, Oct. 21	Language Arts
Thursday, Oct. 23	Science / Social Studies
Tuesday, Oct. 28	Science / Social Studies

Please be sure your child gets a good night sleep and has a healthy breakfast to prepare for the tests.

Ferry Choir News

Ferry Choir will begin rehearsing at lunch on 'B' days in the vocal music room. All 4th and 5th grade students are welcome and encouraged to participate.



Everyday Math Video

There is an informational video about the Everyday Math program available for viewing on the Grosse Pointe Public Schools website - www.gpschools.org/

Thank You

The Ferry office, Mrs. Hermes and Mrs. Kwiatkowski, would like to thank all the PTO parents and volunteers who have so generously donated their time to assemble the Back-to-School envelopes, help out in the lunchroom, and volunteer in the Ferry Clinic. Your time and help is greatly appreciated!

Ferry Student Council Representatives

Grade 3

Ms. Guest	Clarissa K.	Teddy S.
Ms. Davisson	Maggie B.	Rachel H.
Ms. Ellis	Thomas J.	Kathryn S.
Ms. Gerow	Abigail C.	Robertson B.

Grade 4

Ms. Hage	Ryan C.	Alanah H.
Mr. Nyenhuis	Maggie M.	Brian Di.
Ms. Trickey	George G.	Ritika S.
Ms. Passino	Adam S.	

Grade 5

Ms. Passino	Francesca G., Vice President	
Ms. Nihem	Madison V.	Kyle B.
Ms. Manning	Josh F., President	
	Amanda A., Secretary	
Ms. Sullivan	Mary E.	Emma P.

Service of the Month

Congratulations! Keep up the good work!

September

Lauren B.
Julia B.
Chrissy M.



October

Ally D.
Emily B.
Claudia P.

Safety of the Month

Congratulations! Keep up the good work!

September

Nathan L.
Adrian C.
Clare G.



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Ferry Library News

Ferry students have been learning the election process by voting for their favorite books! Each class nominated their favorites, and held a Primary to vote for their class book. An upcoming Election will be held for students to cast their ballot for the winning book from each grade. Finally, all Grosse Pointe Public Elementary Schools will have a district wide vote for each grade level. We'll post the final winners in November.

Don't forget to stop by the library and take a peek at some good reads for Fall and Halloween. Below are some suggestions .



Enjoy!
Mrs. Martin

Lower Grades

An Apple Tree through the Year
Boogie Bones
Broom Mates
Funnybones
In A Dark, Dark Room (and other scary stories)
Little Witch's Big Night
Meaner than Meanest
One Hungry Monster
Pooh's Leaf Pile
The Monsters' Test

Upper Grades

Short & Shivery : Thirty Chilling Tales
Sammy Keyes and the Skeleton Man
Strange Spirits of St. Ignace
The Ghost in the Third Row
The Monster's Ring
The Sea of Monsters
The Thing at the Foot of the Bed, and Other Scary Tales
The Titan's Curse
The Usborne Book of Spinechillers
The Witches

Recycling News

Dear Ferry Families,
Ferry School is starting a paper recycling program! A green and yellow Abitibi dumpster **is coming** to Ferry for paper recycling **in just a few weeks**. Please save newspapers, magazines, office and school papers, shopping catalogs and mail for our recycling dumpster. Please do NOT include: Plastic, glass, metals or trash. We need to **fill** this dumpster to the top **every month** in order to remain part of the program!! Abitibi will even pay us a small amount per ton for recycling!! Also tell your neighbors, friends, and relatives that we need their help to fill our dumpster! Watch for the announcement of the arrival of the green and yellow Abitibi dumpster coming soon!!!!



THE GREEN TEAM

Newsletter Procedure

This year the Ferry Newsletter will be sent out once a month on the 3rd Thursday. Every family will receive a complete copy of the newsletter. This copy will be sent home with the youngest child in the family. Please check your child's backpack. Extra copies are available on the table outside the office.

Ferry Art News

Art at the Board Office

A random selection of art is being displayed on the second floor of the Grosse Pointe School Board Office (389 St Clair).

The students in the 5th and 4/5 classes studied Wassily Kandinsky. He devolved a style of painting called “non-objective art.” He used the elements of Line, Shape, Color, Value, Texture and Space.

The display will be up till November 1st.

The following students have work on exhibit...

Ryan K., Lawrence B., Lauren B., Olivia K., Emma P., Luke P.,
Matthew B., Ashley L., Madison V., Amber G., Ryan H.,
Rebecca F., Josh F., Kent S., JP N.,
Will B., Annelise H., Matt H., Anna C., Adam S., Mason L., Adam H.

The entire collection of work will be displayed at Ferry in the up coming months.

Bev Forsyth, Art Teacher

Ferry Art Request

The art room could use your help. Do you have any of the following items you could send to school?

- Newspapers - newsprint only, NOT the shiny advertisements
- Plastic containers with or without lids
- Magazines you do not want returned

Thank you,

Bev Forsyth
Art teacher

Spanish News

We are finishing up Unit 1 in 4th grade—greetings, alphabet and in 5th grade—greetings, numbers, time. The week of October 13th your children will receive their homework packets. Please encourage your children to complete their homework packets during the month of November. The homework packets are due on November 13th (B day), November 14th (C day), November 17th (D day).

If you have any questions regarding Spanish, please visit my website:

<http://staff.gpschools.org/puertaj> or email me. It is a pleasure teaching your children. Thank you for your great support!

Justa Puerta

Justa.puerta@gpschools.org

432-5457

PTO News and Updates

PTO meetings are at 7:00 pm in the library on the following dates:

November 12

December 10

January 14

February 11

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 3 (6:30pm)

Boxtop News

Our first month of collecting is off to a slow start. Please search your cupboards for Boxtops for Education. The first mailing of the year is October 31. We receive a check in December. We will receive another check at the end of the school year. Please gather the boxtops, cut them on the dotted lines, and send them in to school with your child. If you would be willing to help me with the counting and packaging, please call me. Thank you for all of your help.

Carolyn Dall

885-0367

September Classroom Winners

1st - Ms. Homuth 330

2nd - Ms. Guest 304

Every Kindergartener Gets a Flag

The Louisa St. Clair Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) of Grosse Pointe, is promoting patriotism by providing kindergarteners with a flag. When they have memorized the Pledge of Allegiance, each kindergartener will receive his or her own flag on a stand to take home and keep. The flags were delivered to the school in September to be placed in the kindergarten classrooms. Each flag pole has a label with room for the child's name. Room mothers or older students, or classroom aides, will hear the recitations and distribute the flags. The chapter, this year is also providing each school with a flag code poster showing proper display of the flag and a book entitled Our Flag containing facts about and pictures of the USA, and all states and territories.

The pledge, first published in 1892 in the Youth Companion Magazine in Boston, Massachusetts to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America, and was first used in public schools to celebrate Columbus Day on October 12, 1892. The original version read "my flag" instead of the flag of the United States. The wording was changed in 1923 to prevent ambiguity among foreign born children who might think of the flag of their native land when reciting the pledge. DAR members urged Congress to add the phrase "under God" and this was done by a Congressional Act approved on June 14, 1954 by President Eisenhower.

Organized in 1893, the Louisa St. Clair Chapter www.LSCDAR.com is the oldest Michigan Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. The work of this service organization is to provide project relating to historic preservation, patriotism and education.



Parcells Middle School Drama presents...

Hansel and Gretel

Saturday is
Family Day!
3 p.m. Show
Just \$20 per
family!

Based on the Grimm Brothers fairytale

Thursday, November 13th at 7 p.m.

Friday, November 14th at 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 15th at 3 p.m.

Tickets: \$7 (\$5 for children, students, and seniors)

Saturday's Show:

Just \$20 for a family of four or more.

Parcells Middle School Auditorium

20600 Mack Ave.

Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Everyday Math Informational Meeting Response Sheet

____ Yes, I will attend the meeting on Monday, Oct. 27th from
7:00-8:30pm.

____ No, I will not be able to attend on Oct. 27th.

Name _____

Number attending _____

Teacher's name _____

Please list any questions you would like answered at the meeting.

This section is for any comments that you have regarding the program so far.

Return to the office by Wednesday, October 22, 2008. Thank you.