



FERRY FACTS AND FEATURES

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A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

It was a pleasure meeting with the Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 2/3 Magnet parents last week at Back-to-School Night. It was also a pleasure seeing the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 4/5 Magnet parents Wednesday evening.

Our first PTO meeting was held this past Tuesday. The meeting was very productive and we had fun too! Our next meeting will be October 8th at 7 pm in the Library. I encourage you to attend. We are a very friendly bunch!

The beginning of September is an exciting and busy time for everyone. It is a time in which the classroom teachers spend time assessing each child's instructional level and preparing the third through fifth graders for the MEAP tests.

From now until September 19th, all 3rd through 5th graders will be using materials throughout the day that will familiarize them with the MEAP test format. The actual test will be administered during the October 14th through October 30th testing window.

All of our students in grades 1-5 will take the NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) test. This is a test that has been selected by our District to identify each student's level in Math and Reading. Over-time, the test data will also indicate the growth your child is making in each subject. Test data will be available late in November.

I would like to close by thanking all the parents in their efforts to keep our drop-off and pick-up procedures running smoothly! The school year is off to a wonderful start.

Mrs. Hinz

New Staff at Ferry

We would like to welcome the newest additions to our Ferry Staff.

Elizabeth Webster - school psychologist

Valter Dervishi - evening engineer

Chris McEveney - ASD assistant

Lisa Shook - ASD assistant

Picture Day

Pictures will be taken on **Thursday, October 2nd.**

Watch for information coming home with your child.



**Welcome
Back**

Reminder

- Please call the *Attendance Line: 432-4101* to report your child's absence. The line is available 24 hours a day.
- Please return all forms to the classroom teacher if you haven't done already.

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

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.

Conference Sign-Up

The sign-up sheets for Conferences will be on tables outside the Office

Monday, October 13th — Friday, October 17th.

Conferences are Thursday, November 6th

and Thursday, November 13th.

MEAP Testing

MEAP testing will take place from October 14 - 30.

Grade 3 - Language Arts & Math.

Grade 4 - Language Arts & Math.

Grade 5 - Language Arts, Math., Science

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 Tuesday, September 30th from 7:45am - 8:20am in the Ferry gym. All 4th and 5th grade students are welcome and encouraged to participate. More information will be coming home this week with your students.



Everyday Math Family Orders

If you wish to purchase the student reference books and/or Family Game Kits that supplement the new Everyday Math program, please send you money in with the order form by **Wednesday, September 24th**. Order form is attached.

Vision and Hearing Screening

Vision screening for grades K, 1, 3, 5 will take place Sept. 22-24.

Hearing screening for grades K, 1, 2, 4 will take place Sept. 22-24.

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Clinic Request

The clinic is in need of pull-on pants in all sizes for both boys and girls. Also, we need plastic grocery bags. Please send these items to the office. Thank you very much.

Safety Concern

An issue has come to light that needs your help. As we know dogs and children have a special relationship. Some parents have been walking their dogs with their children to and from school. This is a potential problem waiting to happen. Some children are afraid of animals; some are allergic. **If you choose to walk your dog, please stay away from high traffic areas.** It would be best to wait for your child off of school grounds (across Morningside, Roslyn, Wedgewood). Thank you for your help in this matter.

Bicycle Safety

No bicycles are to be ridden in the parking lot at any time. There have been some very close calls with drivers just missing the bicyclists.

Playground Security

The only people allowed on the playground during school hours (8:15-3:45) are:

- ◆ **Students**
- ◆ **Staff**
- ◆ **Visitors and Volunteers with BADGES FROM THE OFFICE.**

Building Security

The only people allowed in the hallways are:

- ◆ **Students**
- ◆ **Staff**
- ◆ **Visitors and Volunteers with BADGES FROM THE OFFICE.**

After School

Students and parents are not allowed back in the classrooms after school has been dismissed. Please make sure that all papers, books, and materials are in backpacks before leaving school.

This is a district policy.

Physical Education News -

Please wear the appropriate athletic shoes for P.E. class so that we are all safe.

No heeies are allowed at Ferry. Below are the Block Days for P.E. class.

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
Nihem	Sullivan	Ferry-AI	Manning
Trickey	Hage		Nyenhuis
Passino	Guest		Peterson-AM
Horn	Peterson-PM		Homuth
Black/Vasquez	Lassiter		Gill
Gerow	Ellis	Ferry-AI	Davisson

PTO News and Updates

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

October 8	January 14	April 8
November 12	February 11	May 13
December 10	March 11	June 3 (6:30pm)

Campbell Soup Labels

Please send in the labels for our Campbell Soup Label campaign. Items ordered this year: 2 playground balls per classroom, paintbrushes for the art room, with more items to come.

Register your Kroger card online at www.e-labelsforeducation.com for easy addition to Ferry's total.

More info at www.labelsforeducation.com.

Thank you for your support!

Mary Beth Graham

Boxtops for Education

Be on the lookout for Bonus Boxtops at all of the stores, especially SAMS & COSTCO. General Mills is including up to 5 additional boxtops on their packages this fall.

Again this year we are running the monthly contest for the classroom collecting the most boxtops plus the yearlong collection for the class with the largest total.

Remember to cut the boxtops along the lines before sending them to school.

Thanks for your help!!

Carolyn Dall - The Boxtop Queen

Entertainment Books Still Available

You can support our school for only \$20.00 AND save hundreds of dollars for yourself, family and friends. The sale runs through: 9/26/08 (extended date).

Check out what's NEW in the 2009 Entertainment Book for all Metro Detroit locations for these great merchants!



Sally Foster Sale

The PTO sponsored Sally Foster sale will run October 1-15. Watch for the packet that will be sent home with your child.



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It's time to celebrate the Fall season

Ferry Fall Festival

Friday, October 17th 6pm—8pm

A fun evening full of food, games, music, and much, much more.

For more information contact Paula Cardinale at 248.763.1947

Head Lice Alert

There have been a couple of cases of head lice found at Ferry. Some important things to remember about lice are:

- It is a good idea to check your child regularly.
- Lice infestation is not rare.
- Children do not get head lice because they are dirty or neglected and meticulous hygiene will not prevent an infestation.
- Lice have no wings, so they can't fly from one head to another and they don't hop. They can scurry, however. They travel via people playing with their hair or 'flicking' them.
- Adult female lice can deposit 6-10 nits a day. In a week or so the nits hatch.
- A child with a first case of lice often, won't notice anything for 4-6 weeks.
- That's how long it takes for the immune system to develop sensitivity to the louse saliva and produce intense itching. By then several generations may be in residence.
- Nix shampoo is currently the recommended treatment of choice by the American Academy of Pediatrics for head lice. Many experts recommend routine re-treatment 7-10 days later. More vital to a permanent cure is the tedious business of daily nit removal.

At this time, MDCH and MDE recommend a policy that focuses on the exclusion of active infestations only. Active infestations can be defined as the presence of live lice or nits found within 1/4" of the scalp. Nits that are found beyond 1/4" of the scalp have more than likely hatched, or are no longer viable.

- Parents will be notified if live lice are found and immediate treatment at home is advised. The student will be readmitted to school after treatment and examination. If, upon examination, the school-designated personnel finds no live lice on the child, the child may reenter school.
- Any student with nits (farther than 1/4" from scalp) should be allowed in school.
- Parents should remove nits daily and treat if live lice are observed.

Kroger Card Fundraiser

The Kroger card is an easy way to support Ferry school. It is a rechargeable gift card that can be used to purchase your groceries and gas at Kroger stores nationwide.

Please contact Suzy Murphy at 882-2264 for information.



Sodexo Lunch

If your child does not yet have a lunch account with Sodexo Food Services, you may wish to start one for him/her. Many parents have commented on the ease of use for their children. There are Sodexo brochures in the rack outside the office with information and application included



Attention Preschool Parents!!

Grosse Pointe North Preschool, located at Barnes Early Childhood Center has openings for the current school year. If you have a child who is 3-5 years of age who would enjoy an environment that is fun as well as energetic, please contact us.

313.432.3822 or Karen.Feringa@gpschools.org

Grosse Pointe North High School

Presents

“YOU CAN’T TAKE IT WITH YOU”

A Comedy in Three Acts

Directed by Marty Bufalini

Come & share in the laughter of this wacky comedy!

October 2, 3, 4 @ 7:30 pm

The Performing Arts Center

\$10 adults

\$8 senior citizens

\$5 students

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For More Information: 313.886.8458