Dear Ferndale Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We are off to a fabulous start. There is so much to share. Here’s a small sample of all the wonderful happenings at Ferndale so far:

➢ Our custodians have the school sparkling from floor to ceiling! The awesome teachers and staff have created inviting, creative and safe learning environments for your children.
➢ Our outdoor STEM classroom has a fresh new look with creative learning stations.
➢ Your children are off to a great start! Routines are coming along, and the classrooms are filled with so much creative energy!
➢ We have begun to highlight our Students of the Month! Ferndale is so lucky to have a school full of special students; each are unique and awesome! Mrs. Billings our counselor will lead this program.
➢ Our Strive for 9 or 90% attendance is underway. Those who meet this goal for both September and October will get to have 1 adult join them for lunch or a STEM class this month as well as receive a pencil; no siblings permitted. Given our capacity we need to designate a day of the week in which you can join:
  
  For lunch dates and times as follows:
  
  Monday- Murphy (12-12:25) and Christopher (12:35-1)
  Tuesday- Davis (12-12:25) and Cronin (12:35-1)
  Wednesday- Myles (12:25)
  Thursday- Runion (12:35-1)

  STEM dates and times are as follows:
  
  Wednesday- Davis (9:30-10:30), Christopher (11:30-12:30), Myles (12:50-1:50), Runion (2:30-3:30)
  Thursday- AM ECI (10-10:30), PM ECI (2-2:30)
  Friday- Cronin (9:30-10:30) and Murphy (1-2)

To see all of the exciting happenings, please follow us on Twitter @FerndaleEarlyEd. Also, this newsletter will be shared monthly with important information about school events and policies. As a Green School, we strive to reduce, reuse and recycle. To that end, we will post our website on our website at https://www.aacps.org/Page/4313 as well as email you a copy. Paper copies will be provided upon your request. Continue to stay connected through Connect-Ed messages, email, phone and text. Our school website is also a great source of up to date information. Our awesome resource teacher Mrs. May has all of our information posted for your reference, and Mrs. Calderon-Carrion provides translated information as well. Thank you to those who were able to attend Back to School Night if you were not able to attend, please reach out to your child’s teacher for the information shared.

October 3, 2022
Continued, Principal’s Message

Just a few reminders to share:

➢ Please go online and complete your emergency cards. It is important we have a way to contact you in case of emergency. Anytime there is a change, please let the office know. Please note that the person listed as a first contact will receive the connect-ed message from the school and county.

➢ Our Family handbook is on the website. Many of our policies and procedures are there for your review.

➢ Visitors- We are happy to begin to welcome back visitors and volunteers to the building. All visitors need to have a pre-arranged meeting or purpose for the visit that has been approved by me or arranged with Mrs. Slade our volunteer coordinator. Those who are here to celebrate your child for Student of the Month or Attendance need to adhere to the timeline set for the visit. Siblings are not permitted. All volunteers need to complete an orientation process. Mrs. Slade shared information at Back to School night and will be in touch if you indicated interest.

➢ Please always have your photo id with you when you come to school, especially to pick up or drop off your child, including others who may pick up your child. It is for the safety and security of all of our students and staff.

➢ Spirit wear is available now through October 20th. Please visit:  
  https://www.selectspiritwear.com/v5store/pv5store/viewCategories.asp?idCategory=1680

Lastly, thank you for your patience with dismissal, especially those with children who ride buses who may still be experiencing delays.

Respectfully,

Denise R. Faidley

Denise Faidley, Principal

Mission

Ferndale Early Education Center offers an early learning environment to create a strong academic, social, and emotional foundation. Through partnerships with students, families and the community, Ferndale Early Education Center empowers students to be successful individuals in today’s diverse society.
DATES TO REMEMBER:

**October is:** Filipino, Italian-American, LGBTQ+ awareness and National Principals’ Month

**October 3**
Custodian Appreciation Day

**October 5**
Schools & Central Offices Closed, (Yom Kippur)

**October 5**
Student of the Month Lunch!

**October 10-14**
Peace, Love and School lunch (wear groovy clothes and accessories)

**October 19**
Two-hour early dismissal, No PM-ECI
Project Unity Day (Please support by having your child wear orange)

**October 20**
Two-hour early dismissal, No PM-ECI
Parent/Teacher Conferences

**October 21**
Fall Picture Day

**October 27**
ABC Family Bingo Night 5-6 (wear your costume)

**October 31**
Costume Day and Parade, Wear your Costume

Every Friday is Team spirit day. Wear our school colors- Red, White, and blue

Looking ahead Dates to Remember: November

**November 3 and 4**
End of marking Period
2-hour Early Dismissal
No PM ECI

**November 8**
Election Day- Schools & Central Offices Closed

**November 11**
Student of the Month Lunch
Packard Avenue is a **One-Way-Street**.
Please make a right turn when coming out of the parking lot. In the event the parking lot is full, parents need to park on the following streets:

- Packard Avenue
- Hollins Ferry Road
- Broadview Blvd. or Ferndale Road when picking up their children.

**Important Visitor Information**

For the safety and security of our students and staff, we ask that **ALL** visitors, to bring their picture ID and for any reason, call the school office to make an appointment, before entering the main office. If you are not feeling well, please do not come to the school. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding with these procedures.

**CAMERAS**

Ferndale Early Education Center is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations. During certain events, when the safety or security of students may be in question, authorized personnel from local, state, or federal police or fire emergency units may be given access to view images projected on the camera system. If you have any questions about the system, you should call the Supervisor of School Security at 410-222-5083.
A message from your School Counselor

Welcome students and families

What a wonderful group of students we have here at Ferndale Early Education Center! It has been a pleasure to visit classrooms and introduce myself. The students are in a routine and working hard.

I am at Ferndale Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays until 3:00pm. You can call me at 410-590-4790 or email me at jmbilling@aacps.org

I am looking forward to getting to know you and your family this school year!

Jennifer Billings
School Counselor
Ferndale Early Education Center

SECURITY DRILL

Each month the staff and students practice various security drills. In September, our school initiated an announced fire drill, rear door bus evacuation. We were able to evacuate the building in a safe and timely manner. Students followed their bus drivers’ directions. The staff and students did a marvelous job!
Brain Tip of the Month

Today, research confirms that the proper use of music in learning environments can improve memory, attentiveness, concentration, and cognition while calming stress and activating spatial and analytical brain function. Classical style music can help students to learn new vocabulary, improve memorization of words and deep concentration, enhance creative writing, problem solving, and goal setting.

Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS)

Ferndale Early Education Center has implemented a school-wide discipline program that will promote positive and respectful behavior throughout our school both virtually and in-person. Our program includes rewards and incentives to praise positive behaviors along with consequences for misbehaviors. Our goal is to create an environment that will encourage a positive learning experience for every student.

As Dinky always says: I will act responsibly, be safe, and care for myself others and the world around me!
**PBIS Committee**

Dinky says, “Save the date!”

We invite all students and staff to participate in

**October’s School Spirit Day!**

**Monday, October 31**

is

“Costume Day!”

Mark your calendar and wear your costumes and enjoy a parade!
Costumes must be school appropriate with no toy weapons.

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**Reading Notes**

**Save the Date!**

Please plan to join us for “Family Bingo Night”:

- **Date:** Thursday, October 27
- **Time:** 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- **Place:** Ferndale’s Cafeteria

Sue Slade & Nancy May
Literacy Teachers
*Ferndale Early Education Center*
410.590.4790
Counselor’s Corner

Student of the Month Program

Every month a student is chosen by each classroom teacher as the “Student of the Month.” This is a student who acts as a role model for other students, always displaying positive school behavior. Each month the bulletin board will feature the “Students of the Month.”

**Congratulations** to the following students who are “Students of the Month” for the month of:

**September 2022**

- Max D. Mrs. Escobedo’s class
- Autumn M. Mrs. Bullard’s class
- Katherine E. Mrs. Christopher’s class
- Josiah W. Mrs. Cronin’s class
- Neev S. Ms. Myles’s class
- Rashad H. Mrs. Murphy’s class
- Kaliyah B. Mrs. Davis’s class
- Luna G. Ms. Runion’s class

*Please remind your child that any student can be the “Student of the Month.” Please encourage them to work towards positive school behavior every day!*
Ferndale EEC  
*Strive for 9 Attendance*  
or 90% attended for the month!  
We would like to recognize each month those students who are meeting or exceeding this goal!  
**Congratulations!**  

*To the following students*  
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School Meal Prices
SY 2022-2023
Student:

Breakfast, (Full Price, All Schools) $1.50
Breakfast, (Reduced Price, All Schools) $.00
Lunch, (Full Price, Secondary Schools) $3.00
Lunch, (Full Price, Elementary Schools) $2.75
Lunch, (Reduced-Price, All Schools) $.00

Meal Benefit Applications are available for SY 2022-2023! Log onto www.aacps.org/mealapplication

It's About More Than Lunch
If you have any questions regarding the school meals program, please email jrisse@aacps.org or call 410-222-5900.

News from the Cafeteria

Hello and welcome to Ferndale!

We are so excited to have all of you here. Just some friendly reminders: A free breakfast is served to all children every day. Children enjoy eating in their classrooms with their friends.

**Breakfast includes** Juice, Milk and fruits are available with breakfast if they choose.

**Lunch:** Hot entree or cold grab and go lunches are served each day. It includes, a steamed vegetable, fruits /veggies from the cold bar and a milk. The menu can be found on the AACPS.org Website under school elementary meals. We want to be sure our children are fueled and ready to go each day!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the school. Also, make sure you take a few minutes to fill out a meal benefit application. It takes just a few moments on the computer. You will receive a letter with the status of the application.

Nancy Tyler, Cafeteria Manager