Dear Ferndale Families,

I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for all of your ongoing support. We truly appreciate your involvement in your child’s education. A positive home-school partnership is a key factor in student success!

As the holiday season approaches, changes can be challenging for children. Sticking to routines becomes even more important. This is especially true at home and at school. Unity Day is on December 7th. Please join us in promoting kindness by having your child wear orange. It is a 2-hour early dismissal day; no PM ECI classes.

Reminders and Important information

- On December 19th, we will have our attendance incentive drawing for the tricycle and helmet (see image below- handle is detachable) for those with 90% attendance or better since mid-November.
- Please be sure your contact information is updated. If your phone number, address, or email has changed, please be sure to let the office know. It is important the school is able to contact you, especially in case of an emergency.
- Spirit wear~ thank you to all who participated! If you were unable to participate, we will have another opportunity this coming winter.
- Walk-a-Thon, thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraiser.
- Security update~ our outdoor nature play space camera is under installation and will be ready for use soon.

The holidays are fast approaching! It’s time for celebrating with family and friends. Schools will be closed December 23rd-January 1, 2023. We wish you a safe and happy holiday season. Best wishes to all of the Ferndale families for the happiest of holidays and peace and joy in the New Year!

With gratitude,

Denise Faidley, Principal

MISSION:

Ferndale Early Education Center offers an early learning environment that creates a strong academic, social, and emotional foundation. Through partnerships with students, families, and the communities. Ferndale Early Education Center empowers students to be successful individuals in today’s diverse society.
Dinky says, “Save the date!”
We invite all students and staff to participate in
December’s School Spirit Day!
Mark your calendar
**Wednesday, December 21**

“Pajama Day”
Show your school spirit by wearing your favorite pajamas!

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**Christmas WINTER BREAK**
starting
**Friday, December 23**
and will reopen
**Monday, January 2**
Have a safe & wonderful Holiday
And a Happy New Year!

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**Fire Lanes**

Fire lanes and bus loops are **not** to be utilized by staff, visitors, or spectators. Any vehicle parked in a fire lane **MUST** be moved to an authorized parking space. Thank you for keeping our school community safe.

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**Brain Tip of the Month**

- Body makes itself new every five months.
- You are what you eat!
- Body needs good nutrition to function right.
- Junk food means poor brain function.
Counselor’s Corner

Student of the Month Program

Every month a student is chosen by their classroom teacher as the “Student of the Month.” These are students, who are role models for other students displaying positive school behavior. Please remind your child that any student can be the “Student of the Month.”

Congratulations go out to the following students for the month of:

**November 2022**

- Precious A. - Mrs. Christopher
- Sienna B. - Mrs. Cronin
- Paisley S. - Mrs. Myles
- Bryson C. - Ms. Runion
- Paisley S. - Mrs. Myles
- Antonio C. - Mrs. Murphy
- Matthew F. - Mrs. Davis
- Odarlie V. - Mrs. Escobedo
- Odarline V. - Mrs. Bullard

Please encourage them to work toward positive school behavior every day!

**CONGRATS!**

Counselor’s Corner

I wanted to start by thanking our Ferndale Families for donating food to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank. We collected 18 boxes of food, a record for Ferndale!

In November, our counseling lesson was **Perseverance**. Students in each class discussed how to keep trying when learning new skills such as riding a bike or writing their name. When things get difficult, we don’t give up!

If you have any questions or concerns you can contact me at jmBILLINGS@AACCPS.ORG or (410) 590-4790.

Thank you,
Jennifer Billings
School Counselor
From the Health Room

December is such an exciting time both in school and at home! Here are some tips to help ensure a safe and fun winter!

- **Colds and the flu** are becoming more common. Germs love to live on the surfaces of our phones, light switches, faucets, doorknobs, and remotes. Cleaning these areas regularly will help reduce how often you and your family get sick!
- **During illness**, you are contagious until you are free from symptoms for 24 hours without medication. Stay home until you are healthy to help protect yourself and others!
- **AACPS policy states that students need to be free of fever (100˚F or higher), vomiting and diarrhea for 24 hours without medication before returning to school.** Please contact us in the health Room if you have any questions. Have a safe and healthy winter!

**YOUR BEST PROTECTION AGAINST FLU**

Millions of people get flu every year, hundreds of thousands of people are hospitalized and thousands or tens of thousands of people die.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), public health professionals, and our practice recommend that everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every year. Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctors’ visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent serious flu complications that can result in hospitalization and even death.¹,² A flu vaccine is the best way to help prevent flu and its potentially serious complications. Remember that flu vaccine not only protects you, but it also can help protect those around you.

While some people who get a flu vaccine still get sick, vaccination can make their illness less severe. Two recent studies among hospitalized flu patients showed that flu vaccination reduced intensive care unit admissions and duration of hospitalization.⁶

Remember that a flu vaccine not only protects you, but it also can help protect those around you, **including people who are at higher risk for serious flu illness**, like babies, young children, older adults, pregnant people, and people with certain chronic health conditions.

**FLU VACCINATION ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR SOME**

Flu vaccination is especially important for people who are at higher risk of developing serious complications from flu, **including children younger than 5, pregnant people, adults 65 and older, and people with certain chronic health conditions**, such as diabetes, heart disease, and asthma.

**PROVEN SAFETY RECORD**

For more than 50 years, hundreds of millions of Americans have safely received seasonal flu vaccines and there has been extensive research supporting its safety.⁷ Side effects from flu vaccination are generally mild, especially when compared to symptoms of flu.⁷

Talk to someone in our office about getting a flu vaccine this fall. Our staff is ready to answer your questions.

Visit [WWW.CDC.GOV/FLU](http://WWW.CDC.GOV/FLU) for more information.

Ferndale EEC Health Room
During the month of November, our school initiated an unannounced fire/evacuation drill. We were able to exit the building in a safe and timely manner. The staff and students did a wonderful job this month!

*Ferndale’s Mind and Body Committee*

**Introduces**

**Trashless Tuesday:**

What can you do?
Please consider the following when packing your child’s lunch.

Don’t use plastic bags and foil
Pack lunches and snacks in reusable containers

**Napkins & Utensils**
Use cloth napkins and reusable utensils

**Individually packaged items**
Avoid buying individually packaged items such as yogurts and snack bags. Buy in bulk and put in smaller containers.

If you have any questions, concerns, or new ideas for our team, please contact us at

jmbillings@aacps.org
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:

**Mrs. Christopher’s Class:**
- Precious A.
- Elizabeth (Skye) A.
- Matthew B.
- Connor C.
- Katherine E.
- Mauro L.
- Cayden L.
- Halia N.
- Jason O.
- Jerry-Al O.
- Jayleen W.

**Mrs. Murphy’s Class:**
- Antonio C.
- Logan E.
- Rashad H.
- A’mira J.
- Dayana M.
- John N.
- Faith P.
- Anyiah R.
- Kaleah S.
- Jidenna U.
- Zayden W.

**Mrs. Escobedo’s Class:**
- Maximus D.
- Evelyn H.
- David I.
- Peace O.
- Blake P.
- Odarlie V.
- Avery W.

**Mrs. Cronin’s Class:**
- Matteo A.
- Youssef B.
- Keith C.
- Camila H.
- Aubrey L.
- Jurnee Q.
- Josiah W.

**Mrs. Davis’s Class:**
- Kailyah B.
- Christopher E.
- Asher-Daniel G.
- Jakhai P.
- Royce S.
- Piper S.
- Nicolas S.
- Riley W.

**Mrs. Bullard’s Class:**
- Kamira A.
- Henrietta D.
- Cristal D.
- Tzuriel M.
- Autumn M.
- Logan R.
- Layla S.
- Odarline V.
- Sebastian W.

**Mrs. Myles’s Class:**
- Gemma F.
- Alia G.
- Lyric J.
- Kaleb L.
- Skylar M.
- Martin M.
- Natalie M.
- Franklina O.
- Jeshri P.
- Justin R.
- Neev S.
- Tifeoluwa S.
- Paisley S.
- Delauney S.

**Ms. Runion’s Class:**
- Bryson C.
- Carlie C.
- Dallas D.
- Luna G.
- Ahjiae H.
- Camille H.
- Naomi I
- Logan J.
- Neymar P.
To Ferndale United Methodist Church for donating the Fruits snacks and water for the (Walk-a-Thon) and Muffins for our Staff Appreciation.

Ferndale Early Education Center
Wishes you and your family a:

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR