May Dragon Tales

Ferndale Families~

It is a "MAY" zing we are into May already! This is an exciting time in the school year! There are many experiences students will have such as the field trips, school assemblies and field day! I hope you will participate in our Nursery Rhyme at Home Reading Program. The skill of rhyming is so important in the initial development of phonemic awareness as well as recognizing word patterns. It is a predictor of later reading development.

It is important you register your child for school next year. If you are having difficulty with online registration, please call the office for support and/or make an appointment for in-person registration. Please make sure you have all the needed paperwork and health records required because this could delay the registration process once assigned to a school.

- Current PK3 students should register at your home school or complete the Alternative Placement form to request to stay with us at Ferndale next year.
- Current PK4 students should register for Kindergarten at your home school.
- Current ECI students who are going into Kindergarten should be hearing from your child’s teacher (if you haven’t already) to schedule a Kindergarten transition meeting to discuss placement for next year.

Registration is currently open for those registering for Kindergarten. Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 registration opens May 2nd for any child turning 3 or 4 as of September 1, 2023. Registration is centralized through the county and done online.

There is still a lot of learning and opportunities ahead of us this year. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

With gratitude,
Denise Faidley, Principal
Happy Spring!

In April, our counseling lessons focused on careers! Each class explored different jobs in our community. On Thursday, May 4th we will celebrate Career Day! We will learn about different careers firsthand from several community volunteers including the Baltimore Blast, Anne Arundel County K9 Unit, the Ferndale Fire Department as well as our own Mrs. Kurdziel and Mrs. Shifflett. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers!

Ferndale will also celebrate Career Day by dressing up! Students may come to school dressed as their favorite career! What a fun day!

As always, if you have any questions about our lessons or want to discuss an individual concern, please call me at 410-590-4790.

Thank you!
Mrs. Billings
School Counselor
MAY’S SCHOOL CLOSURES

Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>  Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> & Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

Memorial Day

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Ferndale Field Trips

Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>: Murphy and Runion (Mt. Pleasant Farm)
Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>: Myles, Mrs. Bullard and Christopher
Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>: Mrs. Escobedo, Runion, Murphy, Davis/Stallings and Cronin

May

May is the month
Of sunshine and flowers
Birds in their nests,
And one or two showers.
Games to play and kites to fly
Or just looking at the sky.
We could spend a year this way
If the years were made of May.

National Principal’s Day

May 1<sup>st</sup>

Thanks for all you do!

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day

May 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

Thank you Teacher!

Nurses’ Day

Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

Thank You to our Health Room Staff!
Cafeteria News

I love the enthusiasm and smiles that make for a good game each day! As the children continue to do well eating a healthy breakfast and lunch to start and finish their day with lots of energy, they are winning!

I am happy that they are trying new foods. Some foods that have been a "Game changer" recently are:

- Oranges
- Baby Carrots
- Fruit cups (diced pears, or peaches, and/or mixed fruits)
- Veggie Juices

Smoothies at breakfast (once a week) remains a “Big Hit” as well as the chocolate chip and blueberry crumb loaf. Hot lunches such as: Korean Meatballs over Rice, Tacos, and Pizza continues to a “Home run”. We enjoy when the children love what is Served.

Please note that Food and Nutrition are hiring for cafeteria workers!! If you would like to join our team, please call 410-222-5900 and ask for Andrea Gilbert. She would be happy to help you get started.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at Ferndale.

Thank you,
Nancy Tyler, Cafeteria Manager
Geri Shepard, Cafeteria Assistant.

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Kindergarten Registration

Started April 12th

For the 2023-2024 school year, you must register your child for kindergarten at your home school. Please call their homeschool or go online to aacps.org enrollments.

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2023-2024
Pre-Kindergarten
On-Line Application begins
Tuesday, May 2, 2023

To register for Pre-Kindergarten
your child must turn 3 years old
or 4 years old by September 1,
2023

Please go to aacps.org and look for enrollments; Appointments are required to before walking into the office.

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Important Visitor Information

For the safety and security of our students and staff, we ask that all Visitors show a photo ID and check-in with the main office.

We also ask that all visitors call or reach out to the teacher or the main office when picking up your student for early dismissal.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding with these procedures.
News from the Health Room

May is a very exciting time in our school! The warmer weather has allowed the students to have more frequent outdoor recess, classes have been taking advantage of the outdoor learning space, and students are enjoying outdoor activities at home. This month we appropriately celebrate Skin Cancer Prevention Month! With students and families spending more time outside, here are some helpful tips on making sure everyone stays safe while enjoying the wonderful weather:

- Skin cancer will affect 1 in 5 Americans at some point in their lifetime, but there are ways to help decrease your risk of developing it!
- Protect your skin by seeking shade frequently, wearing sun protective clothing and regularly applying sunscreen.
- The type of sunscreen you use matters! To be best protected, choose a sunscreen with a label that says it has an SPF of 30 or higher, is water-resistant and provides broad-spectrum coverage.
- Apply sunscreen before going outdoors! Sunscreen takes at least 15 minutes to absorb into your skin and start protecting you.
- Make sure to apply sunscreen to all exposed skin, including the neck, ears, nose and feet. These areas are often forgotten, but easily burn when exposed to sun.
- Reapply sunscreen every two hours when outside and immediately after swimming or sweating. Even water-resistant sunscreens need to be reapplied after 40 to 80 minutes of exposure to water or sweat!
- Remember to protect your skin anytime you’re outside! The sun’s harmful UV rays can burn you during all types of weather, including cloudy days and during winter. Keep your skin safe at all times!

Anne Arundel County policy allows students to bring sunscreen to school, but states that students must be able to apply the sunscreen themselves without staff aid. For any questions about sunscreen use in school, please contact us in the health room. For more information on sun safety and skin cancer prevention tips, visit spotskincancer.org and speak to your doctor.

Have a safe and healthy spring!

~Ferndale EEC Health Room

Student of the Month

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. Please stop by the lobby of the school each month to see the bulletin board that features the “Students of the Month.”

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

April 2023

Mekhi L.  Mrs. Escobedo’s ECI Class
Charlie R.  Mrs. Bullard’s ECI Class
Halia N.  Mrs. Christopher’s Class
Diviyah G.  Mrs. Stalling's/Davis’ Class
Carter C.  Mrs. Murphy’s Class
Selin O.  Mrs. Cronin’s Class
Tyler J.  Mrs. Myles’ Class
Saif S.  Mrs. 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 each day!
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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VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM (VFC)

WHAT IS VFC?
VFC is a federal program that provides all ACIP/CDC approved vaccines to eligible children from birth up to age 19.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
Children and adolescents are eligible prior to age 19 if they meet any of the following criteria:
- Medical Assistance (Medicaid or M.A.) eligible
- Uninsured
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Underinsured

WHAT IS UNDERINSURED?
Underinsured means the insurance plan does not cover any vaccines or certain vaccines, or the plan has a dollar limit or copay for vaccines. Once that amount has been met, children are eligible for VFC vaccines as "underinsured."

*ACIP/CDC - Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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PROGRAMA DE VACUNAS DE NIÑOS (VFC)

¿QUÉ ES EL PROGRAMA VFC?
El VFC es un programa federal que proporciona todos los vacunas aprobadas por ACIP/CDC a todos los niños desde recién nacido hasta la edad de 18 años.

¿QUIÉNES CALIFICAN PARA EL PROGRAMA?
Califican esos niños y adolescentes que tienen 19 años o menos y que cumplen con alguno de los siguientes criterios:
- Asistencia Médica (Medicaid o M.A.)
- No tiene seguro médico
- Si es Indio Americano o Nativo de Alaska
- "Seguro Insuficiente"

¿QUÉ SIGNIFICA "SEGURO INSUFICIENTE"?
Seguro insuficiente significa que no cubre ninguna vacuna o solo ciertas vacunas, o tiene un límite fijo de dinero o un tope para vacunas. Una vez que esa cantidad ha sido alcanzada, los niños califican para este programa como niños con "seguro insuficiente".

*ACIP/CDC - Comité de Consulta en las Prácticas de Vacunas/Centros para el Control y Prevención de Enfermedades

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We ♥ Teachers

Show your appreciation by helping stock the teacher's lounge

Send in single serving snacks, candy and drinks the week of May 1-5

Items will be placed in the teachers lounge during Teacher Appreciation Week May 8-12