



DRAGON TALES

**Happy
Memorial Day**

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**May/June 2024
NEWSLETTER**

May/June 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 going on a field trip, school assemblies and field day! I hope your family will participate in our Nursey 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 or request enrollment for your child for school next year. If you are having difficulty with online registration, please sign up to attend our last Chat n' Chew registration support on May 7th. A flyer went home Monday with more information. Registration is currently open for those registering for Kindergarten. Support will be from 9:15-10, and PK3/4 support will be from 12:30-1:15. Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 enrollment applications can begin to be submitted at noon on May 7th for any child turning 3 or 4 as of September 1, 2024. Registration is centralized through the county and done online. Students need to meet the eligibility requirements as noted on the county website- www.aacps.org/earlychildhood. Any PK3 family can also complete a request for alternative placement to request that your child remain at Ferndale for PK4.

I'm excited to share this year our school received Maryland State Accreditation for our Pre-Kindergarten program. In addition, we were recertified as a Maryland Green School. We were recognized for our exemplary work in environmental education addressing environmental literacy with energy, water and waste conservation; promoting environmental literacy as well as structures for outdoor learning to name a few.

There is still a lot of learning and opportunities ahead of us this year. In these last few weeks, we will continue to reinforce our school values of acting responsibly, being safe, and caring for ourselves, others and the world around us. It is important all students come ready to learn each day. We are looking forward to our end of the year Celebration of Learning. More information will be coming home as we get closer to June.

Much appreciation to those who have been generously sending in snacks and goodies for the staff during Teacher/Staff appreciation week. The overwhelming amount of generosity will be appreciated by all. This will be our last big newsletter for the school year. As we move into June, any updates on events will go home through email, text or flyers. We love our Ferndale community and have appreciated all your support this school year. We know our Dinky Dragons' futures are bright and look forward to future visits and updates about their progress.



"Don't **CRY** because it's
over. **SMILE** because it
happened."

- Dr. Seuss

With gratitude, 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:

May 1 National Principals' Day

ABC Countdown begins -Aa

May 3rd

National School Lunch hero day

PK4 Field Trip to Howard County

Conservancy Nature Center

May 4th

Bowie Baysox Game @6:35

May 6th -10th

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

May 7th

Pre-Kindergarten 3- and 4-year-old

Registration Portal opens at 12pm.

May 8th

Nurse Appreciation Day

May 9th

Student of the Month Lunch

May 10th Spirit Day

Hat Day!

May 12th

Happy Mother's Day to our

Ferndale Moms!

May 13th - 17th

PPW Appreciation Week

May 14th School's Closed

Primary Elections

May 16th

PBIS Celebration Bubbles and

Music

May 23rd & 24th School closed,

Conferences

May 27th School Closed,

Memorial Day

May 30th

Field Day

Rain Date: June 6th

Dinky says, "Save the date!"

We invite all students and staff to participate
in

May's PBIS School Spirit Day!

Mark your calendar

Thursday, May 10th

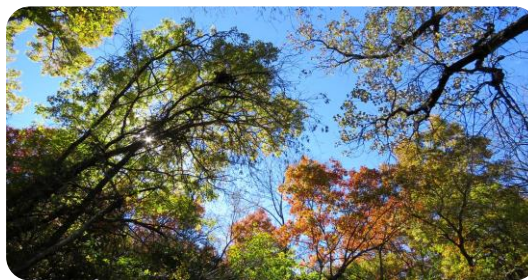
is HAT DAY!



Join us in celebration by wearing your
favorite Hat!

Ferndale PK4 Field Trip

to Howard County Conservancy Nature
Center-Ellicott City MD on May 3rd



MAY'S SCHOOL CLOSURES

Monday, May 27th

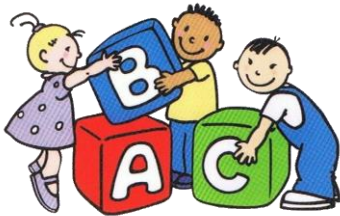


Thursday, May 23rd & Friday, May 24th



National Principal's Day

May 1st



Thanks for all
you do!

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

May 6th – 12th

Thank you
Teacher!



Nurses' Day

Wednesday, May 8th



Thank You to our
Health Room Staff!



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.

Cafeteria News

Hi and Happy Spring!

It's hard to believe we are coming down the home stretch of this school year. The kids still amaze me by selecting their lunches each day through the cafeteria line! They are more confident and making such good choices. A new favorite we have added is the three beans veggie chili. They are loving this new item, and of course, pizza and taco days continue to be a big hit! Just remember, all children receive a free breakfast every day. They do well in school when they have a good breakfast.

I love what I do, and I love the kids!!

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



Student of the Month



Every month two students are chosen by each classroom teacher as the “students of the month.” These are students who act as role models for other students, always displaying positive school behavior! Each month you can find the names of these students here in the newsletter and on a bulletin board in the hallway outside of the main office.

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

April 2024

Melany L. & Ameera V.

Mrs. Escobedo’s ECSE Class

Jacqueline V, Denzel L. & Dream C.

Mrs. Bullard’s ECSE Class

Olivia A, Elliott H, & Jozahi S.

Mrs. Christopher’s Class

Connor Y, Camon J, & Andre E.

Mrs. Cockrell’s Class

Antonio S, Julian Y, & Karia H.

Mrs. Murphy’s Class

Ariyah E, Leah E, & Daniel M.

Ms. Woznick’s Class

Naomi B, Amir H, & Yahya B.

Mrs. Myles’s Class

Paisley S, Maeva D, & Roman W.

Mrs. White’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!

**Just a
reminder...**



Kindergarten Registration Started April 3th

For the 2024-2025 school year, you **must** register your child for kindergarten at your home school. Please call their homeschool or go online to aacps.org/enrollments.

**2024-2025
Pre-Kindergarten
On-Line Application begins
Tuesday, May 7, 2024**



**To register for Pre-Kindergarten
your child must be 3 years old or 4
years old on or by September 1,
2024**

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

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



Counselor's Corner

~ A few friendly reminders:

1. Attendance is so important all the way to the end! Regular attendance is one of the largest impacts on your child's school success. If they are not sick (which we understand happens a lot at this age) please send them to school!
2. The weather is warming up and this also tends to be the time of year when we see an uptick in negative behaviors as well. Please continue to remind your child and reinforce at home the importance of following school rules and being respectful to their classmates and adults.

~We will continue with our classroom counseling lessons until the end of the year. The remaining topics include making and keeping friends, tattling vs. warning, cooperation and teamwork, respecting differences, and growth mindset.

*If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me:

ckgreene@aacps.org*

Thank you,
Cory Greene
School Counselor

Star Attendance

April 2024

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. Bullard's Class

Henrietta D.
Camden G.
Zainulbideen M.

Mrs. Escobedo's Class

Cooper D.
Harriet D.
Evelyn H.
Tobias M.
Blake P.

Mrs. Christopher's Class

Olivia A.
Ayobami A.
Gemma F.
Aylin G.
Priansa K.
Maximiliano L.
Skylar M.
Martin M.
Eli M.
Joseph S.
Eda T.

Mrs. Cockrell's Class

Nadia B.
Brooklyn B.
Darickson E.
Lyam F.
Camon J.
Ali M.
Ezekiel S.
Jameson T.
Theodore W.
Connor Y.

Mrs. Murphy's Class

Amia C.
Ethan F.
Serenity G.
Karia H.
Lennox H.
Alijah L.
Emilio M.
Antonio S.
Ruth V.
Sebastian W.

Mrs. White's Class

Nathaniel A.
Alaska B.
Nova B.
Charlotte C.
Angel C.
Maeva D.
Halima K.
Abby K.
McKinley L.
Almir M.
Caysen O.
Vidita M.
Paisley S.

Mrs. Myles's Class

Haris A.
Jay'Mari B.
Yahya B.
Paxton B.
Naomi B.
Louis B.
Reagan D.
Aaron G.
Almir H.
Samuel N.
Ewan O.
Oscar V.

Ms. Woznick's Class

Matthias G.
Thiago G.
Jayda H.
Eric Mc.
Celfido M.
Yosseli O.
Lina O.
Isaac P.
Jose' P.
Ava P.
Aerlyna T.



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JUNE 2024



*Thank you to all our Teachers and Staff,
And Especially Principal Faidley!*



DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 3rd

Return Library books!

June 4th

PM ECSE Celebration of Learning: 1:30 Bullard and 2:30 Escobedo

June 5th

Student of Month Lunch

June 6

Field Day- Rain Date

AM ECSE Celebration of Learning: 9:30 Bullard and 10:00 Escobedo

June 7th

Last day for ECSE Students

PK4 Celebration of Learning: @1- White and @2 Christopher and Murphy

June 10th

PK3 and PK4 Celebration of Learning: @10:45- Woznick, Cockrell & Myles

June 10th & 11th

2-hours Early Dismissal

No PM ECSE

June 11th

Last day of School for students



Ferndale Early Education Center

Summer Office Hours:

7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The Office will be closed on June 19th and July 4th. **Schools are closed Fridays starting June 28th through August 2th.**

Please continue to Register for Kindergarten at your home school.

Ferndale is still accepting applications for PK for families in the Ferndale, Hilltop and George Cromwell communities. PK3 and PK4- application and placement is coordinated through the Office of Early Childhood and School Readiness.

Office Closures will be posted on the website and office doors.



Pre-K- Registration



for
Ferndale Early Education Center
2024-2025 School Year

(*If your child is turning 3 or 4 years old before or by 9/1/24, they may qualify to attend Pre-K at Ferndale)

Important Information:

- To register online, go to www.aacps.org/earlychildhood/enrollment on the AACPS website
- If you do not have access to a computer or are having trouble registering your child online, you can go to your local library to access a computer, if need assistance, please call Ferndale at 410-570-4790.

We look forward to meeting you and
Welcoming your child to the Ferndale Family!

News from the Cafeteria!

It's hard to believe this will be the last newsletter for this school year! The kids have been so well behaved and have shown tremendous growth here! They made some good choices coming through the lunch line. The foods we introduced back in March, was vegetarian chili with rice and corn muffin. Of course, tacos and pizza are always a hit. Oranges and apple slices and bananas were also popular! Hummus was recently added too. I am amazed that when the children came through the doors in August, so timid and shy and not knowing what to do coming into the cafeteria...but after a couple of months into the school year and now it is the end of the school year, they are more confident and willing to try new foods...which always make me happy. If your child is moving on to a new school, I wish them well...if any children are staying on at Ferndale EEC. I look forward to seeing them in the fall. I hope you all have a very safe and happy summer and do some fun things. Again, it was my pleasure meeting all the children this year.

Nancy Tyler, Cafeteria Manager

A Special Thank You! To our Ferndale Families



News from the Health Room

Health Room Reminder



All medications must be picked up by:

June 13 at 1:30 pm

All medications left after this time will be discarded.

June is finally here! As sad as we are to see our students go, we are excited for summer. This month we celebrate National Safety Month, which is a great time to talk about summer safety with your family!

Never leave infants, children, or pets in parked cars, even with the windows cracked open. The temperature in parked cars rise quickly to dangerous levels and could result in serious illness or death. Plan outdoor activities for the morning and evening hours. Avoid being outside for prolonged time during midday to avoid the highest temperatures. Stay hydrated!

Keep a water bottle with you when doing outdoor activities or running errands. Hydration is very important in avoiding heat-related illnesses.

Cover up as much skin as possible and frequently apply sunscreen to avoid sunburn, prevent fluid loss through the skin, and decrease the risk of skin cancer. Get medical attention immediately if signs of heat-related illnesses appear, such as vomiting, high fevers above 103°F, dizziness, confusion, fainting or loss of consciousness. The sooner medical attention is received, the less likely serious complications will occur.

Use safe insect repellent when outside to avoid contracting diseases carried by mosquitoes, ticks, and other insects. Go to www.EPA.gov for a list of safe and effective insect repellents. Always supervise children in or around pools and bodies of water. It only takes a few inches of water and 2 minutes for a child to drown. Make sure children properly wear lifejackets while on boats, docks, or playing near beaches.

We hope you and your family have a fun and safe summer! Please contact the health room with any questions regarding medications, physicals, immunizations, or other medical needs for next school year.

Thank you,
~Ferndale EEC Health Room



VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM (VFC)

IF YOUR CHILDREN QUALIFY FOR VFC

Contact your local health care provider to see if they participate in the VFC program. If not, visit the Anne Arundel County Department of Health area health centers that offer immunization services.

PLEASE CALL EITHER OF OUR TWO LOCATIONS TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT AND TO DETERMINE VFC ELIGIBILITY

PAROLE HEALTH CENTER

1950 DREW ST
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401
MONDAY- FRIDAY 8:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.
410-222-7247
FAX: 410-222-4323

GLEN BURNIE HEALTH CENTER

416 A ST SW
GLEN BURNIE, MD 21061
MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
410-222-6633
FAX: 410-222-6077

For more information, visit the Department of Health's website at www.ahealth.org



Anne Arundel County
Department of Health

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 fixed dollar limit or cap for vaccines. Once that amount has been met, children are eligible for VFC vaccines as "underinsured."

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



PROGRAMA DE VACUNAS DE NIÑOS (VFC)

SI SU NIÑO CALIFICA PARA EL PROGRAMA VFC

Contacte a su proveedor de cuidados de salud local para ver si participa en el programa de VFC. Si es que no participa, visite los centros de salud del área del Departamento de Salud del condado de Anne Arundel que ofrecen los servicios de vacunas.

LLAME A UNO DE NUESTROS CENTROS DE SALUD PARA PROGRAMAR UNA CITA Y PARA DETERMINAR SI SU NIÑO ES ELEGIBLE PARA VFC

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Para más información, visítenos en la página de web del Departamento de Salud al www.aasalud.org



Anne Arundel County
Departamento de Salud
410-222-7095

¿QUÉ ES EL PROGRAMA VFC?

El VFC es un programa federal que proporciona todas las vacunas aprobadas por ACIP/CDC* a todos los niños desde recién nacidos hasta la edad de 18 años.

¿QUIÉNES CALIFICAN PARA EL PROGRAMA?

Califican esos niños y adolescentes que tienen 19 años o menos y que cumpla 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 la Prácticas de Vacunas/Centros para el Control y Prevención de Enfermedades