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NEWSLETTER February, 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February

Black History Month



February 5-9

School Counselor's
Appreciation Week

February 6

2-Hours Early Dismissal
No PM ECSE
Unity Day- Wear Orange

February 8

Student of the Month Lunch

February 14

Happy Valentine's Day



February 15

School Spirit Day Manner's
Lunch- Dress to Impress

February 19

CLOSED for



Chuck-E- Cheese Fundraiser

February 22

Two's day- Wear 2 of the
same thing, tutus, or ties, or 2
accessories



Principal's Message

Ferndale believes in me. I believe it. I achieve it.

Dear Ferndale Families,

It is exciting to think about all the growth students have made as we begin the second semester. It is hard to believe it is the third marking period. As we wrap up the first half of the school year, we reflect on all the hard work and dedication put forth by our students, staff and families. Our students continue to show growth with academics and social-emotional learning. With a combined effort, we have achieved much and can feel proud of our accomplishments. Progress reports will be shared with families today, February 1st. Please be sure to contact your child's teacher if you have any follow-up questions or concerns.

The first week in February (5th- 9th) is National Counseling Week, and I would like to recognize our AWESOME counselor, Cory Greene. As many of you have experienced, she is dedicated, flexible, knowledgeable and always willing to help our students, families and staff. We are so fortunate to have her as part of the Ferndale Team! If you have an opportunity, please let her know how much she is appreciated!

The cold months are a great time to snuggle up with your child and read a good book. This helps build their concepts of print, increases their ability to discuss and talk about books, helps with comprehension and understanding and promotes the love of literacy. Encourage your child to talk about the book, what they like, and encourage them to become an author and draw or write about what they read with you.

Winter can be unpredictable and bring unforeseen school closures. Please have a plan for dismissal or early dismissal in the event it is needed. Update contact information and be sure your child's emergency contacts are up to date. In addition, please send your child prepared for outdoor recess and STEM.

Connect and show your Ferndale Team spirit! If you are not yet following us on Twitter/X @FerndaleEarlyEd, please check us out. I post often about happenings in the school as well as retweet postings our staff make. Many of our school memories will be included in our Ferndale Yearbook. Cost is \$15; if you need another order form you can pick one up in the office or make a request through your child's teacher. As a reminder, Fridays are school spirit days. We love when our friends are wearing their spirit wear or our school colors of red, white, and blue!

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.

Dinky says, "Save the date!"

We invite all students and staff to participate in

**February's School
Spirit Day!**

Show your school spirit by
wearing your best attire!

Mark your calendar

Tuesday,
February 15th
for
"Manner's Day"



February

is





News from the Health Room



February is National Children's Dental Health Month! While all parents know baby teeth eventually fall out, it's important to keep them healthy. After all, they're the blueprint for your child's permanent teeth!

With proper dental hygiene, tooth decay is 100 percent preventable. And since baby teeth are vulnerable to decay from their very first appearance, children's teeth should be brushed for two minutes two times a day and flossed as soon as they start touching.

~Ferndale EEC Health Room

Physical Education Newsletter – Winter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We're off to a running start this winter in P.E. working on our ball control unit. Your child is currently learning the following skills:

- Bouncing a ball down with two hands and attempting to catch it
- Tapping a stationary ball with the inside of the foot
- Kicking a stationary ball from a stationary position

Here are some Tips to Support your child at home:

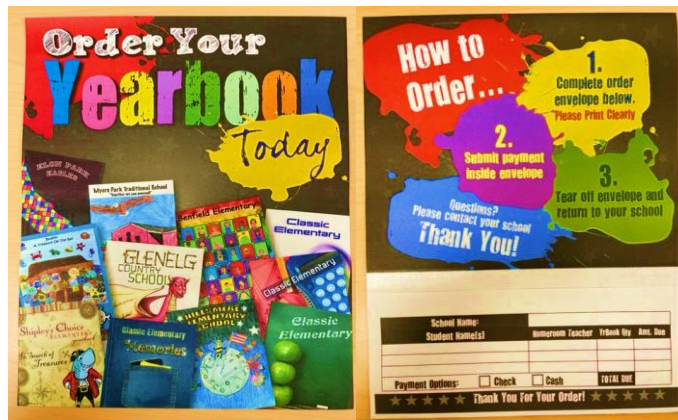
1. **Practice keeping the ball close to the body.** When dribbling a ball with the feet, use baby taps with the inside of the foot to move the ball forward. When dribbling with the hands, keep the ball at waist level while bouncing.
2. **Encourage your child to use the inside of their foot to kick.** Avoid kicking with the toe to prevent injury.
3. **Stay in control.** Focus on small, slow movements- quality over quantity. Speed will come in time with more practice and as your child becomes more comfortable with the movements.
4. **Reinforce keeping eyes up.** Remind your child to look forward and feel for the ball with their hands or foot.
5. **Have fun!** Practice these skills together when outside, at a park, or anywhere you have open space.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask!

Amy Campbell - Physical Education Teacher

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Get your yearbook orders in as soon as possible!

Last Day to Order: April 7, 2024

Price \$15

You can visit <https://shop.yearbookmarket.com/ferndaleearlyeducationcenter> or send in cash or a check made out to Ferndale EEC. Additional forms are available in the front office.

¡Obtenga sus pedidos del anuario lo antes posible!

Cafeteria News

Hello families,

Happy New Year! The children continue to do well eating a healthy breakfast every day as well as a good lunch. We are now serving small oranges at lunch time which the kids just love! and they know it is packed with Vitamin C and is good for them. They are also making good choices with the variety of veggies and fruits. Remember, breakfast is free for all children!!!

Breakfast foods consist of:

Yogurt/apple slices, Muffins/assorted breads. It all comes with fruit and milk.

Hot entrees include:

Teriyaki Potstickers, or Korean Meatballs with Rice, Sweet and Sour chicken with Vegetable Fried Rice. Pizza and Tacos are still a current hit! If your child has not gotten a lunch, have them try it one day! We would love to serve them!

Thank you,
Nancy Tyler Cafeteria Manager.



Star Attendance

January 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

ECI

Mrs. Escobedo's AM/PM Class

Korey B.	Cooper D.
Harriet D.	Evelyn H.
Tabias M.	Ian M.
Blake P.	Brooklyn Y.

Mrs. Bullard's AM/PM Class

Finnegan B.
Henrietta D.
Camden G.
Tywan M.

Pre-Kindergarten

Mrs. Cockrell's Class

Paris B.	Mellany M.
Nadia B.	Hunter N.
Brooklyn B.	Deizel R.
Darickson E.	Ezekiel S.
Kamden H.	Jameson T.
Camon J.	Theodore W.

Mrs. Christopher's Class

Ayobani A.	Martin M.
Gemma F.	Eli M.
Aylin G.	Jeshri P.
Lytic J.	Eda T.
Skylar M.	

Mrs. White's

Alaska B.	Nova B.
Charlotte C	Angel C.
Maeva D.	Halima K.
Vidita S.	Paisley S.

Pre-Kindergarten

Mrs. Myles' PK-3 Class

Reagan D.
Samuel N.
Ewan O.
Kayden S.
Dalyla T.
Oscar V.

Mrs. Murphy's Class

Kai'li C.	Amia C.
Ethan F.	Alijah L.
Ruth V.	Julian Y.

Ms. Woznick's Class

Malaysia B.
Daniel G.
Matthias G.
Thiago G.
Isaac P.
Jose P.



Counselor's Corner

Dear Ferndale Families,

~ A friendly reminder with holiday breaks and the "season of sickness" sometimes young children regress with separation and the desire to come to school. This is normal! The biggest/most positive influence you can make is to stay consistent in your message to your child that (if they are healthy) they need to come to school.

~ We will have wrapped up our lessons on emotional recognition and regulation and focus on the following topics in 2024: kindness, tattling vs. warning, cooperation/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



Counselor's Corner Student of the Month Program



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:

January 2024

Nahsim D. & Tobias M.

Celfido M. & Wynta V.

Paris B. & Lyam F.

Jay'Mari B. & Alayah B.

Serenity G. & Levi D.

Vidita S. & Caysen O.

Kendrix N. & Liam H.

Eli M. & Priansa K.

Mrs. Escobedo's Class

Ms. Woznick's Class

Mrs. Cockrell's Class

Ms. Myles's Class

Mrs. Murphy's Class

Mrs. White's Class

Mrs. Bullard's Class

Mrs. Christopher'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!

THIS MONTH'S UPCOMING EVENT AND CLOSURES

February 6

2-Hour Early Dismissal.
No PM ECSE

February 19th

Closed for Presidents' Day

HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY



Inclement Weather

Opening and Early Closing of Schools



Changes to school schedules caused by inclement weather or other emergency conditions are announced through the Connect-ED automated telephone, email, and text message notification system; on major area radio and television stations, including AACPS-TV (Comcast -Channel 96 and 996 (HD) and Verizon - Channel 36 and 2136 (HD); Astound (formerly Broadstripe) Channels 96 and 496 (HD) and are posted on the school system's website (www.aacps.org), Facebook page (www.facebook.com/aacps), Instagram page (www.instagram.com/aacountyschools), and Twitter page (@AACountySchools) as well as on all school-specific Twitter pages. Announcements are also made through AACPS' mobile app (search "Anne Arundel County PS" in the app store) and recorded on the main switchboard voice mail (410-222-5000).

The school system's website; Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages; individual school Twitter pages; and AACPS-TV remain the best places to check for accurate, up-to-date information.



Happy Valentine's Day!
February 14

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. **This includes if you are bringing your student in because they are late or if you are picking your student up for early dismissal.**



Ferndale's February, I Love Reading Challenge

February is Ferndale's I Love Reading challenge month. Complete and color 12 squares on the Choice Board during the month of February to receive a prize. Feel free to Tweet pictures of your child reading, tagging the school: **@FerndaleEarlyEd** Email or return completed logs to Mrs. May nemay@aacps.org by Friday, March 1st.



Read in the dark with a flashlight.	Wear a hat while you read.	Read in your bed.	Read a magazine.	Read a recipe.	Read a joke book.	Read outside.
Read in a fort.	Read to someone on the phone or virtual video.	Read in your pajamas.	Read at breakfast.	Read upside down.	Read a book then draw the characters.	Read a book then draw the setting.
Read with someone at home.	Read a magazine.	Read a book in a silly voice.	Read underneath a blanket.	Read a book. After you finish, give the book a new title.	Read a book with an adult. Tell each other your favorite part.	Read with an animal.
Read with a stuffed animal.	Read in the car.	Read a Valentine's Day story.	Read a book about friends.	Read a book about a President.	Read a book about kindness.	Read wearing orange on Unity Day: February 8th.

Name: _____

Teacher: _____



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FR Panel #0741

EVENT INFORMATION

LOCATION: **CHUCK E. CHEESE.**

TIME: 12pm-9pm

SCHOOL: Ferndale Early Education Center

EVENT DATE: Monday, February 19

EVENT ADDRESS:

6637 Governor Ritchie Hwy

Glen Burnie, MD 21061

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\$29⁹⁹

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4 Drinks**

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AACPS | Taking Care Of Your Chromebook

Students and parents/guardians are responsible for the general care of the device they have been issued. Anne Arundel County Public Schools has issued Chromebooks in order to support access to virtual learning. When a Chromebook becomes damaged, that learning is interrupted,

so please take care of your Chromebook as you would take care of your gaming station or cell phone. For resources and help using your Chromebook, please visit AACPS Virtual Learning Information www.aacps.org/virtuallearning.



Protect your password.
Do not share your password or account information.



Keep all food and drinks away from your device.



Be careful when inserting and removing cords, cables, and external devices.



Do not place foreign objects into your Chromebook.

Transporting your Chromebook

Always carry and transport your Chromebook with care.

The screen is delicate and can crack easily. Always be sure the lid is completely closed and secured before moving your Chromebook.



Never move a device by lifting from the screen.



Be certain all objects are out of the way before closing the screen.



Be careful when carrying the device in a case or backpack. Notebooks, books, writing utensils, earbuds, etc. may put too much pressure and weight on the Chromebook screen. Small items may slip between the screen and keyboard.

Screen Care

Your Chromebook screen can easily be damaged! Excessive pressure can break the screen.



In Case of a Spill

If a liquid spills into the Chromebook, **unplug it immediately**. Do not plug back in until it is thoroughly dry.

If your Chromebook is not working, contact your school or email ChromebookIssues@aacps.org.



Do not lean or place anything on the top of the device that could put pressure on the screen.



Do not store the device with the screen in the open position.



Do not poke the screen with anything that will mark or scratch the screen surface. Only use your clean finger.



Do not place anything on the keyboard before closing the lid (e.g. pens, pencils, etc.).



Do not use any liquid to clean the screen—use a soft dry microfiber cloth or anti-static cloth.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month...

- They will miss 20 days a year
- They will miss 30 hours of math over the school year.
- They will miss 60 hours of reading and writing over the school year.

When a student misses 4 days a month...

- They will miss 40 days a year.
- They will miss 60 hours of math over the school year.
- They will miss 120 hours of reading & writing over the school year.
- They will miss over 2 years of school by graduation.

We hope the new year has been treating all our Ferndale families well! February is a month when many people celebrate love for each other. Give your child and your family a little extra TLC by reminding each other of good sleeping habits. It is important for parents and guardians to get the rest they need too! Good sleeping habits are linked to better memory and productivity, helping prevent depression, and improving heart health and immunity.

Some suggestions for the whole family could be:

- turn off devices 1 hour before bed; read a book, play a game, snuggle a pet, or talk about your day.
- try drinks without caffeine such as water, milk, or herbal tea
- light exercise after dinner such as walking or stretching
- hot bath or shower before bed
- listening to relaxing music at nighttime
- call and talk with a family member or friend before bed

Use these strategies to help prioritize sleep for the whole family!