



DRAGON TALES



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

Denise R. Faidley, Principal

Ferndale Early Education Center

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NEWSLETTER

DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 5

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

December 6

Picture Retakes

December 14

Student of the Month Lunch
Family Coral Reef Visit (Christopher,
Cockrell, Woznick and PM ECSE)

December 15

Family Coral Reef Visit (Murphy &
White)

December 22

PBIS: Pajama Day- Wear your PJs.

December 25, 2023 -

January 1, 2024

School Closed- Holiday/Winter
Break



*Happy
Holidays*

January 1, 2024



January 2

All Schools reopen for Students and
Staff
Yearbook online store opens

January 5

Vision & Hearing Screening



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 5th. Please join us in promoting kindness by having your child wear orange. It is a 2-hour early dismissal day. PK3 and PK4 dismissal begins at 1:40, AM ECSE begins at 11, and there are no PM ECSE classes.

We hope our PK4 families will be able to join us for a visit to see the students' coral reef project. December 14th- for Christopher, Cockrell and Woznick's classes from 9-10am, or December 15th for Murphy and White's classes from 9-10am. PM ECSE families are scheduled to visit on December 14th from 1:30-2:30pm. You will have an opportunity to tour the coral reef, see a short video about the project and do an activity in class with your child. Due to space constraints, we will only be able to have 2 adults per child attend. Please see the flyer that was sent home for more details.

Showing up daily to school is critical for children's well-being, engagement and learning. Being in school as a first experience is always challenging for students to build up immunity. Please visit our school's website for handouts, resources, guidance and tips on going to school, keeping your child healthy and what to do if your child may be missing school due to feelings of anxiety. Please know our school and classrooms are on a systematic schedule for cleaning and sanitation. Surfaces are cleaned daily, and rooms are sanitized fully each week. If there has been a number of illnesses within 1 room, we increase the frequency for sanitation in those rooms. In addition, teachers take additional steps to clean and remind students to wash their hands or use sanitizer. When checks and inspections are conducted, our school has always received very high marks when it comes to cleanliness thanks to Mr. Sharps and Mr. Schorback!

Reminders and Important information

- On December 18th, we will have our attendance incentive drawing for the tricycle and helmet for those students with 90% attendance or better since November 27th.
- 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.
- Outdoor activity (recess and STEM) cold weather procedures~ our students go outside unless the temperature or wind chill/real feel temperature is 32 degrees or lower. Please dress your child accordingly or in layers as temperatures fluctuate. Please label items with your child's name.
- Pajama day is December 22nd.

The holidays are fast approaching! It's time for celebrating with family and friends. Schools will be closed December 25th-January 1, 2024. 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



Friday,
December 22nd

"Pajama Day"

Show your school spirit by wearing your
favorite pajamas!

Christmas WINTER BREAK

starting

Monday, December 25th

and will reopen.

Tuesday, January 2

Have a safe & wonderful

Holiday!

And a

Happy New Year!



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.

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 two student are chosen by each classroom teacher as the "Student 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 the main office.



Congratulations to the following students for the month of:

November 2023

CONGRATS!

Aylin G. & Joseph S.-
Izzy D. & Kamden H.-
Dalyla T. & Henry P.-
Erik K. & Ava P.-
Husnain G & Amia C.-
Landon S. & McKinley L.-
Remington R & Kareem H.-
Azaan I. & Eiden M. -

Mrs. Christopher
Mrs. Cockrell
Mrs. Myles
Ms. Woznick
Mrs. Murphy
Mrs. White
Mrs. Escobedo
Mrs. Bullard

Please remind your child that any student can be the "student of the month".
Please encourage them to work toward positive school behavior every day!



Other News:

~ A friendly reminder that the beginning of the school year can be a hard adjustment for anyone, especially when you are in preschool and school is a new experience for you. It is normal to have push back from your child about coming to school. Like most things with children **CONSISTENCY IS KEY!!!** If they are healthy the best thing for them is to come to school regularly so they can learn the routines and rules.

~ In counseling lessons over the next couple of months your child will be learning how to identify their emotions and regulate them so that they can have a successful school experience.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to email me: ckgreene@aacps.org

Thank you,
Cory Greene
School Counselor



It takes a big
heart
to help shape
little
minds.



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!



Make sure to wear warm layers, like jackets, hats, and gloves! Our students frequently have recess and STEM outside in the winter, so it is important to make sure they are dressed for the weather!

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 for more information.



Ferndale's Wellness 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.





Star Attendance

November 2023

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:

Ayobami A.
Gemma F.
Aylin G.
Ryan G.
Elliott H.
Priansa K.
Maximilliano L.
Skylar M.
Martin M.
Kane R.
Eda T.

Mrs. Murphy's Class:

Kai'li C.
Amia C.
Ethan F.
Mila F.
Serenity G.
Kaylee H.
Karia H.
Alijah L.
Antonio S.
Sebastian W.

Mrs. Escobedo's Class:

Iker A.
Korey B.
Eliette C.
NahSim D.
Harriet D.
Jude H.
Evelyn H.
Blake P.

Mrs. Cockrell's Class:

Nadia B.
Brooklyn B.
Autumn D.
Kayleen E.
Darickson E.
Kamden H.
Ali M.
Hunter N.
Deizel R.
Ezekiel S.
Jameson T.
Therodore W.
Connor Y.

Ms. Woznick's Class:

Malaysia B.
Leah E.
Phoenix F.
Jayda H.
Erik K.
Celfido M.
Lina O.
Isaac P.
Ava P.
Aerlyna T.
Wynta V.

Mrs. Bullard's Class:

Finnegan B.
Adriel C.
Henrietta D.
Camden G.
Rylan J.
Tywan M.
Zainulabideen M.
Elijah S.
Everest S.

Mrs. Myles's Class:

Haris A.	Jay'Mari B.
Yahya B.	Naomi B.
Reagan D.	Aaron G.
Samuel N.	Ewan O.
Everly V.	Oscar V.

Mrs. White's Class:

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



There are a whole range of pre-writing activities for preschoolers that help to develop their fine motor and writing skills. These also help in improving shoulder and hand strength, and the dexterity of the fingers.

Try these fun activities at home to help develop your child's fine motor skills:

- Scrunching paper into balls
- Filling water in a glass using a dropper
- Sliding beads onto a plastic straw or a cord
- Playing with playdough
- Practicing cutting with child-friendly scissors



Ferndale Early Education Center

Wishes you and your family a:

