

DRAGON TALES NEWSLETTER

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Denise R. Faidley, Principal
March, 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 1

Wild about Reading Day
(Dress like an animal)

Irish American, Greek American,
Women's History, and National
Nutrition Month

March 7

Student of the Month

March 8

National Preschoolers' Day- wear
a favorite hat

March 12

Picture Day-individual, Class,
Whole School Panoramic

March 15

Spirit Day: **Wear Green**



March 19

2-hour Early Dismissal,
No PM-ECSE, Parent-Teacher
Conferences

March 25 -April 1

No School, Spring Break

April 4 and 5

2-hour Early Dismissal,
No PM-ECSE, end of Quarter 3

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

Dear Ferndale Families,

During this month, we begin our spring celebration of reading with our Wild About Reading kick off. It is a great reminder of the importance of reading to your child at home daily. The more students share book experiences, the better their oral language, listening comprehension and vocabulary will be! We encourage you to make reading together a family routine, including visiting the library. Our AWESOME reading team, Mrs. Slade, Mrs. May and Mrs. Miller strive to build a culture of literacy and have fun events planned during the rest of the school year. Next month, we will have our Reading Party event on April 18th! Piggy and Elephant, Mo Willems book characters, will also be making special appearances during the week. More information to come. I wanted to highlight and share the growth the PK4 students are making with the following early literacy skills.

Comprehensive Literacy Assessment	Fall	Winter
Isolate initial sound in spoken words	70% intensive; 10% strategic; 20% core	10% intensive; 14% strategic; 76% core
Blend/segment syllables in spoken words	24% intensive; 19% strategic; 57% core	13% intensive; 6% strategic; 81% core
Recognize rhyme in spoken words	72% intensive; 16% strategic; 12% core	36% intensive; 24% strategic; 40% core
Letter identification	52% intensive; 14% strategic; 34% core	17% intensive; 11% strategic; 72% core

As you may have noticed, your child is becoming more independent! Children between 4-6 are beginning to develop their independence and form real friendships, and they are learning rules to more difficult games. Here are some tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics for growing independence in young children:

- Setting limits
- Create and keep routines, especially reading at bedtime
- Take time to talk and listen
- Assign responsibility
- Encourage independence in bathing and dressing
- Teach simple rules about safety with adults
- Help your child become a good friend

If you are interested in reading the full article, you can access it through this link:

<https://healthychildren.org/english/ages-stages/preschool/pages/growing-independence-tips-for-parents-of-young-children.aspx>

Just a reminder, Yearbook sales continue; the price is \$15. Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

With gratitude,
Denise Faidley, Principal

Mission: Ferndale Early Education Center offers an early learning environment that 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.

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.** Please park on the other side of the bus lane curb.



PBIS



Dinky says, "Save the date!"



We invite all students and staff to participate in

**March's School
Spirit Day!**

Mark your calendar -

Friday, March 15th

Is

"Wear GREEN Day"

Join us in celebration of:



ABSENCES & TARDIES

If your child has been sick for more than 5 days a doctor's note is required to excuse the absence. Any absence or tardy without a note will be considered "Unexcused/Unlawful."

The Importance of Good Attendance

Children are in school to learn and to grow into responsible and productive young adults. Regular school attendance is the key to high school graduation and finding a good job.

Poor attendance in elementary school often leads to excessive absences in middle and high school and become disinterested and unmotivated in school and often drop out.

Unlawful absence, or truancy, has been identified as one of the early warning signs of students headed for potential delinquent activity, social problems, or failure in school. According to research, truancy frequently leads to dropping out of school, entering the juvenile court system and unemployment. Dropouts who work typically earn lower salaries. Truancy is a sign that a young person is losing his or her way and needs help. Pupil Personnel Workers and other school staff are available to help.

March Attendance Incentive

March 1st-22nd students with 90% or greater attendance will be entered into our spring raffle for a tricycle and helmet.





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; 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).

Two Hour Delay/Late Arrival

"All Anne Arundel County Public Schools will open two hours late."

- Ferndale students should arrive no earlier than **11:00 a.m.**
- There would be **no** school for a.m. ECSE Students.

Two Hour Early Dismissal

"All Anne Arundel County Public Schools will close two hours early."

- Ferndale students would dismiss at **1:40 p.m.**
- **AM ECSE will dismiss @ 11:00 a.m.**
- **No school for PM ECSE students**



Cafeteria News

Hello!

As we went into the month of February, we knew that it was **Be good to your heart** ❤️ month!

So, as the kids are coming through the line for lunch, they are eating healthy with good choices of fruits and veggies! Being good to your body, means taking care of your heart.

Apple slices, Oranges, and Carrots are a big hit!

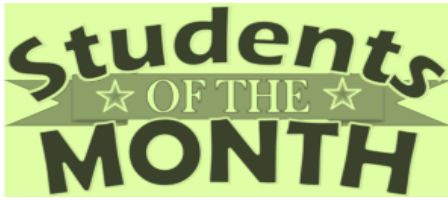
They are continuing to eat a good breakfast, which is also an important part of a good start.

Thank you,

Nancy Tyler, Cafeteria Manager



Counselor's Corner



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:

February 2024

Ilhanne K. & Cooper D.	Mrs. Escobedo's Class
Camden G. & Henrietta D.	Mrs. Bullard's Class
Oscar V. & Zoie B.	Mrs. Myles's Class
Max L. & Eda T.	Mrs. Christopher's Class
Jameson T. & Mellany M.	Mrs. Cockrell's Class
Yosseli O. & Landon W.	Ms. Woznick's Class
Ruth V. & Ethan F.	Mrs. Murphy's Class
Almir M. & Chaz O.	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 every day!



Counselor's Message

~ A friendly reminder that during 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

POETRY CORNER

I Am
 An **A**wesome **B**rilliant **C**hild
Determined **E**ternally
For Greatness.
Helpful, **I**ntelligent, **J**oyful,
Kind & **L**oving
Mindful & **N**aturally
Outstanding, **P**henomenal,
Questioning, **R**espectable, **S**mart &
Talented, **U**nique & **V**ictorious,
Wise,
X-citing, **Y**outhful & **Z**ealous
 And then Some.
 ..unknown

Health Benefits of Physical Activity

FOR CHILDREN



Academic Performance

Improves attention and memory



Brain Health

Reduces risk of depression



Muscular Fitness

Builds strong muscles and endurance



Heart and Lung Health

Improves blood pressure
and aerobic fitness



Cardiometabolic Health

Helps maintain normal blood sugar levels



Long-term Health

Reduces risk of several chronic
Diseases, including type 2 diabetes
and obesity



Bone Strength

Strengthens bones



Healthy Weight

Helps regulate body weight and
Reduce body fat

Save the Date



Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 6:35pm

All Ferndale students read 4 books at school and earned 2 FREE Tickets to a BOWIE BAYSOX GAME. The game is on Saturday, May 4 at 6:35pm. This is a Fireworks Night! Tickets will be delivered to the school and then distributed in your child's folder. We hope you and your child will be able to attend.



Wellness Reminders

- ~Remember to send students to school with a water bottle each day that is filled only with **Water**
- ~Students at Ferndale will begin engaging in "Wellness Wednesdays" focusing on **Walking, Water, Wonder, and Words** of kindness on the first Wednesday of each month
- ~The first "**Wellness Wednesday**" will be on March 6, 2024 - be sure to ask your child about the activities they participated in and how they contribute to health and wellness after school
- ~**Wellness Tip:** work with your child on washing hands using soap and warm water and singing the ABCs to make sure they completely clean their hands from germs!

Thank you,

Lindsey White, NBCT
Pre-Kindergarten Teacher
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Star Attendance

February 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!

Mrs. Bullard's Class

Finnegan B.
Henrietta D.
Camden G.
Jeshiah J.
Zainulabideen M.
Everest S.

Mrs. Christopher's Class

Olivia A.
Kymani A. Priansa K.
Ayobami A. Maximilliano L.
Gemma F. Skylar M.
Aylin G Martin M.
Ryan G. Eli M.
Lyric J. Joseph S.
Eda T.

Mrs. Cockrell's Class

Paris B. Nadia B.
Brooklyn B. Autumn D.
Darickson E. Lyam F.
Kamden H. Ali M.
Mellany M. Hunter N.
Ezekiel S. Jameson T.
Connor Y. Theodore 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 S.
Paisley S. Landon S.

To the following students

Mrs. Myles' Class

Haris A. Jay'Mari B.
Yahya B. Paxton B.
Naomi B. Louis B.
Reagan D. Aaron G.
Amir H. Samuel N.
Ewan O. Kayden S.
Dalya T. Everly V.
Oscar V.

Mrs. Escobedo's Class

Harriet D.
Evelyn H.
Aveyon J.
Saint M
Ian M.
Blake P.

Mrs. Murphy's Class

Kai'li C. Mila F.
Amia C. Erick G.
Ethan F. Serenity G.
Karia H. Alijah L.
Emilio M. Antonio S.
Ruth V. Julian Y.

Ms. Woznick's Class

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