



# DRAGON TALES



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## NEWSLETTER

Denise R. Faidley, Principal

**January 2024**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### **January 1**

*Happy New Year*

#### **January 2**

Welcome Back Students  
Yearbook Online Store opens

#### **January 5**

Vision and Hearing Check

#### **January 8**

Spirit Wear Online store opens

#### **January 9**

Eco Adventures Presentation- PK3 & PM  
ECSE

#### **January 11**

Student of the Month Celebration at Lunch  
time

Stuff Animal Day/Bring your Favorite  
Stuffy!

#### **January 15**

Schools and Central Offices  
Closed/Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
Birthday Commemoration

#### **January 16**

PK3 Family Visit/Healthy Me @3

#### **January 17 & 18**

2- Hour Early Dismissal  
No PM ECSE

#### **January 19**

School Closed

#### **January 25**

PBIS Celebration- Movie/Popcorn

#### **January 30**

Family Chat n' Chew 9:15am-9:45am  
Progress reports shared with families

### **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.

### ***Principal's Message***

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



Dear Ferndale Families,

Our team here at Ferndale is excited for the New Year. We hope you had a restful and festive holiday break! As we return to school after a long Christmas/Winter break, this is a great time to reset goals and routines. Being on time and prepared for school is a great habit to help teach your child.

Good attendance is a positive work habit that leads to success in school and life. Thank you to all our families for making sure that your children attend school regularly and on time. Arriving at school late can be disruptive and upsetting for a student as they experience missed instruction, breakfast and morning community building. Of course, we certainly understand that our students get sick occasionally, and we appreciate when you keep your child home if they are experiencing illness or showing symptoms. Please remember to send a note promptly to the teacher when your child is absent so the office can update your child's records. I am happy to announce our *attendance raffle winner* of the bike and helmet was **Kamden Hall** in Mrs. Cockrell's class. Appreciation to the other remaining 91 students who strived for 9 or 90% attendance! We will be having another bike raffle in the coming months.

The end of the semester brings several 2-hour early dismissal days and school closings. Winter weather can impact when these days occur with unexpected disruptions, so please visit our county's website [www.aacps.org](http://www.aacps.org) and be sure your contact information is updated to receive updates regarding delays, closures and the potential announcement of a Virtual Instruction Day. Please visit [www.aacps.org/studentchedules](http://www.aacps.org/studentchedules) to see a sample virtual schedule. We will follow the start, end, morning break and extended lunch times as noted. Teachers will arrange the remaining blocks, including cultural arts. Please be prepared: pick up your child's Chromebook (if you have not already done so), charge it, and practice logging on. Please review with your child, your family's dismissal plan for any unscheduled early dismissals. If you need to update your contact information, please do so. Remind anyone who picks up your child to bring and have their photo id. It is so important we can reach you in the event of any emergency. We will have a Family Chat n' Chew on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am to prepare you for any upcoming Virtual Instructional Days. More information will be coming home.

If you are interested in purchasing a Yearbook, the online store is now open. A flyer is coming home with information on how to order. Next Monday, January 8th, the spirit wear online store will open again for anyone wishing to purchase Ferndale spirit wear. Thank you to all the families who supported our walk-a-thon, we raised the most money from any previous year in the amount of \$6,742! This money will go directly to our students to enrich and enhance their school experiences.

With gratitude,  
Denise Faidley, Principal



## PBIS

Dinky says, "Save the date!"

We invite all students and staff to  
participate in

### January's School Spirit Day!

Mark your calendar

**Thursday,**  
**January 11<sup>th</sup>**  
is bring your

**"Stuffed Animal Day!"**



Show your school spirit by  
Bringing your favorite stuffed animal!

## 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 dropping off late or picking up for early dismissal.**



## SECURITY DRILL

Each month the staff and students practice various security drills. In December, our school initiated an unannounced fire drill and lock down drill. We were able to evacuate the building in a timely manner and during lockdown we were able to take shelter in a safe and timely manner. Students followed their teachers' directions. The staff and students did a marvelous job!

## **Your Child's Contact Info**

Please take the time to update your home and cell phone numbers as well as your current addresses. This information is very important for the school to have on file in case of Emergencies.

If you would like to ADD or REMOVE a contact from your student's emergency contact form, please call the office at (410) 590-4790 and we will send the card home to be amended.

Thank you!



## **News from the Health Room**

### **Healthy Eating for Kids**

Healthy eating is important at every age. Offer kids a variety of fruits, vegetables, grains, protein foods, and dairy or fortified soy alternatives. When deciding on foods and beverages, choose options that are full of nutrients and limited in added sugars, saturated fat, and sodium. Start with these tips:

#### **Offer variety**

Include choices from each food group—fruits, vegetables, grains, protein foods, and dairy or fortified soy alternatives—in meals and snacks during each day.

#### **Connect at mealtime**

Eat meals together whenever possible. Turn off the TV and put away phones and tablets, so you can “unplug” and focus on healthy foods and each other.

#### **Make good nutrition easy**

Designate a shelf or a drawer in your fridge for your kids. Stock it with cut-up fruits and vegetables, yogurt, nut butters, and whole-wheat mini bagels and crackers.

#### **Think about their drinks**

Make water and low-fat or fat-free dairy milk or fortified soy alternatives easy options to grab in your home. Have ready-to-go containers filled and in the fridge to take on outings.

#### **Get kids involved**

Depending on their age, kids can peel fruits, assemble salads, measure, scoop, and slice. Let them create and name their own side dish.

#### **Have a shopping buddy**

Let kids participate in grocery shopping online or in the store. Reward them by letting them choose their favorite fruit or maybe a new one.



## 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:

### December 2023

Amaar I. and Brooklyn Y.

Thiago G. and Phoenix F.

Deizel R. and Brooklyn B.

Ellieanna B. and Paxton B.

Brycine H. and Brayden H.

Halima K. and Nathaniel A.

Elijah S. and Finnegan B.

Ryan G. and Skylar M.

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! \*

**Congratulations!**



## Counselor's Message



~ 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 be wrapping 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](mailto:ckgreene@aacps.org)\*

Thank you,  
Cory Greene  
School Counselor



## **January 2024 Brain Tip of the Month**

Start your new year off right! Fast food and processed/sugary food harm the brain. They can cause you to feel tired and foggy. Feed your brain the food it needs!

### **Growing brains need:**

- Lean proteins (chicken, beans, & nuts)
- Vitamins & Minerals
- Fruits and Vegetables

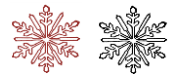
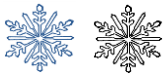


## **Inclement Weather** **Opening and Early Closing of Schools**



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](http://www.aacps.org)), Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/aacps](http://www.facebook.com/aacps)), Instagram page ([www.instagram.com/aacountyschools](http://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.**





# Star Attendance

## December 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.	Eli M.
Samuel D.	Martin M.
Gemma F.	Jeshri P.
Aylin G.	Jozahi S.
Elliot H.	Joseph S.
Lyric J.	Eda T.
Priansa K.	
Maximilliano L.	
Skylar M.	

#### **Mrs. Murphy's Class:**

Alina B.  
Amia C.  
Erick G.  
Serenity G.  
Kaylee H.  
Karia H.  
Lennox H.  
Emilio M.  
Antonio S.  
Sebastian W.

#### **Mrs. Escobedo's Class:**

Cooper D.  
Harriet D.  
Evelyn H.  
Aveyon J.  
Tobias M.  
Ian M.  
Blake P.

#### **Mrs. Cockrell's Class:**

Paris B.  
Nadia B.  
Brooklyn B.  
Autumn D.  
Kamden H.  
Ali M.  
Theodore W.  
Connor Y.  
Darickson E.

#### **Mrs. White's Class:**

Nathaniel A.  
Eve B.  
Nova B.  
Charlotte C.  
Maeva D.  
Halima K.  
Abby K.  
Almir M.  
Vidita S.  
Paisley S.

#### **Mrs. Bullard's Class:**

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

#### **Mrs. Myles's Class:**

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

#### **Ms. Woznick's Class:**

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