

Over the Fence

CURRICULUM CORNER

DISTRICT ADOPTS EUREKA MATH K-6



We are excited to announce that beginning in the fall of 2017, Eureka Math will replace Everyday Math in all elementary classes, K-6. Eureka Math aligns with the increased expectations and standards put forth by the State of Michigan.

The Board of Education approved the adoption of the program at the May 8 meeting. Currently, all district 4th-grade classes use Eureka Math, as well as 3rd and 5th grades at Salk, Disney and Emerson elementary schools.

WHY CHANGE?

As we continue to focus on College and Career Readiness, student learning drives the decision for increasing rigor and higher order thinking skills. As a district, we have spent a great deal of time focusing in on the implementation of the cognitive growth targets and deeper questioning strategies from our Modern Teacher professional development.

Through this work, it has become apparent that we need to realign our math instruction not only to reflect the increased rigor, but also address the high expectations of the complex assessments that our students are being asked to take on both the M-STEP and, ultimately, the SAT.

Eureka Math, developed by Common Core, Inc. a Washington, DC-based not-for-profit organization (not affiliated with the Common Core

State Standards), meets those expectations. Eureka Math provides teachers the tools to take their students beyond rote memorization to give them a deeper and more complete understanding of the subject matter — setting kids up for success in higher education, careers and life. Based upon this digital content, Fraser has designed instructional units within our learning management system *itslearning*.

Eureka was built around the core principle that students need to know more than just what works when solving a problem — they need to understand why it works. The curriculum goes beyond facts and formulas, teaching students to think about math conceptually. This helps students become not merely literate, but fluent in mathematics.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Eureka Math is designed to give students a deeper understanding of mathematics. One way this is accomplished is by following a logical progression from concrete to pictorial to abstract. To start, students learn mathematical concepts using actual objects or situations. From there, they transition into using pictures or models, such as tape diagrams, ten frames, and number bonds. Once they “see” what is happening, they use symbols and standard algorithms because they now understand what makes these processes work.

The Eureka curriculum is presented as a cohesive story that flows logically and builds on what they have learned year after year.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

We have held several parent meetings throughout the year and posted all of our presentations on our website at www.fraser.k12.mi.us/EurekaMath. We will also be hosting parent meetings in the coming months to make sure everyone understands this new program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fraser Families,

Several weeks have passed since the May 2 election, but my sentiments remain the same — thank you for all you do. The passage of the bond will ensure we are able to continue our vision to innovate, learn and lead, and provide The Fraser Difference for many years to come.

We could not have done this without your help. From the parent volunteers at all of our buildings who volunteered to talk to their friends and neighbors, to the PTOs and parent clubs who graciously allowed us to share the projects for each school during their meetings, everyone came together and made a decision with their student's future in mind.

In the last four weeks we have been working diligently behind the scenes to get everything in order. As we prepare to sell the bonds, we have had several meetings with our project managers, architect and district personnel to determine a project timeline. Our main goal is to have a timeline that is both feasible and provides a minimal amount of disruption to the school day.

As the plans for the next several years become more clear, we will be updating the bond website — TheFraserDifference.com — as well as sharing updates in future editions of this newsletter.

With Fraser Pride,

Dr. Richards





SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM EXPANDS

Fraser Public Schools is excited to again partner with the USDA to provide free summer meals through the Meet Up and Eat Up program. After a very successful summer last year, the program will expand to provide meals at Eisenhower Elementary, in addition to Fraser High School and McKinley Park.

Anyone under the age of 18 is welcome to enjoy a meal for free. Persons with special needs or disabilities can enjoy a free meal up to age 26. There is no income or residency requirement. Additionally, children do not need to attend Fraser Public Schools to participate. Meals must be consumed on-site, however.

Last year, FPS partnered with the City of Fraser to offer lunch at McKinley Park. An average of 50 children participated, with some days nearly 100 eating lunch. This year, the district wanted to offer a convenient location for individuals in the southern end of Fraser, and will expand the program to Eisenhower Elementary.

Meals begin June 19 and will continue Monday–Friday through August 25. There will be no service on July 4.

Fraser High School Cafeteria

Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Lunch: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

McKinley Park Pavilion

Lunch: 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Eisenhower Elementary Outdoor Area

Lunch: 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

The menu for June can be found on our [website](#).

Fraser High School Receives Life-Saving Device

Fraser High School was one of the most recent recipients of an automatic external defibrillator, or AED, from the Wes Leonard Heart Foundation. The device was installed on the second floor of FHS.

Wes Leonard was a high school athlete in Fennville, Michigan, in Allegan County when he collapsed and died after scoring the game-winning shot in a basketball game. After that tragedy, his parents formed the Wes Leonard Heart Foundation, and donate AEDs and train school staff around the region. Since Wes's death in 2011, they have donated more than 210 AEDs to organizations.



Inquiry Fair Allows Students to Own Their Learning



Every year, the English 11 students read *1984* by George Orwell and choose some aspect of the fictional dystopian society to inspire research about a related real-world phenomenon. The rest is up to them.

“Beyond this requirement, the topics are based on student interest, so they cover a wide range of disciplines. After time to prepare, students present their findings during the Inquiry Fair,” said Stephanie Zary, English teacher at FHS.

Topics covered a gamut of questions, from the reliability of human memory, the effects of parenting styles on child development, and disparities in wealth distribution throughout the world.

Maria Lauro and Lorine Basho formed an inquiry about police brutality. The two juniors agreed the ability to select their topic resulted in more engagement on the project.

“I found it interesting, because we got to pick our own topic; we got to pick what we can relate to,” said Basho. “It’s interesting to teach people some stuff they might not have known.”

Upcycled Gardening

Mrs. Farkas’ 5th-grade students at Eisenhower Elementary upcycled plastic bottles and made self-watering planters. In order to test their creations, they planted tomato seeds. They were excited to see them sprout so quickly. They learned about making “garbage” into something new instead of throwing more waste into our landfills.





H.E.A.R.T. Students Conserve Water

H.E.A.R.T. classes throughout the district have been participating in lessons to bring awareness of ways to conserve water and support families affected by the sewer collapse. Students participated in an activity about turning the water off while brushing their teeth. They learned that if each person turned off the water while brushing, they

could save up to 200 gallons of water each month. One student proclaimed, "We could save a lot of water for our community!"

Students also made posters that were placed around their school to remind everyone of ways to save water everyday. Everyone also brought home a flyer with helpful ways of saving water.

At Richards Middle School, Mrs. Wizniuk from the Macomb County Public Works spoke to 8th-grade science classes. She addressed the impact of pollution on our local watershed and provided a hands-on experience for students to understand the importance of conserving and preventing water pollution.

FPS students not only learned how to conserve water, but also the significant role water plays in our society, where water comes from, and how it becomes the drinking water that pours out of our faucets!

Salk Grounds Crew "Springs" Into Action

The Salk Elementary Grounds Crew group planned and organized the 2017 version of Green Day. Prior to the actual Green Day, the group met to plan all of the flower planting, working with all grade levels at Salk. Part of the planning included using math and problem-solving skills to figure out how to plant more than 1,000 individual flowers into about 60 different sized planters and flower pots.



On May 12, each class had time to go outside and work on their assigned projects, which included planting, raking, cleaning up the grounds, and clearing large rocks and debris from the baseball diamond. The Salk Grounds Crew members managed all of these Green Day activities, including the supplies, monitored the planting, and finished the day by watering the plants and cleaning up.



Preschool Learns About Earth Day

Mrs. Burlager's and Mrs. Plouff's 4-year-old preschool classes at the Dooley Center celebrated Earth Day by planting new seeds and practicing cleaning up litter.

Students learned about the need for plants and trees to keep our air clean. They then planted watermelon and marigold seeds. When the plants

were big enough, each student took their seedlings home for planting.

To reinforce the importance of keeping trash out of our waters and land, students participated in an activity using grab sticks to pick up pretend litter. In a journal page, they pledged to do their best to keep our Earth healthy by planting plants, picking up litter, and not wasting water or electricity.

Twain Parent Named Volunteer of the Year by County Board

Walk into Mark Twain Elementary on any day, and you will likely see Amy Plucinski smiling in the main office, helping students get to class, or running errands. She is employed as an aide — a job that requires about 20 hours a week — but Ms. Plucinski can be found at the school most days and many evenings. Her dedication has not gone unnoticed. Earlier this year, Principal Gary Abud nominated her for the Macomb County Board of Commissioners Volunteer of the Year Award.

She was surprised with the news that she won at a Twain Parent Club meeting, where she serves as secretary. Ms. Plucinski, along with four other volunteers of the year, were recognized at a Macomb BOC meeting in late April.

"Amy is one of our 'brightest spots' in the school — everyone knows her smile, laughter and encouragement! A mother of three students at Twain Elementary, Amy immerses herself in the school community during and beyond the school day, treating nearly 400 students like her own children," Abud said in the nomination.

In addition to her three students at Twain, her eldest son Tyler also volunteers at the school.

"It's just something that I enjoy doing, and I wouldn't trade it for anything," Ms. Plucinski said. "I just try to do what my parents did for me."





Social Studies Olympiad

DISTRICT RESULTS

Students representing four elementary schools in Fraser brought home more than 30 medals from the Michigan Social Studies Olympiad XXXI. The competition was held at Center Line High School on May 13.

Students can participate in the statewide competition beginning in 3rd grade. The goal of the event is to increase interest and develop a strong social studies skill set and strengthen personal confidence through collaboration and competition, according to the Michigan Council for the Social Studies website. Students who finished in the top of their category were honored at the May 22 Board of Education meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE COMPETITION!

STUDENTS TAKE A STAND AT HISTORY DAY COMPETITION

Four students from Richards Middle School will represent Fraser at the National History Day competition at the University of Maryland this June.

Stella Authier, Aidan Byrne, Samantha Gusmano and Abby Jones won 1st place in their category and division at Michigan History Day on April 29, which qualified them to be the first group of students from Fraser to attend nationals.

They were among nine students from Tara Fugate's 8th-grade U.S. History classes who participated in Michigan History Day this year, a year-long program that allows students to explore history by learning to ask historical questions; find their own answers by doing quality, original research; and report their findings in a project type of their choosing. Projects had to fit into the History Day theme, "Taking a Stand." The 1st-place team chose to focus their research on the women's movement and the quest for suffrage. For their project, they chose to do a museum-style exhibit and did a comprehensive analysis of how the efforts of women like Abigail Adams, Susan B. Anthony and Alice Paul pushed the U.S. government closer and closer to considering giving women not only the right to vote, but also full equality under the law. This was all done in addition to the regular course work.

Five other students participated in the state-level History Day competition. Elise Rhodenizer and John Vorgitch created a documentary on Abraham Lincoln and the 13th Amendment. Maggie Marchioni, Garret Yakey and Paige Dunham created an exhibit on the Pullman Strike of 1894, and won a special research award for their project.

The students were also recognized at the May 22 Board of Education meeting.

DISNEY ELEMENTARY

- Lanie Shrum Poetry – Silver Medal
- Samuel Ford Posters, Artistic – Bronze Medal
- Dawson Sarcona Posters, Collage – Honorable Mention
- Faith Aloia Digital Photography – Gold Medal
- Aniyah Simmons Historical TV Newscast – Gold Medal
- Nevaeh Bishop Historical TV Newscast – Gold Medal
- Faith Aloia Historical TV Newscast – Gold Medal
- Elizabeth Jarjour Historical TV Newscast – Gold Medal
- Olivia Henderson Historical TV Newscast – Gold Medal
- Haley Stallwood Historical TV Newscast – Gold Medal
- Ryan Murray Historical TV Newscast – Gold Medal
- Andrew Thomson Historical TV Newscast – Gold Medal
- Madison Terry Historical TV Newscast – Gold Medal
- Kurston Schroeder Historical TV Newscast – Gold Medal

- Alexis Thornton Historical TV Newscast – Gold Medal
- Samantha Filip Historical TV Newscast – Gold Medal
- Kaitlyn Kaufman Historical TV Newscast – Gold Medal
- Hailey Aloia Historical TV Newscast – Gold Medal
- Daniel Hodge Historical TV Newscast – Gold Medal
- Denim Scott Historical TV Newscast – Gold Medal

EDISON ELEMENTARY

- Kirk Wohlfield Quiz Bowl – Gold Medal
- Ashley Sisk Quiz Bowl – Gold Medal
- Cristiano Ruhl Quiz Bowl – Gold Medal
- Coley Maison Quiz Bowl – Gold Medal
- Cristiano Ruhl Prezi – Gold Medal
- Taylor Frazier Primary Document Journal – Gold Medal
- Taylor Frazier Quiltathon – Gold Medal

SALK ELEMENTARY

- Raymond Hensley Posters, Artistic – Bronze Medal
- Isabella Mezin Posters, Collage – Bronze Medal
- Gabriella Tonn Posters, Collage – Honorable Mention

EMERSON ELEMENTARY

- Marik Muskovin Posters, Artistic – Silver Medal
- Meg Barnum Posters, Collage – Honorable Mention
- Elijah Gordon Guzick Posters, Artistic – Gold Medal
- Ella Barozzini Posters, Artistic – Silver Medal
- Megan Doll Posters, Collage – Honorable Mention
- Rebecca Speagle Posters, Collage – Honorable Mention
- Charley Kennedy Posters, Storyboard – Bronze Medal

We have added a photo gallery to our website from the May 22 Board Meeting.





Science Olympiad Results

Students representing all of our elementary schools in Fraser brought home dozens of medals from the Macomb Science Olympiad. The countywide competition was held at Macomb Community College on May 20. Thirty-seven K-6 teams from Macomb County competed in the event. Students who received a top-nine finish their category were honored at the May 22 Board of Education meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE COMPETITION!

DISNEY ELEMENTARY

Team Finished 8th Overall

- Riya Engle**, 9th Place – Zowie Estimation
- Samantha Filip**, 6th Place – Bridging the Gap
- Samantha Filip**, 9th Place – Crime Busters
- Joseph Gerber**, 5th Place – Precision
Ping Pong Propulsion
- Joseph Gerber**, 9th Place – Rock Hound
- Camden Goguen**, 2nd Place – Starry, Starry Night
- Owen Hamilton**, 9th Place – Rock Hound
- Katelyn Hewitt**, 8th Place – Anatomy
- Erica Hewitt**, 6th Place – Bridging the Gap
- Adhvay Kumar**, 8th Place – Anatomy
- Dawson Sarcona**, 8th Place – Wildlife Safari
- Lily Schuch**, 9th Place – Crime Busters
- Lily Schuch**, 5th Place – Precision
Ping Pong Propulsion
- Lily Schuch**, 8th Place – Wildlife Safari
- Payton Stemmerich**, 2nd Place – Starry, Starry Night
- Jason Valade**, 9th Place – Zowie Estimation

EDISON ELEMENTARY

Team Finished 6th Overall

- Tyler Baker**, 8th Place – Water Bottle Rockets
- Tyler Baker**, 4th Place – Weather or Not
- Katelyn Frazier**, 2nd Place – Precision
Ping Pong Propulsion
- Katelyn Frazier**, 1st Place – Wildlife Safari
- Taylor Frazier**, 2nd Place – Precision
Ping Pong Propulsion
- Taylor Frazier**, 1st Place – Wildlife Safari
- Maria Lulgjuraj**, 3rd Place – Crash Car
- Kylie Maley**, 7th Place – Charged Up
- Kylie Maley**, 3rd Place – Starry, Starry Night
- Myles Narrazo**, 8th Place – Water Bottle Rockets
- Cristiano Ruhl**, 3rd Place – Crash Car
- Ashley Sisk**, 7th Place – Charged Up

- Ashley Sisk**, 3rd Place – Starry, Starry Night
- Kirk Wohlfield**, 8th Place – Water Bottle Rockets
- Kirk Wohlfield**, 4th Place – Weather or Not

EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY

Team Finished 13th Overall

- Quintin Boyd**, 3rd Place – Charged Up
- Anthony Burnett**, 8th Place – Simple Machines
- Akeelah Jones**, 4th Place – Rock Hound
- Noah Pashby**, 8th Place – Simple Machines
- Nelson Wu**, 3rd Place – Charged Up
- Nelson Wu**, 4th Place – Rock Hound

EMERSON ELEMENTARY

Team Finished 16th Overall

- Anakin Askew**, 5th Place – A is for Anatomy
- Alexander Keuning**, 8th Place – Crime Busters
- Alexander Keuning**, 4th Place – Starry, Starry Night
- Mason McKernan**, 8th Place – Crime Busters
- Isabella Norbeck**, 8th Place – Zowie Estimation
- Hannah Platt**, 8th Place – Zowie Estimation
- Devin Wouters**, 5th Place – A is for Anatomy
- Devin Wouters**, 4th Place – Starry, Starry Night

SALK ELEMENTARY

Team Finished 21st Overall

- Anthony Aquino**, 4th Place – Precision
Ping Pong Propulsion
- Jessica Au**, 8th Place – Weather or Not
- Charlotte Clark**, 8th Place – Weather or Not
- Stephen Starosciak**, 4th Place – Precision
Ping Pong Propulsion

TWAIN ELEMENTARY

Team Finished 33rd Overall

- Courtney Brown**, 3rd Place – Crime Busters
- Jason Weems**, 3rd Place – Crime Busters

We have added a [photo gallery to our website](#) from the May 22 Board Meeting.

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA

FHS Senior Competes at National Leadership Conference

Fraser High School senior Darren Rice recently competed at the Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference. The conference was in Orlando, Florida, May 10-14. Darren finished 15th out of 56 in Fundamentals of Web Design, and 36th out of 369 on a Computer Programming Concepts exam.



Darren had previously placed 1st in Fundamentals of Web Design at the Regional Leadership Conference, and 5th in the event at the State Leadership Conference.

While in Orlando, he also earned a Microsoft Technology Associate certification in HTML5 Application Development Fundamentals.

HOSA – FUTURE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Students Prepare for International Leadership Conference

After a stellar performance at the Region 4 Leadership Conference in February, 15 members of the Fraser High School organization traveled to Traverse City for the State Leadership Conference in late April.

Kayla Cross, Ana Alexandrova and Katie Allison placed 5th in Medical Innovations, and Shelbie Schwall placed 5th in the Healthy Lifestyle event. Fraser HOSA also brought home a silver medal for HOSA Happenings (chapter newsletter) and a gold medal for their Chapter Reflection (formerly the Outstanding HOSA Chapter Award).

Kayla and Shelbie will be headed to sunny Orlando in June for the International Leadership Conference.





Journalism Students at Fraser High School are Making National Headlines ... Again

TOP SCHOLARS RECOGNIZED AT FHS

Each year, the top scholars at Fraser High School and their parents are invited to a breakfast for an opportunity to be honored for their hard work and accomplishments. Top scholars included the four co-valedictorians, salutatorian, and 13 students graduating summa cum laude.

Each student was individually recognized and Dr. Mike Lonze, principal at FHS, presented them with a copy of "The Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S TOP SCHOLARS

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| Noel Bielski | Stewart Mitchell |
| Emily Carson | Emily Ruebelman |
| Rachel Catoni | Carmen Sanchez |
| Barbara Clark | Steven Stine |
| Catherine Glaser | Alexis Ventimiglia |
| Rebecca Grammatico | Elizabeth Volante |
| Kasey Karol | Lauren Walega |
| Ian LoPiccolo | Zachary Ziegenfelder |
| Julie Madacki | |

The National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) named senior Samantha Nork to its 2017 Honor Roll of Student Journalists. This distinction is awarded to students who have worked on an NSPA member publication for at least two years and maintained a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Samantha is one of eight students from Michigan who made the list.

She will also be spending her summer as an intern with Detroit Public Television, arranged through the Student Reporting Labs program with PBS NewsHour. Samantha will be working out of the One Detroit office with Ed Moore, Director of Content and Detroit Bureau.

Fellow broadcaster and junior Keenan Penn II will also be working with PBS this summer. He will travel to Washington, D.C., for a week in June to participate with the PBS *NewsHour* Student Reporting Labs Summer Academy. It will be his third trip in as many years, but this time he will be a junior mentor with the program. He will assist about 20 students from across the country as they create news packages about the week and help to shape the future of public education.



"I received an email from the director, and she said to me, 'Keenan, it would be a great idea to have you back this year,' and my first reaction was disbelief," he said about finding out he would be attending the program again. "This year, they're considering me more of a staffer than a student. It's really exciting."

Keep up with Keenan and Sam as they live tweet their experiences this summer @ FHSTheFlash.



Learning a New Skill is Fun

Students at Mark Twain had a chance to learn the basics of crocheting. Students in grades 4-6 met twice a week for five weeks with Mrs. Schop.



Students learned basic stitches, terms, abbreviations, equipment needed to crochet, and how to read a pattern. Students began working on a project of their choice, either slippers or a scarf, using the basic stitches.

"Several students were second-year members, and, boy, could you see the progress made within one year," said Mrs. Schop.

Everyone had fun, learned a new skill and a new way to relax!

Students Recognized for Hard Work, Enthusiasm

Twice a year, teachers at Fraser High School have the opportunity to recognize students for a variety of reasons. The students and their parents are invited to a breakfast before school, and recognized in front of their peers.

Earlier this month, 28 students were honored for everything from working hard and helping others to enthusiasm and dedication.



- Brendan Rice**
- Jeremy Russo**
- Lindsey Bloom**
- Shannon Stover**
- Lexis Victor**
- Liam Quandt**
- Evan Croft**
- Noah Lappin**
- Peyton DeSchutter**
- Joey Bushway**

- Dakota Herbin**
- Matthew Stawinski**
- Justin Babbitt**
- Anthony Corso**
- Savannah Dupree**
- Diana Hanna**
- Maryam Hanna**
- Sarah Hannah**
- Audrey Williams**
- Emily Ruebelman**

- Travell Davis**
- Joe Huang**
- Samantha Nork**
- Kennedy Barr**
- Hanna Oroshi**
- Kaitlin Lintz**
- Rachel Catoni**
- Frankie Brindley**
- Adam Winkelman**



Band and Choir Sweep National Music Festival

For several years, the Fraser Singers have travelled to compete in the WorldStrides National Heritage Music Festival. This year, the Fraser High School band accompanied the choir to Washington, D.C., to compete, as well.

In total, the Fraser Music Department earned 16 awards and two Certificates of Invitation, sweeping their events with Superior Ratings as they competed against school music programs from around the country.

Symphonic Ensemble (combined band and choir): Gold Rating (plaque)

Symphony Band: Gold Rating, 1st Place (plaque)

Jazz Band: Gold Rating (plaque)

Show Choir: Gold Rating, 2nd Place (plaque)

Chamber Choir: Gold Rating, 2nd Place (plaque)

The Instrumental Sweepstakes Trophy: Awarded to the Fraser Bands for the school with two or more instrumental groups accumulating the highest number of points.

The Choral Sweepstakes Trophy: Awarded to the Fraser Choirs for the school with two or more vocal groups accumulating the highest number of points.

The Outstanding Band Trophy: Awarded to the Symphony Band for being the highest scoring group in the Band Division.

The Adjudicators Award Trophy: Awarded to the Symphonic Ensemble (band and choir) for achieving an average score of 92 or higher.

The Adjudicators Award Trophy: Awarded to the Jazz Band for achieving an average score of 92 or higher.

The Adjudicators Award Trophy: Awarded to the Symphony Band for achieving an average score of 92 or higher.

The Maestro Awards: Awarded to individual students for being selected by the adjudicators as outstanding musicians of the festival. THREE Fraser students were selected:

- **For Band:** Nathaniel Zook (flugelhorn); Alexis Ventimiglia (trombone)

- **For Choir:** Stephanie Bedore

The OVATION Award: Stephanie Bedore; presented to the student nominated by the directors whose contributions to their music program transcends the making of music, and represents the spirit of determination, inspiration, and service to others.

The Festival Sweepstakes Trophy was awarded to the Fraser Music Department for

earning the highest combined ratings and rankings of all the choirs and bands in competition.

The Fraser Symphonic Ensemble received the Certificate of Excellence invitation to the National "Festival of Gold" for choral and band.

The Fraser Symphony Band received the Certificate of Excellence invitation to the National "Festival of Gold" for choral and band.



EISENHOWER HOLDS FIRST CARDBOARD ARCADE

Eisenhower Elementary held their first "cardboard arcade" night in April. Students in grades K-6 were challenged to construct a game at home made mostly out of cardboard.



In the end, 26 students took on the challenge, used their creativity, and made some incredible cardboard arcade games. Family and friends were then invited to school to buy a "fun pass" which allowed them to walk around and play any of the games.

Everyone who participated and played had a great time! The donations collected that night will be put toward buying more items for the Media Center Makerspace.

EMERSON STUDENTS DISCOVER BALLET

Students in Mrs. Fortune's and Mrs. Payne's 5th-grade classes at Emerson Elementary had the opportunity to see the Macomb Ballet Company perform "Cinderella" at the Macomb Performing Art Center.

Watching, understanding and appreciating dance takes practice, so Mrs. Fortune and Mrs. Payne started with the familiar character: Cinderella. The students watched the live-action movie, "Cinderella," from 2015 before attending the ballet.



The students discovered that while watching dance, there are no rules for how someone should interpret, experience or feel about what they see. Everyone in the audience may interpret dance differently, and there is no right or wrong interpretation.

After the performance, students wrote an opinion paper using specific details explaining which version of "Cinderella" they preferred and why. Most students chose the movie, but admitted to liking the ballet more than they thought they would. Many students were surprised to discover that there is no talking or singing in a ballet.

EMERSON HOME TO 25 PUBLISHED POETS

Emerson Elementary took part in a National Schools Project designed to share our youth's talents with others, supply a national audience for student writing, and provide a publishing opportunity for young poets. Librarians, media specialists and teachers from across the nation were asked to encourage students to write and submit Haiku poetry for consideration for publication in the 23rd Edition of the Young American Poetry Digest

After a little instruction, 3rd- through 6th-grade students were excited to get started. A total of 48 pieces of work were submitted for review by a panel of educators, and 25 were selected for publication.

"It is so refreshing to see children excited about writing and learning about poetry," said Mrs. Barozzini, Emerson Media Technician.



3rd Grade Winners

Makarious Azer
Makenzie Bartz
Samantha Biegas
Catherine Jenkins
Steven Mikhail
Brynn Norbeck

Collin Howitt
Peyton McKernan
Molly Neiborg
Avery Wouters

5th Grade Winners

Jaden Middleton
Isabella Norbeck
Hannah Platt
Miley Riddle
Shayley Temnyk
Kailey Viviano

4th Grade Winners

Katie Cairney
Vitina Capizzi
Peyton Claeys
Lily Edwards
Kyrenna Fluker
Richard "Trey" Goike
Connor Hooper

6th Grade Winners

Ella Barozzini
Aidan Schietecatte



FRASER PUBLIC SCHOOLS K-12 District Art Show

Parents, students, family and friends filled the media center for the K-12 District Art Show opening on May 9. The Flute Ensemble performed as spectators browsed the Fraser High School Media Center. The show featured work from every school, and small galleries from the top artists in the high school. A panel that included local artists and college instructors judged the high school and middle school artists' work, and prizes were awarded to the top students in several categories. Students received portfolios, pencil sets and gift cards for their work.



FRASER HIGH SCHOOL

PHOTOGRAPHY

Savannah Lorenz – 1st Place
Andrea Smith – 2nd Place
Bianca Misuraca – 3rd Place
Nick Thaxton – Honorable Mention

DRAWING

Casey Bresso – 1st Place
Kasey Ley – 2nd Place
Benny Rotterman – 3rd Place
Alyssa Helfrich – Honorable Mention

PAINTING

Lauren Kennedy – 1st Place
Lauren Summerville – 2nd Place
Briana Vanbrabant – 3rd Place
Cheyenne Justice – Honorable Mention

SCULPTURE

Paige Chatterson – 1st Place
Tristan Roy – 2nd Place
Shea Montgomery – 3rd Place
Tyler Flieschman – Honorable Mention

RICHARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL

DRAWING

Abbey Spears – 1st Place
Sarah Robling – 2nd Place
Farrah Fantin – 3rd Place

PEN AND INK

Aubrey Boyd – 1st Place
Catherine Manor – 2nd Place
Sabrina Rovakik – 3rd Place

MIXED MEDIUM

Sarah Robling – 1st Place
Leslie Fantin – 2nd Place
Nyla Muskovin – 3rd Place

BEST OF SHOW

Leslie Fantin

STUDENTS WIN DETROIT NEWSPAPERS IN EDUCATION CONTEST

Two students in Mrs. Kapanka's 2nd-grade class at Emerson Elementary won the Yak's Corner Favorite Book Character Contest sponsored by the Detroit Newspapers In Education nonprofit. Aylin Odessho won 2nd place and Claire Diggan won 3rd place in the 2nd-grade level!



Aylin Odessho



Claire Diggan

Students chose one favorite fictional character from a book and then drew a picture of the character in bright bold colors. They included a brief explanation as to why this was their favorite character. The two students received a certificate and a gift card to Barnes and Noble!

All Children Exercising Simultaneously

Two elementary schools participated in the All Children Exercising Simultaneously (ACES) project. It is a global effort to bring awareness to children about the importance of exercise.

At Salk Elementary, all students took to the soccer field to participate in a variety of exercises.



The event was led by Salk Student Council leaders Jill Sutter and Kelli Provost and the student council members. Mrs. Lipski, Salk's P.E. teacher, led the entire school in 15 minutes of vigorous exercises. A fun dance party followed the exercising.

"The purpose of the project was to get our students up and moving, and to let our students know how important it is to exercise each day. We also wanted to make it fun. I think we most certainly accomplished our goals," said Mrs. Sutter. "The children and staff had a blast."

At Edison Elementary, each grade lined up in rows in the parking lot. P.E. teacher Rachel Wiedyk led them in 15 minutes of dancing and fun. The school also had a special guest, local Farm Bureau Agent Michael Vereecke, who graduated from FHS and lives in the district.

"I wanted to give back to the school in my neighborhood, because I love Fraser and my neighbors. My agency donated \$250 to the school's Phys. Ed. program to be used for the purchase of new equipment as they see fit," he said.

Farm Bureau is a Michigan-based company and assists agents in getting involved in community events of their choice. Mr. Vereecke reached out to Ms. Wiedyk about making the donation.



RUNNING BUDDIES ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER

Rochelle Copacia, 4th-grade teacher at Emerson Elementary, started a running club in March for students in grades 3-6.



Approximately 80 students joined and practiced twice a week at the track across the street from Emerson.

"I started the club to share something with the students that I am very passionate about — running!" commented Mrs. Copacia. "We focus on stamina and always trying to improve how many laps we can run each week. Our goal is to beat our personal best, and we use running buddies for encouragement."

The running club participated in The Joe Manfreda Dream Dash 5K on Saturday, May 6 at Roseville High School. They all finished the race and were proud of their 3.1-mile accomplishment. The running club will continue until June 1, and students are excited about upcoming races that they can participate in.

Welcome to Early Childhood Care at the Dooley Center



Early Childhood Care at the Dooley Center is a drop-in program, offering your family high quality, affordable childcare in a nurturing learning environment. The program is designed to support and enhance the preschool and Developmental Kindergarten programs

at Dooley. It is an ideal program for those families who want or need flexibility with childcare — there is no commitment to certain hours or days, and you only pay for the time your child is in our care.

the use of the "Creative Curriculum." This is a research-based curriculum that focuses on hands-on exploration to build confidence, creativity and critical-thinking skills. It is a play-based approach, so children often do not realize that they are learning. They just know that they get to play! While they are playing, they are participating in science and math exploration; early literacy activities; process art, music and movement; and social/emotional enrichment.

The program provides childcare for children between the ages of 2½ and 5. Because of the age range, the younger 2-3-year-olds have the opportunity to look up to and learn from older 4-5-year-olds. In return, the older children are able to take on leadership roles as they help the younger children. Everyone learns and grows from each other!

Call Dooley's main office at **586.439.7600** to learn more or to set up a tour.



Ages: 2½ to 5 years of age, must be potty-trained

Hours: 6:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Fee: \$4.50 per hour (based on one-hour minimum)

Registration: \$60 per child/\$75 per family, \$15 per child if already registered in preschool (\$100 security deposit required)

CAMP DOOLEY

SUMMER FUN
FOR LITTLE
ONES



The Dooley Center is looking forward to their summer child-care program, Camp Dooley. This program will be available for 2 ½-year-olds (who are potty-trained) through current 3rd-grade students. Plans include some field trips, which will be paid for by the children, including some bus fees. If a child cannot attend a field trip, caregivers will be provided at school for them.

The children spend their days enjoying their summer vacation. They have the opportunity to play with others, enjoying art/craft activities, outside fun, fieldtrips and special activities at the Dooley Center. Some of the activities planned for the summer are: tumble bus, my art party, pump it up, bowling, sundae building and Kona Ice. Every Tuesday, when the weather is warm, is sprinkler day!

Parents may bring their children for the entire summer or as needed. Hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The summer program begins June 19 and continues through August 25. Camp will be closed July 3 and 4 for the holiday.

There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$60 for one child or \$75 per family. The cost is \$4.50 an hour per child. After the first hour, the charge is based on the quarter hour. Bills will be emailed weekly and must be paid in full when received in order to continue attending camp.

Camp Dooley strives to not only make summer fun for children, but also to provide a safe place where children can make new friends, unplug from technology, and become part of a community.

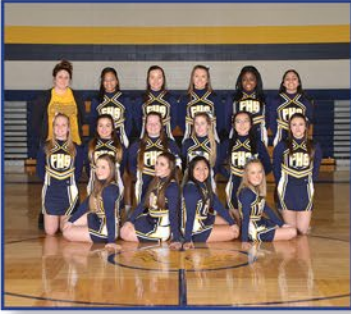


REGISTER AT: bit.ly/2017CampDooley

Winter Sports

S U M M A R I E S 2 0 1 7

Competitive Cheer



At the beginning of the season, the team started out small and young, comprised of mostly freshman and sophomores, which gave us a disadvantage against some other teams we competed against. Throughout the season, we dealt with team members quitting, illness and injuries. Through it all, these girls persevered and made changes when necessary. At the end of the season, they showed so much improvement from our first competitions. At districts, the girls stepped up to the competition and performed their best routines of the season. We may not have gotten the place we wanted at districts, but they walked off the mat that day having accomplished their goal, no stunts falling, a clean routine.

Wrestling

Led by coach Rick Julien and assistant coaches Kevin Julien, Kyle Tucker and Elstan Mathis, Frasier wrestlers finished the season with a 26 and 5 overall record and were undefeated MAC blue district champs. The team had five state qualifiers, including Chris Hackney who took 5th and Danny Pfeffer who placed 2nd. Jalen Smith, Danny Pfeffer and Chris Hackney were named All-County first team and Elijah Tucker, Troy Martinez, Seth Fillar and Mark Hickman were All-County second team. Other state qualifiers included Jalen Smith, Elijah Tucker and Mark Hickman.



TWO FHS COACHES INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to Marti Van-I and Dave Nowinski, who were part of the most recent group inducted into the Macomb County Coaches Hall of Fame.

They were among 14 coaches, four Dave Jackson Distinguished Service Award Honorees and one Jack Francis Award of Merit Honoree inducted in the 12th Class by the Macomb Daily and Macomb County Athletic Directors Association. A current member had to nominate each new member, and former Athletic Director Brad Robinson nominated both Ms. Van-I and Mr. Nowinski. They were chosen based on their accomplishments and contributions to Macomb County athletics.

Ms. Van-I has worked as an athletic trainer in Fraser for 21 years. Several years ago, she obtained her teaching certification and began sharing her knowledge in the popular sports medicine program at Fraser High School.

"I am really honored and humbled to be a part of the Macomb County Coaches' Hall of Fame," she said. "I think I'm the first athletic trainer (but hopefully not the last) to be given this honor. I was definitely the 'youngest' there in terms of number of years of service (21 in Macomb County) and I was a little awestruck by the experience of the other honorees."

Mr. Nowinski has served as swim coach at FHS for the last 30 years. He is also an FHS alum and one of the members of the inaugural swim team at Fraser High School.

"It has meant a lot to be recognized for a sport that I have enjoyed and hopefully have added to over the past several years," he said. "Additionally, to be in the company of some of Fraser's past great coaches is humbling."

The Coaches Hall of Fame was created in 1995. Ms. Van-I and Mr. Nowinski join 15 Fraser coaches who have been inducted since then.

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www.Fraser.k12.mi.us



McLaren Macomb Athletic Medicine Institute is now offering walk-in sports physicals



Attention Fraser School District students Walk in for your sports physical

Monday, June 5, 2017

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Fraser High School Auxilliary Gym

34270 Garfield, Fraser 48026

Fee: \$20 — cash only

Parents/guardians are welcome, but not required to be present.

The **Medical History section** of the Michigan High School Athletic Association form must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian **PRIOR** to arrival.



**NEW
EARLIER
DATE!**

MONDAY, JULY 24, 2017
SHOTGUN START AT 9 A.M.

GOWANIE GOLF CLUB
MT. CLEMENS, MI

Proceeds will benefit the Fraser Public Schools Athletic Scholarship Program



The golf format will be a four-person scramble. Please feel free to create your own team, and, if possible, send one registration form with complete payment, or **click here** to register online. The outing will take place at Gowanie Golf Club, a private course in Mt. Clemens. For more information, please call or email Kristin Ledford at **586.439.7007** or **Kristin.Ledford@fraserk12.org**.

ENTRY FEES

\$110 – Includes golf, cart, souvenir, lunch at the turn, beverage ticket on the course, and a dinner banquet after golfing.

\$30 – Dinner banquet only.

** Space is limited to 144 golfers.
Please register early.*

SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

For more information, please contact Kristin Ledford at **Kristin.Ledford@fraserk12.org**.

ENTRY FORM

*If paying by check, complete form and mail to the address below. Or, **click here** to register and pay online.*

Captain	Address	Phone	Alumnus (Year)/Staff/Parent
Player 2	Address	Phone	Alumnus (Year)/Staff/Parent
Player 3	Address	Phone	Alumnus (Year)/Staff/Parent
Player 4	Address	Phone	Alumnus (Year)/Staff/Parent

Mail form and entry fee to: Fraser Public Schools, Attn: Kristin Ledford, 33466 Garfield Rd., Fraser, MI 48026