

DECEMBER 2014 I DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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### Veteran Board Member of Over 35 Years Retires



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Fraser Public Schools Board Member Carole Bannister has retired after 35 1/2 years of service to the students and staff of the District. She joined the Fraser Public Schools Board of Education in 1979.

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Bannister, a former bus driver who retired from the Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) in 2000, also served as the Chief Steward and Chief Negotiator for the MISD Transportation Department.

Bannister believes in a charge for everyone to make a mark on this world, a concept she read from author John Jakes.

"I believe everyone has that obligation," said Bannister. "Do something that helps to improve the world in which we live; do your best to serve and give." During her time with Fraser Public Schools, Bannister has served on every Board of Education committee and held every position in office on the Board. Additionally, she was the longest consistently serving person on the Macomb County School Board Association's Legislative Committee.

Her decision to retire, although not taken lightly, felt right to her.

"I didn't know when I was going to leave, until it felt like it was time. I've never felt unsure since I've made my decision, so I know it was right," said Bannister. "The Board and Administration work well together and have the right goals in mind. I feel extremely confident and comfortable in leaving."

Since her announcement of retirement, Bannister has been traveling around the District to meet with each building's staff. Her purpose: to say thank you and goodbye.

"I've been here for over 35 years. This is family. And, you just don't walk away from family without saying goodbye," commented Bannister. "I also wanted to thank the staff for all that they do."

On December 15, Bannister's retirement was celebrated with a special reception held at Richards Middle School, honoring her dedication to Fraser Public Schools. Following the celebration was Bannister's final Board of Education meeting. While it was her last official meeting, Bannister promises she isn't going far. She still plans to be present at District events.

A scholarship fund is being established in Bannister's name for the creative and performing arts. To contribute to this scholarship fund, contact Karen Colby at Fraser High School by calling **586.439.7264**.

## FROM FRASER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

o Dear Fraser Families,

As we prepare for the District's holiday break, we at Fraser Public Schools send you the warmest

- wishes this season. On behalf of Fraser Public Schools, we share our sincerest gratitude for our dedicated students, staff and parents of the District. Thus far, 2014 has been
- full of great, exciting moments and accomplishments centered on student learning. We know that the New Year will also bring along many more memorable milestones.

Until then, we hope that this holiday season treats you and your family well. We look forward to seeing you in 2015!

#### Season's greetings,

Dr. David Richards, the Board of Education, and the Central Administration Team Prence France

### Fraser Public Schools Bond Sale Saves \$6.7 Million

The Board of Education of Fraser Public Schools is proud to announce the successful sale of its 2015 Refunding Bonds in the amount of \$46,925,000, which will reduce the School District's interest expense by approximately \$6.7 million over the life of the bonds.

The purpose of this bond sale was to take advantage of the bond market's low interest rates. The District's business manager, Laurie Videtta, along with advisors from Stauder, Barch and Associates, Inc., Clark Hill PLC, and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, completed the transaction in early December. The District secured a true interest cost of 3 percent, compared to the 4.984 percent on the refunded bonds.

"Fraser Public Schools is very pleased with the results of this sale," said Dr. David Richards, Superintendent of Fraser Public Schools. "We are especially pleased to have captured a good day in the market, garnering strong interest from investors and selling our bonds at an attractive interest rate that will benefit our taxpayers in the long run." Additionally, the completion of this transaction is expected to lower the District's overall debt, resulting in a reduction in long-term borrowing costs estimated at \$7.6 million.

"Fraser's increasing enrollment trend and long-term fiscal stewardship allowed Standard & Poor's to give the District an "A" rating, making us attractive to investors," said Dr. Richards. "We're extremely pleased to announce this transaction and to share this substantial savings with our community."

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#### DISTRICT 6TH GRADERS TACKLE 7TH GRADE MATH

raser Public Schools is pleased to share this school year a total of nine 6th-grade students who are currently enrolled in 7th-grade math at Richards Middle School. "This program, an extension of the

move-on-when-ready concept, is an alternative for students who have reached the ceiling at the elementary level in math," said Ms. Mary Kate Fitzpatrick, Instructional Consultant for Fraser Public Schools.

At the start of the school year, District 6th grade math data points indicated that some students were demonstrating mastery of current math standards. The identified students were given additional assessments, including a grade level equivalency test, revealing scores of 7th- through 9th-grade for their computational skills.

In coordination with the families of these students, Richards Middle School staff and administration, the District's Transportation Department, and their respective elementary schools, the 6th graders began their 7th-grade math classes at the beginning of November.

"The students are excited for this opportunity to advance their math at the middle school," said



Fitzpatrick. "Their parents also have the ability to track their students progress on Blackboard."

As additional support, the 6th-grade math students have been partnered with a 7th-grade mentor, giving them a familiar face and friendly helper as they transition into this new class at a new school. After their math class, the 6th graders are transported back to their elementary school for the remainder of their classes.

"The District is currently testing another group of students and, by the end of January, we hope to have more 6th graders testing into 7th-grade math at the middle school," said Fitzpatrick.

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### FPS SCHOOL CLOSINGS A MUST READ FOR ALL PARENTS

Because of the harsh winter we experienced last year, Fraser Public Schools recognizes the possibility of additional school closings ahead of us. We understand the decision to open or close the District in such situations has a big impact on families. Please know that above all, our top priority when making such choices is the safety of our students and staff.

#### A number of factors are considered when making the decision to close our schools because of the weather conditions:

- Road condition reports;
- Amount of accumulated snow and ice and whether it is continuing;
- School building conditions (electricity, water and heat);
- Parking lot conditions;
- Temperature and wind chill, as many of our children are waiting outside for a bus or walking to school;
- Weather predictions, which we know are not always accurate, that must be considered in conjunction with other deciding factors; and,
- What other school districts in Macomb County have decided.

The Superintendent makes the final decision, based on the above factors and input given from the Director of Operations, Maintenance and Transportation. The decision to close school is not taken lightly as all factors are closely considered; this process often can take hours before a final decision is made. In the event of a school closing, the decision will be made as soon as possible, and families will be notified immediately.

#### There are several ways to find out if the school district is closed:

- Messages sent via School Messenger (phone, email and text messages);
- Postings on the District's website, school websites, District's Twitter page, and District's Facebook page; and,
- Notices sent to local television stations, plus WWJ 950 AM and WJR 760 AM radio stations.

#### If you are a family that relies on School Messenger for your school closing information, please make note of the important information below:

- School Messenger utilizes the information in PowerSchool to contact your family for a school closing;
- Beginning this school year, <u>only</u> Contact 1 and Contact 2 will receive the school closing notification from School Messenger for inclement weather; and,
- Contact your child's school to make any changes to your contact information including email address, home phone and cell phone.

Fraser Public Schools wishes you a safe winter and appreciates your cooperation in the event of possible school closings.

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#### Little Leaders Program

Now in its second year, the Little Leaders program is off and running. Developed last school year by the FHS Student Council, the program is designed to help bridge the gap between the middle school and high school student councils.

According to RMS 8th Grader, Samantha Harris, "The high school leaders tell us how we can carry on the helping hand through high school, and it really is fun to get to learn from them and getting to know them."

The group's first meeting took place on November 3, and RMS students will continue to meet the first Monday of each month with the high school students. Little Leaders has become a very positive experience for all involved.

#### Journalism Students Interview Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein

On December 9, Michigan Supreme Court Justice-elect Richard Bernstein came to Fraser High School to interview with the school's print and broadcast journalism crews. Coordinated through the department's partnership with PBS, the FHS students interviewed Justice Bernstein in the Media Center. Justice Bernstein, the first visually impaired individual to be elected to Supreme Court, provided great inspiration to the journalism students, as he not only answered their questions, but also provided great insight from his life and overcoming obstacles.



#### Fraser Public School Receives Gold Medallion Award

Fraser Public Schools received the 2014 Gold Medallion Award from the Michigan School Public Relations Association (MSPRA) for the District's 2013–2014 enrollment campaign. Awarded at the MSPRA Fall Drive-In conference in Ann Arbor, Fraser Public Schools is pleased to share this award with the community. MSPRA's Gold Medallion Award recognizes outstanding programs or projects that advance responsible school communications. Entries are accepted from public and private schools, education groups, regional MSPRA groups, and any public relations



agency or private business serving such education entities. In the award-winning program, Fraser Public Schools deployed a campaign in Macomb County and the surrounding metro-Detroit area to reach families that may be interested in the opportunities offered within the District.



### FOOD PANTRY AT FRASER HIGH SCHOOL

#### HOW CAN WE HELP?

The Fraser Food Pantry has cereals, soups, canned goods, personal hygiene items and much more! Fraser families eligible to use the Food Pantry must qualify for Free/Reduced Meals.

#### **DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED**

Donations of canned goods, non-perishables and personal hygiene items are welcomed! Please drop donated items off at Fraser High School or the Administration Building.

Email info@fraserk12.org or call 586.439.7005 to receive assistance from the Fraser Food Pantry today.

#### Fraser Alum Debuts on Letterman

John Raleeh, FHS class of 2008, debuted on the Late Show with David Letterman on November 10. John plays the trombone for Jessica Hernandez and the Deltas. The band performed, "Sorry I Stole Your Man" off their current album, *Secret Evil*. After their performance, David Letterman exclaimed, "We have a winner ladies and gentleman!"

Fraser Public Schools is also thrilled and proud of the performance. "While at Fraser High School, John exhibited tremendous talent and shared it while being a part of the marching, symphony and jazz bands. He was always eager to make music,

and it is great to see our Fraser alumni being successful following their dreams!" commented Jim Rodgers, Instrumental Music Department Chair.

#### RMS Be a STAR Rally



World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) and The Creative Coalition supported the Autism Alliance of Michigan by hosting an anti-bullying rally for over 800 students from Richards Middle School on December 15 in the Fraser High School Auditorium.

The event, known as the Be a STAR Rally, featured top names as anti-bullying advocates. Miss Michigan 2014 KT Maviglia and former MSU Basketball player Anthony Ianni joined WWE Superstars Kofi Kingston, Xavier Woods and WWE Diva Natalya

to spread Be a STAR's mission to ensure a positive and equitable social environment for everyone.

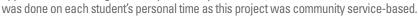
During the rally, each of the guests told his or her personal story of how they were targeted by bullies for various reasons throughout their life and how they worked to overcome the adversity. STAR, an acronym for Show Tolerance and Respect, was the theme of the rally. The event concluded with a special surprise: RMS 8th graders Madison Rodgers and Derek Zbercot were brought on stage and recognized for their anti-bullying efforts at Richards Middle School.

### Advanced Drafting Class Uses 3D Printer to Make Ornaments

On December 17, Fraser High School students from Mr. Jared Andres' advanced drafting courses visited the 1stgrade classes at Edison Elementary to deliver Christmas ornaments made from the 3D printer at Fraser High School.

These ornaments were created from the ideas of the 1st graders when they were asked what toy they would like for Christmas. From teddy bears to airplanes, the students drew their requests and gave them to the drafting students.

"My students selected which toy they would like to make and got to work designing," said Mr. Andres. The design work, either done on the iPad using a 3D modeling app or the 3D modeling software provided by the District,



"The idea was for my students to give back," said Mr. Andres.

Once the design work was completed, students printed the finished project using the 3D printer at the high school, with each ornament taking approximately 30 minutes to print.

Senior Katherine Mosorjak, who designed several of the ornaments, described the experience as being "Santa Claus" for the students. On the day of the delivery to students, grins from ear-to-ear could be seen as each first grader saw their wish come to life.



#### FHS Athlete Signs Letter of Intent

Fraser High School cross-country athlete Katelyn Hejza signed a letter of intent with Macomb



Community College December 2 at Fraser High School. Hejza, a life-long volleyball player, switched over to Cross Country for the first time this year and had a stellar season. With an impressive 3.82 GPA, Hejza will do exceptionally well as a student-athlete at Macomb Community College next year.

#### Hour of Code at RMS

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The computer literacy classes at Richards Middle recently participated in the Hour of Code, a nationwide, weeklong event that began on December 8 in celebration of Computer Science Education Week.

The Hour of Code is a global movement that has reached tens of millions of students in 180+ countries. At Richards Middle School, the event was organized by K–8 Media Specialist Mrs. Lori Wetzel to offer students the opportunity to explore the world of coding.

"I have never tried coding before," said 8th grader Destinee Hezlep. "Now that I've tried it, I would consider coding as a possible career choice."

Although the majority of students had limited to no coding exposure prior to the Hour of Code activities, many have an interest in continuing to learn more.



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#### Limo & Lunch

Eisenhower held their Limo and Lunch event on November 20. Raffle winners and students who brought in the most money for this year's Fun Run were invited to ride in the Limo Party Bus for lunch at California Pizza at Partridge Creek. The students had a great time and all felt like the stars they are!



#### Pizza Party Fun

Mrs. Albrecht's 4th-grade class at Twain was rewarded with a pizza party for collecting the most canned food items for their food drive. They had approximately 12 boxes of nonperishable items that were picked up by Fraser Schools Operations and Maintenance Department. The items were delivered to Kiwanis to be given to needy families. The food drive was sponsored by the Twain Student Council.





### Cutting Edge at Dooley

The Dooley Center had a three-day visit from Cutting Edge Gymnastics. The gym was set up with a variety of equipment used for jumping, flipping and trying out some acrobatic moves in a safe padded environment. The program teaches character development through gymnastics, promotes physical activity, and is a lot of fun!



Science Alive

Edison students in 4th and 5th grades had a

special visit from Science Alive. This science

to different species. Science Alive brought in

many living examples of creatures for students

program gave students hands-on exposure

to see and touch, including a chinchilla,

banded armadillo, baby alligator, Burmese

python, and a Patagonian cavy. What an

exciting day for the students of Edison!

Visits Edison



#### Disney's Creative Café

Mrs. Filip and Mrs. Preston's 4th-grade classes perform in their first Creative Café, where students let their creative juices flow. As part of their behavior system, students earn Café Bucks as a reward for positive behavior and can spend them at the student-designed performances. Performances can include Readers Theater, science experiments, music, poetry and much more. The students have a great time and always look forward to Creative Café.

#### Santa Visits Salk

Santa stopped by Salk to visit the girls and boys. While there, he surprised all the 1st-graders with silver bells after a reading of the *Polar Express*. Santa was available for family photos in the evening during the book fair, too. Finally, he left special tags in all the classrooms surprising over 50 students with the opportunity to choose a paperback book. Some of those lucky students are pictured here. Salk staff and families look forward to these visits each year!





The second part of the assembly was celebrating a great month of good behavior. Mrs. Charnesky's class won the Shout Out award for great behavior. One student from each class was awarded the Golden Honey Award and other students were awarded Hungry Howies pizza certificates for being excellent role models. Shout outs are compliments from others in the building and are hung on the PBS board in the hallway.

The assembly ended with 5th- and 6th-grade teachers taking pies to the face as a finale to the fundraiser. The 5th- and 6th-grade students who sold the most pies were able to throw a pie at the teachers. It was a fun way to end the month!

#### Twain PBS Assembly

Twain's recent PBS (Positive Behavior System) assembly focused on character and being kind to each other. During the first half of the assembly, Mrs. Lombard's 5th-grade class and Mrs. Albrecht's 4th-grade class made signs explaining how they are unique, a character trait they have, or a fear. The teachers also made signs. This activity was a great moment of understanding that everyone is different.





#### Emerson Students Step Back in Time

As part of their social studies and reading, Emerson 2nd-grade students have been learning what Michigan was like long ago. To complement these lessons, the students went to the Troy Historical Museum. There they dipped bees wax candles, visited a log cabin, churned butter, and had lessons in a one-room schoolhouse. The students had a lot of fun and were amazed at how different the one-room schoolhouse was from their school!

#### Crochet Club at Salk

Salk's 6th-grade teacher, Mrs. Giacalone, and her mother are sponsoring a crochet club. Students are learning this crafty skill during their lunch recess time. There are a mix of both boys and girls learning how to do the basic chain, single and double crochet stitches. Salk looks forward to seeing some of their finished projects.



### Dad's Day at Eisenhower

Eisenhower held its first Dad's Day on November 19. The Eisenhower Dads visited their children's classroom, worked on projects, went



to specials, and took a tour of the school. It is important to Eisenhower to get all their stakeholders involved in their kids' education, and Eisenhower is glad to start this tradition, which will springboard to further volunteer opportunities as the year progresses for their Dads.

#### Disney Skypes with Author

On November 14, Disney 4th-grade students enjoyed Skyping with American and Michigan Chillers author, Johnathan Rand. The 4th graders read the book, Great Lakes Ghost Ship, and asked Mr. Rand questions about the book, the process of getting an idea and writing about it, as well as how he came up with certain ideas that he put in the book itself. Mrs. Preston asked Mr. Rand to explain how he became an author. The original Skype date had to be changed and Mr. Rand generously worked Disney classes into his busy schedule to make sure that the students were not disappointed. Thank you, Mr. Rand!





### Ike Staff Gives Back

Members of Eisenhower's staff visited the Ronald McDonald House on November 21 to provide dinner for the families staying at the house. Families stay at the house for a nominal fee while their children are receiving treatment at Children's Hospital. Corporations, organizations and schools, such as Eisenhower, provide dinner for the families to help save on expenses and to have one less thing to worry about while their son or daughter is in the hospital. It was a great experience for the Eisenhower staff to give back to those in need. Fraser Public Schools would like to thank the staff for being such great role models and another source of Fraser Pride!

#### Have You Seen Santa?

Preschool students in Mrs. Delkov's class have used special binoculars to search Dooley Center far and wide. They want to know, "Have you seen Santa?"



#### Edison Celebrates 50th Day of School

It is hard to believe, but 50 days of school have come and gone. On November 11, Edison's first-grade students celebrated the day by learning about the 1950s! They dressed in 50s style clothing; counted to 50; learned 50s-style dancing, including the Bunny Hop; and held contests to see how many times they could hula hoop and how many bubble gum bubbles they could blow in 50 seconds. They had a great time and rocked the 50th day!





#### Football Fundamentals at Edison

The Detroit Lions Youth Football program spent some time at Edison teaching the fundamentals of football. This after-school program emphasized skill development, safety and fun. Forty-seven students, in grades one through six, participated and all had a great time.

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Don't forget to check out the District's website for a calendar of events at:

#### www.Fraser.k12.mi.us

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#### Being a GP at Eisenhower

Jim "Basketball" Jones once again visited Eisenhower Elementary to share his message on owning your choices, being the best you can be, and being the best GP (good person) you can be. His interactive assembly reinforced what the Eisenhower community is trying to teach its students — that you have to be responsible for who you are, and that we all make choices that determine who we are!

### Salk is Seeing Green

Salk students love the Green Screen app by Do Ink that the District has purchased for all 3rdthrough 6th-grade student iPads. They have learned the art of layering images over videos that are recorded against a green screen. The Salk broadcast team has also been creating daily announcements using the green screen, capturing the audience of all students and staff in the building.





#### Twain is "Rockin"

As a nice way to bring closure to their "View from the Earth" science unit, Mrs. Albrecht's 4th-grade class at Twain studied rocks towards the end of the unit and also learned how many fossils can form over time.

The students had time to explore behind the school, searching for their perfect pet rock. They then answered some basic questions about their rocks' characteristics from one of their science journal pages. The students used this information to create their own "Rock Story" with actual creative pictures, voice recordings, and facts about their rock's history and fossilization using the Story Kit App on their iPads.

To wrap it all up, students shared their "Story Kit Rock Story" with the class via Apple TV and the promethean board. The 4th graders loved sharing and listening to these interesting findings. Mrs. Albrecht's 4th graders "ROCK"!

### Disney Holds a Mega Party

Students had a blast on the giant slide at Disney's Mega Party! Another student favorite at the party was the picture booth. The party was a way to say "Thank You" for the successful



Walk-a-thon. The Walk-a- thon is Disney's one and only fundraiser of the year. Thank you to everyone for supporting Disney Elementary!

### Salk PBIS Reward

Salk Elementary had their PBIS Reward for the month of November. The PBIS program, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, rewards students for their good behavior. All students at Salk who followed the school rules were awarded extra gym time for their November Reward. Way to go Seahawks!





### FHS Students Participate in Hour of Code

During the week of December 8, students came to the Media Center during their lunch to learn about the impact of computer programming (coding). Students learned about careers in the field and were introduced to a few apps to get a better understanding of how coding works: Hop Scotch and Cargo Bot.



#### Student Recognition Breakfast

On December 4, Fraser High School students were recognized in appreciation for their first semester efforts. More than 40 students were nominated by their teachers to be recognized at this special event. The nominated student, along with family and friends, attended the breakfast that was held in the high school's LGI room. Congratulations to all of the well-deserved students for this recognition.

#### FHS Peer-to-Peer Human Ladder Activity

The FHS Peer-to-Peer group recently completed a team building activity known as the Human Ladder. This activity demonstrated their seven adventure beliefs: trust, safety, challenge, belonging, effective communication, empowerment and enjoyment! This activity was a huge accomplishment for the high school's ASD students and their peers.





### Students Selected for OU Honor Band

Sophomores Peyton DeSchutter and Lydia Moenssen were chosen to partcipate in the 2014 Oakland University Honors Band on November 7 and 8. They, along with 82 other members selected from a total of 41 Michigan high schools, were chosen through a competive nomination process. DeSchutter and Moenssen auditioned for chair placement with OU music faculty. rehearsed

with guest conductor Professor Scott Teeple from the University of Wisconsin, and performed an exceptional concert after six hours of rigorous rehearsal.

#### Sophomore Awarded by Clinton Township Officials

Sophomore Casey Bresso was awarded by Clinton Township officials on December 4 at Fraser High School. She received the top honor from the Clinton Township Festival of the Senses. Bresso is receiving this distinct honor for her fourfoot by four-foot painting that was produced over the summer.



#### FHS Foods and Nutrition Students Create iBooks



The Fraser High School Foods and Nutrition students created iBooks on the digestive system this November. The high school students created the iBooks with 5th- and 6th-grade students in mind, as, at the end of the assignment, their finished iBooks would be presented to the upper elementary students at Salk Elementary. On November 19 and 20, the Foods and Nutrition classes took their iBooks to Salk, breaking into small groups with 5th- and 6th-graders.

The Salk students found the iBooks to be very interesting, as well as an opportunity to learn from a high school student. To finish the successful project, everyone enjoyed a healthy snack together!



# RMS Students Selected for Honors Band

Over 100 students from the Metro-Detroit area were selected to perform as part of a middle school honors band at Wayne State University. The program is open to outstanding middle school instrumentalists. Forty of those students were from RMS! It was an all-day event where students prepared music from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., and then performed a concert for their friends and family at 7:30 p.m. This unique experience enhanced the skills of the student musicians by giving them the opportunity to rehearse in a university setting and to explore advanced compositions. The following students represented Richards very well that day. Bravo everyone!

Francesca Brown Taylor Aleo Xiohmara Arellano Lauren Argiri Justin Babbitt Angelina Baglio Chad Bischoff Autumn Blossom Alexander Capizzo Jakob Donnelly Zachary DuBay Olivia Gerebics Rachel Gieleghem Shai Golabek Clarice Greene Christopher Higgins Eric Higgins Kennedy Hilligoss Emily Holsinger Victoria Kovac Maria Lumetto Kevin Lusko Ben Moenssen Ethan Moleski Samantha Nichol Sydney Nummer Michael Oakley Nicholas Olesky Deji Olojo Adam Paulson Johnathan Platt Alyssa Rose Sarah Schornack Amelia Shereda Xandria Sink Alyssa Stevenson Kamryn Tapp Joseph Walega Alina Wygant Jake Yankee Sidney Zuccaro



#### FHS German Students Visit Frankenmuth

Over 40 students from Fraser High School's German classes made a special visit to Frankenmuth on December 4. The students were greeted by Zehnders owner Michael Zehnder, shopped at Bronner's, and enjoyed a buffet lunch at the Bavarian Inn. The students also completed a scavenger hunt utilizing their iPads before returning to Fraser High School.

#### Health Guest Speaker at FHS

Fraser Public Safety Officer and FCAT Member Jack Simon spoke to the high school's 10th-grade health classes regarding drugs. Officer Simon's presentation was incredibly informational for students and offered a perspective not often





#### Sports Med Students Meet the Challenge

Fraser High School's Sports Medicine students were presented with a difficult challenge: they were asked to reconstruct a disjointed skeleton.

While students are used to looking at things in two dimensions, such as a diagram, this assignment proved to be both challenging and fun. Even with the access to technology and a variety of apps, the physical act of touching bones, noting their shapes and landmarks, and determining where a bone goes was a new type of challenge and was extremely exciting for the students.

"This is entirely different than identifying the bones of a diagram of the skeleton. It has been interesting to see how they responded to this new challenge," said Mrs. Van-I, FHS Sports Medicine Clinical Coordinator. "This was problem solving at its finest."

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#### Emerson 2nd Graders and FHS Wood Tech Collaborate

On December 18, Fraser High School's wood tech students, led by the Builder's Club, embarked on a special project with the 2nd graders of Emerson Elementary.

As a part of their art class at Emerson, the 2nd graders visited Fraser High School where they were able to work with the high school students to build their own derby car and decorate a Christmas ornament.

"The 2nd graders were given a blank of wood and, with the help of our wood tech students, created their own derby car," said Mr. Steven Doud, Wood Tech Instructor at Fraser High School.

The 2nd-grade students picked out their own car templates and, when the work was done, they were able to paint and decorate their cars. Additionally, the students received a wooden Christmas ornament that was design by junior Isiah Faraon and cut on the program's CNC machine.

The collaboration ended with a special treat: a tour of the high school. The young students were able to get a glimpse of life in high school.

"It's a way for them to look forward to coming to the high school and may give them interest in these particular classes," said Rachel Callihan, senior at Fraser High School.



# EXCELLENCE STARTS EARLY!



#### Little Learners Preschool Open House

FEBRUARY 10, 2015 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**Dooley Center** 16170 Canberra (at Yew, south of 13 Mile, west of Groesbeck)

Preschool, Daycare, Toddle time and more.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

#### DK/Kindergarten Parent Information Night

**FEBRUARY 11, 2015 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Brief presentation starts at 6:00 p.m.

Fraser High School Auditorium 34270 Garfield Road (south of 15 Mile)

Essential for parents of children entering DK and kindergarten this fall.

PARENTS ONLY, PLEASE.



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