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SEPTEMBER 2014 | DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

What a great start to the school year. The 2014–15 school year is off to a wonderful start as we welcomed back nearly 5,500 students! Our students, staff and parents have hit the ground running with athletics, academics, activities and the arts. It's been great to see so many supporters at these events cheering our students on to greater success.



As we look ahead to the coming months, our District has an important decision coming before our voting community on the November 4 election. On the ballot, our District will be asking our voters to approve a RENEWAL of our 18-mill non-homestead operating millage. This is a funding source which has been in place since 1994 in Fraser to help provide operational dollars for our programs and services. Currently, this funding allows our District to collect approximately \$5 million dollars annually, which has provided tremendous support and sustainability in the programs we offer our students.

I hope you will take a few minutes to read through the non-homestead millage renewal information provided to you on page two of this newsletter. It provides important information regarding the proposal. A key point is that the approval of this proposal will NOT result in a tax increase for our Fraser Public Schools homeowners, as it is a renewal of the existing millage.

As always, THANK YOU for your support of our school district. The opportunities our students are able to experience would not be possible without your continued support and participation. As a result of your commitment to Fraser Public Schools, I firmly believe our District is a true leader in public education in Macomb County and in the state of Michigan.

With Fraser Pride,
Dr. Richards



Blue Angels Commander Inspires Fraser Students

The first week of school came with added excitement as the Commander of the Blue Angels and 1988 Fraser graduate, Tom Frosch, made a special visit to his hometown. Commander Frosch, a native of Clinton Township and former Disney Elementary student, requested to visit Fraser Public Schools on his day off while in town for the Selfridge Open House and Air Show.

On Wednesday, September 3, Commander Frosch began his day with the students at Disney Elementary visiting classrooms and speaking at a student assembly. During the student assembly, Commander Frosch spoke on the importance of trust.

"Commander Frosch's theme of building trust by admitting and working on mistakes within

your team was a perfect launching point for Disney's theme of mindset this year," said Aaron Sutherland, Principal of Disney Elementary.

Commander Frosch also stressed the importance of putting school first, listening to parents and teachers, not bullying others, making good choices, and setting goals.

After an inspirational morning at Disney Elementary, Commander Frosch went on to share his message with the students of Fraser High School. His simple but important message to the

approximately 1,700 students in the gym focused on being excellent and not wasting opportunities. Reflecting on his own days at Fraser High School, Commander Frosch told the students he wished he had worked harder when he was in school.

"The strongest part of Commander Frosch's message was if you work hard and focus on your goals, you will find success," commented Dr. Michael Lonze, Principal of Fraser High School. "We consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have such a powerful motivational speaker for our students to start off the school year."

For six of the high school's broadcast and journalism students, the Blue Angels excitement did not end after the student assembly. The Blue Angels extended a rare opportunity to these students,

inviting them to participate in Media Day at Selfridge. On September 4, Fraser High School was represented on base where the team of six students interviewed Commander Frosch next to his F/A-18 aircraft.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I felt very blessed to have that experience. To be there interviewing Commander Frosch so close to the planes was really cool," said Laurel Kraus,



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FRASER SCHOOLS SEEKS NON-HOMESTEAD MILLAGE

OUR REQUEST:

On November 4, voters in the Fraser Public Schools District will be asked to approve a proposal regarding the 18-mill non-homestead property tax levy. This vote allows the District to continue to collect approximately \$5 million in operating funds that are vital to preserving District programs. These funds do not come from homeowners; they come from non-homestead properties within the boundaries of the Fraser School District.

- ✓ If you own and reside in a home within the Fraser District, you will NOT see a tax increase.
- ✓ Fraser voters are being asked to support the 18-mill levy as they did in 2009, 2005, 1995 and 1994.
- ✓ It is important to understand that this is NOT a new tax.
- ✓ This renewal is for a 10-year period.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

- ✓ A YES vote will result in NO tax increase to families that own and reside in a home in the Fraser School District.
- ✓ A YES vote will result in a vital renewal of 18 mills on non-homestead properties. Non-homestead properties are generally limited to industrial, commercial, business, rental and second homes.

REASON FOR THE REQUEST?

If this election is not successful, the District will not be allowed to do what it has done since proposal A went into effect in 1994 — levy non-homestead property taxes for operating purposes. Currently, voters in every Macomb County school district have approved similar proposals. A YES vote is necessary to preserve approximately \$5 million in current school funding.

REGISTER TO
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VOTE!

It's Your Right. Register Today.

Have you **moved** since you last voted?

Not sure if you're **registered**?

Registering to Vote is Easy!

Visit Michigan.gov/vote or go to your local municipality building or Secretary of State office.

To register to vote, you must be all of the following:

- ★ A U.S. citizen
- ★ At least 18 years old by Election Day
- ★ A resident of Michigan
- ★ A resident of the city or township where you are applying to register to vote

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

City of Fraser
33000 Garfield Road
Fraser, MI 48026
586-293-3100

Charter Township of Clinton
40700 Romeo Plank Road
Clinton Twp., MI 48038
586-286-8000

City of Roseville
29777 Gratiot Avenue
Roseville, MI 48066
586-445-5402

Macomb County Government
10 N Main Street
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
586-469-5100

CURRICULUM CORNER

INTRODUCING THE NEW 21ST CENTURY CLASSROOMS

In order to better meet the flexible learning needs of our students, the District has redesigned the 21st century classrooms at the elementary level for the 2014–2015 school year.

The space used for the 21st Century classes until this school year was previously used as the computer lab, which included the majority of desks situated on the perimeter walls of the room with desktop computers at each space. This setup was designed for the traditional classroom and did not effectively meet the needs of the 21st Century learner.

Working to better meet the needs of each individual learner, Fraser Public Schools repurposed the old computer labs to become a flexible learning space for all students.



NEW FEATURES OF ROOM

- Repurposed tables arranged for group or individual learning. There is now ample space in the room for learners to move as appropriate.
- The District added primary accent color strips to the walls and completed the painting with a “green screen” wall to facilitate student videos and broadcasts.
- There are six whiteboards located on the walls throughout the room for student collaboration and learning. Additional whiteboards are located at each table space.
- There are keyboards and headphones equipped throughout the rooms for student use with iPads as needed.

BENEFITS OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING SPACES

Developing the new 21st Century classrooms in Fraser has allowed the District to provide a more flexible environment for the way teachers teach and students learn. This new space for students will serve as a foundation while learning remains the focal point.

With the new layout, students will have a space that is adaptable and changeable. The open layout and design of the furniture allows more flexibility. The addition of the whiteboards and green screen lends itself to the concept of students working together to collaborate.

The initial response to the new 21st Century classrooms has been positive; students are extremely excited about this new space!



Where Are They Now?

ATTENTION ALUMNI: The high school will have a permanent showcase devoted to “Where are our FHS grads now?” The former student must have graduated at least seven years ago. Email your information to Elizabeth.Bartlett@fraserk12.org. The following is requested:

- ▶ Name of former student
- ▶ Year of graduation from Fraser High School
- ▶ School attended after FHS
- ▶ Degree/certificate earned
- ▶ Year earned
- ▶ Current career
- ▶ Photo

STAY CONNECTED



Become a fan of Fraser Public Schools on Facebook and Twitter to keep up with the latest news and updates.



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

www.Fraser.k12.mi.us

Fraser's 2014-2015 Latchkey Program

This program provides a safe, organized, nurturing and fun environment with supervised care for Fraser students in grades K-6.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Morning session: 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Afternoon session: 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

PRICING

\$5 morning flat rate

\$7 maximum afternoon rate

\$15 for half days (pre-registration required)

\$50 non-refundable registration fee

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE NOW!

Visit the District website at www.fraser.k12.mi.us and click on "Latchkey Program" found under "Departments."

Free Student Meals!

To help relieve some financial pressure, families can apply for free and reduced meals. Applications for the USDA's School Lunch Program Free and Reduced meal benefits are available in the main office of each school and the administration building. Applications can also be downloaded online at www.mealsense.org/Fraser or at www.lunchapp.com.

The deadline to apply is September 30, 2014.



Welcome Mr. Troy Lindner, Technology Director



Fraser Public Schools would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Troy Lindner, new Technology Director for Fraser Public Schools. Mr. Lindner brings a wealth of professional experience with him to Fraser as he has worked in the technology industry over the past 30 years.

Mr. Lindner possesses a unique set of skills that will help Fraser move forward with integration of the District's new learning management system. Because of his extensive background in website development and interoperability, Mr. Lindner's understanding of various software systems and how they work together will be an invaluable resource. In a very short time, Mr. Lindner has transitioned into the leader of the District's technology department, serving as a abundance of resources and knowledge. During a pivotal point in the District's technology development, Mr. Lindner has been a great addition to the Fraser team and has had a fantastic transition.

"As a lifelong technology advocate, it's very exciting to be part of a team of students and teachers that are truly pushing the technology envelope. The iPad didn't even exist five years ago, but now it's the primary tool for Fraser students," said Mr. Lindner. "I'm not sure if students recognize it just yet, but they're at the forefront of a technology revolution; they're lighting the way for other students across the country. Fraser students are proving the potential for learning on-demand, anytime, and anywhere, and it's great to be a part of that."

Welcome Ms. Carrie Morfino, Food Service Director



Fraser Public Schools would like to extend a warm welcome to Ms. Carrie Morfino, new Food Service Director for Fraser Public Schools.

Ms. Morfino is a registered dietitian and brings a wealth of experience with her to Fraser. Graduating from Eastern Michigan University in 2000, Ms. Morfino has worked as Food Service Director in the Woodhaven-Brownstone District, the South Redford School District, and the Lansing School District.

Ms. Morfino is very happy to be in Fraser and she is looking forward to working with the students, staff and community. She is excited to see what the future brings and remains committed to making the food service in Fraser Public Schools second to none!

On behalf of Fraser Public Schools, we join together in welcoming Ms. Morfino to the Fraser Family.

THE MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

MACOMB SPECIAL EDUCATION FAIR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014

This all-day **Special Education Fair** is specifically designed to help parents and others better understand important and complex Special Education issues. This year, the **Macomb Intermediate School District, Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), Michigan Alliance for Families**, and the **ARC Of Macomb County** are sponsoring this event. The sessions are tailored to provide more information, so participants have the tools to build strong collaborations to advocate more effectively for Macomb's students with special needs.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)



FPS Ice Bucket Challenge

The Ice Bucket Challenge is raising awareness and money for ALS. Many staff members and students have participated in the challenge, including the FHS varsity boys tennis team. The team challenged the Fraser Administration to take the challenge. The administration stepped up and met the challenge soaking themselves with buckets of ice water — all but high school Principal Dr. Lonze. Following the rules of the challenge, Dr. Lonze donated \$100 and challenged the Fraser Community to raise an additional \$1,500 for ALS before halftime at the home varsity football game on September 26. If \$1,500 is raised, he will be soaked with a bucket of ice water on the field at half time. Donations can be made at any home game or dropped off at the high school main office.

Salk Elementary Welcomes New Students

New students at Salk Elementary were invited to a pizza lunch on September 10 by the new 2014–2015 Salk Elementary Student Council. The Student Council officers introduced themselves and shared information about The Fish Behavior Program, recess rules, appropriate use of iPads, no bullying, and treating other students at Salk with respect. In addition, afterschool activities and events like the Seahawk Walk were explained.

The students were able to make new friends with the other new students in the room and learn about the Salk Student Council. Everyone enjoyed the pizza lunch and the opportunity to meet other new students at Salk Elementary.



Alumni Veteran's Plaque at FHS

The FHS Class of 2011 left an important gift behind for those walking the halls of FHS. The class purchased a plaque and established an account to fund engravings for the plaque to honor alumni veterans. Requirements include that the individual must have graduated from FHS and completed boot camp.

The plaque holds space for 200 names. Alumni who have served can have their names added by sending the following information to Ingrid.Fryia@fraserk12.org.

- ▶ Full Name
- ▶ Graduation Class
- ▶ Branch of Military

REMEMBERING 9/11

On the morning of September 11, a District-wide moment of silence took place in remembrance of the tragic events that took place 13 years ago. Each school received a special announcement from their principal, followed by a moment of silence to honor the lives lost during the events that occurred on September 11, 2001.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB CRAFT SHOW

OCTOBER 18, 2014
FRASER HIGH SCHOOL
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

\$2 ENTRY FEE
No Strollers Please

FPS WEBSITE – INFORMATION A CLICK AWAY!

Fraser Public Schools is striving to make it easier for busy parents by incorporating new features into our website.

SEARCH FUNCTION

Our new search function is easy to use. Simply click on the icon that looks like a magnifying glass at the top of the page in the gray area, type in what you are looking for, and click on the green arrow.

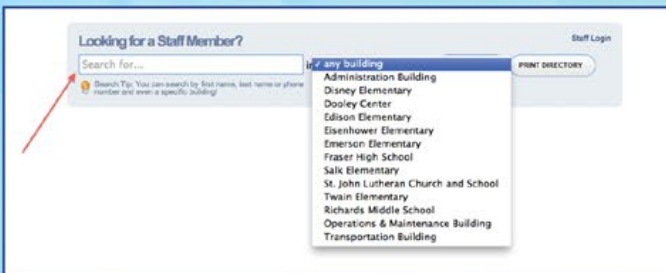


STAFF DIRECTORY

Just below the search icon in the blue navigation bar is the "District Staff Directory."

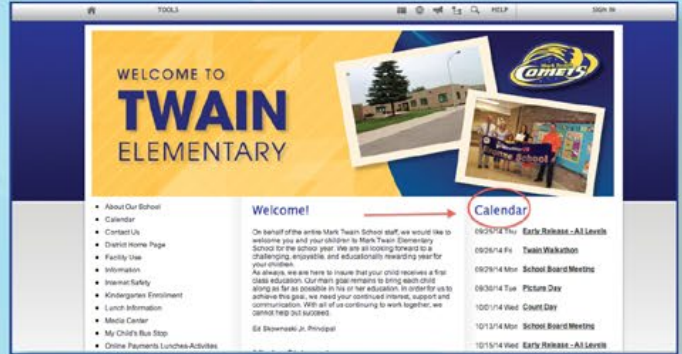


- There are a few different ways to use the directory.
- You can search by last name, first name or even a phone number by typing this information in the first box entitled, "Search For."
 - In the second box, "any building" will search the entire District.
 - Aren't sure how to spell a name correctly, but know what building the person is in? Simply click the arrow on the second box next to "any building" and chose the building.
 - Click on search and you are done!



BUILDING CALENDAR

Each of our buildings has a calendar on its home page where upcoming events are listed. If you need additional information about an event, simply click on the event title and a box will open with details. If you prefer to view a monthly calendar, click on the word "Calendar" on your school's home page and a monthly calendar will open. Using the arrow keys under the month, you may then scroll through the entire year.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

To make it easier to find special information, each building has an "Announcements" section in the center of its page. Here you can find information about lunch orders, bus stops, free student meals, etc. Many of our schools list their "Daily Student Announcements" here also.



DEPARTMENTS

If you need information about Latchkey, lunch programs, sports, choir, band, etc., click on the "Departments and Programs" in the blue navigation bar across the top of the page.

Logon to our website at any time to learn what is happening at your child's school!

www.Fraser.k12.mi.us

Salk Students Go Ga-Ga Over New Play Ground Area!

Salk Elementary students were greeted this year with a new Ga-Ga Pit on the Salk playground area. Ga-Ga is a fast paced, high-energy sport played in an octagonal pit. It is played with a soft foam ball; the game combines the skills of dodging, striking, running and jumping, while trying to hit opponents with a ball below the knees. It is fun, easy and everyone gets a serious workout.

The Ga-Ga Pit is a 25-foot wide enclosed play area, filled with cushioning playground mulch, for students to play multiple group and small-team sports. John Wilczynski, his wife Denise, and daughter Sabrina (along with supervision by John's father) volunteered their time over the summer to build and install the Ga-Ga Pit. The Salk Elementary PTO paid for the building materials. Mr. Mainhardt, Mr. Hitchings and Dr. Anderson were also instrumental in setting up the new Ga-Ga Pit. Mrs. Lipski, Physical Education Teacher at Salk, has taught every Salk student how to play safely in the Ga-Ga pit during their recess. Students were not allowed into the Ga-Ga Pit until after they were trained to play safely.

Salk Elementary is very fortunate to have fantastic staff and parents like the Wilczynski's who always step up to help make Salk Elementary a GREAT place for learning (and playing)!



RMS WEB Orientation

During this year's WEB Orientation, incoming 7th-grade students met successful 8th graders that helped them understand what it means to be a member of RMS. The WEB program, which stands for Where Everyone Belongs, is an amazing program that helps students express comfort and excitement for middle school. This awesome curriculum is used successfully in more than 48 states and millions of schools.

Special Breakfast Held for Eisenhower's Sixth Grade

Sixth-grade students at Eisenhower Elementary were treated to a special breakfast. Besides starting the day off right with a healthy breakfast, students and staff talked about expectations of the 6th graders, and what it means to be role models in the school for younger students.



First Days in Dooley DK

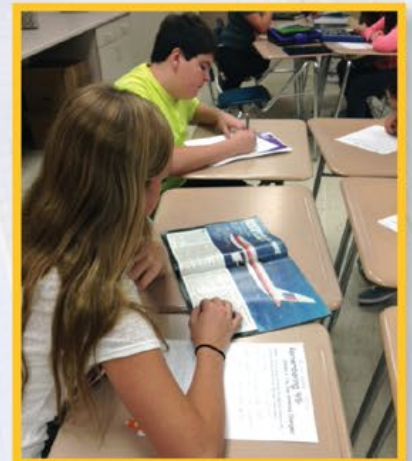
The first days of school for Dooley's DK students consisted of making new friends and adjusting to the new routines of being at school. It was an exciting first week for Dooley's DK students who had a fun time getting to know their new classmates and teachers!

RMS Students Learn about 9/11

Richards Middle School social studies teacher Ms. Fugate had a special two-day lesson for her students dealing with primary sources and secondary sources. She wanted to make sure students had a firm grasp on the differences between these, and given the time of year, she chose 9/11 as the topic. Additionally, she wanted to show her students that history is all around them, rather than being distant events that have little to do with the modern world in which they live.

First, her students became historians by gathering their own primary source research. Students were asked to interview a parent, older sibling, relative, neighbor, etc. about what they remembered from Tuesday, September 11, 2001. They did a bit of sharing — many were very eager — and then, the students rotated through primary source stations.

In total, there were six stations that included publications, memoirs, video clips and more. These stations allowed the students to gain a better understanding of the monumental impact these tragic events had on the world, and their historical significance. The students were incredibly engaged throughout the two-day lesson, asked thoughtful and considerate questions, and many were compelled to go on to learn more about the event and impact of September 11, 2001.



FRASER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS

A HOMECOMING TIME WARP

SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 4, 2014

For up-to-date info, follow the FHS Student Council on Twitter @FraserStuCo

BIG EVENTS

Powder Puff Football: 7:00 p.m.; Monday, September 29; Fraser Stadium
Float Building: 5 – 9 p.m., September 30 – October 2, FHS Homes
Evening Pep Assembly: 4:00 p.m.; Friday, October 3; FHS Gym
Parade: 6:00 p.m.; Friday, October 3; Garfield & Klein
Game: 7:00 p.m.; Friday, October 3; Fraser Stadium
Dance: 7 – 10 p.m.; Saturday, October 4; Richards Middle School

HOMECOMING T-SHIRT SALES

Cost: \$10 each
Orientation: All Dates
Fraser Family Tailgate: August 28, Fraser High School
School Store: September 2 – October 2
Class Theme and Color:
 2015 – 1950s and Black
 2016 – 1960s and Orange
 2017 – 1980s and Green
 2018 – 1920s and Blue

HOMECOMING COURT

Nomination Forms: Available in Room 1813, September 2 – 18.
 Forms are due in Room 1813 by September 12 at 7:30 a.m.
Court Elections: Week of September 15
King/Queen Election: Week of September 22
 King and Queen will be announced at halftime of the football game.

SPIRIT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 3

Monday: Get Up & Go (PJs, sweats, comfy clothes)
Tuesday: Tie Dye Tuesday (any sort of tie-dye)
Wednesday: Iconic Wednesday (dress like your idol: celebrity, role model, etc.)
Thursday: Throwback Thursday (dress like you are from another decade)
Friday: Class Color (2015 – Black, 2016 – Orange, 2017 – Green, 2018 – Blue)

HOMECOMING TICKETS

Cost: \$20 each
Orientations: All Dates
After School In Room 1813: September 22–25
 Tickets will not be sold at the dance.
Regulations: All fines and fees (including book deposit) must be paid in order to purchase a homecoming ticket.
Guests: ONLY SENIORS may bring guests from other schools. Guests must be under 21. Forms may be picked up in any office or Room 1813.

HOMECOMING DANCE (SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE)

Saturday, October 4 at Richards Middle School from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
Restrictions:

- Limos or party buses are strongly discouraged. Please consider using other forms of transportation.
- Enter RMS from the circle lot off Garfield

Requirements:

- Arrive by 8:00 p.m.
- Bring a photo I.D. and pre-purchased tickets. No tickets will be sold at the door.
- Once students enter the dance they are NOT permitted to leave and re-enter.
- Students must adhere to the dress code as described in the Code of Conduct.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact: Angela Engardio
Email: Angela.Engardio@fraserk12.org
Phone: 586.439.7352
Twitter: @FraserStuCo



Twain's Gym Has a New Look

Mark Twain's Parent Club has been giving Twain a new look. As part of a building beautification project, the Parent Club designed, painted and raised funds for a new mural in Twain's gym.

The mural project began last March. Painting the mural began during spring break and finished in June. The inspiration for the mural was Teamwork. This theme was demonstrated by parents, Jessica Phillips, owner of Draw on the Walls Murals, who created the message, and Ellen Whisman, who designed the image. The mural is painted in the school colors and the children are in silhouette so that students can envision themselves reaching for their own stars.

"We have had very positive reactions from parents, students and staff. Everyone thinks it is great!" said Ed Skowneski, Principal of Mark Twain Elementary.

The parents, students and staff would like to thank Jessica Phillips, Ellen Whisman, the Twain PTO, and Twain custodians Mr. Fuhr and Mr. Cutino for their tireless efforts toward making Twain Elementary more beautiful. A great community partnership was formed with Kush Paint in Roseville, which donated the paint for the project. Thank you Kush Paint!

PBIS at Salk

On Monday, September 8, all Salk students participated in a PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) training day. Salk staff and students kicked the year off with a sports-themed day. Students rotated to various stations learning about being safe, responsible and respectful. Behavior expectations for time spent on the playground, in the hallways, at assemblies, on the bus, at arrival and in the bathrooms were discussed; now all Seahawks know good choices to make. Students took home a passport showing that they visited all the circuits and if it was returned signed by a parent, they received a football prize. Way to go Seahawks!



EISENHOWER Marshmallow Challenge

Eisenhower 4th graders were presented with the Marshmallow Challenge. Teams were given 20 uncooked spaghetti noodles, one yard of tape, one yard of string, and one marshmallow. The challenge was to build the tallest free-standing structure holding one whole marshmallow on top using collaboration, creativity, and trial and error. The excited students had a lot of fun with the challenge and built a variety of creative structures!

Meeting New Friends

Edison first graders had a great time meeting new friends on the first day of school, and playing a game with M&Ms. The boys and girls shared lots of fun facts about themselves, such as their favorite foods and favorite songs. Then they completed a scavenger hunt looking for friends who liked to swim, eat pizza, fly kites, write stories, and much more! Mrs. Cabe, Ms. Highfield and the first graders are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning!



Emerson 1st Day of Kindergarten

Emerson Kindergarten students were all smiles on the first day of school. Their excitement filled the air as they met their new teacher, toured their building, and played with new friends on the playground. Emerson students and staff are looking forward to a wonderful school year!





Blue Angels Commander Inspires Fraser Students

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Fraser High School senior and Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Fraser High School *Flash* newspaper.

Commander Frosch and the Blue Angels continued on with their practice and performance schedules the remainder of the week. While much of Metro-Detroit was looking towards the skies to catch a glimpse of the gravity-defying stunts, students in Fraser Public Schools were holding onto the important words and lasting impact left by Commander Frosch.

“It was so interesting to see someone who started off where we all are and reach such high accomplishments. It is uplifting to think that we could reach that in just a matter of years,” said Kraus.

To learn more on the Blue Angels experience as reported by FHS *The Flash*, please [click here](#).

FHS Junior Sings National Anthem



Fraser High School Junior Isabel Vitale had the distinct honor of singing the National Anthem at the City of Fraser’s flag presentation. This ceremony was held

at the opening of the Annual Fraser City Picnic. Congratulations Isabel!

FHS Vocational Welders Earn Professional Credentials

FHS Vocational Welders were excited to have an opportunity to attempt professional welder qualification through the industry leader in welding technology, the American Welding Society. Fraser High School partnered with local industry partner Certified Welding Laboratories of Roseville throughout the 2013–2014 school year to provide students one attempt at earning welder qualification with no cost to the students.

Over 50 students attempted this task with 27 students earning this valuable professional credential. This opportunity was undertaken with the goal of developing a model that schools across Michigan could use to help students graduate with at least one professional credential to include on their resumes. Certified Welding Laboratories is anticipating growing the qualification opportunity so that students can choose which process and position they’d like to earn qualification for over the 2014–2015 school year.



Congratulations to the following students for passing the professional welder qualification from the American Welding Society.

Tyler Pittiglio
Cameron Smith
Charles Cavanaugh
Michael Agents
Reuben Ayala
Dylan Donnelly
Devin Gluth
Erik Parker
Joshua Phillips

Grant Johnson
Michael Kroepel
Jacqlyn Webb
Michael Weir
Matthew Whiteford
Nicholas Contoni
Edward Dobek-Orkisz
Michael Gordon
Taylor Gray

Jacob Jutson
Cody Kaczor
Josiah Sarakun
Erich Seisser
Samuel Goethals
Kenneth Johnson
Brendan O’Connor
Brandon Schein
Bailey Toma

Fraser Grad Meets PBS Newshour Anchor



Andrew Sokolowski, Class of 2014, met PBS *NewsHour* Anchor Gwen Ifill during his trip with Mr. Flanagan to Washington, D.C. to take part in the PBS *NewsHour* Student Reporting Labs Bootcamp 2014. Andrew was one of 11 students nationwide who was selected to be in D.C. for this opportunity and was able to visit the White House and interview Colonel Parker, one of Michelle Obama’s staffers. All 11 All-Stars also received iPad Minis from the

NewsHour. Andrew plans to attend Columbia University in Chicago this fall and, while on break, will return to share what he learned in Washington with the current group of Fraser High School broadcasters. Look for their work and more photos from Andrew’s summer workshop adventure at [FHSTheFlash.com](#). The video from PBS of the event may be [viewed here](#).

New Trailer for FHS Bands

The Fraser High School Bands has a new trailer to move large instruments and equipment for band camps and performances. Every ensemble benefits from the trailer — marching, symphony, concert, varsity, percussion, as well as jazz bands. The trailer will also be available for use by other departments such as the Industrial Technologies, and Operations and Maintenance to move large equipment.

With the size of the band program sustaining and growing, the new trailer provides additional room to transport all of the necessary equipment for band camps, performances, and festivals and competitions. It is also replacing a very well-traveled, well-used smaller trailer, purchased by the Band Boosters in 2001.

The trailer was funded primarily through the countless hours of general fundraising activities sponsored by the band boosters. A major portion of the purchase was made possible by the profits from the annual Band Booster Spring Craft Show. Many other donations came in from the community and local businesses. The wrap for the trailer was generously designed and donated by Majik Graphics Inc., which is a family company owned and operated by band parent Marci Hurst.

“The entire band booster organization worked relentlessly to bring the purchase of a new trailer to fruition,” said Jim Rodgers, FHS Band Director. “Special thanks goes to Rose Fagan for her tireless efforts in reaching out to the community and bringing information back to the band boosters to promote this project. Other thanks go to Heather and Steve Ziegenfelder, Mark and Vickie Goethals, Kathy and Jeff Roberts, and Mike



Stevens for making presentations, getting quotes, and generally helping with the process. The final piece was the support and assistance from the administration team of Laurie Videtta and Dan Waters in securing the purchase and delivery of the trailer.”

The Fraser Band Department would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for making the purchase of the new trailer possible:

FHS Choir Booster	Vania Apps	Rose & John Fagan	Judy Lentine	Joseph Somerville
Printed Promotional Product	Gabrielle Bankes	Catherine Folson	Terri Lull	Sue Somerville
Roseville Optimist Club	Kathleen Bankes	Sheryl Franks	Jackie & Glen Madacki	Mary Stonehill
2014 Spring Craft Show Attendees	Pat & Marvin Bankes	Nancy & Roy Fricano	Debbie Maisano	Patty Richard-Stumpf
Craft Show Donations to the Red Bucket	Kelly & Robert Bedore	Bree Girgenti	Susie Mayowski	Christina & Jim Thomson
Dan Stawinski State Farm Insurance	Kelly Beversdorf	Vickie & Mark Goethals	Sandy & Steve Moenssen	Jodi & Jon Trefla
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FHS Jazz Band Performs at the Detroit International Jazz Festival

The Fraser High School Jazz Band was one of only six high school jazz bands selected to perform at this year's Detroit International Jazz Festival held at Campus Martius on August 30. Several of the newly graduated seniors came back from colleges and universities to perform with 18 students who were in jazz band at FHS.

“The students felt very honored and proud [to be selected],” said Jim Rodgers, Director of Bands. “The bands that played in our group were very good, and I felt our students represented extremely well. It was a lot of fun performing downtown at such a prestigious event, and it was great to hear the other bands, too.”

This is the third time the jazz band has been honored to perform at the Detroit International Jazz Festival. The last times were in 2007 and 2008.



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