



## Art at FES

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A quality public education is not complete without art instruction. At Ferndale Elementary School, our staff, with the help of local artists, have implemented several new and creative art programs aimed at increasing student awareness of art and providing art instruction.

One innovative idea was to display local art work in the school office for students, staff, and parents to enjoy. "Art In the Office" began in 2004 as a way to expose students to various types of artwork produced by local artists. "Art In the Office" displays artwork for a month at a time. The program is coordinated by Emily Silver, and she keeps the art displays varied and interesting. Many of our local artists, including a few staff members, have contributed to this program. If you are a local artist and have not had an opportunity to display your art in the office, contact Emily Silver and she can schedule a time for you later this year.

Local artists are also contracted to provide art instruction at Ferndale Elementary School. In our Jr. High Fine Arts Electives, Emily Silver has provided a nine-week art elective in drawing for our fall quarter. Next quarter, Bruce and Lois Keller will teach a ceramics elective in junior high.

Beginning in January, Emily Silver will teach watercolor painting to students in grades 4-6. Each class will be provided with five 60-minute watercolor painting lessons during the winter months.

In Kindergarten through grade three, art is an integral part of our classroom instruction. In addition, local artist and PIP

Aide Willa Briggs provides a classroom art lesson each Tuesday afternoon. To support our budding artist in the lower grades, Willa Briggs also provides an after-school art club. Ms. Briggs, along with several parent volunteers, guides students in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> in various art activities after school. We have had such a positive response from students that we have had to limit enrollment in this program and create a waiting list!

Families are encouraged to get involved in art with their children during our Thursday evening Family Arts Night. Each year we typically hold several Fam-

ily Arts Nights where children and their parents can come and work together on various art activities under the guidance of one of our many local artists. Family Arts Night is supported by the community and directly benefits the families of Ferndale. This year, due to limited funding, we are holding only one Family Arts Night, February 8, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in the school lunch room.

Thanks to the support of our local artists, Ferndale Elementary School is able to provide a top-notch art program to our students. We are grateful to live in a community that values and appreciate art!

## Boynton and Leonardi Receive Teaching Awards

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FES second grade teachers Heather Boynton and Kathleen Leonardi have each been honored this year as outstanding teachers in Humboldt County.

Earlier this year, Heather Boynton was selected as the top teacher from ten 2006 Humboldt County Teachers of the Year. She was recognized at the Humboldt County Office of Education's October Board Meeting. Heather will represent Humboldt County for the annual California Teacher of the Year Award. Five California Teachers of the Year will be selected from over fifty county applicants. We are awaiting notification from the California Department of Education announcing their selection for 2007!

Last week we received confirmation that Kathleen Leonardi was selected for the Wells Fargo Stage Coach Legacy Award for excellence in education. This award is similar to the one sponsored by HCOE, except that the teachers receive a monetary award in addition to the recognition. Kathleen will be honored later this month at the Baywood Golf and Country Club in Arcata. At this reception, one of the ten teachers selected from Humboldt County will be selected as the top teacher of the year.

## October Artist In The Office— by Willa Briggs

Painting the horses began when my neighbor told me about three white foals on Table Bluff.

The three foals were born in the spring of 2005 at Hillcrest Stables. Sister and Slick were about a week old when I first saw them. Lily might have been born the night before I came. Their white color set them apart from all of the other horses.

"They are like 'sky' not earth -- a whisper." Drawing them has been like catching butterflies--

This spring I went back and they were gone. So these pictures are studies representing a few moments in time when winter became spring and the ground was green and full of flowers and these little white colts looked out over Table Bluff to the blue ocean.



Winter Foals by Willa Briggs

## September Artist In The Office— by Bruce Keller



I paint with acrylic paint on canvas. I work from my sketches on drawing trips, paint outdoors, as well as create compositions using natural themes.

I have lived in Ferndale since October 2003 with my wife Lois. We moved from Sacramento after my retirement of 25 years as a teacher with the Elk Grove Unified School District. I taught ceramics and art for 11 years in the middle school and 14 years at the high school.

My focus now is directed to painting 100 percent. Not that I'm staying strictly with pictures that you can hang on your wall. Since moving to Ferndale, I've been contributing to the Ferndale Repertory Theater as a scenic artist every show since February 2004 .

Sharing images through painting is a lot like writing a story to be read in front of a group; you plan, try, develop, finish, and present a "composition." Landscape painting tells it's own story by celebrating the world around us.

## Student Council Beach Clean-up

During Beach Cleanup at Centerville Beach, students collected a total of 195.5 pounds of trash, 25.5 pounds recyclables, and 170 pounds of trash (many nails, pieces of broken glass, fireworks, and cigarettes - especially in areas of campfires). Eighteen Student Council Representatives and Alternates participated in this community service project. The Fall Cleanup is part of an international effort along beaches beside the ocean, lakes and rivers, as well as underwater, in over 90 countries, with hundreds of thousands of volunteers like ourselves!



## New Students at FES 2006-07 School Year

### Grade 1

Ryan Armstrong  
Matthew Duncan  
Liana Hetticher  
Dylan Malone  
Jose Mendez-Avila  
Mario Mendez-Avila

### Grade 3

Mariah Mela  
Ann Marie Rocha  
Cassidy Rocha  
Juan Sanchez

### Grade 4

Emily Kay  
Anthony Ceffalo  
Tyler Malone

### Grade 5

Thane Bunch  
Christian Kay  
Cheyenne Post  
Zachary Rocha

### Grade 6

Kaylee Armstrong  
Clarissa Ceffalo  
Jacob Hughes  
Kaycee Mela

### Grade 7

Chris Hetticher  
Zachary Machado  
Agustin Mazariego  
Chris Mendez  
Tanisha Post  
Kyle Quick  
Antonio Sanchez

### Grade 8

Seth Bunch  
Efrain Sanchez

## Red Ribbon Week- Poster Contest Results

### Grades 3-6

**1st-Megan Bertelsen & Mercedes Gray**

*(\$5 gift certificate at Red Front)*

**2nd-Kaylee Armstrong**

*(2 free ice creams at Student Council sale)*

**3rd-Terris Becker**

*(1 free ice cream at SC sale)*

### Junior High

**1st-Dominic Skinner**

*(2 double lunch passes)*

**2nd-Shasta Phillis**

*(1 double lunch pass)*

**3rd-Christiana Lekas**

*(1 single lunch pass)*

## Library Updates: by Leanne McCulloch

Many thanks to Lisa McBride, Audrey Miller and Monica Holt for keeping the library open while I was recuperating from my broken arm. These women did a great job of making sure that our students were able to continue their visits to the library this fall. I am back at school working half days and anticipate being back to a regular schedule soon.

Thanks also to the students, parents and FES staff for all the cards, phone calls, well wishes and meals. I am so grate-

ful for all of our help and words of encouragement.

### Library Volunteers:

Welcome to new library volunteers Carolyn Meade, Melody Meyers, and Erin Wigman. I apologize if you sent in a volunteer form, but haven't been contacted. We are still adjusting the schedule, but that I look forward to having everyone who is interested in helping on board soon.

### BOOK FAIR POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING:

Tentative dates are April 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup> (During Parent-Teacher Conferences and kindergarten registration).



### OFFICERS

**President - Dickson Clark**  
**Vice-President - Louis Sterback**  
**Secretary - Quinn Hildebrand**  
**Treasurer - Ben Breitenstein**

## Student Council-Fall Semester 2006

### CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

3-BUGENI: Emma Gomes, Coleman Sturdevant (Alternate)  
3-HIRSCH: Lily Wagner, Cameron Carlotti (Alternate)  
4-CURRIER Ben Brientein, Kyle Burns (Alternate)  
5-FISK-BECKER Kyle Chambers, Anna Gomes (Alternate)

5/6-BUSICK Terris Becker, Tiara Sanborn (Alternate)  
6-OSBURN Quinn Hildebrand, Grady Titus (Alternate)  
7-DUDAL Louis Sterback, Kassie Rosell (Alternate)  
7-SCHRICK Christiana Lekas, Cassidy Allardice (Alternate)  
8-HALLER Dickson Clark, Shasta Phillis (Alternate)



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*Kids are our business*

## New Staff at FES for 2006-07

We have had several staff changes and several new staff members added this year at FES. Taking over for Robbie Griggs, who retired last June, is Mr. Steve Bunch, our new Director of Maintenance and Transportation. Our new kindergarten teacher is Mrs. Nancy Bergenske, a veteran kindergarten teacher returning to Humboldt County from Tuolumne County. Mrs. Heather Boynton has moved from teaching kindergarten to 2nd grade, replacing Mrs. Sutherland who retired last June. Mrs. Kris Currier has moved from the Title 1/ELL/GATE teaching position to teaching 4th grade. Mrs. Cindy Taylor, who has served several long term substituting positions at FES, will take over Mrs. Currier's former duties as our Reading teacher, English Language Learner teacher, and Gifted and Talented teacher. Ms. Julia Schrick has moved from teaching 6th grade to a full-time position teaching Language Arts in Junior High. Mr. Jeremy Cotton replaced Mrs. Kathy Walters, who retired this summer, as our new music teacher. Our new after school teachers are Mrs. Sarah Sullens and Mrs. Anna Thaler. New aides this year are Mrs. Laura Armstrong, Mrs. Kathy Dekens, Mrs. Loren Lazio-Brown, and Mrs. Anna Thaler. We are pleased to have such quality staff members working here at FES.

We're on the web

[www.ferndalek12.org/fes](http://www.ferndalek12.org/fes)

## Parent Club and Christmas Tree Sales

The FES Parent Club has taken on a new and exciting challenge. We are striving to purchase a new sound system for the school gym.

In order to achieve this goal we are delegating 100% of this year's Christmas tree sale profits to the funding of the sound system. In order to make this challenge become a reality, we need your help. So, if you have been waiting to volunteer, but you didn't know when or how to get involved, this is the perfect opportunity to do so. This project is entirely run by volunteers and we will need your help with building the tree lot enclosure or sharing a sales shift in the lot, and of course, supporting this challenge by pre-ordering a tree.

This year we are also challenging the students to get involved by holding a school-wide classroom competition for pre-selling Christmas trees. We will be thanking the two classes that sell the most trees with an ice cream party!!

A **10% discount** will be given on all trees paid for in advance. In addition to the 10% savings, you will have first pick of the trees on the lot at Nilsen's starting at 10:00 am on the day after Thanksgiving. (The lot will be open to the public at noon.) This sale is on a first-come-first-served basis, so pre-order today to guarantee that you and your family select the perfect Christmas tree! Order forms will be sent home with students, and are available in the school office. Order forms must be returned by Friday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> to receive the 10% discount.



### Join the Parent Club!

The Parent Club (PC) offers an opportunity to serve as a link between parents, teachers, and the school administration. We work toward enhancing the emotional, physical, and social well-being of our students. All parents or interested community members are invited to join in our efforts in meeting our goals for the school.

*Please show your support by becoming a PC member.*

Membership is **\$5.00 per family**. Membership forms are available in the school office. All Funds are used to support your children. A few examples of recent PC purchases are: new backstop, fun hoop for kindergarten, new basketball uniforms, Cinco de Mayo contribution, and new play ground basketball backboards.