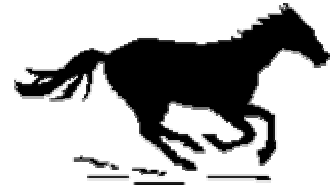


# Mustang Tales



Ferndale Elementary School

## Ode to Mrs. Osburn

During our second quarter Spirit Assembly the students at FES celebrated Mrs. Osburn's 33 years of outstanding teaching service with cards, gifts, a praise chain, a skit, and the wonderful poem composed by her current class of students that really says it all!

*You tell us puns until our work is done.*

*All your posters with birds and cats...  
It's cool you like animals like that.*

*You love to read good books,  
And you also have really good looks.*

*It's great that you're always funny,  
I wanna think you have a lot of money.*

*It seems like you really love to teach,  
And take long walks along the beach..*

*We like you as a teacher because you're fun and funny,  
You're usually like this on days that are sunny.*

*All the teaching and love you bring,  
Makes our little 6<sup>th</sup> grade hearts sing.*

*Mrs. Osburn, we will miss you and Ferndale will as well,  
We just want you to know that you're REALLY SWELL!*

Written by the students in Mrs. Osburn's 6<sup>th</sup> grade class, January 26, 2007.



## Parent Club Makes a Difference!

Have you noticed the changes happening to our playground and field? The Parent Club has purchased and installed slats in the fence by the Kindergarten playground. It looks really great! Thank you Nicole, Rey and Karen! Also, our backstop is looking really

good and should be completed by March (once we replace the missing chain link fence that recently disappeared)!

Christmas tree sales went really well this year. Thank you to Lisa & Byron McWaters and Rey Urbach & Karen Wilson for their

leadership. We also truly appreciate all the Parent Club Members that helped with our Christmas tree sale stand at Nilsen's. We could not have done it without everyone's help. The Parent Club is now checking into a new sound system for our gym.



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### Missing Chain Link Fence Stalls Backstop Completion!

A 6'x20' spool of 9-gauge chain link fencing has disappeared from the FES playground. The chain link material is needed to complete the canopy section of the newly purchased backstop located next to the rear entrance of the school off of Ocean Avenue. If you have any information regarding the disappearance of the chain link material, please call the school office or the Ferndale Police Department.



Escrip members raise about \$90 each month for the FES Parent Club. If you are not enrolled in the eScrip program, you can sign up online by logging on to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). Our group ID# is 6652709.

# Art In the Office—February Jimmie-Fay Beal



Jimmie-Fay Beal was born in Berkeley, California on a July day to William

Archer and Angelica de Litzin Beal. Always influenced by the many artistic family members, including her parents, grandparents, and cousins, she was encouraged to go to Art School. She attended California College of Arts and Crafts, College of the Redwoods and Humboldt State. Her paintings reflect the places prominent in the livelihoods of family and friends raising livestock in the hills of Bear River.

She is the proud mother of Alexis and William Davie of Ferndale. She mar-

ried Charlie Mattila in 1992. They live on the Lone Star Ranch of Bear River where they raise sheep and cattle.

**“Know the true value of time: snatch, seize, and enjoy every moment of it. No idleness, no laziness, no procrastination; never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.”**

~Lord Chesterfield



## The Stink on Pink(eye) by Healthy Kids Humboldt

Conjunctivitis, also known as pinkeye, is an infection of the outer-most layer of the eye that covers the whites of the eye.

The different types of pinkeye can have different symptoms and can vary from child to child. The most common symptoms is discomfort in the eye. A child may say that it feels like there's sand in the eye. Many kids have redness of the eye and inner eyelid. It can also cause discharge from the eyes, causing the eyelids to stick together when the child awakens in the morning. Some kids have swollen eyelids or sensitivity to bright light.

If your child shows symptoms of pinkeye, it's important to see a doctor. Some kinds of pinkeye go away on their own, but other types require treatment. See your child's doctor for the correct treatment. If your

child needs health insurance, call **Healthy Kids Humboldt at 442-6066**.

There are three types of pinkeye, viral, bacterial, and allergic.

The viral type usually shows up during a cold or sore throat. Like the common cold, there's no cure for viral pinkeye, however, the symptoms can be relieved with cool compresses and artificial tears (found in most pharmacies). For the worst cases, topical steroid drops are prescribed to reduce pain from inflammation. It usually clears up within 3 weeks.

Bacterial conjunctivitis is caused by bacteria such as staphylococcus and streptococcus. It's treated with antibiotic eye drops or ointments that cover a broad range of bacteria, which can be prescribed by your doctor.

The allergic type occurs among kids with allergies and is treated with cool compresses and artificial tears. In more severe cases, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications and antihistamines may be prescribed.

**To avoid spreading pinkeye infection, take these simple steps:**

- Disinfect surfaces such as doorknobs and counters with diluted bleach solution
- Don't swim (some bacteria can be spread in the water)
- Avoid touching the face and eyes
- Wash hands frequently
- Don't share towels or washcloths
- Avoid shaking hands

## Library News

The following books have been donated this year through our Birthday Club.

<u>Donated by:</u>	<u>In Honor Of:</u>	<u>Title:</u>
Linda Russ	Judy Dixon	<u>If you lived with the Hopi</u>
Linda Russ	Judy Dixon	<u>If you lived with the Iroquois</u>
Judy Dixon	Cade Dixon	<u>Star Wars What is a Wookiee?</u>
Judy Dixon	Cade Dixon	<u>Blizzard of the Blue Moon</u>



Ms. Manzi is a teacher's assistant for Mrs. Robertson's 1<sup>st</sup> grade and Mrs. Osburn/Mr. Rigney's 6<sup>th</sup> grade. At Christmas she donated the following books to our library in honor of those classes Comet's Blasts off!, The Colossus of Rhodes and The Pirates of Pompeii

If you have an extra copy of Harry Potter and the Order of Phoenix, we are currently in need of one for our library. Our copy is completely worn out and can't be repaired.

## News From the Second Grade

Our names are Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Boynton, and we are Ferndale Elementary School's second grade teachers! We are having a great year! In math we are busy learning our addition and subtraction facts, so that we know them in a snap!! We are also learning about counting money and giving change. In Social Studies we are learning about maps and are busy making a map of our very own imaginary town! We are studying the classification of animals in our science class. One of our favorite things to do is to go to our computer lab, where we are working on correct keyboarding, and are going to various educational sites

on the internet, especially the Scholastic site which coincides with our reading program. We wrote about our dreams for ourselves, our families, and our world, using our "Step Up to Writing" technique. We were very fortunate to be able to go to the Red Barn and view all of Jack Mays' color pencil drawings of Ferndale that he has drawn over the last 20 years. It was truly a "mays"ing! We are thrilled with the progress the second graders have made thus far, and are looking forward to the remainder of the school year! What a great group of students to teach!

## Mrs. Bugenig's Class has Spirit



Teresa Bugenig's class shows their spirit at the 2nd quarter spirit assembly.



**"Do you know the difference between education and experience? Education is when you read the fine print, experience is what you get when you don't"**

*~Pete Seeger*



## Mrs. Cory's Class and the Daymaker's Club

Mrs. Cory's class had been very busy. We have learned about explorers. Currently, we are studying the origin of the calendar. Our class is using the school weather station to chart the daily temperature and compare it to the predicted one. We then graph the results using a double bar graph.

Mrs. Cory and Ms Briggs coordinate the Daymaker's Club. This group does art and different service activities and meets Fridays 2:15p.m. to 3:00p.m. During the holiday season the students made wreaths that they donated to the Community Chest as gifts for families in Ferndale.



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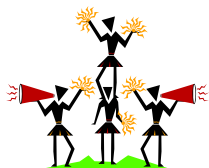
## 2007 Jr. High Cheerleaders



Erika Adkins  
Brytann Busick  
Kayla Ghidinelli  
Jessica Jackson  
Christiana Lekas  
Shasta Phillis  
Shannon Scales  
Miranda Sears  
Emily Shinn



Head Coach: Cailin Garber  
Asst. Coach: Nicole Ghidinelli  
Athletic Director: Gaylene Dudal



## Family Arts Night February 8th, 6:30 p.m.

Create a Valentine's keepsake with Mattole artist Debbi Sholes at Family Arts Night Thursday February 8, 6:30-8:30 pm in the school cafeteria. Using polymer clay ("Fimo") we will investigate and create either a necklace charm or keychain that you can give to your special Valentine. All materials will be provided and it's FREE!!! Call the office to sign up at 786-5300 as class size is limited to twenty (20)!

Artist Debbi Sholes, a longtime Petrolia resident, is primarily a wildlife artist. Best known for murals, signs, and paintings, she also crafts polymer clay in combination with found costume jewelry. She works at the Mattole Charter School.

Bring the whole family to an evening of art-making. We think you'll really enjoy it!

