

Mustang Tales



January/February 2011

A SAFE PLACE

If you have been watching the news recently you have probably observed massive floods in South America, Australia, Saudi Arabia and our own U.S. of A. Winter storms are paralyzing cities and highways in the Far East while the Eastern shores and Mid-West of our own country are feeling the effects of Old Man Winter. There was an arrest in Arizona and unrest in Egypt. What is going on? Times are tough. Even our very own elementary school playground suffered minimal flooding due to persistent rains over winter break. In spite of everything going on around the world and in our own country, life goes on.

In contrast to global events, there is good news. Ferndale Elementary School is a safe place. I recently went

around campus and asked students of all ages, "Do you feel safe in your school?" The answer was an overwhelming "Yes." Just out of curiosity I asked, "Why do you feel safe?" A few of the student responses were: *I feel safe because there are a lot of teachers. I just do. I feel safe because all my friends are here. I feel safe because there is a big fence around the school. I'm safe because all my teachers care about me. I have been at this school since kindergarten and never had a problem.* Needless to say, I was certainly happy to hear these comments from my students.

You might be saying to yourself, "I know children are bullied at that school" or "I'm certain kids are being teased each day on the playground." I am not denying

those comments; however, every conflict I catch wind of is investigated. During the first days of school the counselor and I had discussions in the upper grades on bullying: what it looks like, the consequences of bullying, and what to do when they are feeling bullied. When necessary, I will facilitate a conflict resolution with two or more participants. Perhaps this is one reason our students feel safe. The main reason students feel safe, in my biased opinion, is that the children who attend Ferndale Elementary are outstanding citizens. They care about each other. Your children are in a safe place. In the service of our children, Pedro Abeyta

**Mankind
owes to the
child the best
it has to give.**

**United Nations
Declaration**

911 Simulation

State Farm insurance agent Paul Nicholson is speaking to Mrs. Currier's kindergarten class on how to place an emergency call to 9-1-1. The children in Mrs. Samuelson's, Mrs. Robertson's, Mrs. McDonald's, and Mrs. Adams' class also had the chance to use the simulation tool. Mr. Nicholson worked one-on-one with each student on February 2. Mr. Nicholson volunteers his time in many schools in order to train students in the proper procedure of dialing a 9-1-1 emergency phone call.



1st Quarter Honor Roll

“By being in the
company of
children, we may
learn to
recapture the
will to laugh and
the art of
laughing at will.”
Rabbi Julius
Gordon

Grade 5

Mirian Alvarado
Abigail Ambrosini
Ryan Armstrong
Weston Beddow
MacySue Brown
Madelynn Cox
Wyatt G Coppini
Madelyn Gossien
Ebbn Harper
Briana LaTorre
Lindsay Luster
Rachel McKimmy
Warf
DarbyMcWaters
Jeremy Peifer
Andrew Richardson
Miryan Roman
Maceda
Kendall Short
Brandt Throssel
Morgan Walters

Grade 6

Vanessa Alvarado
Ethan Bates
Kelsey Becker
Kylee Branstetter
Brandon Brazil
Jade Dare
Kasey Detrick
Cade Dixon
HaileyDolcini
Ryan Earley
William Evans
William Foster
Brandyn Greer
Grayce Griggs
Avery Gritsch

Nathan Hansen

Liam Hessler
Reed Lang
Mason Short
Wyatt Stoops
Evan Uutela
Olivia Wilma
Rachel Wilma
Robert Wotherspoon

Grade 7

Amelia Armas
Blaine Becksted
Evan Broberg
Cassidy Clancy
Owen Durrett
Kalynn Farley
Spencer Fulton
Emma Gomes
Mason Gossien
Dane Gritsch
Kendall McBride
Victoria Meyer
Taylor Miranda
Lacey Nichols
Lee O'Reilly
Lucciano Pichulo
Sarah Richardson
Cassidy Rocha
Juan Sanchez
Lane Sotomayor
Coleman Sturdevant
Grant Van Emmerik
Andres Villalvazo
Rodriguez
Lily Wagner
Clayton Wiseman

Grade 8

Madilyn Adams
Makhi Bessingpas-
Hamor
Kyle Burns
Brooke-Ann Busick
Andrew East
Corabelle Esmailian
Adam Forsell
Kenton Goldsby
Janelle Guggenbickler
Abbigail Petersen
Chase Richardson
Phoebe Ruggles
Sadie Scales
Noah Sears
Oliver Stoops
Julie Urbach

2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Grade 5

Mirian Alvarado
Abigail Ambrosini
Ryan Armstrong
Weston Beddow
Macy Sue Brown
Madelynn Cox
Wyll Coppini
Madelyn Gossien
Lindsay Luster
Rachael McKimmy Warf
Darby McWaters
Jeremy Peifer
Andrew Richardson
Cade Richardson
Miryan Roman Maceda
Kendall Short
Brant Throssel
Jackson Wagner
Morgan Walters

Grade 6

Ethan Bates
Kelsey Becker
Kylee Branstetter
Brandon Brazil
Jade Dare
Cade Dixon
Hailey Dolcini
William Evans

William Foster
Nathan Hansen
Liam Hessler
Reed Lang
Mason Short
Wyatt Stoops
Evan Uutela
Olivia Wilma
Rachel Wilma
Robert Wotherspoon

Grade 7

Amelia Armas
Allison Barnwell
Blaine Becksted
Evan Broberg
McKenzie Buchanan
Tyler Buxton
Cassidy Clancy
Abigail Cox
Andrew Cutler
Kalynn Farley
Spencer Fulton
Emma Gomes
Mason Gossien
Dane Gritsch
Victoria Meyer
Taylor Miranda
Lacey Nichols
Lee O'Reilly
Lucciano Pichulo

Molly Reid
Sarah Richardson
Cassidy Rocha
Juan Sanchez
Lane Sotomayor
Coleman Sturdevant
Grant Van Emmerik
Andres Villalvazo Rodriguez
Clayton Wiseman

Grade 8

Madilyn adams
Irene Alvarado
Corabelle Esmailian
Adam Forsell
Kenton Goldsby
Janelle Guggenbickler
Shilo Martella
Abbigail Peterson
Hunter Rayl
Chase Richardson
Phoebe Ruggles
Sadie Scales
Noah Sears
Oliver Stoops
Julie Urbach

Parent Club News

Thank you for making the eScript and eLabels fundraising campaign such a huge success. We received 241 forms!

Congratulations to Mrs. Bugenig for winning the \$75 gift card. Her class participation was a whopping 136%.

Several other classes also had amazing participation including Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. McDonald with 109%, Mrs. Leonard with 106%, Mrs. Fisk-Becker with 96%, and Mrs. Adams with 95%. Congratulations to our teachers and students.

If you would like to help the parent club raise money for the classroom, you can take your recyclables to Eel River Disposal in Fortuna (725-5156) and designate it to Ferndale Elementary School.

Parenting 101

Are you ready for an evening of laughs, giggles, gasps, and just plain ol' fun? Well come to our Parenting 101 class, hosted by the Parent Club and taught by the gifted and highly qualified Ronda Evans.

According to survey results, the following topics will be discussed in this year's classes. Mark your calendar and make arrangements to attend.

February 28– Protest/Defiance/Disrespect, teaching kids how to accept limits without breaking a sweat, providing consequences.

March 28– School issues; friends/peers/homework, personal safety, navigating adolescence.

April 28– No class, Spring Break

May 23– Sibling rivalry, chores and allowance, following rules and routines, teaching kids to be respectful, responsible and somewhat pleasant.

For more information on each class, you can call Ronda at 530-321-9705. We hope to see you in attendance.





2010/2011 Ferndale Mustangs Boys' Basketball

8th Grade

Kyle Burns	#2
Hunter Rayl	#4
Brad Martin	#5
Makhi Bessingpas-Hamor	#10
Noah Sears	#11
Austin Detrick	#14
Chase Richardson	#15
Trevor Earley	#23
Rex Rigney	Head Coach
Brian Franklin	Asst. Coach

5th Grade

Dustin Nichols	#5
Jackson Wagner	#10
Weston Beddow	#11
Noah Langholz	#12
Wyatt Coppini	#14
Andrew Richardson	#21
Jaron Leonardo	#23
Harry Piazza	#32
Cade Richarson	#33
Steve Coppini	Head Coach
Ken Richardson	Asst. Coach

7th Grade

Hunter Wilcox	#1
Coleman Sturdevant	#2
Lane Sotomayor	#3
Grant Van Emmerick	#4
Lucciano Pichulo	#5
Kade Chambers	#10
Clayton Wiseman	#11
Owen Durrett	#12
Evan Broberg	#14
Mason Gossien	#21
Blaine Becksted	#33
Clare Bugenig	Head Coach
Brennan Pedrotti	Asst. Coach

6th Grade

Evan Uutela	#2
Jesse Barrer	#4
Will Foster	#5
Cade Dixon	#10
Ryan Earley	#11
Will Evans	#12
Mason Short	#13
Reed Lang	#14
Ethan Bates	#15
Blaine Zanone	#21
Nathan Hansen	#23
Brandon Brazil	#32
Wyatt Stoops	#33
Mark Lourenzo	Head Coach
Steve Earley	Asst. Coach

LEARN TO EARN

In today's world, most children are aware of family discussions on the importance of money. Those who learn saving skills at a young age have the advantage to grow up to be fiscally responsible adults. Learning how to manage money wisely is a long-term process.

Learn to Earn is the ideal tool for educating students to begin their journey toward an appreciation for the value of

savings.

Every Wednesday morning students bring in their cash for deposit in the **Learn to Earn** program. Students who bring in a deposit also receive a small gift.

Below, Dave Guggenbickler of Umpqua North Bank receives deposits from several students.



ALL 6TH THROUGH 11TH GRADERS NEED Tdap IMMUNIZATION BEFORE THE START OF NEXT YEAR!

Public Health is offering FREE immunization clinics to help meet this new school requirement. Don't wait until summer; supplies may be low and appointments hard to make!

EUREKA: February 19th from 11:30-5:30 at Redwood Acres,
Arts & Crafts Bldg - 3750 Harris Street

ARCATA: February 26th from 11:30-5:30 at Arcata Community Center
- 321 Community Park Way

**FERNDALE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

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Ferndale Elementary School
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Student Council Spring 2011

TEACHER/Reps

2/3 ADAMS
3 BUGENIG
4 HIRSCH
4/5 FISK-BECKER
5/6 BUSICK
6 LEONARDI
7/8 DUDAL
7/8 HALLER
7/8 RIGNEY

Ariana Coomer
Nico Alejandre
Bryleigh Busick **Alexis Mincks**
Maddie Gossien **Olivia Gerving**
Kelsey Becker
Wyatt Stoops
Corabelle Esmailian
Blaine Becksted **Owen Durrett**
Jacey Ragan

Halee Nickols
Brianna Brazil
Noah Langholz
Jesse Barrer
Oliver Stoops

OFFICERS

President - Corabelle Esmailian **Vice-President - Oliver Stoops**
Secretary - Nico Alejandre

CRAZY HAIR AND CRAZY SOCK DAY
(and a little whip cream relay)



VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE SIGN IN

The staff at Ferndale Elementary School are grateful for all the wonderful volunteers who endlessly help out in the classrooms. It is important that all volunteers and guests sign in at the front office. If you are presently volunteering or plan to help somehow in the near future, please register in the front office when you enter the campus. Thank you again for your help and support of our teachers.

We're on the web!
www.ferndalek12.org/fes