

Mustang Tales



Ferndale Elementary School

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Change! This certainly is the mantra right now. With the inauguration of President Obama, California's ongoing budget crisis, as well as our own local issues, change is inevitable. However, I think it would do us all some good to heed the message of "Hope over fear."

their discomfort with the unknown. Uncertain times bring about anxiety in us, but rest assured that things will work out as they usually do, and our quality Ferndale way of life will

One of my favorite quotes about change was written by Reinhold Niebuhr and is now known as the serenity prayer – "Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." I have found these words to be quite relevant and comforting when confronted with tough challenges.



It is important for us to embrace change. Change is not easy for us, and we all know the saying that the only people that enjoy change are wet babies. I have heard rumblings in the community from people expressing

continue. Have faith that others in this town care as much about it as you do. We may not always agree, but we should always agree to disagree without being disagreeable.

Many challenges await us in 2009, but I believe we can face them together with hope and optimism, and we will continue our tradition of providing a high quality education to the youth of this community.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan 30 & 31—Annual 8th Grade Rotary Basketball Tournament
- February 4—100th day of school
- Feb. 11 @ 7:00 p.m. —School Board Meeting
- Feb. 14—7th Grade Basketball Tournament
- Feb. 16-20—Presidents' Week

Congratulations to FES 8th grade student Clarissa Ceffalo! Her poem was selected for publication in Creative Communication's anthology, *A Celebration of Poets*. Only the best poems are selected for this honor out of thousands of entries. We are honored to have Clarissa recognized for her talent, hard work, and dedication. Way to go!

FERNDALE ROTARY DONATES DICTIONARIES

The Ferndale Rotary Club visited Ferndale Elementary School on Thursday, January 22, to distribute dictionaries to all our 3rd grade students. This has been an annual event for many years, and the children look forward to receiving their very own dictionary.

Photo on right: Jack Crlenjak, from the Ferndale Rotary Club, prepares to hand a dictionary to Jessi Shinn, a 3rd grade student in Mrs. Bugenig's room.



ART IN THE OFFICE, JANUARY—JACK MAYS



Jack Mays—Trudy's

Jack Mays has been drawing Ferndale for a long time. He grew up here and went to Ferndale High School. For many years he could be seen downtown in any weather sitting on a stool drawing the town he loves. He's produced prints (like this one) and cards from many of the drawings. Two years ago, he displayed an extensive retrospective exhibition in the Art Barn at the Fairgrounds, in which most of his descriptive drawings of Ferndale were shown.

He uses pencil, pen and ink, and colored pencil for his detailed drawings. Mays is a master of creating the "illusion of depth" that

appears to give the two-dimensional surface of the paper a three-dimensional feeling – "perspective." Notice that the element of Main Street gets smaller and converge toward one point as it get farther away. This point is known as the "vanishing point." See if you can tell where it is.

Next time you're at Trudy's, see if you can figure out exactly where Jack Mays sat to make this drawing. Look up Main Street toward the Wildcat. Do the road and buildings seem to get smaller? Does there seem to be a vanishing point?

2ND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

5th Grade

Allison Barnwell
Blaine Becksted
Evan Broberg
Cameron Carlotti
Abby Cox
Andrew Cutler
Owen Durrett
Kalyynn Farley
Spencer Fulton
Emma Gomes
Mason Gossien
Dane Gritsch
Kendall McBride
Victoria Meyer
Taylor Miranda
Lacey Nichols
Lee O'Reilly
Jacey Ragan
Sarah Richardson
Cassidy Rocha
Juan Sanchez
Lane Sotomayor
Coleman Sturdevant
Grant Van Emmerik
Andrew Villalvazo
Lily Wagner
Clayton Wiseman

6th Grade

Madilyn Adams
Irene Alvarado
Brooke-Ann Busick

Corabelle Esmailian

Kenton Goldsby
Janelle Guggenbickler
Sasha Lekas
Chase Richardson
Phoebe Ruggles
Oliver Stoops
Julie Urbach

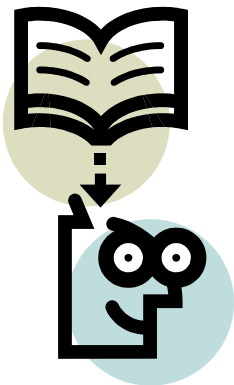
7th Grade

Maci Branstetter
Vanessa Brower
Kyle Chambers
Jake Dixon
Peyton Durrett
Caroline Evans
Anna Gomes
Andrea Guggenbickler
Ani Gurnee
Lacey Herrera
Russ Jackson
Nicole Lannom
Kendra Losa
Hayden Osterman
Sadie Rayl
Zach Rocha
Tristen Sano
Miriam Thompson
Jennifer Tovar
Isaak Townsend
Daniel Vann
Madison Walpole

8th Grade

Kaylee Armstrong
Terris Becker
Catherine Boers
Clarissa Ceffalo
Anna Evans
Jordan Farley
Joey Fuller
Danielle Hansen
Quinn Hildebrand
Jacob Hughes
Kayla Leonardo
Yoeni Lopez
Kaycee Mela
Kelsey Meyers
Kelly O'Day
Tyler O'Reilly
Madison Parker
Cambria Peronne
Cohyn Phillis
David Sams
Kenzie Schafer
Layne Stephens
Grady Titus
Tenaya Urbach
Hunter Van Emmerik
Kaden Zanone

"Remember the 10 most powerful two-letter words in the English language – If it is to be, it is up to me."



LIBRARY DONATIONS

Several books have been donated to our school library in memory of Steve Renner, who passed away earlier this year. Steve was the father of our language art's teacher, Carrie Brazil and the grandfather of students Brandon Brazil (4th grade) and Brianna Brazil (1st grade). Carrie, Brandon and Brianna helped make these book selections that are a great addition to our library.

Donated by:	Title:
Sue & Gary Hoalton	I'm Too Fond of my Fur (Geronimo Stilton)
Sue & Gary Hoalton	Marsupial Sue Presents: The Runaway Pancake
Sue & Gary Hoalton	Lost Treasure / Emerald Eye(Geronimo Stilton)
Teresa & Clare Bugenig	Skippyjon Jones & The Big Bones
Teresa & Clare Bugenig	Shipwreck on the Pirate Island(Geronimo Stilton)
Brandon Brazil	The Game Store Mystery(Boxcar Children Series)
Brianna Brazil	Curious George Makes Pancakes



The following have been donated to our library through the Birthday Club:

In Honor Of:	Title:
Judy Dixon	Gingerbread Friends
Judy Dixon	When Posy Peaked at Christmas
Cade Dixon	Wedding Crashers (Geronimo Stilton)
Cade Dixon	Because of a Cup of Coffee(Geronimo Stilton)
Correy Greer	Complete Guide to Dinosaurs and Prehistoric Reptiles

LIBRARY NEWS

Empties 4 Cash Recycling Ink Cartridges Program

We are continuing to accept used ink cartridges to raise funds for our computer lab. Cartridges must have a print head to be recycled. For a specific list of cartridges that qualify for payment go to: <http://www.empties4cash.com/which-cartridges.html> Just put your ink cartridge in a zip lock bag and bring it to school. Self-addressed envelopes

are also available so that you can mail them directly to empties for cash.

Book Fair:

Your support at this year's book fair was incredible. We sold \$5,310 in books during the 5-day sale. That's a profit of \$1455 to purchase books and supplies for the library. It was also a great way to meet the parents of many of our students.



Thank you to the Parent Club for their purchase non-fiction animal books for our school library. These types of books are perfect for emerging readers. Feel free to stop by the library and check them out. Pictured above are students from Mrs. Boynton's 2nd grade class: Mario Mendez, Kevin Farley, Kenton Chambers, Gabriella Osorio, and Vanessa Frost.

COMPUTER TIP FOR USING MICROSOFT

Students sometimes bring in documents to school (hoping to finish here) on flash drives that they've started at home. We have Microsoft Word 2000, and if the documents are created on another computer in Word Perfect or Vista's office 2007, they can't be opened here. You can image your child's frustration. Here are a few tips that might help them.

Vista's Word 2007, saves documents by default as .docx. However, there is an easy feature under "Save as" where you can select "Word97-2003" that will make the document compatible for opening in Word 2000.

Word Perfect documents can be saved as *rtf* to be opened by other word processing applica-

tion. Unfortunately *rtf* won't hold all the formatting, but it's better than not being able to open the document.

Another option is to download Open Office (it's a free download available on line). This program can be saved as a compatible file with Microsoft office.

"The wise person isn't the one who makes the fewest mistakes. It's the one who learns the most from them."

BOYS' BASKETBALL ROSTERS

5th Grade

Owen Durrett
 Carson Parker
 Hunter Wilcox
 Spencer Fulton
 Lee O'Reilly
 Clayton Wiseman
 Grant Van Emmerik
 Chase Walpole
 Lane Sotomayor
 Mason Gossien
 Andrew Cutler
 Evan Broberg
 Andres Villalvazo
 Blaine Becksted
 Kade Chambers
 Dane Gritsch
Coach: Norm Sotomayor

6th Grade

Makhi Bessingpas-Hamor # 1
 Trevor Brockoff # 11
 Zach Tashian # 12
 Kyle Burns # 13
 Tucker Williamson # 15
 Anthony Ceffalo # 21
 Adam Forsell # 23
Coach: Mark Lourenzo



7th Grade

Zach Rocha # 2
 Russ Jackson # 3
 Mitchell Grandy # 4
 Briceland Franklin # 5
 Kyle Chambers # 10
 Hayden Osterman # 12
 Daniel Vann # 13
 Jared Meyers # 15
 Jake Dixon # 23
Coach: Clare Bugenig
 Asst. Coaches: Adam Bugenig
 & Brennan Pedrotti

8th Grade

Manuel Alvarado # 2
 Grady Titus # 4
 Tyler O'Reilly # 5
 Blake Miranda # 10
 Dakota Ward # 12
 Joey Fuller # 15
 Hunter Van Emmerik # 20
 Jacoby Hughes # 22
 Kaden Zanone # 23
 Christopher Catana # 24
Coach: Rex Rigney
 Asst. Coach: Chad Crotty



FES Cheerleading Squad

Cambria Perrone
 Kaycee Mela
 Quinn Hildebrand
 Clarissa Ceffalo
 Julia Kirby
 Ariel Stockwell
 Anna Evans



Advisor: Becky Mela
 Assistant: Carrie Brazil

CHEERLEADERS PERFORM AT SPIRIT ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to Our Newly Elected Student Council Officers!

President—Layne Stephens
 Vice-President—Anna Evans
 Secretary—Grayce Griggs
 Treasurer—Andrew Cutler

FES RECEIVES COMMUNITY TRANSITION GRANT

Ferndale Elementary School kindergarten teacher Nancy Bergenske applied for and won a \$2,000 grant from the First 5 Humboldt (Humboldt County Children and Families Commission). The purpose of the grant is to work together with families and our community to promote comprehensive, inte-

grated systems of services for early childhood development and to assist children and families make a smooth transition into kindergarten.

The grant will be coordinated by Mrs. Bergenske and will include increased efforts to reach out to families with

young children that do not attend local day care programs or that do not have older siblings in school. They plan to host a family literacy night in both English and Spanish, host a spring orientation for new kindergarten students, and utilize a bilingual coordinator to translate written and spoken communication.

DAYMAKER MURAL INSTALLED IN PRIMARY BUILDING

After months of waiting, Mrs. Cory is elated to see the school mural finally installed. Mrs. Cory is the advisor for the Daymaker Club, and along with Willa Briggs and Laura Armstrong, has been working since 2006 when she began the club to see this project come to fruition. Originally, the 28 foot-long mural was designed for the “ball wall” attached to the green storage container. Local artist Shawn Griggs worked with the students to create the work of art. When it was completed, we realized it was too nice to place outside where it would be ruined by the weather, and we eventually found the optimum spot—outside of the school library in the primary hallway. This spot was perfect because the theme of the mural is reading. The mural scene is set in a library with characters from children’s literature frolicking about. Also, the students and staff created many humorous book titles. The mural a fun and whimsical look at children’s literature.



STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PARKING PROCEDURES

To ensure the safety of our students that are coming and going to and from school, we need parents’ cooperation with the school drop-off and parking procedures.

FRONT of School: Student can be exit cars that are parked along Shaw Avenue or in the drop-off zone of the school parking lot. A designated area allows cars to enter on the west

side of the parking lot (farthest from the school) and exit near the bus entrance. A staff member is in front of the school each morning to manage traffic flow and to assist students with crossing the street. There is also a crossing guard in front of the school gym cross walk. Parents may also park in the parking lot or along the street and walk their students to class. Please remember to use the crosswalk.

BACK of School: The parking lot in the back of the school is for staff only, and this area is designated as a student drop-off only. Parents are asked to drop off students in front of the gate. A staff member is there to greet students and to ensure their safety. Parents that wish to walk their students to school may park along Ocean Avenue and enter inside of the white line along the fence. Thank you for your help ensuring that our students are safe.



SPIRIT ASSEMBLY HEAPS OF FUN!

The Ferndale Elementary Student Council hosts a Spirit Assembly each semester. On Monday, January 25th, classes competed in the “total make-over” of one student per class in grades 3-8. Students had three minutes to perform the “make-over.” It was hysterical to watch! The students were judged by several staff members. Winning for his 4th grade class was Jaylin Grandy (wearing glasses in front row). Participating students are pictured on the right—front row left to right: Kenzy Allardice, Morgan Walters, Jaylin Grandy, Jesse Barrer. Back row left to right: Kayla Leonardo, Cliff Cramer, Riley Foster, Coleman Sturdevant, and Adriana Catana.



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Kids are our business.



Family Movie was night huge success! Over 60 students and parents enjoyed watching *Kung Fu Panda* in the school gym. The Student Council made over \$120 selling popcorn, water and baked goods. Student Council funds are used for various improvements at FES. Recently, the Student Council purchased a new microwave for our student lunch room.



PARENT CLUB REPORT

The FES Parent Club has been busy this year. This year's candle sale fundraiser earned \$1,173.75 for the school. The class selling the most candles was Mrs. Currier's 4th/5th grade class. They will be receive a special ice cream party for their efforts. The profits from this fundraiser, along with funds from previous fundraisers, have been used this year to benefit our students in several ways, including:

- Love and Logic Parenting Classes
- Aerial Predators Assembly from Joe Roy on January 9th. This was a fantastic and educational assembly on birds of prey.

- Installation of School Mural
- Primary Reading Books for Library
- Classroom pet supplies
- Math and language classroom learning games
- Annual t-shirt and sweat-shirt sale.

ESCRIP—If you would like to contribute to the Parent Club, please consider registering your Safeway card with eScrip at www.escrip.com. Our school ID number is: 6652709. It's safe and easy to do, and it will provide our school with a monthly income that averages about \$70 per month. Our eScrip net contribution in 2008 was **\$868.40!**

FES Recycling Program

In November 2008, Parent Club volunteer Patrick Sparks initiated the FES Recycling Program at Eel River Disposal. When you take your aluminum cans, plastic, glass or other recyclable items in to Eel River Disposal, you can donate your proceeds to the Ferndale Elementary School Parent Club. Simply give them our name, or our group number – #112. Eel River Disposal will send us a check each quarter. In January, we received \$26, and that was just with two parents participating. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors—Donate your cans and glass to the FES Parent Club!



FES Recycling Program—
#112 at Eel River Disposal

