



Mustang Tales



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Principal's Message-Welcome!

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year at Ferndale Elementary School! Our first month of school has gone quite nicely and students have adjusted well to their new classrooms, teachers, and friends.

As you probably know, we have several new staff members and students at Ferndale Elementary School this year. (In fact our student enrollment is up to 343 students this year.) In this Mustang Tales issue we have included names and pictures of new staff so that we can give a warm welcome to everyone. It is exciting to have new faces and fresh ideas coming our way this year.

As your new principal, it is a pleasure to get to know the staff, students, parents, and community here. Ferndale Element-

ary School is a wonderful place to be and it is a pleasure to be a part of such an excellent school. I welcome the opportunity to meet each of you, and encourage you to stop and see me if you haven't met me yet.

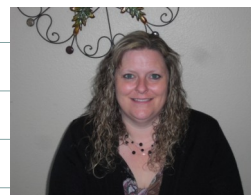
We are excited because the fifth and sixth grades have started the parent portal in the Aeries program. Parents of fifth through eighth grade students can now check assignments and grades through this online program. If you have any questions about using Aeries, please contact your child's teacher and we would be happy to help you.

It's hard to believe, but half of the first quarter has already flown by and midterm grades are

already going home soon. We appreciate our parents as partners in each child's education. So if you have any questions about how your child is progressing, now is the time to check Aeries if applicable, write us a note, give us a call, or stop by. All of our teachers always make time to talk to parents.

Also, our office staff is here every school day from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call or stop in at any time if there is anything that we can do to assist you. We are looking forward to a great, positive, and successful school year!

Tammy Saldaña



Special points of interest:

- **School Board Meeting**
Oct. 12~7:00pm
- **Parent Club Meeting**
Oct. 18~6:30pm
- **School Site Council**
Oct. 19~4:30pm
- **K-3 Town Costume Parade** Oct.31~10:15am
- **Junior High Chili Feed**
Oct. 28~5:30-8:30pm
- **Junior High Carnival**
Oct. 28~6:00-9:00pm

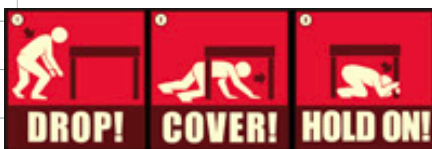
Join the Parent club!

The Parent Club (PC) offers an opportunity to serve as a link between parents, teachers, and the school administration. We (PC) work towards 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 securing 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. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month at **Ferndale Pizza Co.**

Great California Shakeout



Our school will be participating in the Great California Shakeout. On October 20, millions of Californians will drop, cover and hold.

Fire Prevention Day

The Ferndale Fire and Police departments have planned a prevention day for October 12, 2011. They will make fire safety presentations to each grade level.



Art in the Office ~ Emily Silver

I consider myself a “desert rat” and I love painting outdoors in the desert. The scene before me is brilliant light, atmosphere and earth, and watercolor seems the perfect medium to communicate a moment in time. The bright white of the paper is the light, and the colors are formed from pigments made from the chemicals of the earth.



“View from the Road to Angel Lake” - By Emily Silver

The only moisture (beyond the water bucket) forms the spectacular clouds, and if it falls, usually evaporates before it gets to the ground. The paint dries so fast, that you’d better know what you’re doing or be fearless and accept whatever happens.

Literacy Night: Children 0-5

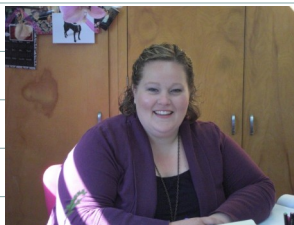
Ferndale's Community Transition Team with First 5 Humboldt is holding a Literacy Night on Wed. October 18, 6:00-7:00PM in the two Kindergarten classrooms at Ferndale Elementary School. Parents & their children ages 0-5 are invited to join us for child-based activities and a parent discussion about the importance of reading with children starting at 3 months of age. There will be a FREE book for each child!

Welcome New Staff Members

Many new faces are on the FES campus this year. Please be sure to welcome the following new staff members to our school family.



Melissa Seymour ~ 1st Grade



Amy Eastman ~ 7th-8th Grade Science



Robert Budwig ~Resource Teacher



Allison Griggs ~ Inclusion Aide



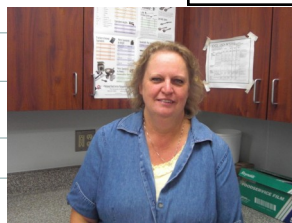
Heather Parker ~ 7th-12th Grade RSP



Trina Comfort ~ Lunch Preparer
Becky Brazil ~Instructional Aide



Laurie Ruggles ~ Inclusion Aide



Carla Albers ~ Cook

Computer Lab Updated



The 11-year-old Windows 2000 computers in our lab were replaced last month with computers

donated from American Ag-Credit. The new (to us) Windows XP computers have faster processors, more memory, and are compatible with newer software.

Setting them up was quite a process, but our students have been enjoying the new lab. In addition to the computers we have upgraded from: Microsoft Office 2000 to Office 2007—and **thanks to the Parent Club** -Type to Learn 3 to Type to Learn 4, which uses much newer technology—and **thanks to the District**-Photoshop Elements 3 to Ele-

ments 4.

We need Mice!

(Not the rodents, the USB Optical variety)

We are trying to replace our old PS/2 track ball mice with USB Optical mice. Pacific Paper (The Gomes Family) have generously made Logitech USB Optical Mice available at their cost for parents/families that wish to donate one. We still need a few, so if you're interested, send \$17.00 (this includes tax) to the school. Many thanks to the following for their donations:

Matthew Green, Tristin Martin, Baileigh Sturdevant, The Langholz family, The Radelfinger family, The Dolcini family, The Luster family, and the Ferndale



Lion's Club—who donated enough money to purchase 15 mice!

Got Monitors?

If you have any flat screen (LCD) computer monitors that you aren't using in your home or business, we would gladly take your donations. For more information on the computers, mice or monitors, contact Leanne McCulloch at 786-5900 or lmc@humboldt.k12.ca.us

Our school website is www.ferndalek12.org/fes

It isn't updated as often as we'd like, but does include helpful information including: Parent handbook, school calendar, lunch menu, Mustang Tales, Accelerated Reader Quiz Finder, a link for checking your child's grades (5th-8th) and more.

Authors' Corner

Author's Visit

Ellen Dee Davidson will visit Ferndale Elementary School as part of the 2011 Humboldt County Author's Festival. She will be at our school Friday October 21st. She is tentatively scheduled to speak to 1st - 6th grade students. Some



of her books include: Princess Justina Albertina, Zoe The Misfit, and When the Third Moon Wanes.

We'll be reading Davidson's books and learning more about her during class visits to the library during the next few weeks.

Meet the Authors:

The Humboldt County Author's festival will host their annual autographing session and book sale where children can meet authors and purchase books. This is always a wonderful event, and a great opportunity to meet some of the 25 visiting authors. The event is Saturday, Oct. 22nd, from 10am-2pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka.

Book Fair



Book Fair—Help Wanted

On-Line Sales- new at the Book Fair:

If you have family members from out of the area that would like to purchase books for your children, this year the fair will include on-line sales. Although our school doesn't earn as much in profits, it includes hundreds of titles not available at the sale. Look for more details included with information sent home with your children.

I am looking for help with our annual Book Fair. This book sale is the only source of funding for our school library and a fun way to volunteer for a short period of time. We need help with the following tasks:

Flyers & Parent Information: Design (we have templates), copy and/or distribute flyers. This can be done around your schedule and is done in the weeks leading up to the sale.

Set up: The Book Fair items will be delivered Wed., Nov 2nd and will need to be set up quickly, so that classes can preview the sale Thurs & Fri Nov 3rd & 4th.

Work the Sale: Assist students and parents during the sale.

Pack Up: This is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 15th

If you're interested in helping with any of these tasks, contact me at 786-5300, or email lmc@humboldt.k12.ca.us *Leanne McCulloch*

More Library News



Mark Your Calendars For Our Annual Book Fair Sale During Parent-Teacher

**Conference Week
Mon Nov. 7th – Monday
Nov 14th
In the school library**



Thanks to all of you that sent postcards to the library over the summer. I've posted them on a map and your

children had the opportunity to share them during his/her first library visit. If your children travel anywhere during the school year, they are welcome to add postcards to our display.

Empties 4 Cash



We are continuing to accept used ink cartridges to raise funds for our computer lab. Cartridges must have a print head to be recycled. (Epson cartridges don't have print heads, most other brands do.) Students, parents, staff and community members can raise funds for the school while doing your part to keep the landfills a little less crowded. Just put your ink cartridge in a zip lock bag and bring it to school.

7th & 8th Grade Volleyball Teams

7th Grade Team



Hailey Dolcini

Kylee Branstetter

Olivia Wilma

Kendra Miranda

Kelsey Becker

Rachel Wilma

Vanessa Alvarado

Head Coach Nicki Miranda

8th Grade Team



KK Farley

Amelia Boak

Lily Wagner

Lacey Nichols

Victoria Meyer

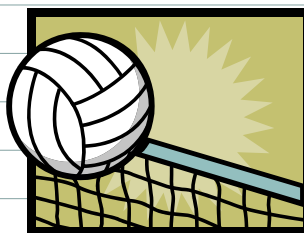
Taylor Miranda

Sarah Richardson

Cassidy Rocha

Samantha Shinn

Head Coach Jamie Hansen



Junior High Chili Feed and Carnival

Each year the 7th and 8th grade students in junior high (and their parents!) host the annual Halloween Carnival at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds in Belotti Hall.

Dinner will be served October 28th from 5:30-8:30 p.m., and the Carnival will be from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The cost for dinner is \$7 for parents and students 7th grade and above and \$5 for students in

6th grade or below. Tickets are available from any junior high student, and will also be available at the door.

In addition to great food and many fun games and activities for children, the event will have a silent auction with many of the donations coming from our generous merchants in Ferndale. The Carnival and Chili Feed is the major fundraiser for the an-

nual 8th grade trip taken to San Francisco and Sacramento in May. Please mark your calendar now so that you don't miss this wonderful community event.

Children and adults are encouraged to dress in costume!



New Students at FES



1st Grade

Brian Machado
Lucas Orisio

2nd Grade

Lilly Albonico
Hank Chastain
Kelsie Hall
Kee Ani Harden

Nolan Isaacs

3rd Grade

Chase Bishop Steubing
Litzzy Chavez
Hope Clements
Aubrie Hall
Hailey Orisio

4th Grade

Nicholas Coates

6th Grade

Tanner Flanagan-Hall
Aireana Saldaña

7th Grade

Jacob Keightley
Maria Maldonado

Mrs. Samuelson
Kindergarten

Jamie Albonico
Cade Angelini
Betsy Catana Moreno
Wyatt Currier
Reaghan Langer
Alex De La Torre

Giselle Tovar-Moreno

Levi Dixon

Lauren Scalvini
Lakai Dominick
Cynthia Villalvazo-Rodriguez
Mychael Frederiickson-Cordasco
Delia Weiss

Skiler Hall

Juan Jimenez

Isaak Kasso

David Petersen
River Quincey

Mrs. Currier
Kindergarten

Yajaira Aguirre
Aaiden Burris
Chloe Bailey
Hillel Christiansen
Stormy Bowman
Zane Coleman
Clara Christiansen
David Leonardo
Mariena DiMarzo
Kacey Luster
Miriam Munoz-Guerrero
Juan Mena Funes
Madison Petersen
Kacee Michel
Sienna Radelfinger
Wes Renner
Izabella Saldaña
Christopher Roman Maceda
Blair Shinn
Atticus Stevens
Trent Titus

Student Council

Student Council Beach Clean-up!



FES Student Council Community Service Project - Fall Beach CleanUp at Centerville Beach - Fri. 9/16/11 - we collected 70# of recyclables & trash combined .

- 2/3 Adams
Chloe White
Madison Beddow
- 3 Bugenig
Hallie Short
Tanner Zanone
- 4 Hirsch
Nick Coates
Nico Alejandro
4/5 Fisk-Becker
Nicholas Cartier
Maryn Gossien
- 5/6 Busick
Noah Langholz
Weston Beddow
- 6 Leonardi
Maddie Gossien
Victoria Juarez
- 7/8 Dudal
Mason Gossien
Grant Van Emmerik
- 7/8 Brazil
Owen Durrett
Coleman Sturdevant
- 7/8 Rigney
Brandon Brazil
Nathan Hansen

OFFICERS

President - **Mason Gossien**
Vice-President - **Coleman Sturdevant**
Secretary - **Nick Coates**





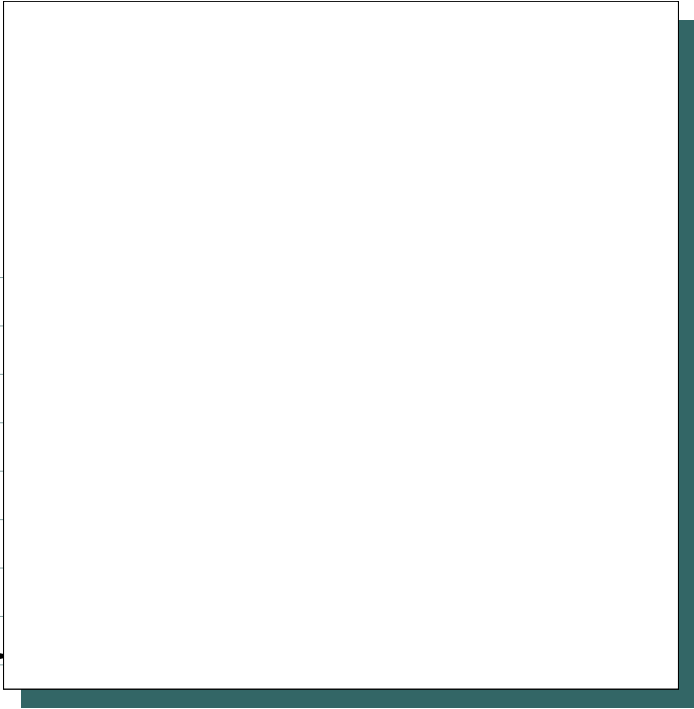
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**Kids are our
business**

The Bully Free Classroom by Lydia DeZordo, School Counselor

As I look back on my school days, I can remember times when kids were bullied. You probably can too. Bullying and teasing have been getting a lot of attention recently, but it is hardly a brand-new problem. Bullies, teasers, and their victims have been around forever.

What is new is our attitude toward these types of behaviors. What used to be accepted as "kids will be kids" has changed. We know that bullying behavior can be serious. Young bullies can grow up to be abusive adults. Young victims get hurt. In very rare cases, bullying escalates into violence. And, it's not just bullies and victims who are affected. People around them are distracted, intimidated,

and upset. Bullying in the classroom prevents students from learning and teachers from teaching.

What is also new is our commitment to do something about bullying and teasing. As the school counselor, I'm committed to prevention and intervention in our school. That's why I am doing classroom presentations in 6th through 8th grades based on a book called *The Bully Free Classroom*. In the class presentations we discuss bullying and ways to handle bully behavior. It is my goal to help create a positive environment where students feel safe, accepted, and valued.

Your student might tell you about some of the activities and discussions that are happening in class.

Let them know your experiences and talk with them about ways they can stop behaviors that are mean or hurtful. Help them make a commitment to do their best at treating people with respect. Remember a commitment is not a promise that you will always be respectful, but it is a reminder that this is the way you want to act and it is a step towards stopping the spread of bullying and meanness.

