



Mustang Tales

Ferndale Elementary Parent and Community Events

October 26, 5:30-8:00 p.m.—
Junior High Carnival

October 31, 10:15 a.m.—
K-3 Halloween Dress Up
Parade

November 5-9—Parent-
Teacher Conferences
1:30 p.m. dismissal

December 20, 9:00 a.m. &
6:00 p.m.—K-12 Winter
Music Program

March 20, 6:00-8:30 p.m.—
FES Open House

April 3, 7:00 p.m. – Spring
Musical/Junior High Lip
Sync

April 4, 11:15-1:00 – Spring
BBQ and Clean-up

April 14-18—Parent-
Teacher Conferences
1:30 p.m. dismissal

May 9, 10:00 a.m.—Cinco
de Mayo School Fiesta

June 12, 7:30 p.m.— 8th
Grade Graduation

Principal's Message

Welcome back to another year at Ferndale Elementary School. Our first two weeks have gone nicely, and students have adjusted well to their new classrooms, teachers, and friends.

We have several new staff members at Ferndale Elementary School this year. Mr. Rex Rigney taught sixth grade last year and is our new Junior High Mathematics teacher. Mrs. Carrie Brazil taught at Scotia School for the last seven years and serves as our new Junior High Language Arts teacher. Ms. Rachel Jensen has joined our staff as the part-time elementary School Counselor. In addition, Mrs. Amy Leon is our new Special Education Aide, Mrs. Melody Meyers is the Junior High Instructional Aide, and Mr.

Everett Costa is the Evening Custodian.

One area of school that we are constantly updating and improving is our school web site at www.ferndalek12.org/fes. Some of the resources available on our web site include: the school calendar, lunch menus, upcoming events, the recommended reading list, the Accelerated Reader quiz list, a staff email directory, the parent handbook, California curriculum standards, various picture sites, and previous editions of Mustang Tales. In addition, you can always check the weather on our website with our very own weather station. Credit for these improvements goes to our Computer Specialist/Librarian, Leanne McCulloch, and the many jun-



Don't worry that children never listen to you. Worry that they are always watching you.—Robert Fulgrim

ior high students that have contributed to this site. Please take a moment to bookmark our web site.

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. Have a great year!

Changes to Our Lunch Program

Our school lunch program provides nutritious meals to students each school day. A student lunch includes milk and costs \$2.50. Milk purchased separately is \$.20. All lunches must be ordered and purchased in advance (charging lunch/milk is no longer permitted).

Each Monday, Mrs. Scales will be in the lunchroom at 8:10

a.m. to take lunch orders for the week. Students may pay in advance for the week or month, but lunches still need to be ordered each Monday. We typically make 80 to 100 lunches a day. To minimize waste and to maximize cost-effectiveness, we only make lunches for the students that have been pre-ordered before school.

If a student pays in advance, but does not order a lunch, the funds will be held and can be used at a later date. If a student's plan changes for the week or forgets to order lunch on Monday, he or she must come to the school office before school to cancel or order for that day. Thanks you for your help and support.

Art In The Office– Señora McCulloch & Cedar McCulloch-Clow



Hardly a day in my life goes by without me taking at least a few photos. Ever since I was a young girl I have enjoyed making photographic images. For years I have been organizing photos in albums, and giving people copies of photos from various events in their lives. The role of historian fits me well. People have hired me to photograph weddings & quinceañera fiestas, but I prefer to be a guest and capture images as I see them. The photos you see on display are from fiestas in the Eel River Valley. This is a work in progress, as I continue to document baptisms, birthdays, first communions, and the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, which I founded at Ferndale Elementary in May 1990. Five of the images on display from the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta were captured by my son, Cedar McCulloch-Clow. I hope you enjoy viewing the photos.



Site Council Meeting Dates

(3rd Wed. @ 3:30 p.m. in the staff lunchroom)

- September 19, 2007
- October 17, 2007
- December 19, 2007
- January 16, 2008
- March 19, 2008
- April 16, 2008
- May 21, 2008

Parent Club Meeting Dates

(3rd Tues. @ 7:00 p.m. in the staff lunchroom)

- September 18, 2007
- October 16, 2007
- December 18, 2007
- January 15, 2008
- March 18, 2008
- April 15, 2008
- May 20, 2008

Fall Student Council Representatives

<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>REP</u>
3 BUGENIG	Blaine Zanone Nathan Hansen
3/4 HIRSCH	Will Evans Jacey Regan
4 CURRIER	Abby Cox Sarah Richardson
5 FISK-BECKER	Janelle Guggenbickler Noah Sears
6 BUSICK	Tristan Sano Taryn DeMille
6 SCHRICK	Zack Rocha Anna Gomes
7/8 DUDAL	Grady Titus Kassidy Allardice
7/8 RIGNEY	Denim Ohmit Layne Stephens
7/8 HALLER	Kassie Rosell Ariel Stockwell

OFFICERS

- President - Denim Ohmit**
- Vice-President - Layne Stephens**
- Secretary - Anna Gomes**
- Treasurer - Janelle Guggenbickler**

2007 API Scores

Ferndale Elementary School scored 820 on the annual Academic Performance Index (API). This is an excellent score and one that we should all be proud of achieving. The API is a calculation of the students' STAR scores from last spring. The goal for every school in the state is to score above 800. Ferndale Elementary School has done this the past three years. Last year's API score was 826. The chart below is a comparison of our school's score to other schools in the area.

Eel River Valley and Vicinity Elem. Schools

<u>District</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>API</u>
Hydesville	Hydesville Elem.	K-8	831
Ferndale	Ferndale Elem.	K-8	820
Rohnerville	Ambrosini Elem.	K-3	817
Mattole	Mattole Elem.	K-8	805
Rohnerville	Toddy Thomas	4-8	781
Scotia	Murphy Elem.	K-8	759
South Bay	Pine Hill Elem.	K-6	755
Rio Dell	Monument Mid	6-8	748
Rio Dell	Eagle Prairie Elem	K-5	728
Fortuna	Fortuna Middle	5-8	724
Loleta	Loleta Elem.	K-8	710
Cuddeback	Cuddeback Elem.	K-8	709
Fortuna	Fortuna Elem.	K-4	704
Bridgeville	Bridgeville Elem.	K-8	696

Library News

Author's Visit

Helen Ketteman will visit Ferndale Elementary School as part of the 2007 Humboldt County Author's Festival. Ketteman, a popular children's book author, will be at our school Friday October 19th. She is tentatively scheduled to speak to 1st - 5th grade students. Some of her books include: Armadilly Chili, Armadillo Tattletale, Bubba the Cowboy Prince, Grandma's Cat, The Christmas Blizzard, and The Great Cake Bake.

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

Meeting the Authors

The Humboldt County Author's festival will host an autographing session and book sale for children to meet the authors and buy their books. The event will be held Saturday, Oct. 20th, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Humboldt County Main Library, 1313 3rd Street, Eureka. All 25 authors visiting our area during the festival will be at this event.

Thanks for the Postcards!
Thanks to all of you that sent postcards to the library over the summer break. I've posted them on a map and your children will have the opportunity to share them during his/her

next visit to the library. If your children travel anywhere during the school year, they are welcome to add postcards to our display.

Library Use

Students have a scheduled class visit to the library each week and are welcome to use the library at other times, as well.

Please remember that after your child checks out a book from our library collection, he or she is responsible for it. If books or materials are damaged or lost, a bill will be sent home. Once the item is paid for, library privileges will resume.

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. (Epson cartridges don't have print heads.) 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. Self-addressed envelopes are also available so that you can mail them directly to *Empties 4 Cash*.

Welcome New Students in Grades 1-8

Grade 1

Kenton Chambers
Camrin Dolcini
Alexis Mincks

Grade 2

Mason D'Aguanno
Leannette Delgado
Heriberto Velasco

Grade 3

Jesse Barrer
Hailey Dolcini
Will Evans
Alan Lazenby
Sidney Portock
Addie Williamson

Grade 4

Thomas Rivelle

Grade 5

Adam Forsell
Tucker Williamson

Grade 6

Vanessa Brower
Caroline Evans
Nicole Lannom
Hayden Osterman

Grade 7

Cliff Cramer
Anna Evans
Bryton Foster
Dillon Polasek
Todd Thysell

Grade 8

Adrian Lopez

Annual Beach Clean Up

The Ferndale Elementary School Student Council Fall Beach Clean-up took place on Friday, September 14 at Centerville Beach. This community service project takes place twice during the school year, once in the fall, and again in the spring. The fall effort is timed to coincide with the International Coastal Clean-up

Day, that took place on Saturday, September 15th. Thousands of volunteers from all over the world clean up coastlines along rivers, lakes, bays, and oceans, removing tons of trash worldwide. We have been cleaning up at Centerville Beach since spring of 1990. Our Student Council is proud to be part of this effort!



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We're on the web!

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Kids are our business!



PIQE-Parent Institute for Quality Education



ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS!

Join the Parent Institute for Quality Education and learn how to maximize your child's academic resources and put him/her on the road to college.

What is the Parent Institute?

The Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) is a non-profit organization with 20 years of experience assisting

families throughout California navigate the educational system—especially important with the changes taking place in today's schools. We offer parent classes that help you help your children achieve their educational goals. All parents or guardians of a child in grades 1-8 are welcome to take advantage of the opportunity being offered right now at Ferndale Elementary School.

How are classes conducted?

Each week's class is focused on a topic related to school performance (see schedule and topics to the right). Rather than a lecture format, each workshop is led by a facilitator from the local community who leads parents in a discussion of common concerns, shares resources, and utilizes important information provided by PIQE and the school.

How much do the classes cost?

There is no charge to parents for these valuable classes. Humboldt State University and the Humboldt County Office of Education are picking up the cost of the program. Ferndale Elementary is also providing free childcare and a snack each week.

What benefits are there to attending PIQE classes?

In addition to the useful information that you will learn to help

your child achieve his/her goals, there are tangible benefits to being a PIQE graduate. Parents who complete the program will receive a graduation certificate, a HSU Student ID card for each child in the family, and a CSU Admission certificate with the name of the parent and child(ren).

It's not too late to join! Come to the next meeting !

PARENT INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION
Weekly Schedule—All meetings are 6:00-7:30 p.m. and are held in classrooms in the main school building.

Tues. Sept. 4	FIRST SESSION (PLANNING)
Tues. Sept. 11	1st LESSON – Home, School, and Community Collaboration
Tues. Sept. 18	2nd LESSON – The Home, Motivation, and Self-Esteem
Tues. Sept. 25	3rd LESSON – Communication and Discipline
Tues. Oct. 2	4th LESSON – Academic Standards/Reading
Tues. Oct. 9	5th LESSON – How the School System Functions
Tues. Oct. 16	6th LESSON - The Road to College
Tues. Oct. 23	Principal's Dialogue
Tues. Oct. 30	GRADUATION

(Attendance at 4 sessions between September 11-October 23 required for graduation)

For more details about the PIQE program, visit www.piqe.org