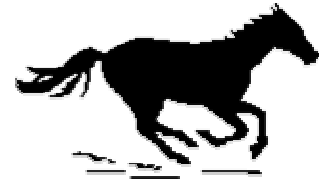


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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to another year of school! The first two weeks of school have gone very smoothly here at FES. Students have settled in to their classes and have adjusted well to the new routines.



Students and staff returned this year to a list of good news and positive reports. FES enrollment is at 316 students, up from last year's beginning enrollment which was 307. Included in our enrollment are 54 inter-district transfer students (students that live outside of the Ferndale Unified School District boundaries), the largest number we have ever had.

Our STAR test scores are up again, with some groups of students making large gains in achievement. Overall, our school Academic Performance Index (API) increased to 823, putting FES in the top ten of all schools in Humboldt County, and in the top five of elementary schools with more than 100 students. Good job, students!

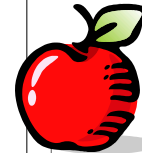
Our Physical Fitness scores also showed improvement over our previous year's report. One particularly positive score was the fifth grade mile run. Every fifth grade student tested last year in the mile run either

met or exceeded the state expectation. This was a huge improvement over the 2004 report which indicated that only 48% of the students met or exceeded the standard. Kudos to our 5th grade students!

Improved student enrollment and increasing test scores are certainly strong indications that FES is on the right track when it comes to education and to caring for our students. I believe our improvement from year to year is the result of team work – staff, students, and parents working together, and supported by many involved and helpful community members. Together, we succeed.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sept. 13th -School Board meeting, 7:00p.m.
- Sept. 16th -Beach Clean-up
- Sept. 20th -Parent Club Meeting, 7:00p.m.
- Sept. 21st - School Site Council Meeting, 3:30p.m.



JOIN THE PARENT CLUB

The Parent Club (PC) offers an opportunity to serve as a link between parents, teachers, and 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.

WELCOME MS. TAMERA TILUS

Ms. Tilus is our new English teacher in junior high. Ms. Tilus will teach four sections of language arts, two for seventh grade and two for eighth grade. Ms. Tilus comes to us from Triple Junction High School in the Mattole Unified School District where she worked as a

high school English teacher. Ms. Tilus enjoys teaching in junior high because they have lots of energy and are fun to teach. Her son, Spencer, attends Ferndale High School. Welcome Ms. Tilus!



AID FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA

Students at FES are collecting cash donations for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Donations may be taken to the office or to your child's teacher. Thanks for your support.

ART IN THE OFFICE—ROSALINDA A. BRAINERD

Rosalinda Brainerd is our featured "artist of the month." Rosalinda grew up in the Philippines. She makes art quilts that are inspired by her native tradition of color and design. Her inspiration comes from many sources, especially flowers and birds. The process of combining fabrics with their own textures and colors to bring an idea to life fascinates her. She has won many awards for her quilts in international competitions. Closer to home, she has won Best of Show at the Trinity County Fair for nine years, and Best of Show at both Redwood Acres (2001,2002) and Humboldt County Fair (2002). You can see her other quilts in the Ferndale Arts Co-op.



TODD SANBORN HELPS CLASS GOAL COME TRUE



On Sunday June 5, Todd Sanborn, father of Tiara Sanborn, a student from Mr. Hirsch's class (and Trevyn, too!), volunteered his time and machinery to break ground on our Native Plant Arboretum. This was no small chore. He moved truckloads of gravel out of what would become the garden area. Then he moved sixteen cubic yards (two full dump truck loads) of top soil back into the newly cleared area, threading his loaded tractor forty plus times between two building support beams with little more than a half inch to spare on either side of the bucket. Amazing, yet he made it look easy! Without his help, our arboretum would never have happened.

The Arboretum is roughly eight feet wide and over ninety feet long and is located behind the new primary wing. The top soil and plants are being purchased through funding from two grants. This year, Mr. Hirsch's students will plant some of the larger plants and more plants will be added on a yearly basis until all the different environmental zones on the north coast are well represented. In addition, a water source for wildlife will be installed and we will be applying for a National Wildlife Federation Certificate for providing native habitat. We are also keeping a photographic record so that we can apply for further grants from the state and federal park systems that fund projects that are already underway.

PARKING LOT REDESIGN



We appreciate Mike and Carolyn Thomas who designed and paid for our new signs. Thank you!

This summer, our front parking lot was painted, and it now includes a new student drop off zone. This new drop off/pick up zone allows parents to more safely unload and pick up their children on school property instead of along the street. It also allows for a smoother flow of traffic. More and more parents are realizing the convenience of the new drop off zone. With the new lining of the parking lot, adequate parking space is now available for parents that wish to park their cars and walk their children to class. Parents may continue to park on Shaw Avenue in front of the school,

but we ask that you pull your car to the curb and have your child exit onto the side walk, not the street.

Our rear parking lot is for staff parking only and for student drop off in the morning. We ask that parents circle their cars around and drop off students by the gate. FES staff is on duty to help with safety. Parents wishing to walk their children to class should park along Ocean Avenue and walk in along the fence.

We thank you for your cooperation and consideration of these parking requests.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

First Grade

August Adkins
 Emma Bloyd
 Angelica Lopez
 Maria Maldonado
 Quintin McWhorter

Second Grade

Charlie Adkins
 Maria Lopez
 Tierra Norris

Third Grade

Makhi Bessingpas-Hamor

Fourth Grade

Bailey Bloyd
 Alondra Estrada
 Mercedes Gray
 Autumn Hamilton

Fifth Grade

Quinn Hildebrand
 Carlee Johnson
 Cohyn Phillis
 Jonah Rivera Chan
 Elijah Wigman-Nilsson

Sixth Grade

Monet Bessingpas-Hamor
 Christian Fields
 Nick Page

Seventh Grade

Dickson Clark
 Natasha Hall-Zabinski
 Oscar Koskinen
 Kobi Mills

Eighth Grade

Branden Bloyd
 Morgan McWhorter
 Miles Phillis



Help our school by saving your “Campbell’s Soup” labels and “Box Tops for Education.” Our school really benefits from these programs. Please send in your box tops and labels with your student and have them give them to their teacher. Thanks for your help.

EMPTIES 4 CASH

Recycling Ink Cartridges Program

We are collecting 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 (\$2.00 per cartridge!) while doing their share to keep the landfills a little less crowded. Just put your ink cartridge in a zip lock bag and leave it in the collection box located in the computer lab.

WELCOME CLASS 2018—MRS. BOYNTON & MRS. COOK

Kenzy Allardice	Cade Richardson	Mallery Adams	Antonio Mena Funes
Mirian Alvarado	Jessi Shinn	Joshua Akana	Darby McWaters
Wyatt Coppini	Kendall Short	Desirae Barrios	Sidney Melendy
Madelynn Cox	Jackson Wagner	David Byers	Andrew Richardson
Maren Daniels	Ethan Werner	Kevin Catana Aguirre	Jack Seitz
Kevin Farley	Morgan Walters	Carlos Reyes Herrera	Brandt Throssel
Maddie Gossien	Laura Venema	Connor Ireland	Miguel Villalvazo
Noah Langholz		Briana LaTorre	Sadie Wood
Jaron Leonardo		Lindsay Luster	
Miryan Roman Maceda			
Dustin Nickols			

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

In Honor of the 2004–2005 8th Grade Class:

Each year we select a library book in honor of the graduating 8th grade class. A special bookplate is placed inside and it is autographed by each student in the graduating class. The book chosen by the 8th grade students this year was, The World War II Memorial.

It includes information on the memorial (Dedicated a year ago in Washington D.C.) that honors the 405,000 Americans who died during war. In addition, it includes a timeline and other facts about the war.

Birthday Club Donations:

The following books have been donated recently

through out Birthday Club.

Come on Seabiscuit! and A horse named Seabiscuit were donated in honor of Mason Gossien’s birthday.

Young Razzle, Love that Dog and A Survival Guide to Camp Green Lake were donated in honor of Trey Dixon’s birthday.



In October the Humboldt County Authors’

Festival has assigned our school an author that will read her published books to students 2nd – 3rd. We will be reading some of her books until then. More Information to follow in October.

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KIDS ARE OUR BUSINESS

AFTER SCHOOL CARE A POSSIBILITY AT FES

Last year in April, Ferndale Elementary School conducted a parent survey on after school care. The results of the survey indicated that twenty (20) families would be interested in after school care for their children if it was offered at Ferndale Elementary School. These 20 interested families represented a total of 30 children in grades K-5. The majority of families indicated needing child care till 5:30 p.m. The main types of services parents requested were: help with homework, arts and crafts, organized games and fitness, academic enrichment, unstructured play time, and snacks. Parents indicated they would be willing to pay from \$2.50 to \$5.00 an hour for a quality after school program, an average of \$3.50 per hour.



This summer, the administration at Ferndale Unified School District began talking with Roberta Smith at the Ferndale Children's Center about the possibility of running an after school care program on Ferndale Elementary School's campus. Details are still being ironed out, but if an agreement can be reached between FUSD and FCC an after school program could begin as early as November of this year. We will keep you posted on the progress of this program. Please call Paul Meyers, Principal, at 786-5300 for additional details.

PRESIDENTIAL & NATIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARD

Congratulations to the following students who received the Presidential Fitness Award and the National Fitness Award last June. To earn a Presidential Fitness Award, students must score above the 85th percentile all events tested. The students who received the National Fitness Award scored above the 50th percentile in all events tested.

Presidential Physical Fitness Award Winners

8th Grade

Jodi Grinsell
Sara Hubbard

6th Grade

Frankie Griggs

5th Grade

Rebecca Forcier

Each of their names is posted on a perpetual trophy which hangs in the main building hallway by the school office.

National Physical Fitness Award

8th Grade

Danielle Jackson
Brianne Miller

7th Grade

Logan Myler

Kelly Sams

5th Grade

Kassidy Allardice

Bryce Fields

Travis Rye

Louis Sterback

Wyatt Townsend

4th Grade

Megan Bertelsen

Joey Fuller

Kaden Zanone

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