

EARLY RELEASE TOMORROW – 11:50 P.M. – REPORT CARD PREP

MANAGER'S MINUTE

Parent-Teacher conferences begin this year on Thursday, November 15 and continue through Tuesday, November 20th. We will conference in the evening hours on Monday, November 19th for parents who need an evening conference. This is a very important time for you child, you, and your child's teacher. Most employers in our community understand and are supportive of a parent's need to attend school conferences for their child. Conferences are often scheduled back-to-back and teachers schedule 25 minutes per conference.

The following are some ways to get the most out of your conference time:

- Be on time so that you don't lose a minute of this important time. If you cannot make it, please call to cancel and reschedule.
- Think ahead about questions that you would like to ask the teacher. It often helps to write them down to reference during your appointment.
- Feel free to take notes to share with your child, or a partner who is not able to attend. When talking with your child about the conference, remember to focus on positive aspects. If your child's performance needs to improve, focus on one target for improvement- the most important one!
- Remember that you and your child's teacher have the same goal – doing what is best for your child. If there is information about your child that you have not yet had an opportunity to share with the teacher, this conference is a good time to do that.

COME TO KIDS BOOK CLUB

Next
Tuesday
November
13th
Island
Library -
2:30p.m.

Five
students
attended our
first meeting.

There will
be fun
activities,
great
snacks,
prizes and
best of all,
friends to
share your
favorite
books with!
JOIN US!!

VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

Friday morning at 8:45 a.m. our sixth grade leaders will present a special assembly honoring all veterans. The 4 – 6 grade strings will also perform. Families and Island friends are invited.



CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY

Did you ever read a story and wish you could be that character? Now's your chance! On Thursday, November 20th at 8:30 a.m. we'll be celebrating Children's Book Week by becoming a favorite storybook character, and then seeing if the other students can guess who we are. This is always a great way for the students to discover "new" books. The outfit, "costume," does not need to be elaborate – a hat, stuffed animal, broom, any prop that works. This is optional for students though it's always fun – just please remember the character first originated in a book! See the attach list for ideas.

THE FERNDALE HOLIDAY GIVING STORE WILL SERVE LOCAL CHILDREN

The Holiday Giving Store will open for the fifth year to assure low income and homeless children in the Ferndale School District have holiday gifts. Volunteers are asking businesses, churches, schools and anyone who has the “giving spirit” to help stock the store through donations

Last year the Giving Store was able to help 300 children from families verified to have financial need and who were not being served by other programs. Most families are referred by school personnel or through other charities which can not accept more requests for assistance. Many are the “working poor” struggling to make ends meet, and without discretionary income to spend during the holidays. Families interested in assistance can get an application from the school Family and Community Coordinator or school counselor, or from Tanya at the Ferndale School District Office.

Many schools are doing targeted gift drives, such as a “sports gear” drive by the Leadership Class at Ferndale High School. If interested in helping please check with your school to find out about planned activities.

The next FHGS Planning Committee meeting will be held November 14, at 6 PM at Benson’s Deli. To donate or offer your help, contact Mary Lafond, Coordinator, 392-0883.

WHITAKER STOCKER FIRST WINNER IN BOXTOP CONTEST

Whitaker Stocker was the first student to return a completed bingo form in PTO’s Boxtops For Education Contest. He was allowed to select from an assortment of coupons that have been donated to the PTO.

Each BoxTop returned represents ten cents that will be donated to the PTO. Please encourage your child, friends, and family to continue to collect boxtops and turn them into the school office. Thank you for your support with this fund raiser!



CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY IDEAS

MADELINE
AMELIA BEDELIA
RIP VAN WINKLE
ALL DR. SEUSS CHARACTERS
CHESTER, OWEN, CHRYSANTHEMUM
MISS PIGGLE WIGGLE
HANSEL OR GRETEL
RAMONA
GINGERBREAD MAN
LITTLE HOUSE CHARACTERS
HARDY BOY
NANCY DREW
HARRIET THE SPY
STARGIRL
PETER PAN
PIPPY LONGSTOCKING
PIGLET OR POOH
MAGIC TREE HOUSE KIDS
CHARLIE BROWN
ANNE OF GREEN GABLES
HEIDI
STORM BOY
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE
CASPER
RAINBOW FISH
HARRY POTTER OR FRIENDS
JULIE OF THE WOLVES
MAY AMELIA
HUCKLEBERRY FINN
WICKED WITCH OF THE EAST
QUEEN OF HEARTS
AN ACTION HERO
THREE BLIND MICE
THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD
DRACULA
LOWLY WORM
THE BIG BAD WOLF

CHARLIE BROWN & FRIENDS
ALBERT EINSTEIN
MANIAC MAGEE
JAMES OR THE GIANT PEACH
GEORGIA O'KEEFE
DOCTOR DOOLITTLE
GOLDBLOCKS OR A BEAR
ALICE OR A WONDERLAND CHARACTER
HOUDINI
ABE LINCOLN
KING ARTHUR, LANCELOT
SACAGAWEA
BOXCAR CHILD
ARTHUR OR A FRIEND
AN E.B. WHITE CHARACTER
(STUART, FERN, CHARLOTTE)
LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD
CLIFFORD , THE BIG RED DOG
BUNNICULA
AN AMERICAN GIRL
TOAD OR FROG
FROG GIRL
ROBIN HOOD OR FRIENDS
A HOBBIT CHARACTER
ALADDEN
MIRETTE
BERENSTEIN BEAR
A ROALD DAHL CHARACTER
TIN MAN, DOROTHY, COWARDLY LION
SHREK
R2D2
CINDERELLA
MISS FRIZZLE
BOB THE BUILDER
CURIOUS GEORGE
HANSEL & GRETEL
ROBIN HOOD