

# Golden Eagle News

March 2009

A Monthly Publication of Ferndale High School



## What's Up?

*Read on for . . .*

- Running Start & CP
- Class Fees
- Sports Physicals
- Staff Recognition
- Free Autism Screening
- WASL Schedule
- Senior Grad Night
- School Board Info

## A Note from the Principal:

Congratulations to all the students and staff who contributed to making our spring musical, Grease, such a resounding success! From casting, to music, to sets, to sound, to publicity, this team of talented and dedicated people delivered a fabulous performance. We especially want to thank all our parents and community members for their support of our production with record-breaking attendance! Your participation in our programs is essential for our students.

Our reading and writing WASL testing was completed this week. Students must pass the reading and writing WASL to graduate. We anticipate having scores for our seniors back from the state after Memorial Day week-end. The math and science WASL assessments will begin April 13th, immediately after Spring Break. Students must also pass the math WASL to graduate, or continue to earn a math credit each year.

Please help your student do their best on the WASL assessments by ensuring they are well rested and have a nutritious breakfast. Together, we can support our students to do their very best!

Dawn Mark

## Mark Your Calendar!

March 19	Orchestra/Band Concert Festival Concert, 7 pm in FHS Auditorium
March 27	SMJEA Large Group Orchestra Festival, all day at WWU
April 6-10	Spring Break, no school
April 13-14	Math WASL
April 20-21	Science WASL



## Attention Running Start Parents/Students!

Please sign onto IMS and check to make sure that your son/daughter is fulfilling their logging responsibilities and check their CP progress. They must be at standard by 3 PM on May 1st, to walk in graduation. Thirty hours are required for their project and upon completion, they should:

1. Set up an appointment to see their advisor to get signed off on their logs and project.
2. Bring a copy of their logs, signed by a parent and themselves
3. Complete the Evaluation Cover Sheet and Essay, following the rubric in the packet
4. Bring all paperwork to Mrs. Hawkinson for final sign-off of evaluation

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Gudlaug Hawkinson at ghawkinson@ferndale.wednet.edu.

## Class Fees

Class fees are now due for second semester. If our student is taking an art, ceramics, CTE or foreign language class a fee is due. Please contact the ASB office at 383-9281 for more information.

## Returning Athletes Sports Physical

There will be a returning athlete's sports physical night on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. Cost to register is \$10.00. Students must pickup an eligibility packet and return the completed packet to the Athletic Office at Ferndale High School along with the payment made out to Ferndale High School. At that time, we can sign the students up for an appointment. This is for returning athletes only, incoming freshman are required to have a full physical. If you would like further information please contact the Athletic Office at 383-9249.

## Staff Recognition

On February 24th, the Agricultural Educators from District 1 met in Burlington. At that meeting the instructors of District 1, which includes 30 plus teachers from 22 school districts, voted Mr. Mitch Davis, an instructor from the Ferndale Agriculture/FFA program, as "Teacher of the Year"! Mr. Davis was recognized because of his hard work with kids in many areas. He had the 2nd place team in Ag. Mechanics, one of the state's strongest Livestock Judging teams, numerous students receiving their FFA State Degrees, and many other honors in competition for students he coached. He also hosted Career Development Events for schools in our FFA District. His Metals program is now regarded as one of the strong ones in District 1. He also helps out in such endeavors as the Lynden Fair Livestock Committee. He is also recognized as an instructor who builds good rapport with his students.

At the same meeting, Joey McAlpine was voted "Layperson of the Year" for the District 1 Agricultural Education region. Several instructors spoke highly of the work that Ms. McAlpine has done, which goes far beyond her basic obligations as a paraeducator. Ms. McAlpine puts in numerous hours of her

own time helping out kids in the Ag. and other school programs, and the Ag. teachers directly. She has helped as a judge when Ferndale has hosted Career Development Events. Joey McAlpine goes way out of her way to see where problems are, and helps to fix them. She is positive, has good advice, and goes out of her way to make the Ag. program at Ferndale High School, and the students it exists for, successful. Her example shows the value and necessity of the paraeducator in the daily functioning of Ferndale High School.

Congratulations to these two professionals, who have helped to put the Ferndale School District in such a good light. They will both be recognized for their achievements at the annual Washington State Agricultural Educators Conference in Yakima this summer.

## Free Autism Screenings

University of Washington Autism Center in Tacoma is offering a free walk-in screening clinic to check for symptoms of Autism Spectrum Disorders for children 18 months through 18 years. Screenings will be on a first come, first serve basis April 7 and 21 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and April 14 and 28 from 3:00-5:00 p.m., 1900 Commerce St., Tacoma. For further information and directions, please contact Parent Resource Center at 253/692-4721 or visit <http://depts.washington.edu/uwautism/>

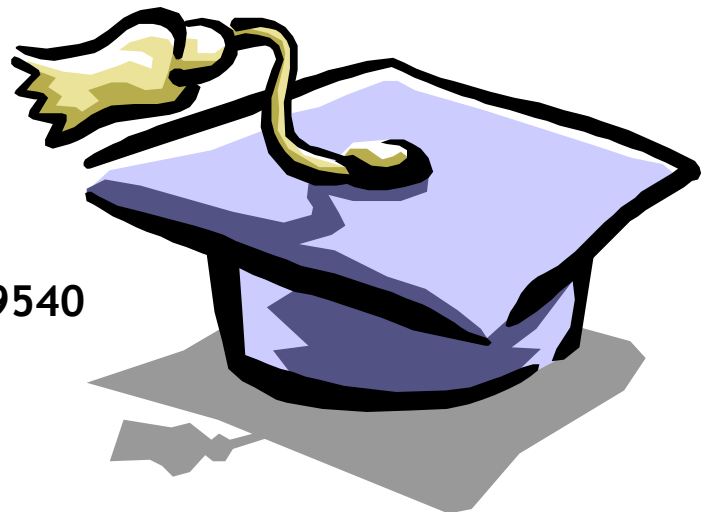
## We need your help!

### Volunteer to be a panelist for our Senior Culminating Project!

May 20 and/or 21, 2009 at FHS  
11 a.m.-3 p.m.

You will be impressed!

Call the Career Center @ 360-383-9540  
or email us:  
[mrockwell@ferndale.wednet.edu](mailto:mrockwell@ferndale.wednet.edu)



# WASL Schedule/Information

**WASL Testing Schedule**  
**April 13, 14, 20, 21, 2009**  
**Math: Monday/Tuesday the 13th & 14th**  
**Science: Monday/Tuesday the 20th & 21st**

**7:54 - 10:00 a.m. WASL Testing Session (126 minute total)**

- 10th Graders on Campus for WASL Testing
- 11th Graders On Campus for Jr. Research Paper Work  
(those identified by Jr. English teachers as needing assistance) or for WASL re-take
- 12th Graders on Campus for Sr. Project Work  
(those identified by Sr. English teachers as needing assistance) or for WASL re-take
- 9th Graders on Campus - students who are pre-registered to take the WASL 2009
- 9th Graders on Campus - students who are required to attend mandatory morning academic tutoring (those 9th grade students identified by content teachers as passing class with less than a 70%)

**10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Transition from testing - All students on campus**

**10:15 a.m. First Bell**

**1st/5th period 10:21 - 11:11 50 mins.**

**1st Lunch 11:11 - 11:41**  
**2nd/6th period 11:47 - 12:37 50 mins.**

**2nd/6th period 11:17 - 12:07 50 mins.**  
**2nd Lunch 12:07 - 12:37**

**3rd/7th period 12:43 - 1:33 50 mins.**

**4th/8th period 1:39 - 2:30 51 mins.**

**Lunch will be determined by 2nd/6th period classroom.**

**1st Lunch**  
 500 Wing (except 509)  
 600 Wing (except 606, 607, 608, 609 and 610)  
 700 Wing (except S. Andres' class)

**2nd Lunch**  
 Fine Arts Bldg.  
 400 Wing  
 Gym  
 Rooms 101, 509, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610 and S. Andres' class

# Senior Grad Night 2009

**To parents/guardians of FHS seniors:** Sign up now to reserve a spot for your senior at Grad Night 2009, a drug-and-alcohol-free, all-night celebration which will take place after the graduation ceremony on June 6th. This promises to be an exciting, memorable and safe way to celebrate our graduates' accomplishments.

The Grad Night is being organized by a parent committee; this is not an FHS-sponsored event. The exact details of the party are going to be left a surprise, but some of the exciting possibilities for the evening might include: Dancing, swimming, music, great food, a hypnotist, comedy and much more...all in the company of FHS friends, together for a last hurrah!

The cost for the night's festivities will be \$50.00. The more people who go, the less the cost will be for everyone, and our continuing fundraising efforts will reduce the cost even more. If the total cost is reduced, you'll be reimbursed the difference!

**Suggested payment schedule for the \$50:**

\$25 non-refundable deposit to reserve your spot - NOW

\$25 balance by May 20th, 2008, though payment in full may be made any time prior to May 20th.

-----  
**Please mail tear-off and payment to:** Class of 2009 Grad Night, P.O Box 2355, Ferndale, WA 98248

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount included \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Permission Form:** I give my permission for the above-named student to participate in the Ferndale High School Grad Night 2009 celebration organized by the Ferndale Senior Class of '09 Parent Committee. In consideration of this student being allowed to participate in the above activity, I agree to hold the Ferndale Senior Class of '09 Parent Committee, and any entertainment company they may be working with, harmless from any claim by or against it arising out of any negligent or wrongful action by the student. I understand the Ferndale School District #502 is in no way involved in this event. I understand that any misconduct or possession of illegal substances or weapons by the student will be reason for immediate removal from the Grad Night event and that I will be responsible for transporting him/her home. I give permission for the Grad Night chaperones to seek the services of a licensed medical professional in the case of an accident or illness requiring medical aid for this student. Phone number where I can be reached during the hours of the event in case of an emergency: (        )\_\_\_\_\_.

Medical needs to be aware of:\_\_\_\_\_.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand and agree to the above. Student Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

***Both Parent/Guardian and Student signatures are REQUIRED.***

# Ferndale School District No. 502

## School Board Meetings/Information

### **When does the board meet?**

Ferndale School District Board of Directors generally meet the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Ferndale School District Office, 6041 Vista Drive. Informal and special meetings, as well as work sessions, are also held throughout the year to give the board an opportunity to consider a specific topic. These meetings are open to the public and all actions authorized or required by law are taken at these meetings. The board may choose to meet in executive session to discuss such matters as personnel, sale or acquisition of property, labor and contract negotiations, confidential records, evaluation of a candidate for appointment to the board of directors, discussion of possible district litigation or national security.

### **How is board meeting information disseminated?**

Beginning with the July 31, 2008 meeting, Ferndale School District Board of Directors is using the internet to enhance governance and provide a basis for better communication with the public. This new system, called BoardDocs, will replace the previous method of compiling, printing and distributing a limited number of paper documents with electronic distribution. By making meeting agendas and supporting documents available on the internet, the district will be able to distribute documents associated with a meeting more quickly and efficiently.

Electronic distribution will save time and resources as well as providing unprecedented public access to information that board members use to make decisions. Through the district web site, the public can view and print the agenda and supporting documents associated with the meeting. All documents associated with the meeting are automatically archived and can be accessed by meeting date or by using the comprehensive search feature.

### **How do I access BoardDocs?**

The BoardDocs features can be accessed via the district's web site at <http://www.ferndale.wednet.edu> then click on BoardDocs and login in as "public." For questions regarding BoardDocs or school board meetings in general, contact Tammy Bengen at [tbengen@fsd.k12.wa.us](mailto:tbengen@fsd.k12.wa.us) or 360-383-9207.

### **How do I address the board?**

Visitors are welcome at board meetings. If you know in advance that you would like to address the board at a meeting, please make arrangements by calling the superintendent's office at 360-383-9207.

In the interest of personal privacy and fairness, no one may orally comment on individual employees of the school district. An executive session may be granted for discussion of such matters. Those with questions or comments concerning instructional practices or instructional materials should write to the superintendent: Dr. Roger Lehnert, P.O. 698, Ferndale, WA 98248. We encourage you to become involved in school activities at the building level and to attend board meetings.

# School Board Members

**President**

Mr. Stuart McKay  
2950 Aldergrove Road  
Ferndale, WA 98248  
384-5372 (home)  
smckay@fsd.k12.wa.us

**Vice President**

Mr. Bernie Thomas  
4638 Lake Terrell Road  
Ferndale, WA 98248  
384-1035 (home)  
bthomas@fsd.k12.wa.us

**Legislative Representative**

Ms. Lee Anne Riddle  
5039 Waschke Road  
Bellingham, WA 98226  
384-9051 (home)  
lriddle@fsd.k12.wa.us

Dr. John Hruby  
7401 Valley View Road  
Ferndale, WA 98248  
384-1511(work)  
366-5059 (home)  
jshruby@hinet.org

Mr. Andrew McLaurin  
5911 Malloy Avenue  
Ferndale, WA 98248  
383-0347 (home)  
amclaurin@fsd.k12.wa.us