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FERNDALE SCHOOLS

Summer 2007

Donette Studio named Business of the Year

Donette Studio, Inc., was recognized by Ferndale School Board as Business of the Year for 2006-07.

Director of Special Projects Aaron Kombol presented the award on behalf of the board. Kombol noted Donette is recognized for providing assistance to the district by taking yearly photos of students and providing images for the yearbook, coordinating the staff ID badge program,

and assisting with making images and schedule data available on handheld devices for high school administrators.

Kombol said Donnie Rubenack and his staff at Donette are always willing to work with the district on community events as well.

Congratulations, Donette Studio!



Donnie Rubenack (center), Donette Studio, Inc., accepts a plaque from Ferndale School Board in recognition of Donette being named Business of the Year. Pictured left to right: Board Members Lee Anne Riddle and Norman Robertson (seated); Superintendent Roger Lehnert, Board Member John Hruby, Director of Special Projects Aaron Kombol, Board Members Stuart McKay and Bernie Thomas (standing, back row).

Legislature changes WASL requirements

Math and Science postponed until 2013

All students need a solid foundation of reading, writing and math skills for whatever they plan to do after high school. Several statewide graduation requirements help make sure students have this foundation. Last spring, state lawmakers made changes to the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) graduation requirement, including postponing the passing of math and science until 2013.

For the graduating classes of 2008-2012, students must pass the reading and writing WASL, a state-approved alternative to the WASL or an assessment for students in

special education. Students can meet the state's math requirement by passing the math WASL, a state-approved alternative or an assessment for students in special education, or, they can continue to earn math credits until they graduate. Students who pass the reading, writing and math assessments earn a Certificate of Academic Achievement or Certificate of Individual Achievement and a high school diploma. Students who fulfill the math requirement by earning math credits do not receive a certificate but do earn a diploma.

This delay for math and science gives the school system

time to make any needed changes to the state's learning standards, provide better curriculum choices for schools, review the assessments and provide professional development for teachers. It is not a retreat from the skills and knowledge every student needs.

For more information visit <http://www.k12.wa.us/GraduationRequirements/default.aspx>.

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Mischa Burnett



Ryan Greene



Kellie Larrabee



Nick Payne



Jodi Mears



David Brame

District administrative changes

Seven district schools will see new leaders

Dr. Michael Berres, in addition to his responsibilities as director of special services, will serve as principal at Beach Elementary School. Dr. Berres previously served as principal of Skyline Elementary School from 1995 to 2000. Also, during his career, he has served as teacher, assistant principal, principal, coordinator of inservice training and special education program supervisor.

Central Elementary School will see Mr. Mischa Burnett as its new principal. Burnett replaces Principal Tony Harduar who has accepted a principalship overseas. Burnett was hired by the district in 2005 as assistant principal at Vista Middle School. Also, he has been a teacher in Washington and Alaska.

Replacing Burnett at Vista Middle School is Assistant Principal Ryan Greene. Greene moves to Ferndale from Evergreen Public Schools in Vancouver, Washington, where he was an administrative intern, teacher and coach.

Greene received his Bachelor's Degree in Arts and Letters from Portland State University and his Master's Degree in Teaching at Washing-

ton State University.

Ms. Kellie Larrabee has been hired as principal of Custer Elementary School. Larrabee replaces Principal Susan Holmes who retired at the end of the 2006-07 school year.

Larrabee has served as an online teacher for ESylvan and as an administrative substitute and coach in Ferndale Schools. Prior to that, she was a teacher for elementary intermediate grades in schools located in Oregon and Indiana.

Mr. Nick Payne will be the new principal of North Bellingham Elementary School. He replaces Principal Aileen Powell who retired at the end of the 2006-07 school year.

Most recently, Payne served as principal of Alderwood Elementary School in Bellingham for seven years. Prior to that, he was principal in Ocean Shores, Washington, and has been a teacher in Republic, Grandview and Sunnyside school districts.

Ferndale's second middle school, Horizon, will be staffed by assistant principal Jodi Mears. She replaces Ms. Sheila Gerrish who accepted a position with the Marysville School District. Mears transfers from

Mount Vernon School District where she has been an administrative intern and literacy site coordinator. Prior to that, Mears held educational positions in the states of Arkansas and Missouri.

Mears received her Bachelor's degree in English/Philosophy from Central Missouri State University and her Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

Mr. David Brame will serve as assistant principal at Ferndale High School, replacing Mr. Aaron Kombol who moves to the position of director of special projects.

Brame has served as principal intern and foreign language teacher in the Evergreen School District in Vancouver, Washington, taught foreign language in Auburn and Enumclaw school districts, and has held various coaching positions. Brame received his Bachelor's of Education Degree from Whitworth College, his Master's in Secondary Education Degree from Pacific Lutheran University and his administrative credentials from Washington State University.

Former Assistant Principal Kombol appointed to director of special projects

Mr. Aaron Kombol has been appointed to the role of director of special projects. Kombol moves from his position as assistant principal at Ferndale High School where he has served since 1999. Kombol will now focus his efforts for the district in the areas of technology and capital projects.

Kombol received his superintendent's credentials through Western Washington University. He received his

Master's Degree in Education from Western Washington University and his Bachelor's of Science Degree from Central Washington University. During his career, Kombol has served as assistant principal as well as a science and math teacher at the middle and high school levels. Also, he has been a high school athletic director.



Director of Special Projects Aaron Kombol

Back to school information

Student registration

Students new to the district should register for school directly at their neighborhood school between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays.

A reminder that preschool and kindergarten students must be three, four and five years old, respective to entry grade, prior to September 1.

School offices open in August

Beach—August 27
Central—August 20
Custer—August 27
Eagleridge—August 22
Mountain View—August 27
North Bellingham—August 15

Skyline—August 23
Horizon—August 27
Vista—August 20
Ferndale High—August 13
Windward High—August 27

Back-to-School Extravaganza— August 28

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, August 28, when the Third Back-to-School Extravaganza will be held from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at Vista Middle School.

Income qualifying families can visit the resource fair to receive school supplies and sign-

up for: clothing for children kindergarten through grade five, health care, dental screenings, English language learner classes and other community services.

For more information please contact the family community coordinator at 360/383-9589.

Meal Prices

A change this year to the meal prices is in the lunch category. Students in grades kindergarten through three who qualify for reduced meals will receive lunch free. All other prices remain the same as the previous year.

Breakfast	
Reduced K-12	FREE
Elementary	\$1.10
Middle/High	\$1.25
Adult	\$1.80

Lunch	
Reduced K-3	FREE
Reduced 4-12	\$.40
Elementary	\$2.25
Middle/High	\$2.75
Adult	\$3.25

Milk	\$.50
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Notices

Child Find

Federal Public Law, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), requires that disabled children in the Ferndale School District, ages birth to 21, be identified, located and evaluated. If anyone suspects that a child (age birth to 21) has a disabling condition, and if that child resides in the Ferndale School District, please refer the child to Dr. Michael Berres, Director of Special Services, Ferndale School District, (360) 383-9213. Upon referral, the special services staff will make the appropriate follow-up.

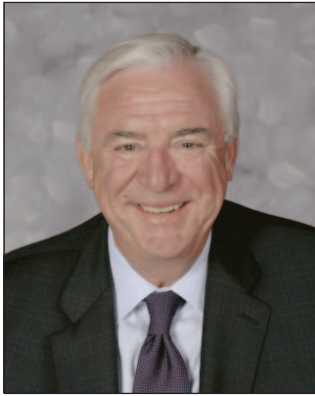
FSD complies with state and federal rules

Ferndale School District complies with all state and federal rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, age, or the presence of any non-job related sensory, mental or physical disability. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's Title IX/RCW 28A.640 Officer Mr. Elvis Dellinger at the administration office, 360/383-9206, and/or Section 504 ADA Coordinator Dr. Michael Berres at the special services office, 360/383-9213.

Special Services opportunities

Ferndale School District provides reasonable opportunities for participation by teachers, parents and guardians of special education students, families, and other interested agencies, organizations, and program. Any application and any required policies, procedures, evaluations, plans, and reports will be made readily available to parents and other members of the general public through the district's special services and superintendent offices. Please call the special services department at 360/383-9213 if you have questions or requests about this information.

Superintendent's message



Dr. Roger Lehnert

Greetings!

The 2007-08 school year is almost upon us and we want to welcome you back! A lot has happened since June and, in the space provided, I hope I can bring you up to date.

Work for the new elementary school, located at 6175 Church Road, is in progress. Site work is on schedule and we hope to begin pouring foundations the latter part of August.

Renovation and electrification of Ferndale High School is on schedule. Phase one should be completed in September. Phase one work includes adding two science

rooms, two small classrooms in the library and a darkroom in the vocational building; campus-wide electrical infrastructure upgrades; art classroom modifications; and exterior lighting upgrades in the courtyard area.

Phase two work includes additional restrooms in the auditorium and gymnasium, ADA access to auditorium seating and the stage, and auditorium seat replacement. Also included is a new weight training building to be located behind the gymnasium. We hope to have this work done around mid-October to December.

Planning and design work for Custer Elementary School is progressing. With the passage of a bond issue in February or March of 2008, we plan to demolish Custer Elementary and build a community centered two-story building of 60,000 square feet.

Also, we are concentrating our planning efforts on North Bellingham Elementary School. We have not concluded our deliberations, but once we do

we will share with you the details of what we have found and what we will recommend for your consideration.

A potential third part of an upcoming bond issue will focus on school safety, particularly building/classroom safety.

You may notice a mountain of dirt on Skyline Elementary School's playfield which looks like anything but a playfield. The dirt is being hauled in from the new elementary school site to Skyline to be used to elevate the play area four to five feet. Hydroseeding will be done in the fall.

In the fall you will be surveyed regarding the school calendar. Please take this opportunity to make your thoughts known.

After mid-August our website will be current for the new school year. You may access district information by going to www.ferndale.wednet.edu.

We have a lot to get done this next year. On our "to do" list is the naming of the new elementary school, revisions to our current school boundaries, and setting the framework for

the study and recommendations for new graduation requirements.

As part of improving our capacity to communicate quickly and efficiently to a large number of people, shortly we will install a new phone calling system that should help us avoid the problems of communicating during inclement weather and emergencies. The system will allow us to give you reminders that are generated by individual schools or that are districtwide in nature.

If you have the time, set some of it aside to volunteer at a school of your choice—we need and value your help.

If you have young children walking to school take the time to practice walking safe routes to and from school and, while doing so, talk about strangers. I always see a lot of moms and dads walking to and from school with their children and neighbors' children.

We look forward to a great school year and wish you the same!

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Our Mission

Ferndale School District, in partnership with families and the larger community, will educate each student to develop the knowledge, skills and character necessary to lead a self-reliant, socially responsible life.

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