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# FERNDALE SCHOOLS

Spring 2011

## Graduation held June 18 at FHS Memorial Field Congratulations, Class of 2011!

Ferndale High School's Class of 2011 graduated at ceremonies held June 18 at Memorial Field.

A total of 337 class members graduated with 91 of those receiving honors (3.5 grade point average or above). Twenty seniors were recognized as outstanding in academic departments.

Class valedictorians are Steven Rauch (plans to attend Gonzaga University majoring in mechanical engineering), Kaitlyn Mensing (plans to attend University of Arizona majoring in chemical engineer-

ing) and Samuel Mann (plans to attend University of Washington pre-med program). Class salutatorian is Konnor Erdman (plans to attend Washington State University majoring in mechanical engineering).

Class speakers are Steven Rauch, T.J. Genger (plans to attend Washington State University Edward Morrow College of Communications) and Amy Letchworth (plans to attend Evergreen State College majoring in law and government, and public administration).

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Leaders of the 2011 Graduating Class: pictured l to r: back row—Kaitlyn Mensing, Amy Letchworth, Samuel Mann; front row—Konnor Erdman, T.J. Genger, Steven Rauch

## Energy program saves district over \$750,000 in three years

Over the last three years, Ferndale School District has avoided \$769,100.30 in energy costs thanks to an energy management program provided by Energy Education, Inc.

In an email to district staff, Energy Education Manager Tony Torretta and Director of Special Projects Aaron Kombol said, "With your dedication to cutting energy waste, as well as strong daily and holiday shutdowns, we have avoided over 21% of our

utility costs in just over three years."

Cost avoidance differs from cost savings, according to Executive Director for Business & Support Services Mark Deebach.

"People ask frequently what we did with the savings when in fact what we did was not budget an increase in utility costs due to this program," Mr Deebach said.

Instead of budgeting for a predictable increase in utility costs each year, the district

spent the same amount on utilities over the last several years. Money that would have otherwise had to be spent on utilities was allocated for other expenses.

In September 2007, the district entered into a four-year contract with Energy Education, Inc. which provided EnergyCAP software that monitors and analyzes district energy use. Additionally, Energy Education, Inc.

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### Science testing graduation requirement delayed until class of 2015

Legislation to delay the science assessment graduation requirement was signed into law this spring. The bill delays the requirement until the class of 2015.

Students in the classes of 2013 and 2014 are no longer required to pass a state science exam to be eligible to graduate. The requirement to pass science begins with next year's ninth graders.

House Bill 1410 allows for a smoother transition to an end-of-course biology exam from the single, comprehensive science HSPE. This is similar to the transition students saw this year to end-of-course exams in math.

The science HSPE will not be offered this summer because it is no longer a graduation requirement for the classes of 2013 and 2014. The next science testing opportunity will be in May 2012 with the end-of-course biology exam.

For more information on state testing, visit [www.WAtesting.com](http://www.WAtesting.com). Also, state testing and graduation resources are available at [www.k12.wa.us/Resources](http://www.k12.wa.us/Resources).

## Changes to Immunization Exemptions

### Changes go into affect July 22

State law requires that before attending school, children must be immunized against certain diseases that can be prevented by vaccinations. Parents and guardians meet this requirement by filling out and turning in a Certificate of Immunization Status form, showing their child has the required vaccinations (or that they have already had the illness and are now immune).

If parents and guardians choose to exempt their child from one or more of the required vaccines, they must fill out a Certificate of Exemption form.

The 2011 Washington State Legislature passed a law that changes the process for getting an immunization exemption. All other parts of the law are the same. Effective July 22, 2011, the new law says that if a parent or guardian wants to exempt their child from school immuni-

zation requirements, they must first talk with a licensed health care provider about the benefits and risks of vaccinations. The provider will sign the Certificate of Exemption form that parents have to turn in to the school to exempt their child. Instead of signing the form, providers may choose to write and sign a letter verifying the same information.

Parents or guardians who demonstrate membership in a church or religious body that does not believe in medical treatment are not required to have a health care provider sign the exemption form. To demonstrate membership in this kind of church or religious body, in Box 2 of the exemption form, the parent or guardian must sign a prewritten statement to indicate they belong to a church or religious body that does not believe in medical treatment

from a health care provider. They will also have to write in the name of the church or religious body.

Exemption forms that were filed prior to July 22 for students who registered to attend school in fall 2011 will remain valid for the exemptions indicated on that form. Parents do not need to have a new exemption form signed. However, as kids progress through school, they may need different vaccinations to meet age-appropriate immunization requirements, and at that time a new exemption form will have to be turned in.

For more information: Washington State Department of Health, <http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/Immunize/schools/exemption-info.htm>

## Tim Ballew, II appointed to school board

### Ballew fills vacancy in district three

Mr. Timothy Ballew, II, was sworn in as director of District No. 3. Superintendent Linda Quinn administered the oath of office to Mr. Ballew at the April 28 school board meeting.

Mr. Ballew was interviewed, along with four other applicants, for the position at a meeting held April 22. He was subsequently appointed to the board during that meeting. He fills the unexpired term of Mr. Bernie Thomas until the next general election of November 2011. In order to continue in the position, Mr. Ballew would need to run for office in the next general election.

Mr. Ballew is a graduate of Ferndale High School (1999) and has a Bachelor of Arts

Degree in psychology from Western Washington University (2003). He is the owner/operator

of his own commercial fishing company. Mr. Ballew is married and has two children.



*Superintendent Linda Quinn administers the oath of office to Tim Ballew, II.*

## Superintendent's message continued

reinforces is the fact that we are a diverse community with diverse opinions on just about everything. While I know this diversity is our strength, it also creates challenges. For instance, it makes it difficult to answer the survey respondent who posed the question, "Why do you bother asking our opinion, since you won't do what we want anyway?" The challenge is to determine what exactly it is that "we want."

Some survey respondents said the athletic and activity program is a vital component of our students' education and should be preserved at all costs. Some said we should cut activities and athletics altogether and put our limited resources into core academics. Some people said students need more math. Some said they need less. Some said we need more schools like Windward. Others said we should forget about Windward and provide a common experience for all Ferndale students on the main campus.

Student responses to the survey were similarly diverse. One high schooler wrote, "Whatever you do, don't change the 8-period block schedule." And the next one said, "We need to change the block schedule." Some students said they love the number of elective choices. Others said there aren't enough electives. Some said teachers are too strict. Some said teachers should hold students more accountable.

Several FHS students made statements like these: "The best thing about FHS is that everyone is open-minded and accepting of differences." "Everyone knows each other and no one is excluded." And "The school is safe; there is no gang activity."

Other FHS students made statements like these: "I really don't feel I am a part of anything." "The students here make me feel unwelcome, and they bully me often. I really feel out of place here and unsafe." And "Everyday I go there I feel completely alone and isolated, like no one cares about me."

The survey reinforces the fact that there is not a single Ferndale School District experience, and we have many different ideas about what needs to be improved. However, the survey also revealed several common themes. Most people think we need better communication, fewer administrators (especially in my office), and smaller class sizes. These themes are influencing our decisions.

We are working to improve communication at all levels. We have also been reducing steadily central administration. In the two years since I arrived, we have decreased from eight administrators working in the district office to five (a 38% reduction). At the same time, we have been reorganizing the central office so that all of our work more clearly supports ongoing improvement in teaching and learning.

We have also focused much of our attention and discussion on class size, although this is a difficult variable to control during times when our revenue is decreasing. Class size is directly related to the number of teachers we can afford to employ. Because of decreasing revenue and increasing expenses, we have had to reduce our certificated staff by 12% over the past four years. This has caused class sizes to get larger.

We know the decisions we make about programs also impact

class size. Some of our decisions during the past two years have caused class sizes to be larger — like the decisions to offer all-day kindergarten in every elementary school; to increase the amount of time elementary students work with pe, music, and/or other specialists; to keep the Aiming High pullout program; and to maintain an eight-period schedule at the high school. Other decisions have been aimed at maintaining more classroom teachers in order to push class sizes back down — like the decisions to reduce the number of librarians and counselors; to eliminate the middle school assistant principal and central office administrators; and to move Windward out of a leased facility.

The bottom line is this: All of these complex issues require more opportunities for people to get together to share, listen, and debate. I know this year's survey is only a first step.

I invite you to read the survey results for yourself online, and I encourage you to join the dialogue. In the fall, we will be outlining next steps in our plans for improved communication and increased community engagement. We know your input, ideas, and actions will strengthen our schools. My job is to find better ways to maintain the central role of the public in our public education system. The students are counting on us.

*Linda B. Quinn, Superintendent*

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### Energy Savings

provided training for Mr. Torretta who oversees the energy management program. The cost of the Energy Education program, which is about

\$20,000 annually, comes from the district's existing utility budget.

For a breakdown of individual buildings of the district,

please visit [www.ferndale.wednet.edu](http://www.ferndale.wednet.edu).

For more information: Tony Torretta, Energy Education Manager, 360.383.9347



# Ferndale High School

Tyler Abel  
 Adessa R. Alvarado  
 Khiry Amsden  
 Lane D. Anderson  
 Jalisa Rachelle Andreasen\*  
 Lyubov Andriychuk  
 Daniel L. Andrus  
 Andrew Andrushenko  
 Breawna Rozel Arestad  
 Donald Jay Bailey  
 Kathryn E. Bailey  
 Sonja B. Ballinger  
 Kelsey Lynn Barker  
 Presley Janel Barmore  
 Jacob E. Barrera  
 Dustin Mathew Batterberry\*  
 Nicole Louise Beaulaurier\*  
 Tatyana G. Belaya  
 Yelena G. Belaya\*  
 Bryson G. Bellefeuille\*  
 Nigel A. Berg  
 Brandon Dale Berkompas  
 Tyler Biles  
 Josh Bodger  
 Eliana Wilson Hassebrock Bolt  
 Gabriella Maria Boulos  
 Leah Rose Bowd\*  
 Kendra Rae Bowen  
 Christopher George Boyd  
 Brittney Marie Boykin\*  
 Jacqueline Nicole Brackinreed  
 Austin Alan Brooks  
 Joseph Bulanov  
 Cavanaugh L. Bunton  
 Patrick A. Campbell  
 Cassandra Leanne Carriaga  
 Quessandra Taylor Catlett  
 Jacob Wilson Catrain  
 Caitlin Lorraine Chutuk  
 Jasmine Lucille Nicolet Clark  
 Robert J. Clark  
 Taylor Kay Clark\*  
 Brittney Marie Clarke  
 Patrick Joseph Clemons  
 Stephanie Elizabeth Comley  
 Jacob D. Commissaris  
 Shon Conley  
 Megan K. Crider\*  
 Colson Scott Crim

Kaden G. Crow  
 Jessica Lynn Cruikshank  
 Spencer Cutsforth\*  
 Drew Aaron Daily\*  
 Melissa M. Darwin  
 Britny Michelle Davis  
 Hayley Nicole Davis\*  
 Sierra N. DeAnnuntis  
 Vadim Derkach  
 Mercedes Deming  
 William Ryan Derr\*  
 Josue E. Diaz  
 Tyler W. Dunn  
 Brynn Bernice Ecalbarger  
 Nichole Elizabeth Ellis\*  
 Daniel Elwell  
 Konnor J. Erdman\*  
 Aaron T. Eriksen  
 Beau Blare Est  
 Nafin Sabrina Eyoub  
 Isaac Farmer  
 Kayli Michelle Felbinger  
 Zachary Thomas-Spurr Ferrell  
 Alyssa Lynn Finch\*  
 Kyler Robert Flaherty  
 Alexander Joseph Forhan  
 Breanna Jo Fuqua\*  
 Brandon Andres Garcia  
 Lupita Garcia  
 Samantha Colleen Garza\*  
 Taelar Keialanani Mae Genge  
 Ted Roland Genger III\*  
 James George  
 Jennifer Ann Gonzalez\*  
 Jennifer Nicole Goodin  
 Tommy R. Graham  
 Meagan Leah Graveline\*  
 Cherry Rose Castillo Gustafson  
 Kathlynn Hager  
 Kyla K.A. Haggith\*  
 Gabrielle Monique Hall\*  
 Jessica Janae Hansen\*  
 Tyler Lee Hansen\*  
 Eric D. Harksell\*  
 Amy Shea Harrison  
 Kathryn Suzanne Harrison  
 Madison Michelle Hart  
 Shamila Hashimi\*  
 Johanna Hendricks

Curtis James Hennigs\*  
 Carmen Lorena Hernandez  
 Cody Allen Hewett  
 Derrick Hicks  
 Lindsay May Hicks  
 Jessica Nichole Hiestand\*  
 Victoria Caprice Hill  
 Jacob Daniel Hoelzle\*  
 Brenda Hokanson  
 Jacob C. Honeycutt  
 Cory Glen Howard  
 Whitney Aleene Howell  
 Min-Yen Hsieh\*  
 Ashlee Hudson  
 Karlyn Jessica Hungate  
 Shelby Jade Hunter  
 Breelynd Jicohl Huntley\*  
 Dylan J. Hyde  
 Sarah AnnMarie Imel\*  
 Patrick Alexander Imhof  
 Laura Infante Veliz  
 Camden L.M. Iott  
 Shamanita T.N. James  
 Travis L. Jeffries  
 Brandon James John\*  
 Jack Owen Johnson\*  
 Kayla Johnson  
 Savdeep Kahlon\*  
 Jaspreet Kaur  
 Aleksey Kazantsev\*  
 Mikhail V. Kazantsev  
 Zoya S. Kazantseva  
 Amber Marie Kelly  
 Jennifer Rita Kempinsky\*  
 Sarah Nicole Kirschman  
 Jessica N. Koker  
 Donovan G. Komac  
 Dylan Hugh Krenz  
 Hailey Ann Kubic\*  
 Anna F. Kuksenko\*  
 Emily Paula Ruth Kyllingmark\*  
 Danielle Labrie  
 Paige Mariah Larrabee  
 Tanner H. Larsen  
 Nicole Dawn Lavelle  
 Kohl Edward Lawrence  
 Sean Michael Lawrence  
 Michael T. Len\*  
 Emma Lester

Kody A. Liles  
 Nate K. Lindhout  
 Shelby Michelle Lira  
 Daniel Nikolaevich Litovchenko\*  
 Sean Michael Locke\*  
 Erika Lyn Locker\*  
 Haley Rae Locker\*  
 Logan S. Locker  
 Riley T. Locker  
 Frank Loerke  
 Breeanna C. Hillaire-Lumbert  
 Nathaniel Christopher Lykins  
 Roger Maassen  
 Robert A. MacDonald\*



*Superintendent Linda Quinn congratulates FHS Senior Sean Departmental Award. School Board Members (l to r) Stuart*

Nicholas A. Maddox  
 Alexx D.K. Madson  
 Paul Mahaffey  
 Michael James Maley\*  
 Danielle L. Marks  
 Danielle Sarah Marks\*  
 Nathaniel Martin  
 Cheyenne Martinez  
 Alohilani Nicole Martz  
 Brianne Rose Mattila\*  
 Teresa McAdam  
 Allie Michelle McCormick\*

**Class Motto—Sen**

# ol Class of 2011 Graduates

Erin Louise McGuire\*  
 Nickolas Manley McIntyre  
 Ayla Abrey McKay  
 Logan Martin McKay\*  
 Mary Margaret McLaurin\*  
 Maria Petrona Mendoza  
 Kaitlyn Sara Mensing\*  
 Evan Thomas Miller\*  
 Joshua Michael Monroe  
 Jacob Alan Monson  
 Alexis Todd Moore  
 Christopher P. Morgan\*  
 Kelsey Jo Morgan  
 Amanda Gloria Morin

Shannon Victoria Pankrantz  
 Brandi Parsons  
 Brittany Ann Paul\*  
 James D. Pearce\*  
 Jeremy Pearson-Barrows  
 Eric Louis Pedraza  
 Collon K. Peppar  
 Cara Rose Peschek\*  
 Marcus R. Petrie  
 Kyle C. Petty  
 Marcus Allen Phair  
 Taylor Patrick Prince\*  
 Zachary Andrew Qualey  
 Kinsey P. Quimby  
 Steven Douglas Rauch\*  
 Tessa Leigh Rauch  
 Margaret Louisa Redelinghuis\*  
 Kaitlyn Christina Reeck\*  
 Kelsey Irene Reeck  
 Nicolas B. Reynolds  
 Jazmin Marissa Richards  
 Alison Riecke  
 Eric H. Robey  
 Sawyer Robinson  
 Anthony Rubi  
 Elizabeth Kay Rusk  
 Jessica Elizabeth Russell  
 Sergey Alex Samoylenko\*  
 Shane Owen Sanders\*  
 Felixia Anita Santana  
 Miroslava Savchuk  
 Annalise Rose Sayles\*  
 Erica Lynn Scevers  
 Alex James Scheck  
 William Jacob Scott\*  
 Svetlana Vladimirovna Semikin  
 Hailey Lynn Shields  
 Tatyana S. Shulga  
 Zhanna V. Shorvak  
 Yacheslav Shportko\*  
 Jadwinder Singh\*  
 Pardeep Singh  
 Danielle R. Sirmans  
 Kelsie Marie Slaughter  
 Alexandra Lynn Solberg  
 Nauttasha May Sorinsin  
 Marcos Soto  
 Mikayla Colleen Souve\*  
 Michael H. Stack

Jason Stark  
 Kaytlyn M. Steele  
 Travis J. Stiglitz  
 Shannon Marie Stewart  
 Sharlotte Hope Stouder\*  
 Heather Marie Sutton  
 Osaze Winston Takamatsu\*  
 Kodie Barbara Talley  
 Crystal Tapia  
 Miriam Tapia  
 Justin Thomas  
 Samantha Denise McKenzie  
 Thomas  
 Breanna Renee Tilton\*  
 Courtney Gayle Tovaas  
 Desmond Collin Turner  
 Charly Usery  
 Lucero Valdez  
 Brandon Charles Vanderhyde  
 Bryce Robert Vanderyacht\*  
 Heidi Van Wyck  
 Stephanie Kim Viera\*  
 Luke M. Wagner  
 Cameron Jacob Walbeck  
 Kimberly P. Walker  
 William Walker  
 Samuel Thomas Wasley  
 Brett Marechal Watson\*  
 Emma Elizabeth Watson  
 Koda Webber  
 Cameron Barry Weir  
 Dillon Arthur Whitman  
 Eli Nathan Whitman\*  
 Jesse Alec Wilferd  
 Ashley Ann Williams  
 Kylie Ann Williamson\*  
 Crystal Lynn Wilson  
 Brandee Wood  
 Mariah N. Young  
 Marinn Elizabeth Young\*  
 Sergey Paul Yudin  
 Erika Lynn Zofchak

## WINDWARD HIGH SCHOOL

Frank Wesley Allen  
 Michael Kenneth Anderson  
 Richard Michael Balzer  
 Derek Michael Bandolon  
 Bekah Barrick  
 Deanna Pearl Born  
 Robyn Ann Bowman  
 Monique Renee Butler  
 Jamie M. Campbell\*  
 Bryce James Chilcote  
 Sarah Jane Covert-Bowlds\*  
 Christopher Gregory Cowan  
 Alexander L. Crockett  
 Alanna Renee Cummings  
 Konner Steven Dahlen  
 Jennifer Lynn Densmore  
 Ana Ruth Diffley  
 Anna Elisa Dye\*  
 Boe Magnus Erickson  
 Dan Fuller  
 Miriam D. Gallegos  
 Devin Luke Harrison  
 Bethany Noel Hasper\*  
 Travis L. Heay  
 Lindsey Elizabeth Horton\*  
 Eva Terece Jefferson  
 Keenan Tarik Kilcher  
 Amy Elizabeth Mater Gardner-  
 Letchworth  
 Samuel Aren Bernstein Mann\*  
 Brenda Helen McGarrity  
 Alix Jennifer Melton\*  
 Remy Julieanne Moreno\*  
 Courtland F. Patterson  
 Jessica Maureen Perry  
 Elizabeth A. Phair  
 Jordan Edward Quinn  
 Makena L. Schmidling  
 Tyler K. Sessions  
 Valerie Ann Shinn\*  
 Tyler James Taylor  
 Melissa Marie Thowson  
 Emma Elizabeth Watson  
 Talon Kinzel Woodenlegs  
 Kayla Kristine Woodruff  
 Aleksande A. Zelenskiy



Lawrence for receiving the Indian Education  
 McKay, Dr. Kevin Erickson and Troy Clark look on.

Loren Brady Munzanreder  
 Jade Mustappa  
 Devon Joel Nelson  
 Josiah Nelson  
 Shaun D. Nelson\*  
 Andrew D. Nese  
 Samuel Nese  
 Mackenzie Mae Nicolaas  
 Lisa Rose Nye  
 Loretta Jean O'Connor  
 Tanner Z. Olson  
 Michaela Lynne Owens

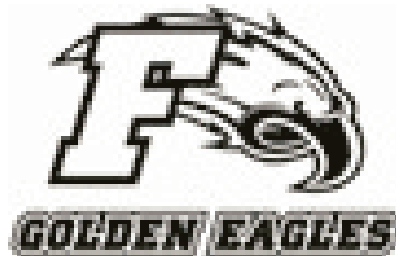
**\*Honor Student: 3.5 or above  
 grade point average**

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*Thank you,  
scholarship  
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## Class of 2011 community scholarship recipients



Jamie Vermeulen Memorial .....	Bryce Vanderyacht
Northwest Carpenter's Union .....	Hayley Davis
Alcoa Sons & Daughters .....	Robert MacDonald
Karen Wilkerson Memorial/Sodexo .....	T.J. Genger, Erica Scevers
Alex P. Trymofiew .....	Mikayla Souve
The Loya Family .....	Jennifer Gonzalez
ConocoPhillips .....	Nicole Beaulaurier
Ferndale Education Association .....	Jacob Barrera, T.J. Genger
Thomas D. Wynne .....	Jennifer Gonzalez
Tenaska .....	Stephanie Viera, T.J. Genger, Jessica Hansen, Kyla Haggith, Megan Crider
Ferndale Association of Administrative... Assistants	Brittany Paul, Steven Rauch, Marinn Young
Eagleridge PTO .....	Christopher P. Morgan, Marinn Young
Custer PTO .....	Lindsey Horton, Kaitlyn Reeck, Ellie Bolt
Mountain View PTO .....	Analise Sayles, T.J. Genger
Central PTO .....	Jacob Barrera, Konnor Erdman
North Bellingham/Cascadia PTO .....	Shaun Nelson
Skyline PTO .....	Kayli Felbinger, Kaitlyn Mensing
FHS Fine & Performing Arts .....	Jessica Hansen, Bryce Vanderyacht, Hayley Davis, Hailey Kubic, T.J. Genger, Gabrielle Hall
Roy Bentley Performing Arts .....	Christopher Morgan
Ferndale Band Boosters .....	Christopher Morgan, Sarah Covert-Bowlds
PEO Scholarship .....	Gabrielle Hall
Ferndale Record Journal .....	Nichole Ellis
Samuel's Furniture .....	Taylor Prince
Chelsey Ebert Volleyball .....	Danielle Marks
Chelsey Ebert Basketball .....	Erika Locker
Masonic Education Winners .....	Jessica Hansen, Steven Rauch
FHS Masonic Education Finalists .....	Konnor Erdman, T.J. Genger, Daniel Hsieh, Logan McKay, Kaitlyn Mensing, Analise Sayles
WHS Masonic Education Finalists .....	Anna Dye, Bethany Hasper, Lindsey Horton, Samuel Mann
Kiwanis .....	Curtis Hennigs
Kiwanis Ernest Johnson .....	Brianne Mattila
Kiwanis President's Project .....	Stephanie Viera
Ferndale Lodge 264 .....	Daniel Hsieh
Andrew Ingram Memorial .....	Steven Rauch
Ingram Family .....	Kathryn Harrison
Ferndale Chamber of Commerce .....	Meagan Graveline, Erin McGuire
Public School Employees .....	Shaun Nelson, Kyla Haggith
Les Schwab Tire Center .....	Kodie Talley
Telegraph Engineering .....	Konnor Erdman
Banner Bank .....	Annalise Sayles
Roger Lehnert Memorial .....	Anna Dye
Tucker Family .....	Steven Rauch, Kaitlyn Mensing, Konnor Erdman, Brianne Mattila, Samuel Mann, Gabrielle Hall
Sally Soderlund-Christ Lutheran .....	T.J. Genger, Nicole Beaulaurier
McCourt Family .....	Annalise Sayles
Rikki (Larsen) Smeltzer .....	Kaitlyn Mensing
Linda & Gerald Parker Foundation .....	Samuel Mann
Dollars for Scholars .....	David Shay, Taylor Prince, T.J. Genger, Jessica Hansen, Jack Johnson, Jacob Hoetzle, Lindsey Horton, Mary Margaret McLaurin, Leah Bowd, Marinn Young, Shaun Nelson, Christopher P. Morgan, Erin McGuire, Brittany Paul, Kyla Haggith, Ellie Bolt, Kaitlyn Reeck, Megan Crider, Brandon John, Danielle Marks, Jessica Hiestand, Jacob Barrera, Nichole Ellis, Alexander Forhan, Samantha Garza, Lisa Nye, Alexandra Solberg, Curtis Hennigs, Sergy Samoylenko, Erica Scevers, Jennifer Gonzalez

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## Class of 2011 outstanding seniors by department

Mathematics .....	Kaitlyn Mensing	Ceramics .....	Lyubov Andriychuk
Science .....	Steven Rauch	Vocal Music .....	Katy Harrison
English .....	Jaspreet Kaur	Orchestra .....	Mikayla Souve
Spanish and French .....	Sephanie Viera	Physical Education .....	Emily Kyllingmark
Japanese .....	Courtland Patterson	Fine Arts .....	Hayley Davis
Band .....	Chris Morgan	Indian Education .....	Sean Lawrence
Metals .....	Konnor Erdman	Special Services .....	Taelar Genge
Family & Consumer Science .....	Erica Scevers	Theater Arts .....	Kayli Felbinger
Business Education .....	Michael Maley	Sports' Medicine .....	Kathryn Bailey
World History .....	Nichole Ellis	Photo and Design .....	Karlyn Hungates

## Back to school information

### School begins September 7

Following are the dates when district school offices will close for the summer. All elementary

schools will reopen August 24.

**Beach Elementary**  
Closes July 1

**Cascadia Elementary**  
Closes June 28

**Central Elementary**  
Closes June 30

**Custer Elementary**  
Closes June 29

**Eagleridge Elementary**  
Closes June 29

**Mountain View Elementary**  
Closes June 29

**Skyline Elementary**  
Closes June 30

**Horizon Middle**  
Closes June 30  
Opens August 24

**Vista Middle**  
Closes June 30  
Opens August 24

**Ferndale High**  
Closes June 29  
Opens August 15

**Windward High**  
Closes June 24  
Opens August 29

**Clearview High**  
Closes June 22  
Open September 7

Kindergartners and students new to the district should register for school directly at their neighborhood school. If unsure as to which school your child would attend, please call 360/383-9207 or 383-9236.

A reminder that kindergarten students must be five years old prior to September 1.

District administrative offices will remain open for normal operating hours during the summer, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### 2011-12 School Year Calendar at a Glance

#### September

5 Labor Day  
7 First Day of School

#### November

11 Veteran's Day, No School  
24-25 Thanksgiving Break, No School

#### December/January

19-2 Winter Break, No School

#### January

3 School Resumes  
16 MLK, Jr. Day, No School

#### February

1 Semester Break, No School  
17-20 President's Day Weekend  
No School  
17 Inclement Weather Makeup

#### April

2-6 Spring Break, No School

#### May

28 Memorial Day, No School

#### June

18 Last day of school

## Back-to-School Extravaganza

The Sixth Annual Back-to-School Extravaganza will be held Wednesday, August 24, from 3-6:00 p.m. at

Vista Middle School Gymnasium.

Families qualifying for free or reduced meals are invited to attend. Students will receive basic school supplies.

Also available will be

information about health care, dental screenings, new school clothes and other community resources.

**For more information please contact the Readiness to Learn Coordinator at 360/296-0076**

## School supplies needed

Contributions of school supplies are needed for students who cannot afford to purchase supplies.

Supplies or monetary donations may be dropped off this summer at the administration office located at 6041 Vista (P.O. Box 698), Ferndale.

Any assistance the community can provide would be greatly appreciated.



Superintendent Quinn

Parent and community involvement in our school district is a high priority. Achieving and sustaining high quality education for every child requires commitment from citizens at every level. This is why, when I arrived in Ferndale in July of 2009, the board charged me with increasing the number of opportunities for staff, parents, and community members to become meaningfully engaged in decision-making, problem-solving, and goal-setting within the school district. This is number one among our five strategic goals.

During the past two years, we have initiated several

processes and activities aimed at increasing the public's role in our public schools. One example is the Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC), a group of approximately two dozen community members and staff who have met 17 times in the past 18 months to assess the current state of our school facilities and develop a list of future recommendations for using, maintaining, closing, and/or improving them.

This spring, members of FAC presented facility recommendations to the board for the next five years. Eventually, they will complete a 30-year plan based on best available data and the perspectives of a diverse group of stakeholders. I believe the FAC is a good example of democracy in action. Citizens have come together to debate different and sometimes conflicting ideas and opinions. They have taken time for in depth study of the issues. They have engaged in productive consensus building. As a result, they have co-created a plan that surpasses anything school officials alone could have

developed. (If you are interested in reading more about the FAC's plan, it is published on the school district website.)

The FAC process supports the school board's belief in the power of community involvement. The reinvention of a fiscally sustainable Windward High School is another example of the good work that results when parents, community members, students, staff and administrators work together toward a common goal. Other examples of our efforts to engage more stakeholders include this spring's Summit on School Finance and Budget, which yielded many valuable suggestions, and a first all-district PTO meeting with the superintendent, which provided impetus to scheduling regular opportunities for PTO leaders from across the district to dialogue with district-level administrators and one another.

We have also been exploring various ways to improve the frequency and quality of two-way conversation with parents and community, to increase the transparency of our work, and

to provide more opportunities for people to give us feedback on that work. We have implemented a Budget Center on our website with more information about our financial situation. We have begun to publish more specific information about our students' achievement scores, both areas where we are strong and areas we are not meeting our goals, in our newsletters. We have written pieces about district decisions for the newspaper, and we have regularly invited feedback from any interested stakeholder.

One of our most significant efforts we implemented this year to help us listen to the public was a district and community-wide satisfaction survey, which was administered in January. Since receiving the results, I have spent many hours studying hundreds of pages of thoughtful and thought-provoking data. (If you were one of the 1200+ people who completed the survey, please accept our thanks.)

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