

Over the Fence

CONGRATS CLASS OF 2018



Parents, grandparents, friends and siblings filled the auditorium on Saturday, June 9 to celebrate the 88th Commencement of Fraser High School. This year, a total of 349 students earned their diplomas, many of whom then walked across the stage at Mt. Zion in Clarkston.

Fraser High School bands, under the direction of Mr. James Rodgers, played "Processional Fanfare" and "Pomp and Circumstance" as

students filed into the auditorium. Senior Miranda Cole sang the national anthem. The Fraser High School choirs performed "Ocean and Stars" and "I'll Remember You."

Current and Former FHS interim principals Mr. Tom Heethuis and Dr. Rick Repicky addressed the crowd, as well as salutatorians Eva Steepe and Stevenchoukry Razzouk and valedictorian Katrina Sanchez.

"The world is changing, so you better change with it," Dr. Repicky told the graduates. "Not in terms of the values your parents and families have taught you, but in terms of the skills you need to develop. Things are changing faster than ever before, and these changes will only accelerate as time goes on."

The students reminded their classmates about the impact one change can have on their life, as well as how their life can impact the world around them.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you Fraser! Thank you for the opportunity to serve our incredible community for the past 13 years. It has truly been an honor. While there have been challenging times along the way, I have always been impressed

by the support and passion for our schools demonstrated by our community, kids and staff. Fraser Public Schools is truly a special place and it has been the honor of my professional career to play a small part in the success of the school district. In my heart, I will always be a part of the Fraser Family.

To our staff: Thank you for the endless energy and willingness to always do what is best for kids. Your commitment to our students and the success of our school district is evidenced everyday. I greatly appreciate the friendships we have developed, even during challenging times. Thank you for the passion you have for our district and your willingness to always be there for our kids. Your example has pushed me to do my very best and to realize the impact each of us has on our district. I am fortunate to have so many memories with so many of you. It has been incredible to share the laughs, tears and celebrations as we worked together to make Fraser a great place for kids to learn.

To our parents and community: Thank you for your support and commitment to making our district an incredible learning community for our kids. The trust you have given to us as educators has been wonderful. Your passion for your children, their teachers, our administrators, and the success of our schools has made us the great school district that we are. Thank you for your friendships and your honesty. One of the greatest strengths of our community has been the relationships we have shared. Your gratitude has always been a motivator for me personally, as I could see the appreciation you gave when you knew we genuinely cared for your child.



DR. RICHARDS RETIRES

After 13 years of leadership in Fraser Public Schools, Superintendent Dr. David Richards will retire at the end of the month.

Dr. Richards joined the Fraser Family as principal at Fraser High School in the fall of 2005. Dr. Richards was the catalyst to many changes at FHS: starting the Fraser Family Tailgate, opening the Fra Café and introducing the Senior Walk as a final sendoff for graduates.

Five years later, in 2010, Dr. Richards took over the top spot in our district following the retirement of Superintendent Dr. Rick Repicky. His visionary leadership, combined with the passage of a bond in 2011, started our district's digital transformation. Learning was revolutionized for Fraser students in 2012, when the district purchased iPads for students and launched the State of Michigan's largest 1:1 initiative. This step allowed for students to



own their learning, which could now happen at any time and in any place.

Dr. Richards has worked tirelessly during his tenure to fight for public education and do what's best for Fraser's kids. He has invited countless educators and elected officials to Fraser to see our learning transformation firsthand.

Dr. Richards' last day will be June 30. Current Assistant Superintendent Ms. Carrie Wozniak has been named as his successor.

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CONGRATS GRADUATES

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"You don't have to be a doctor to save lives, you don't have to be a teacher to teach others. You just have to embrace your unique talents to try to improve the world around. . . I am so excited to see who we will become," said co-salutatorian Eva Steepe.

Co-salutatorian Stevenchoukry Razzouk urged his fellow graduates to find the meaning behind their future decisions.

"We spent our high school days just like we did math class — figuring out these unknowns, all these X's in our lives. . . But is just knowing what we want to be enough? Or do we need to know why? To get an exact point on a graph, you need the X and the Y. And so in life, you need to know the unknowns and the why," he said.

Finally, valedictorian Katrina Sanchez addressed the crowd. Inspired by a quote from Gandhi, she said today is the perfect day to make a change for the better.

"We have right now to choose to make a change. We have right now to make a better version of ourselves," she said. "By bettering ourselves, we're essentially bettering this world, and there's no greater time than today to begin doing so."

Superintendent Dr. Dave Richards addressed the crowd of more than 3,400 last.

He echoed the sentiments of others, and reminded the students about the power or their choices. "Always keep in mind one of the greatest opportunities you have as a leader is the power of influence. It's either a positive power or a negative one; it's always your choice. I hope you choose to be positive. The way we think, the thoughts that we allow to consume our minds, have a tremendous impact on how we view the world. Choose to be positive."

Missing from the ceremony were 12 of the 13 graduating seniors who are members of the varsity baseball team. The team won the district championship, and the regional semifinal game was scheduled for Saturday morning. Athletic Director Shane Redshaw and Dr. Richards put together a ceremony Friday afternoon for the boys to receive their diplomas.

The ceremony was held at the FHS media center, and featured the same professional photographers and recognitions as Saturday's ceremony.

Coach Dave Kuppe called each name as several members of the Board of Education passed out diplomas and posed for pictures.

An album of photos from senior walk and commencement is available on our [website](#).



CLASS OF 2018

GRADUATES
349

CLASS SPONSORS
Christine Greenough
and Sara McCray

CLASS COLORS
Black and Gold

CLASS FLOWER
White Rose

CLASS SONG
"I Lived" by One Republic

CLASS MOTTO
"The two most important
days in your life are the day
you were born and the day
you find out why."

— MARK TWAIN

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

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To our kids: Thank you for your kindness. You are the highlight of every day and remind us all why our work is so important. Watching each of you develop into young adults every year is an honor. I will miss your humor, your brilliance, and the ups and downs you face each day. I know it sounds a bit corny but thank you for always being willing to laugh at my dumb jokes, share with me the challenges you were facing, and acting like you were glad to see me. Your energy and zeal for life is what keeps us all going. Thanks for the memories!

To the Board of Education: Thank you for your endless support. Your leadership and governance has been the cornerstone of our school district. You have inspired us all to continuously improve and to provide our students with a great learning experience. Thank you for your friendships, honesty and humor. I've loved the laughs we have shared over the years and have been incredibly impressed by the countless hours each of you gives to improve our schools. Being a member of the "Team of 8" has been an honor. Thank you for the opportunity to serve alongside each of you.

Senior Sendoff

It is a tradition at Fraser High School that seniors spend their last day celebrating their accomplishment with underclassmen, classmates and families. This year was no different. Seniors arrived late, ate lunch together, and then gathered in the auditorium to hear a final sendoff message from the teachers they selected — Mr. Mike Demetral and Mr. Jim Rodgers.

"Realize that no one — and I mean no one — gets it right the first time," Mr. Demetral told the crowd. "Don't be crippled at the thought of failure; this world is difficult to navigate. But, failing does not make you a failure if you use it as an opportunity to grow."

Mr. Rodgers reminded the students to be passionate, persistent, honest and kind.

"Take risks," he said. "Life is like a game, you can play it safe and be good, or you can take a risk and be great."

Students then headed to the gym to pick up their caps and gowns and, led by the marching band, took one final lap around the school. Their parents and families gathered in the halls and joined them on the north lawn for a picnic and pictures.



BEST OF THE BEST 2018



Katrina Sanchez *Valedictorian*

Katrina's proud parents are Clara and Sonny Sanchez and, along with her best friend, they are the persons who have most inspired her. Katrina plans on attending the University of Michigan—Ann Arbor to study Biomedical Engineering. While at FHS, she played two years of varsity basketball, was in the National Honor Society, was on Student Council and participated in Link Crew. Outside of FHS, she has been an active member of the St. Pio of Pietreicina Catholic Church. Awards won during her four years at FHS include: Math Student of the Year ('17-'18); MAC All-Academic Team for varsity basketball ('16-'17 and '17-'18); Coach's Award for basketball ('16-'17 and '17-'18); Scholar Athlete for basketball ('17-'18); nominated for BCAM Individual Academic All-State Award; Outstanding Senior Student Athlete Award ('17-'18); nominated for WXYZ Brightest and Best ('17-'18).

Katrina's thoughts about her experience at Fraser and her hopes for the future: "This school played an immense role in who I am today. During high school, I learned perseverance, the value in hard work, how important it is to be myself. I have nothing but gratitude for the opportunities I've had and the people I've met here. I hope to work in a field that I love and that I may live in genuine happiness."



Eva Steepe *Co-Salutatorian*

Eva's proud parents, Paul and Lorna Steepe, have most influenced her academic career. She plans on attending Central Michigan University to pursue a degree in Liberal Arts. While at FHS, Eva participated in marching band, varsity tennis, National Honor Society, flute choir, Family Career Community Leaders of America, symphonic band, Link Crew and the Christian Student Union. Eva was also recognized as the French Student of the Year 2017 and English Student of the Year 2018. In addition, she volunteered outside of school while working at the Clinton Macomb Public Library.

Eva's thoughts about her time at Fraser and the future: "I'm so incredibly grateful for all the experiences I have had in high school and how they have helped me grow as a person. I am also grateful for everyone who has been there for me along the way."



Stevenchoukry Razzouk *Co-Salutatorian*

Steven's parents, Daniel Razzouk and Lina Alkhoury, are the persons who most inspired his academic career, with his mother motivating him to go beyond his limits. He plans on attending Oakland University to study Pharmaceutical Science. While at FHS, Steven played JV/varsity golf and tennis, was a National Honor Society Officer, and participated in Link Crew and the Science Olympiad. Awards received while at FHS include Science Student of the Year, Math Student of the Year, National Honor Society Officer Recognition, varsity letters, Most Improved Player golf team two years in a row, and All-Academic Team in Macomb County.

Steven's thoughts about his time at FHS: "It has been an amazing four years of my life. I hope that my college years will be the same. Thanks to all Fraser High School staff and to my peers for your support. You are the best!"

2018-19 DISTRICT CALENDAR

The 2018–2019 District at-a-glance calendar has been tentatively approved by the FEA and is now available on our [website](#).

The first day of school is September 4, and will be a full day for both Richards Middle School and Fraser High School. Elementary students will begin that day at 11:30 a.m.



COMMUNITY CELEBRATES DR. RICHARDS

Parents, students, staff, alumni and retirees gathered in the Fraser Performing Arts Center on May 29 to celebrate Dr. David Richards.

Each school presented a small video, skit or performance in honor of Fraser’s retiring superintendent. Dr. Richards was called on stage several times, including for a student interview on the competencies of retirement, and a late night talk show-style interview with Mrs. Richards about his plans after July 1.

The evening was filled with laughs, a few tears and lots of memories.



The Board of Education would like to extend a special thank you to:

FHS Jazz Band	:	Mr. Jim Rodgers
Fraser Food Service	:	Mr. Eric Vreeland
Mr. Dan Hogan	:	Mrs. Michelle Wenner
Mrs. Kristin Ledford	:	Ms. Carrie Wozniak

All of the students and staff who worked hard to make the evening special

2018 TOP SCHOLARS

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Jackson Dettloff
Greg Fehmer
Christopher Hackney
Nicholas Harting
Christine Huff
Sara Hustek
Johanna Lund
Bozidar Miletic
Stevenchoukry Razzouk
Lila Rode
Katrina Sanchez
Eva Steepe
Kassidy Swinyer
Katelynn Terman
Jacob Verhagen
Julia Wallace
Griffin Yakey

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Kate Achatz
Marissa Avila
Carly Blocki

Hannah Bruce
Olivia Byrne
Evan Croft
Kylie Ferguson
Zachary Gielegghem
Samantha Gniazdoski
Joel Haase
Tyler Johnson
Carly Landry
Kasey Ley
Camilla Madacki
Marven Nadhum
Colin Olesky
Ayah Shkoukani
Emily Solecki
Ashley Soley
Caitlin Spencer
Andrew Stiltner
Matthew Thiel
Benjamin Thomas
Shelby Wichtner
Nathan Wilson
Bethany Wojciechowski

CUM LAUDE

Patrick Bacol
Jack Baranski
Ivy Boggia
Shelby Budnick
Matthew Catoni
Loren Cicalo
Julia Davis
Drew Dernay
Ian DiCerbo
Abbey Drouillard
Ali El-Nazly
Seth Fillar
Adam Froude
Megan Grabowski
Olivia Graves-Pichla
Kayla Hatzenbuhler
Haylee Higgins
Bridget Hipp
Aliyah Holt
Samantha Hunt
Richard Johnson

Nicole Lee
Mackenzie Lenk
VitaMaria LoDuca
Savannah Lorenz
Albina Mamedova
Brooke McKenzie
Emily McManaman
Rachel Media
Aleksandar Miletic
Madeline Pretto
Benjamin Ratterman
Kristina Rice
Jordyn Scheuer
Jenna Sharpe
Matthew Stawinski
Michelle Vargo
Jennifer Verstraete
Jessica Verstraete
Chloe Walker
Michael Weed
Bryants Wu
Jennifer Yan

Students *of the Year*

Each year, outstanding students from Fraser High School are recognized for their hard work, helpful attitude and excellence in a specific academic area. These students of the year and their families are also invited to a Board of Education meeting. Congratulations to all of the 2017–2018 FHS Students of the Year!

Madeline Pretto – Instrumental Music

John Cotey – Vocal Music

Zachary Gielegem – Physical Education

Carly Landry – Physical Education

Ayah Shkoukani – Family and Consumer Science

Carly Blocki – Fashion Design

Mackenzie Lenk – Life Skills: Health Science

Jack Baranski – Life Skills: Health Science

Katrina Sanchez – Math

Stevenchoukry Razzouk – Math

Camilla Madacki – Math

Maria Lalama – World Language: French

Julia Wallace – World Language: Spanish

Layla Fitzgerald – World Language: German

Jackson Dettloff – Business

Joseph Bushway – Business

Benjamin Ratterman – Art: Drawing

Maya Smith – Art: Sculpture

Savannah Lorenz – Art: Photography

Lauren Argiri – Art: Multi-Medium

Xandria Sink – Art: Painting

Stevenchoukry Razzouk – Science

Evan Croft – Science

Eva Steepe – English

Olivia Byrne – Social Studies

Alexander Meredith – Industrial Technology

Fraser Public Schools Teachers and Students Honored at FAME Awards

The Roseville-Eastpointe Chamber of Commerce wanted to honor individuals and businesses that contribute to the Fraser community, so they created the Fraser Academy Member of Excellence (FAME) event.

The first annual awards dinner was held in May at the Vintage House. Among the honored guests were the three Fraser teachers of the year, Mrs. Jessica Kapanka, Ms. Colleen Kunart and Mrs. Karen Hagerty. Fraser High School senior Julia Wallace was named the Fraser Student of the Year, and FHS freshman Madison Stein was named the Fraser Youth of the Year.

Congratulations to all who were honored.



FHS Student Wins Top State Honors in Trigonometry



Fraser High School sophomore Isabella Palomba recently won first place in the TRIG-STAR competition. The competition is a timed, 100-point exercise in solving real-life trigonometry situations.

Isabella earned a perfect 100 points in a time of 12 minutes and 53 seconds. She won a \$1,000 award and the opportunity to participate in the national competition next February.

The award is sponsored by the National Society of Professional Surveyors and the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors.

FRASER STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF MACOMB

Four Fraser students were among the 2018 graduates of the International Academy of Macomb (IAM).

The IAM is a countywide International Baccalaureate World School located in Clinton Township. Students from Fraser are invited to attend the school, which has a commitment to high-quality and challenging international education.

The students and their families were also recognized at the May 7 Board of Education meeting.

Congratulations to the students:

Nicole Duskey, magna cum laude
Sydney Maison
Donavan McKinley
Zachary Schmid

FHS STUDENTS FINISH EARLY COLLEGE OF MACOMB PROGRAM

Fifteen Fraser High School students completed their associate degree from Macomb Community College through the Early College of Macomb program this year.

The program allows students to begin working on their college degrees beginning in 11th grade. Students opt to take a 13th year of high school in order to finish the three-year program, which does not charge the students tuition. They participated in the FHS commencement with the Class of 2017, but officially earned their diplomas this year once they finished the ECM program.

Congratulations to the students:

Miranda Allie	Stewart Mitchell
Amanda Bail	Julia Pescari
Kassidy DeMunnik	Tessa Rowan
Briana Dennis	Cashmere Schuster
Amanda Franklin	Dominic Seiler
Julie Madacki	Audrey Williams
Connor McMahon	Alyssa Wilson
Ryan Melcher	

MEET UP and EAT UP

Healthy food
to fuel your summer.

FREE SUMMER MEALS

In an effort to ensure no child is hungry this summer, Fraser Public Schools is again partnering with the USDA to provide free summer meals through the Meet Up and Eat Up program.

Anyone under the age of 18 is welcome to enjoy a meal for free. Persons with special needs or disabilities can enjoy a free meal up to age 26. There is no income or residency requirement, no paperwork to fill out, and children do not need to be enrolled in Fraser Public Schools to participate. Meals must be consumed onsite, however.

Meal service will be Monday through Thursday. It begins Monday, June 25, and continues through August 9. There will be no service July 4 for the holiday.

FRASER HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Lunch: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

MCKINLEY PARK PAVILION

Lunch: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Disney Elementary Showcases Academics

Every year, 6th-grade students at Disney Elementary pick topics based on their interests to further research throughout the school year. Their teachers, Mrs. Stephanie McGuffey, Mrs. Sara Loveridge and Mrs. Michelle Gee, then help them align those interests with a math module and connect them to reading and writing objectives.

Once students have their topics and have made their connections, they are categorized based on which Career and Technical Education program it aligned with.

“For example, one student in the interest inventory said he wanted to learn more about geology, which fits with Module 5 – Area, Surface Area and Volume,” said Mrs. McGuffey. “He had to research his topic using Informational Research — writing and reading using credible sources and fit into the STEM CTE program.”

Projects also had to include cross-curricular connections and real-world applications. Students were driven to participate because they were based on what they wanted to learn more about or what they were already interested in. On May 31, students held an academic showcase to present their research and findings to parents, teachers and fellow students.

“This effort supported self-actualization and exposure to some programs they will encounter and plan for as they prepare for high school,” said Mrs. McGuffey.



Salk Elementary Students Organize Passion Fair



Sixth-grade students at Salk Elementary spent time this year working on passion projects when they completed their regular schoolwork. Passion projects are something students are passionate about, something that gives them satisfaction, happiness and motivation to research.

As the yearend approached, the students wanted a way to showcase the hard work they put in and created a Passion Fair. The fair included a bake sale, petting zoo, craft sale and research presentations.

Students organized the entire event, which was a huge success. Parents, teachers and community members came out to the school on June 1 to help the students celebrate their passions.

Student Wins Detroit News Scholarship

For the last three decades, the Detroit News and CATCH, Sparky Anderson’s Charity for Children, have honored a group of students from across the state with their Outstanding Graduates program.

Every public and private high school in the state could nominate students in each of the 11 categories. Fraser High School senior Johanna Lund won in the Science category.

She said her scholarship application essay was based on research she has done at Macomb Mathematics Science Technology Center.

Johanna plans to attend Columbia University and major in mechanical engineering with a focus on biomedical engineering.



Science Olympiad Results



Students in Fraser Public Schools continued the longstanding tradition of excellence in Science Olympiad at the Macomb Science Olympiad. The elementary competition was held at Macomb Community College on May 19. A total of 33 K-6 teams competed in the event. The students who placed in the top eight of their categories were honored at the May 21 Board of Education meeting.

DISNEY ELEMENTARY

- Team finished 4th overall
- Alternate team finished 3rd out of 9 overall
- Ava Grupido and Riley Kue, 2nd Place, A is for Anatomy
- Jordan Fabirkewicz and Jason Valade, 7th Place, Code Ninjas
- Aubrey Fabirkewicz and Addison Filip, 2nd Place, Crime Busters
- Ethan Gerber and Owen Hamilton, 5th Place, Rock Hound
- Dylan Kelley and MaKaisja Loyd, 2nd Place, Simple Machines
- Sawyer Ambory and Owen Hamilton, 4th Place, Simple Machines
- Jackson Magnotte and Ashlyn Stemmerich, 2nd Place, Starry Starry Night
- Ella Gerber and Erica Hewitt, 7th Place, Starry Starry Night
- Erica Hewitt and Jason Valade, 5th Place, Weather or Not
- MaKaisja Loyd, Dawson Sarcona, Claire Terzaghi and Isabella Terzaghi, 2nd Place, Wildlife Safari
- Lanie Shrum and Brady Slone, 1st Place, Zowie Estimation
- Lance Edghill and Miranda Kasinec, 2nd Place, Zowie Estimation

EDISON ELEMENTARY

- Team finished 18th overall
- Jean Lemire and Marcello Ruhl, 4th Place, Crash Car Eggspert
- Brent Wohlfield and Kirk Wohlfield, 1st Place, Weather or Not
- Lucas Centner and Katelyn Frazier, 1st Place, Wildlife Safari

EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY

- Team finished 16th overall
- Hunter Raymond and Nelson Wu, 5th Place, Charged Up
- Hunter Sexton, Liam Taylor and Lucas Taylor, 4th Place, Reflection Relay
- Malachi Ford and Nelson Wu, 6th Place, Rock Hound
- Noah Pashby and Jackson Rambow, 2nd Place, Simple Machines

EMERSON ELEMENTARY

- Team finished 10th overall
- Christopher Noll and Griffin Pisarcik, 6th Place, Charged Up
- Brynn Norbeck and Hannah Zunno, 5th Place, Crash Car Eggspert
- Connor Hooper and Hannah Platt, 3rd Place, Crimebusters
- Lucy Koch and Anastasia Tomezak, 4th Place, Precision Ping Pong Propulsion
- Isabella Norbeck and Griffin Pisarcik, 5th Place, Simple Machines
- Brynn Norbeck and Isabella Norbeck, 6th Place, Zowie Estimation

SALK ELEMENTARY

- Team finished 23rd overall
- Jessica Au, Mason Jones and Riley Jones, 8th Place, Charged Up
- Matthew Butzu and Gina Hedge, 8th Place, Grasp a Graph

TWAIN ELEMENTARY

- Team finished 20th overall
- Remi Flanz and Casey Savoie, 6th Place, Grasp a Graph
- Aaron Flanz and Casey Savoie, 3rd Place, Precision Ping Pong Propulsion

The secondary competition was also held at Macomb Community College on March 17. A total of 24 schools participated in the Region 7 tournament. Students who earned medals were honored at the RMS awards ceremony in May.

RICHARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Team finished 8th overall
- Hailey Brannon and Nathan Felisiak, Bronze Medal, Experimental Design
- Roman Flanz and Tanzila Khanam, Silver Medal, Solar Systems
- Camden Goguen and Payton Stemmerich, Bronze Medal, Solar Systems



HOT AIR BALLOON INTRODUCES EDISON ELEMENTARY STUDENTS TO PHYSICS

While it may have been too windy to fill up the RE/MAX hot air balloon, students and staff at Edison Elementary still had the opportunity to learn about the science behind how hot air rises.

RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan visited the school and partially inflated the balloon with a fan so students could see just how large it was. The pilot then disconnected the basket and allowed each class to come up to see it up close.

The program is designed to teach the physics of why hot air rises, how hot air becomes less dense and what happens to the air molecules during this process. RE/MAX also sent grade-level appropriate experiments and supplies to further enhance the lesson, as well as small prizes for each student.



DESTINATION: IMAGINATION TEAM COMPETES AT GLOBAL FINALS

In just the second year of having a Destination Imagination team at Eisenhower Elementary, a group of students competed against teams from all over the world in the DI Global Finals. The competition was held at the end of May in Knoxville, Tennessee. Parents, teachers and students worked hard to raise the funds to travel to the competition.

The 7 Wonders team from Eisenhower finished in 49th place out of 80 teams competing in the Elementary Level Maze Craze technical challenge. While in Knoxville, the team had the opportunity to meet other teams from around the world, cheer on their fellow Michigan teams and participate in other STEAM activities.

"It was an incredible opportunity and the students loved every minute," said Eisenhower teacher and DI team captain Mrs. Amy Laidlaw. "New challenges will be released in September for the 2019 DI season, and I look forward for even more students participating next year."

Mrs. Laidlaw added she would love to see the program expand to other elementary schools.

Congratulations to the Maze Craze team, as well as the Inside Impact Team who also competed at the state level.

INSIDE IMPACT

Meghan Woods
Maria Psimadas

MAZE CRAZE

Connor Coleman
Alex Dubay
Emma Handran
Lucas Taylor
Kaia Kronemeyer
DeLanie Jerangan

Social Studies Olympiad Results

Students earning medals at the Michigan Social Studies Olympiad XXXII were also honored at the May 21 Board of Education meeting.

The competition was held May 19 at Clarkston High School and based on the theme of "The Earth, Our Home."



Clare Donnelly, Disney Elementary
Gold Medal – Monologue

Nicolas Durnell, Edison Elementary
Silver Medal – Poster: Artistic

Natalie Lentine, Edison Elementary
Silver Medal – Poster: Collage

Emily Lentine, Edison Elementary
Silver Medal – Primary Document: Journal

Zaida Kong, Emerson Elementary
Silver Medal – Presentations Online

PANEL REINFORCES POSITIVE DECISION MAKING

The Fraser Community Action Team hosted a panel discussion for students at Richards Middle School in May. A representative from CARE, Officer Lisa Pettyes, and students from the Fraser High School student organization, Teens Talking Truth, discussed bullying and social situations that students are confronted with each day.

They offered positive coping skills and solutions to deal with these situations, as well as ways to handle negative social media activity. The FHS students shared their own perspectives and actual situations they have experienced.



2017-2018 RETIREES

Congratulations to the 2018 retirees! Our 10 retirees this year have dedicated a combined 219 years of service to the students of Fraser Public Schools. The longtime employees were recognized at the June 11 Board of Education meeting. On behalf of everyone in Fraser, we wish you all well in retirement and thank you for your service!

Merri Lee Day	26
Lucia Dumas	24
Robert Gorski	21
Mary Pinter	19
David Richards	13
Patricia Rimer	28
Kemmy Shaheen	30
Sharon Starr	20
Deborah Suwinski	26
Therese Weslosky	12

HANDS-ON LEARNING AT TWAIN

During their living science unit, kindergartners at Mark Twain Elementary took part in a hands-on experience. They watched the process of metamorphosis as a caterpillar turned into a Painted Lady butterfly.

Students learned that besides being beautiful, butterflies are essential to the pollination of plants. Some species also provide a natural form of pest control. Students also learned that a change in butterfly behavior could indicate future loss of habitat for other animals.

The children also examined worms. They studied the parts of a worm and learned earthworms help break down organic matter into soil and are an important indicator of the health of the soil. They can also be used directly as a "tool" to determine if certain toxins are present, by measuring the timing of their response to a touch.

"It was an exciting experience each step of the way," said Kindergarten Teacher Mrs. Tracey Delicato.



RMS Students Participate in Michigan History Day

Led by teacher Ms. Tara Fugate, students at Richards Middle School spent the year working on a Michigan History Day project outside of normal class work. This year, more than 20 students participated in the regional event with 13 qualifying for state competition.

The program is based on a theme, which was conflict and compromise in history this year. Students select a topic that relates to the theme and fits into one of five categories: paper, exhibit, documentary, website or performance.

Congratulations to all who participated!

Daughters of Liberty Skit

Regional and State Qualifiers

Mya Baranski, Caitlin Mulkey, Nolan Pieprzyk, Olivia Rehman and Avery Sikorski

Indian Removal Act Website

Regional and State Qualifiers

Mercedes Cross and Jacqueline Mukavec

Salem Witch Trials Website

Regional Qualifiers

Charles Clark, Tyler Darling, Sonja Richard and Molly Upton

Theodore Roosevelt and Panama Canal

Regional Qualifiers

Valerie Dunkle and Hailey Brannon

Flint Auto Sit Down Strike Documentary

Regional and State Qualifiers

Olivia Briggs, Lauren Lamb and Mia Sape



Salem Witch Trials Display

Regional and State Qualifiers

Emily Centner and Lucy Clark

Alarming Asylums Display

Regional Qualifiers

Ella Scally, Madison Hissong and Mackenzie Hinson

4th-Grade Students Get Out and Learn

The 4th-grade students at Eisenhower Elementary received a Get Out and Learn scholarship through the Huron-Clinton Metroparks. This scholarship covered the full cost of a field trip to the Lake St. Clair Metropark Nature Center.

The Nature Center features displays on wetlands, waterfowl, live animals and the historical use of the area by French voyagers. Students explored the wetlands, walked the nature trails, and learned about the native plants and animals of our state.

The Metropark school program provides environmental, cultural and natural science literacy. All programs support the Michigan Science Standards curriculum in content, methodology and technology use.



SEEING WHAT THEY LEARNED

Emerson Elementary 3rd-grade students traveled the Clinton River with the Great Lakes Education Program. Students collected water samples, learned how to tie nautical knots, charted the Great Lakes and discovered how waste affects the water.

The program encompassed their study of Michigan, the English Language Arts units on recycling and wastes, as well their study of organisms in science which focused on wetlands, invasive species and how organisms play a roll in the health of our waters.

"It was a great experience had by all — including our awesome chaperones," said 3rd-grade teacher, Mrs. Lea Thompson.



CREATIVE CURRICULUM AT CHILD CARE

The Early Childhood Care Program at Dooley is much more than a drop-in childcare program for families. It utilizes childhood education through "Creative Curriculum," which focuses on hands-on exploration.

This spring, children planted bean seeds in plastic bags without dirt and hung them in the window. They also planted grass seed and flowers. While caring for and watering the seedlings, the children observed that some sprouted sooner than others and that some plants grow faster than others.

"The children enjoy caring for our plants in our growing center by watering them. We are learning the parts of the plants and how delicate they are as young seedlings," said Mrs. Tracey Pastrick, Childcare Aide.



WRAPPING UP SCIENCE

Emerson Elementary 5th-grade students were treated to a special presentation from The Little Creatures Company to wrap up their science unit on classifying animals. The presenter showed and discussed nine live animals with the students. He brought with him a python, giant snapping turtle, two lizards, two frogs, alligator, tarantula and hissing cockroach. Students were in awe to see these creatures up close.



EMERSON PARTICIPATES IN MOCK CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Second-grade students at Emerson Elementary wrapped up a year learning about their community in social studies with a walking scavenger hunt through Fraser that ended with a visit to City Hall. There they met Mayor Carnage, City Manager Mr. O'Neal, Clerk Ms. Dolland and Council Member Mr. Lesich. They learned more about how our local government works and even participated in a mock City Council meeting, where students passed a rule that Emerson students can have recess all day on Thursdays.

After the mock council meeting, students toured Fraser Public Safety and learned more about the invaluable service they provide to our community.



A Flag Day Lesson

Nearly 80 6th-grade students from Salk Elementary were invited to the Corporal Neil Reid VFW post in Fraser for a day of U.S. flag appreciation, recognition and proper retirement (disposal). This is the third year teacher Ms. Kelly Jenks has taken her students on a field trip and lesson on patriotism.

The students toured the facility and visited with veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War, Iraq and Afghanistan. They were served The General pizza for lunch, and part of the proceeds from the sale of the pizza supports veterans causes.

After lunch students were shown the Friends and Families Path of Honor and the veterans explained the story and meaning behind it. Military and Fraser Public Safety Department vehicles were brought in and the students explored them with the direction of the drivers. Active duty army personnel from the 785th MP unit were there to answer questions, present the kids with flag etiquette pamphlets, and offer free gifts.

The highlight of the day was the dedication of U.S. flags by retiring (burning) them in honor of a loved one. The program was hosted by current commander John E. Hogan and former commander Larry Rosseel, who initiated the idea.

Children Helping Kittens

The students and staff in Salk Elementary's latchkey program created more than 50 cat toys made out of socks for local animal rescue All About Animals based in Warren. Each family donated \$1 to purchase the socks to create the cat toys. The children filled the socks with stuffing, a jingle bell and catnip. Next, they decorated the outside with a beak, eyes and used feathers for a tail to create a bird.

The children had a great time making the cat toys and were excited to know that the toys were going to help animals that were in need. Ms. Sarah and Ms. Sally delivered the cat toys to a grateful rescue center where the toys will be given to cats that are awaiting adoption.





Elementary Peer to Peer Groups Meet

The Peer to Peer groups from Emerson, Twain, Salk and Disney elementary schools met for the first time on a field trip. More than 70 5th- and 6th-grade students bowled and enjoyed a shared lunch.

Those in Peer to Peer include students with special needs and peer models. A peer model is child who shows good social behaviors and is interested in teaching those skills to other children.

The main focus of this group is to help increase socialization and communication skills for all participants. Students in Peer to Peer meet regularly throughout the year and participate in activities that offer opportunities for students to engage socially and practice social skills.

The field trip was organized to recognize and celebrate student participation and efforts this year. It provided an opportunity for the students to meet, as many of the participants will be entering middle school next year and may continue with the group.

"The students were very flexible with being near others whom they were not familiar with and shared spaces well," said Disney social worker Theresa Boehne. "They are a very welcoming group of children."



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— THERESA BOEHNE
Disney Social Worker

Taking Pride in Their School

The Salk Elementary Grounds Crew took advantage of perfect weather to present the 2018 version of Green Day. Faculty sponsor Mr. Kerry Hitchings and the Grounds Crew planned the event so that each class went outside and did their part to beautify the grounds at Salk.

Ten Grounds Crew members and more than 500 students used 1,100 pounds of potting soil and planted 1,000 flowers! The day was very successful and was filled with unlimited smiles.



Students and Staff Support Flint

Fraser High School students from 4As, National Honor Society and varsity softball traveled to Fenton to work on the Forgotten Harvest Farm. Along with chaperones Mr. Matt Fishburn, Mrs. Nancy Scopas and Mrs. Deb Tieman, students cleared an entire field.

The field was called the Flint Field. On the field, the staff will plant kale and collard greens. Once harvested, the crops will be sent to the people of Flint. Both kale and collard greens help in the absorption of lead in the body.

"We were honored to work for such a worthy cause," said Mrs. Scopas. "The students loved it and were invited back to work the harvest in October!"



SPRING SPORTS

SUMMARIES



Boys & Girls Track

During the 2018 season, the boys finished 2nd overall in the MAC Blue with a record of 3–2. The girls finished 3rd overall in the MAC Blue with a record of 2–3 overall. This year we saw two records broken. Jalen Smith broke his previous record of 1:55.47 in 800m with a time of 1:55.07, and also earned All State, All County, and All MAC honors. The 4x400 team of Zachary DiStefano, Kenneath Redd, Joshua Brady and Jalen Smith broke the record set in 1985, running a 3:24.30, and also received All County honors. Individually, Zachary DiStefano earned All County in 400m and All MAC in 200m. Joey Tavalieri earned All MAC and All County honors in 1600m. Additionally, we had three girls, Lila Rode (800m), Tamera Adderley (200m) and Courtney Nichol (100 Hurdles) earn All MAC honors. Lastly we had eight state qualifiers: Courtney Nichol (100 Hurdles), William Pranger (Pole Vault), Joey Tavalieri (1600, 4x800), Jalen Smith (800, 4x800, 4x400), Zachary DiStefano (4x400), Kenneth Redd II (4x400), Joshua Brady (4x400), Joe Kraus (4x800) and Derek Zbercot (4x800).



Boys Baseball

Thirteen seniors led the varsity team to a 21–14 record. The team won their 4th straight MAC Gold Championship with quality pitching and timely hitting. After falling just short the past several years, the team was able to win a District title. They defeated Lake Shore 6–0, Roseville 9–1 and Lakeview 2–1 to win their first District title since 2006. Vinnie Konvinski, Justin Sherman and Ryan Querro were each selected to the All League and All District teams.

Girls Tennis

The varsity tennis season came to a close with temperatures in the 80s and not a cloud in the sky. Unfortunately, it did not start that way. Weather hampered the beginning of the season dramatically — affecting matches and practices alike. The team finished with a record of 4–7–1 this season after losing 10 of 12 varsity players from last year. Despite finishing under .500, the girls improved greatly throughout the course of the season and were able to finish strong with a 4–1–1 record over the last six matches. Senior Captain Emily Solecki led the team with a record of 13–6 on the season. As impressive as they were on the court, their most incredible accomplishment may have been in the classroom; the team qualified for all-state academic honors with an astounding team GPA of 3.87 first semester.





Girls Softball

The varsity softball team had a successful season finishing with a 17–15 overall record and 4th in the MAC Blue division. Sophomore Sydney Zombo led the team in hitting with a .524 batting average. Freshman Jaiden Lara set a new home run record with 13 and a new RBI record with 60. The team will lose three seniors — Bailey Duhaime, McKenzie Davey and Carly Landry — and return nine players next year.



Girls Soccer

The varsity girls soccer team had their first season under new head coach Paul Kepler (FHS Class of '04). They finished 5th in their division with a 2–6–2 MAC white record. Overall, they finished 8–10–3. The program won its first Division 1 District Championship in seven years by defeating Henry Ford II 2–0 in the championship game. The varsity girls also earned All MAC Academic team, with a team GPA of 3.5. They ended the year with two players making the All MAC Team, two players All County, seven players All District team, one player All Regional and one player All State. This season set a positive tone for the future of the varsity girls soccer program.

Boys Golf

The Fraser boys golf team had a very successful season, despite graduating five seniors the year before and losing one of their best golfers to injury, who at the time had the lowest average on the team. Senior Noah Lowe was sidelined due to a lower body injury suffered early in the season. However, the team rallied around the "strictly business" mantra brought on by junior golfer Michael Paniccia. The team certainly lived by those words and put in lots of practice to overcome adversity and put up some of the best team numbers that Fraser has seen in years. The team struggled early on, but finished the season strong by winning their last three matches and taking first in the MAC Gold Division Tournament. They followed up that win by placing third only behind Farmington and Detroit Country Day at an Invitational just a week later. Finally, the team finished strong at Regionals with a team low 313. Ultimately the team fell short of qualifying for states, however, Senior Blake Shalavylo was able to qualify as an individual, firing 73 at regionals. The boys look to continue their success next season with the return of All Conference Sophomore Parker Bolda, and team leaders Michael Paniccia and Thomas "TJ" DeAngelo.





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The golf format will be a four-person scramble. Please feel free to create your own team, and, if possible, send one registration form with complete payment, or **click here** to register online. The outing will take place at Gowanie Golf Club, a private course in Mt. Clemens. For more information, please call or email Kristin Ledford at **586.439.7007** or **Kristin.Ledford@fraserk12.org**.

ENTRY FEES

\$110 – Includes golf, cart, souvenir, lunch at the turn, beverage ticket on the course, and a dinner banquet after golfing.

\$30 – Dinner banquet only.

** Space is limited to 144 golfers. Please register early.*

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ENTRY FORM

*If paying by check, complete form and mail to the address below. Or, **click here** to register and pay online.*

Captain	Address	Phone	Alumnus (Year)/Staff/Parent
Player 2	Address	Phone	Alumnus (Year)/Staff/Parent
Player 3	Address	Phone	Alumnus (Year)/Staff/Parent
Player 4	Address	Phone	Alumnus (Year)/Staff/Parent

Mail form and entry fee to: Fraser Public Schools, Attn: Kristin Ledford, 33466 Garfield Rd., Fraser, MI 48026