

Over the Fence

Michigan Department of Education Director of Innovation Visits FPS

This year, every member of the Michigan Department of Education executive staff is visiting ten of the more than 900 public school districts across the state. Fraser Public Schools was honored that Linda Forward, Director of Innovation and School Improvement, chose to visit in March. She said she chose FPS because she has heard of the learning innovations that have been implemented and wanted to see them first-hand.



Ms. Forward's visit started at Fraser High School, where she had the opportunity to talk to Advanced Placement English students about competency-based learning. During the conversation, students shared their experiences and the changes they have witnessed, from hybrid courses

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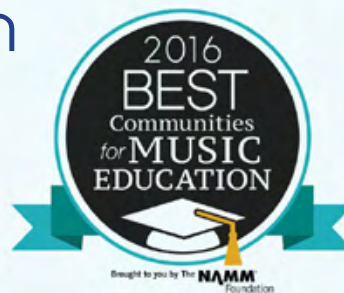
District Music Program Earns National Award

For the fifth consecutive year, the NAMM Foundation has recognized Fraser Public Schools for its outstanding commitment to music education with a Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) designation.

"Fraser Public Schools is proud to be one of the 476 districts from across the country chosen for this prestigious award," said Superintendent Dr. David Richards. "To be recognized for the fifth year in a row is a huge honor. It speaks volumes of our performing arts teachers and the quality of education our students receive."

The BCME designation brings attention to the vital importance of music's role in student success. One of the requirements to receive the award was to provide examples of how music education is incorporated into other disciplines. At Fraser High School, the music and art departments brainstormed ways the arts programs at FHS can help with preparation for the SAT and other standardized tests.

"The arts are intrinsically cross-curricular in that they are scientific (frequencies, sound waves); mathematical (rhythmic, measurements, counting); historical (composition eras within music and art, historical perspectives); and linguistic (interpreting symbols, writing music, expanded vocabulary often in different languages)," said FHS band teacher Jim Rodgers.



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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fraser Families:

I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing spring break. Spring is such a wonderful time of year as we progress through a busy school year. It's a time when we have been working diligently to support our students' success on the state level assessments and continue our efforts to secure their learning as they move forward in their academics.



This is also a time when we begin our end-of-year activities, especially with our Class of 2016. What an exciting time for our senior class and their families. The pace seems to accelerate as we look to close out their high school experiences with milestone activities like prom, SeniorWalk and the senior all-night party. Of course, this is also the time our parents are beginning to deal with the reality of our children graduating and starting a new chapter in their lives. While it is very exciting, it can also be very daunting. The advice I offer to the students and parents I talk with is to simply stay in the moment. Enjoy the experiences as they are happening and cherish each day and activity as it occurs. The days will go fast enough without looking past the events that are happening now.

Within the school district, our staff is continuing our work on developing competencies to measure student academic progress and the needed strategies to support every child on a daily basis. Our kids have become fairly adept at navigating through the online resources and move seamlessly in the classrooms between their online experiences and the face-to-face learning activities. As superintendent, I am consistently amazed at the level of ownership our students are demonstrating in their learning and how it is transforming our classrooms. Our teachers continue to evolve as facilitators of learning as evidenced by the increased student engagement we are seeing in our classrooms.

It's exciting to look to the future and the plans we have for our district. I consider myself truly blessed to work in such an amazing school district.

With Fraser Pride,
Dr. Richards

CURRICULUM CORNER

2ND – 6TH GRADE ('15–'16 SCHOOL YEAR) HYBRID SUMMER SCHOOL

We are very excited to extend an invitation to your child to Fraser Public Schools 2016 Hybrid Summer School Program.

Fraser Public School's 2016 Hybrid Summer School will run for five weeks. The program will begin the week of June 27 and run through July 27. You may select either a Wednesday morning (9 a.m.–12 p.m.) or afternoon (4–7 p.m.) session.

We are blending an in-school and out-of-school learning experience for your child. Students participating in this program will be allowed to take their District-issued iPad home for the summer. Much of their learning will be completed on the iPad.

Students will be expected to attend their scheduled sessions each week. All sessions will be held at Fraser High School, and attendance is mandatory. In addition, students will be expected to complete daily reading and math assignments. All assignments will be personalized to your student's learning needs.

- Monday, June 27**
Mandatory Student/Parent Orientation/Kick-off (4–6 PM), Parent Contract
- Wednesday, June 29**
- Monday, July 11**
- Wednesday, July 13**
- Wednesday, July 20**
- Wednesday, July 27**
iPad Collection

Cost: \$90
**Free to at-risk students.*

Registration Deadline:
June 3, 2016

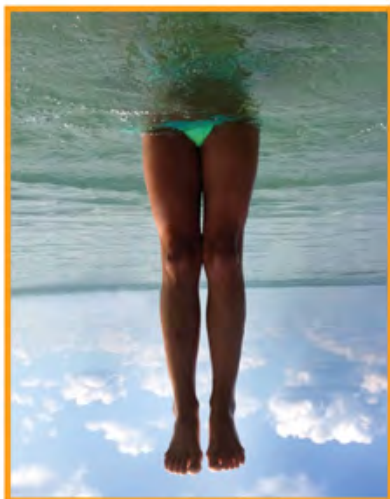
Limited transportation to in-district families will be available. Parent learning sessions will also be offered through CARE. Limited spots are available.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Please contact your building principal with additional questions or concerns.

FHS Student wins National Gold Medal

Fraser High School Junior Kayla Cross's photograph, "Ascending," beat out thousands of entries to win a National Gold Medal from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. This year, more than 227,000 art and writing pieces were sent to the local Scholastic competition. Of those, 25,000 went on to national judging. Kayla's photograph was one of only 400 to be awarded a gold medal.



This year's National Awards Ceremony will be held at Carnegie Hall in New York City in June. Kayla, her parents and FHS art teacher Roger Drabant will attend the ceremony. "To be able to see Kayla on stage at that prestigious venue, as she represents the Fraser Public Schools Art Program as the 11th such winner in the last seven years, is huge for this district and is proof that great things are happening within our program and schools," Drabant said.

Students Commissioned to Make Leadership Awards

Two Fraser High School students were commissioned by the START Project at Grand Valley State University to create hand-painted plates. The plates will be given out as awards for the Project's Regional Collaborative Network Leadership Day this spring. Juniors Leonard Rojas and Adreonna Roy worked diligently under the masterful eye and guidance of FHS art teacher Susi DiPace to create the plates. The START Project provides evidence-based training, technical assistance and resources to educators in Michigan that serve students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Both Leonard and Adreonna have ASD.



WSU Art Exhibit

The artwork of three Fraser High School students is on display in the 2016 Tri-County High School Exhibition at Wayne State University. More than 700 pieces were submitted for the exhibition, and only 64 accepted. The three FHS students are among just seven Macomb County pieces in the show. The students are:

- Alyssa Cook** – Starry Night Redux
- Lauren Kennedy** – Lip Plate
- Rachel Sjolander** – String Painting

All students selected for the exhibition are offered a \$1,000 WSU Department of Art and Art History Scholarship.



Students Collaborate to Furnish the Art of Play

Working in small groups, 3rd-grade students from Emerson Elementary worked under the watchful eyes and helpful hands of Fraser High School art students. They painted everything from side tables and chairs to plant stands and picture frames. The finished products will be auctioned at the Fraser First Booster Club's Art in the Garden



auction. This year's theme is "Furnish the Art of Play." Proceeds will benefit the McKinley Barrier-Free Park.

FHS art teacher Susi DiPace and Emerson art teacher Becki Babcock have teamed up for several years to create items for the auction. DiPace said the FHS students were invited to participate, and picked out their furniture and an idea of the finished product beforehand.

The event has become a tradition at Emerson. "They know in September they'll get to do this," Babcock said.

Once the students finished painting, they were given a quick tour of the high school.

The Art in the Garden silent auction is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on April 21 at the Fraser Activity Center.



High School Students Mix It Up

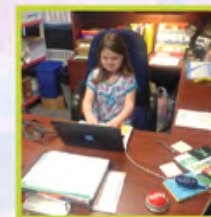
Students at Fraser High School helped break down social and racial barriers by participating in Fraser's first Mix It Up at Lunch Day, part of a national campaign launched in 2002. The event encouraged students to sit with someone new in the cafeteria. Students were offered free pizza in exchange for being seated with a mix of random students for lunch. Each table had a student leader to initiate icebreaker conversations.

This activity was one part of the weeklong Diversity Week, planned by the FHS Diversity Club. FHS also hosted a Diversity Panel where students from different backgrounds answered questions and shared their cultural experiences.



Principal for a Day

Two students at Eisenhower Elementary recently took on the tough job of being principal — at least for a day. After delivering the morning announcements, 4th-grader Alyssa Hogness and 1st-grader Gerald Hinton worked in Mr. Metty's office. The pair, who were the top fundraisers in last fall's Fun Run, then visited some classrooms and observed the lessons being taught. After a busy morning, they ended their "work" day with lunch in the Teacher's Lounge with the other teachers.



Broadcasters Win Statewide Awards

Fraser High School's *The Flash* Broadcasters won "Best in Show" at the 48th Annual Michigan Student Film Festival. Their winning video, "Metal Mettle," tells the story of a female student breaking gender stereotypes through her involvement with the welding program at FHS. The report was created as part of the *PBS NewsHour* Student Reporting Labs and is featured on the PBS NewsHour website. The video was one of more than 600 from across the state to be judged by Detroit video industry professionals. "Metal Mettle," along with the other 10 winning videos, will be screened at the Detroit Film Theater inside the Detroit Institute of Arts on Saturday, April 23 at 11 a.m.

FHS *The Flash* Broadcasters also brought home several awards from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters – Michigan Student Broadcast Awards. Fraser students won second place for the **Fraser Today news broadcast**, second place for a public service announcement and honorable mention for a news feature.



FHS Student to Attend National PBS Academy

ONE OF 20 SELECTED STUDENTS NATIONWIDE

Fraser High School Sophomore Keenan Penn II was selected as a fellow for the *PBS NewsHour* Student Reporting Labs Summer Academy Fellow for the second year in a row. Only 20 students nationwide were chosen for the June conference in Washington, D.C.

Keenan was one of the youngest fellows to attend last year, but PBS "was so impressed with him, they wanted him to come back," said Jamie Flanagan, FHS teacher and broadcast adviser.

"Before experiencing last year's academy, I was almost sure that broadcast was what I wanted to do with my life, [but] now I AM sure that it is what I'm going to be doing for the rest of my life. That experience really solidified what I want my life's work to be," Keenan said.

This June the fellows will work alongside public media mentors to produce original digital content and sharpen their journalism and production skills, according to the *PBS NewsHour* website. They will also help program leaders develop strategies to engage young people with the news and current affairs and ensure that diverse youth voices are active in the conversations about critical issues facing the nation.

FHS has worked with the PBS Student Reporting Labs for several years.

"PBS has come up with a curriculum, then we work with mentors from both Detroit and Washington to help the kids learn about good journalism and good storytelling," Flanagan said.

The curriculum covered the same topics he was already teaching, so Flanagan said incorporating it into his lessons was an easy move. He has also participated in shaping the curriculum and attended workshops in Washington, D.C., several times.

As for Keenan, he's looking forward to meeting and networking with the other fellows.

"Being that I've already had this experience, I'm going in with both a humble and positive attitude, eager to learn," he said.

Students Recognized for Excellent Skills in State Competition

Students from Fraser High School's chapter of FCCLA recently participated in the STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events at the Michigan Association of FCCLA 2016 State Leadership Conference.

FCCLA takes students' initiatives and ideas and allows them to develop those into projects and community service opportunities. Along the way, students may ask advice from their adviser, collaborate with their peers, and create a partnership with community members and businesses. At the conference, students were able to showcase their projects during the competitive events.

Gold medals were awarded to Allison Shields, Alyssa Harris, Emma Nicholson, Jessica Helfrich, and Amanda Bail. Their events included: Focus on Children, Nutrition and Wellness, and Career Investigation.

"I was really nervous at first, but I think I did well during my presentation and I'm proud of myself," said Amanda Bail.

Silver Medals were awarded to Jenna Gregory and Alyssa Belloli for their Promote and Publicize FCCLA project, and Amber Jackson received a Bronze medal for her Advocacy event. In addition, FHS student Jessica Helfrich helped lead the conference as a state officer this year.

The FHS chapter also received a Five Star Chapter award for completing projects in leadership development, career exploration, traffic safety and violence prevention. The projects in FCCLA enrich student learning, improve self-esteem, and serve students with a range of ability levels.

Eisenhower Principal Patrols Metropolis

The summer is usually thought of as a time to relax and take a break, but Eisenhower Principal Denis Metty chose to spend his patrolling the streets of Metropolis. In 2014, Mr. Metty was an extra in the movie *Batman v. Superman* that was filmed in Detroit. The movie recently hit theaters, and Mr. Metty can be spotted in two scenes.



Genius Hour for MS Research



Students in Stephanie McGuffey's class at Richards Middle School are given time during the school day for Genius Hour, which encourages students to work on projects of their choosing when they complete assignments early. This year, 7th-grade student Carlie Anderer decided to educate others at RMS about multiple sclerosis. Carlie takes a personal interest in the fight against MS, because her mother has been battling the disease for the past four years.

Carlie decided to organize a school-wide fundraiser in her mother's honor to support research. She created a flyer, video and webpage, and then reached out to student

clubs to help spread the word. She partnered with the National Junior Honor Society to make orange ribbons, and WEB to get the information on the Knightly News that is broadcast throughout the school. Her fundraiser kicked off on March 4, when everyone was encouraged to wear orange. Participants were given an orange ribbon in exchange for donating at least \$1. Overall, the staff, students and clubs at RMS helped Carlie raise \$455 for MS research!



Mindset Mondays Help Shape the Week

Fourth-grade students at Emerson kick off their week with Mindset Mondays. During this time, students in Mrs. Lauer's and Mrs. Shall's classes focus on having a growth mindset. Every other Monday, guest teacher Mrs. Collins leads the discussion and activity.

"We want the students to think positively about themselves and what they are capable of achieving. It is amazing what students can achieve once they go from saying 'this is too hard' to 'this may take a lot of time and effort, but I will get it!'" Mrs. Shall said.

The weekly activities remind the students that their intelligence can be developed if they are willing to work hard and stretch their minds throughout the week. Activities include watching Class Dojo Mindset Videos, reading short stories and class discussions.

"So far, I have gotten very positive feedback from the students," Mrs. Collins said. "Students have related their learning to their personal and academic lives by making goals for themselves in the areas they would like to improve on."

Mindset Mondays started in February, and already Mrs. Shall says she sees the optimistic attitudes in her students when it comes to their learning.

Emerson Supports the American Heart Association



Each year Emerson Elementary donates to the American Heart Association. This year, they raised funds by placing jars to collect change in each classroom, selling jump ropes, and hosting a gum day. Kindergarten student Colton Kelly was the only student to raise funds online. He raised \$250. Overall, the school raised more than \$1,000 for the American Heart Association.

Mental Health First Aid Training

Fraser High School is committed to helping students who may be having an emotional or mental crisis. Through training offered at the MISD, anyone over the age of 16 is invited to participate in a free Mental Health First Aid course. The course teaches a five-step action plan to offer initial help to people with signs and symptoms of a mental illness or in a crisis, and connects them with the appropriate professional, peer or care. The course is eight hours and offered on multiple days. To find out more information or sign up, [click here](#).

WATCH D.O.G.S. OFF TO GREAT START

Since launching the Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program in January, Eisenhower Elementary Principal Denis Metty said the response from students and parents has been great. About 20 dads, grandfathers, uncles and family friends have volunteered for a day, and many have returned for a second day.

The national program works to provide positive male role models for students. Mr. Metty said the students are excited when they have a dad in the building and the dads are excited to help out.

The D.O.G.S. start their day helping in the parking lot. They help students cross the street and get off the bus, and escort late students to class. Next, they spend an hour in their child's classroom helping with various tasks. By 10 a.m., the dads are moving around the school, connecting with students in all grades. Their day ends with lunch and recess duty.

Dion Pearce has two children at Ike and said he wanted to volunteer as soon as he found out about the program. He recently finished his third day of volunteering, helping in both his son's and daughter's classes, and even finding time to join a kindergarten class for P.E.



Celebrities Discuss the Salk Elementary Teachers vs. 6th Grade Basketball Game

There was quite a buzz about the annual Teachers vs. 6th Grade basketball game at Salk Elementary. Dan Leach from 97.1 The Ticket and Kacie Hollins from WXYZ shared their thoughts and sent encouraging words to the players. Also joining in on the buzz were NBA legend and retired Detroit Piston Earl "The Twirl" Cureton, retired NBA player Jermaine Jackson, retired professional basketball player Rashad Phillips, and current starting forward Aaron Foster-Smith from the University of Detroit Titans. Even Deputy Mayor of Detroit Ike McKinnon had encouraging words to share with the students.



The University of Detroit Mercy men's and women's basketball coaches sent coaching advice to the 6th-grade teams. Special thanks to Mr. Hitchings for continuing to find new ways to make this such an exciting event for the staff, students and families of Salk. The annual Teacher's vs 6th Grade game was played Monday, March 7. **Watch the game video here!**

Surprise at Assembly for Twain Students

A dry eye was hard to find during the Jump Rope for Heart assembly on March 10 at Twain Elementary. During the presentation, Sergeant First Class Mark English surprised two of his daughters, Sadie and Summer English. The girls are in second grade and kindergarten at Twain. Mark had been deployed to Djibouti, Africa for 10 months with the Army. His wife Carrie planned the surprise. The school already had the assembly planned. The entire school was on hand for the surprise, including Mark's parents. Welcome home, SFC English!



Special Guest Shows Students How to Draw Caricatures

Fourth-grade students at Twain Elementary were excited when they were visited by a special guest, Mr. Schop. Mr. Schop taught the students techniques to draw cartoon caricatures. Then they worked on one of Donald Duck together. The students were eager to take their new skills home and draw caricatures of their families!



Fraser Elementary Students Complete the D.A.R.E. Program



Edison, Eisenhower and Emerson elementary schools participated in the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program through the Fraser Police Department. The 17-week program's primary goal is to teach effective peer resistance and refusal skills, so adolescents can say "no" to drugs. The secondary goals of the program are to build students' social skills and enhance their self-esteem, as these are believed to be linked to adolescent drug use.

The program teaches students skills to manage stress and build self-esteem, and refusal techniques. Students also learn about the effects

of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs. They discuss media influences, the consequences of risky behavior, and support systems.

D.A.R.E. officers receive 80 hours of training in classroom management, teaching strategies, communication skills, adolescent development, drug information, and thorough instruction on D.A.R.E.'s 17 lessons.



Made in Michigan at Edison



Third-grade students at Edison Elementary recently learned about the state of Michigan, and then put their knowledge to use creating their own Michigan products. Models of stadiums and bridges were built, Michigan-made products were displayed, and historical places were described. Parents and students were invited to come enjoy the fun and celebrate the great things in Michigan.

Animals Abound at Dooley

The Little Learners, DK and ECSE students at the Dooley Center had a wild experience when "Dan the Creature Man" came for a visit. Dan brought all sorts of exotic animals to the school, and the students got an up-close and hands-on look at them. Dan rescued or adopted many of his animals from the Michigan Humane Society and Macomb County Animal Control. In addition to seeing the animals, the students learned about the animals' natural habitats and conservation efforts.



DISNEY CARNIVAL



Third-grade students at Disney Elementary who have completed all of their assignments and demonstrated positive behavior can earn tickets to attend an educational carnival. The most recent carnival was held on March 22. It had a karate demonstration and carnival games, and students participated in a live podcast. Students from the high school even stopped by to lead a Motown music sing-a-long.

"The carnival is a powerful way to bring joy to learning through experiences," said Disney Principal Aaron Sutherland.





Wayne State's Best Students are From Fraser



Dr. Mary Wischusen and some of her colleagues at Wayne State University have said their best students come from Fraser and they want to continue building a relationship with Fraser students. On a recent visit to Richards Middle School, Dr. Wischusen gave a lecture on Romanticism. She shared the art, culture and social economics of the era. RMS music students found the one-hour lecture to be very engaging. The students were also amazed to learn that Dr. Wischusen was Mr. Rodger's, Mr. Charland's and Mr. Perkin's music history professor when they attended WSU.

Metro Jets Check Presentation

Richards Middle School choir students performed the national anthem at Metro Jets hockey games countless times throughout the season. As a thank you for the commitment to bringing the District and the Fraser community together, the Metro Jets organization presented the RMS choirs with a check for \$500 at a game in March. Choir teacher Michael Perkins, Principal Huston Julian and several students accepted the check at center ice.

"Singing our National Anthem a capella in front of hundreds of people can be hard enough. Singing it to a sports team where these players could become professional athletes one day raises the bar and nerves that much higher," Perkins said.

The Metro Jets organization was very impressed with the talent of the RMS students and look forward to continuing the partnership in seasons to come.

THIRD-GRADERS CREATE READING VIDEO

Third-graders in Mrs. Newell's class at Disney created a music video for reading month. They re-wrote the words to "Watch Me (Whip Nae Nae)" and sang, read and danced their way through the countries of the school's Reading Olympics using the green screen.

Click here to view the video. The password is...Read!



Fraser Public Schools K-12 District Art Show

Opening Reception
Tuesday, May 10th
5:30 - 7:30 pm

Fraser High School
Media Center
Open May 9 - 12th
7:30 am - 5:00 pm

More details at
www.fraserk12art.weebly.com

Featured Artists, top to bottom:
Kayla Hohendorf, Lauren Lampar, Jade McGuffey

MSBOA DISTRICT 16 BAND FESTIVAL RESULTS



Congratulations to the Fraser High School bands that participated in the District 16 Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association Band Festival. A total of 248 FHS band students participated in the event.

Three judges graded the bands in five categories: tone, intonation, rhythm, technique and interpretation, for a total of 15 grades. Based on the grades, overall ratings are assigned, ranging from First Division (superior) to Fifth Division. Each band is also judged on sight reading and performs a piece of music they have never seen before.

On Friday, March 11, the Symphony Band had a Superior performance, receiving straight First Division ratings in every category, with a total of 13 A's and two A-'s in performance, and three A's and two B+'s in sight reading!

On Saturday, March 12, the Varsity Band (all 9th-graders) had a Superior performance and received a straight First Division rating in every category, with a total of four A's, six A-'s, and five B+'s in performance, and three A's, one A-, and one B+ in sight reading!

The Concert Band also had a Superior performance on Saturday, receiving straight First Division ratings in every category, with a total of 11 A's, three A-'s, and one B+ in performance, and two A+'s and three A's in sight reading!



Jazz Band Performs at State Festival

The Fraser High School Jazz Band performed at the State Jazz Band Festival on March 30. To help prepare for this performance, Mr. Jim Rodgers, Director of FHS Bands, invited Mr. Chuck Newsome to come in and listen to the FHS Jazz band and offer some tips as they prepared. "He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, and added a fresh perspective as to how to interpret the music and depict its varying styles," commented Mr. Rodgers.

A lifelong resident of metropolitan Detroit, Chuck Newsome has been working professionally as a musician and educator for the past 12 years. During that time, he has devoted his life to helping young musicians improve and reach their goals. Newsome holds Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from Wayne State University. He is currently a faculty member in the Department of Music at Wayne State University, and the Educational Coordinator for the Detroit Jazz Festival.

The 23-member Fraser H.S. Jazz Ensemble received First Division Ratings at the State Jazz Festival, held at Utica Eisenhower High School.

Each judge grades the band in the areas of tone and intonation, ensemble performance, interpretation, rhythm and improvisation. Of the 15 possible grades, the Jazz Band received 13 A's and 2 B's. This is the tenth year that the Jazz Band has participated in this MSBOA State competition.



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www.Fraser.k12.mi.us

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to competency-based learning and even the media center's redesign to be more collaborative.

Ms. Forward then went to Salk Elementary to see how learning has been transformed at the earliest levels. Students in Mrs. Makowski's kindergarten class were eager to show Ms. Forward how they were writing out addition problems on their iPads using the Classkick app.

"During the visit, Ms. Forward commented on the high level of student engagement and the types of activities our students were participating in," said Superintendent Dr. David Richards. "In particular, Ms. Forward was extremely interested in and impressed with our competency-based learning model, and saw how this model truly personalizes learning for every student."



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In FPS, music classes begin in kindergarten. By fifth grade, students can choose to participate in band or audition for the Fraser Youth Choir. Middle school and high school students have even more opportunities for music education, including concert, show, symphonic and a cappella choirs, as well as marching, jazz, symphony and varsity bands. Students at RMS and FHS can also join the Tri-M music honor society. Additionally, the Performing Arts Career Academy at FHS offers a focused curriculum for students interested in pursuing careers in music and performing arts.

"I see the excellence that comes out of the department year after year," said Fraser Band Boosters President Heather Ziegenfelder. She has two children at RMS and two at FHS. All four participate in the band and the arts programs.

She said the BCME award can be attributed to the performing arts teachers' commitment both in and out of the classroom.

"Mr. Rodgers has over 200 students in the marching band, and some are going to pursue music after high school and some are just taking a class. He's got a whole range of personalities and he makes it all come together and sound cohesive," she said.

Mr. Rodgers adds the BCME designation is one part of what makes FPS great.

"An award of this magnitude demonstrates the commitment that the Fraser Public Schools has to the comprehensive education of the students, including music," he said.

"Fraser Public Schools is proud to be one of the 476 districts from across the country chosen for this prestigious award".

Dr. David Richards,
FPS Superintendent

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REVERSE RAFFLE

TO BENEFIT THE FRASER ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

An exciting evening to share with family, friends and co-workers, complete with light dinner and additional raffles.

Friday, April 29, 2016 • 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Fraternal Order of Police, Christopher M. Wouters, Lodge #124
11304 14 Mile Road, Warren, MI 48093

\$110 per ticket. Buy one for yourself or split with family, friends or co-workers.

PRIZES

\$7,500 to Last Ticket Drawn

\$1,000

\$750

\$500

\$250

1st Ticket Drawn: \$100

Every 10th Ticket Drawn: \$100

ONLY 200 TICKETS TO BE SOLD – NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN. ALTERNATIVE PRIZE OF \$7,000 TO WINNER IF 150 TICKETS ARE NOT SOLD BY 4/29/16.

RAFFLE LICENSE NUMBER R34468

- When the last five tickets are remaining the ticket holders will be asked if they want to split the money among themselves, or draw for 5th place.
- This process continues until the remaining ticket holders have decided upon splitting the money or continuing the drawing.
- If the decision is to split the money, the Reverse Raffle is ended.
- For any questions regarding this process, please contact the Athletic Department.
- If it is decided to draw again, the process will continue by asking the remaining four ticket holders the same question.

For further information or to purchase tickets (checks or money orders payable to Fraser Athletic Booster Club), please contact the Athletic Department at 586.439.7252. Tickets and money are due by April 22, 2016.



Winter Sports

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Fraser Rambler Boys' Basketball

Hockey

The Rambler ice hockey team was very young and showed much improvement through the year. The team was comprised of five seniors, one junior and five sophomores. The season was in jeopardy because of a lack of a goaltender. Senior John Steffes stepped up to play goal, in spite of having no prior hockey experience. Even with the youth, short bench and inexperience in goal, the Ramblers posted five season wins and lost five games by a single goal. Despite outplaying Utica High School in Pre-Regionals, the Ramblers suffered a tough 6-5 loss in overtime.

Captains and team leaders were Will Sievers, Tony Muscat, Kody Sloney and Jayson Glow. Lincoln Gray led the team in goals and overall points and Chris Wille was one of the most improved players. All 11 players improved their games greatly throughout the course of the season.

The Fraser varsity boys' basketball team recently completed their 2015-2016 season with a loss to Utica Ford in the State District Tournament semi-finals.

The varsity boys' basketball season was challenging, frustrating and ultimately rewarding as a result of the learning and growth that happens when a young and inexperienced team plays a highly competitive schedule. This was a season that could best be characterized as an investment in the future. The majority of the season had only one returning player and 10 new players. The growth from this season should lend itself to a successful future for the next two seasons.



In addition, the season was successful in several other ways:

- Met the Team GPA goal of 3.0
- Eight of 11 players made the honor roll and earned All-League Academic Team recognition
- Team won the MAC Sportsmanship Award for the 15th time in the past 22 seasons
- Two players earned All League recognition and one player earned All County recognition as follows:

ALL LEAGUE
Ken Pham

ALL LEAGUE HONORABLE MENTION
Jordan Bell

ALL COUNTY
Ken Pham

Varsity Girls Basketball

The 2016 varsity girls basketball worked hard all season to overcome the nine seniors who graduated in 2015. The team ended the season with a 4-17 record. The girls worked hard and improved a great deal during the season. The team will return nine players next season and, paired with a strong JV team, look to be much improved.



Dance Team

The dance team completed another great season! They have grown as dancers and grown as a team. They gave everything they had at every game and competition. They did very well during the football/basketball season. They performed a beautiful number which included the drum line from the Fraser band that was dedicated to family and friends who have dealt with cancer. Competition went very well also, with the team coming home with a "Most Crowd Appeal" award, placing in the top at all competitions, and also receiving two first place trophies. The girls proved themselves this year with all of their hard work and dedication. Lastly, we are sending off two seniors this year and wish them nothing but the best!! Great job to our 2015-2016 Fraser Dance team!



Wrestling

Fraser wrestling, led by head coach Rick Julien (MAC League and Regional Coach of the Year), finished the season with a 31–6 overall record. The 31 wins in a season is a new school record. Throughout the season the team collected several trophies as they won the MAC Blue League Championship; the MAC Tournament, which combined all of the schools in the MAC Gold/Silver and Blue Divisions; and the MHSAA District Championship (beating Roseville 42–27). The team had 10 MHSAA Regional Tournament Qualifiers and five wrestlers who qualified for the MHSAA State Finals, which was held at the Palace. Of the five wrestlers who qualified for the State Finals, two earned All State Recognition — Nathan Hollifield (3rd Place) and Jared Roberts (7th Place). The other wrestlers who qualified for States were Danny Pfeffer, Chris Hackney and Elijah Tucker.



Cheer

Although these athletes were faced with hurdles and roadblocks the entire season, they never stopped trying. They never failed to make an attempt. They refused to let previous seasons define them. They achieved such goals as team back walkovers, 14 back handsprings, no penalties, getting an execution bonus in Round 3 and smashing their “score a 9” goal.



Gymnastics

Starting with a season-low score of 112.25, the 12-gymnast team was able to push themselves and end with a season-high score of 125.475. They also accomplished their goal to qualify for Regionals as a team. Throughout their season, they managed to place first at the Vassar Invitational and fourth at the League Meet, and had 11 gymnasts compete in post-season competition, with six of those girls being Individual Regional Qualifiers.

Additionally, they won the League Team Sportsmanship Award, voted on by their competitors, for the third year in a row. Congrats to all of the gymnasts on their season well done!



Senior Signs with MCC

Senior Casey Spencer recently signed her letter of intent to play softball for Macomb Community College (MCC). Casey is a four-year starter on the varsity softball team and also a member of the varsity basketball team. Casey is the third player from Fraser High School in the last five years to sign with MCC.



Swimming

The boys’ swim team started the season in November with many new members. The new swimmers on the team developed quickly, and the team had a great showing at the annual Warren Woods Tower Relay Meet. The Fraser team tied for first place at that meet. The boys finished with a strong showing in the MAC White division with an overall record of 6–2. In the conference tournament, the boys finished in second place. Highlights of the season included qualifying the 200 medley relay in the 400 freestyle relay to the state championship held at Saginaw Valley State University. Jacob Klomp also qualified in two individual events. The team set a new varsity record in the 200 medley relay. This year the team will graduate 11 seniors, who finished their four-year career with an overall record of 19 wins and one loss in the MAC White Division.





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