

Over the Fence



Fraser Elementary Schools Compete in Science Olympiad

Fraser Public Schools played host to the 13th Annual South Macomb Science Olympiad. Every Fraser elementary school sent a team, and Twain Elementary sent two to the competition held on March 5. Students have practiced for months to compete in events such as Crash Car Eggspert, Water Rockets, and Precision Ping Pong Propulsion. A total of 30 teams competed throughout the day. Overall, four of the Fraser teams placed in the top 10. Students also medaled in individual events. Congratulations to everyone and good luck at the Regional Elementary Tournament in April!

Disney Elementary – 2nd Place
Emerson Elementary – 3rd Place

Edison Elementary – 7th Place
Salk Elementary – 10th Place



March is Reading Month!

Across the country, schools are celebrating March is Reading Month. In Fraser, schools are hosting reading competitions, birthday celebrations for Dr. Seuss and guest readers like Miss Michigan. The focus is on encouraging children to love reading and engage in reading at home.

Remember that reading is reading. If your child prefers comic books to novels, the benefits of reading are the same. Let your child's interests guide book selections. Have a favorite book and want more like it? Check out the **Scholastic Book Wizard** which will find similar books, show reviews and help you pick the right book for your child. You can also stop in the media center at your child's school, talk to the media specialist and look for books together.

Research shows that one of the most important steps parents can take to support children's early literacy skill development is to have a literacy-rich home environment. Read for pleasure, talk with your children about how much you love reading, have books available, make reading a fun and special activity at home, not just for them, but also for you.

Fraser Public Schools realizes that learning can happen at any time in any place. Consider creating a special reading corner in your home or having a read-in on a day when the weather prevents going outside.

On the next page, you will find some pictures of what each school is doing for Reading Month. Be sure to check out **Facebook** and **Twitter** for more pictures throughout the month!

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Salk Elementary – With college banners hanging from the ceiling and books and sports memorabilia carefully placed around the room, the Salk media center is ready for March Reading Madness! Teamwork will be needed as the students set in motion their desire to reach a 300,000-minute goal by the end of the month.



Eisenhower Elementary – Students are taking part in March Madness. They have the opportunity to win books, sports equipment, and participate in Sports Day. There's also a reading tournament pitting grades against each other to see which grade reads the most during March!



Emerson Elementary – Miss Michigan Emily Kieliszewski read to the students at Emerson to help kick off March is Reading Month. After reading, she talked with the students about the importance of reading and staying in school.



Twain Elementary – Fifth grade students in Mrs. Lombard's class are challenging each other to see who can read the most types of materials. Categories include poetry, mystery, science fiction, newspapers and even recipes and Dr. Seuss.

Dooley Center – Surprise mystery readers will be popping in throughout the month of March. Things started off with Director of Early Childhood Kathy Moroney reading a book on Wacky Wednesday.



Edison Elementary – First grade students at Edison are racing across the country! For every minute they read, they'll move across the map.



Disney Elementary – Disney Elementary is taking the starting line on a month of Olympic Reading! The theme, Be an Olympic Reader, has students going for the GOLD this month with their reading! Each classroom represents a different country and medals will be awarded to students as they meet their reading goals each week.

Student Honored by State Representative

Dominic Miller, a kindergarten student at Disney Elementary, was honored by State Rep. Marilyn Lane (D-Fraser) for his efforts to help homeless and underprivileged children in the area. For the last two years, six-year-old Dominic, with help from his aunt, grandma and local businesses, has collected books and pajamas and donated them to local shelters the week before Christmas.

Rep. Lane presented Dominic with a special tribute at the February 22 Board of Education meeting. It read in part "Dominic exemplifies the very best of what his community has to offer. His endeavors have set a brilliant example for all Michigan residents, proving that anyone with the will to help can make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate. The State of Michigan is truly grateful for Dominic's vision and dedication to service." The tribute was signed by Rep. Lane, Rep. Sarah Roberts (D-St. Clair Shores) and Governor Rick Snyder.

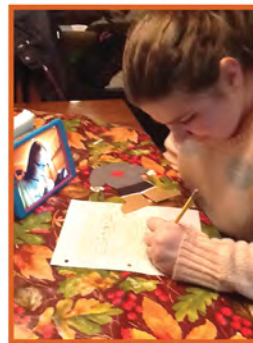
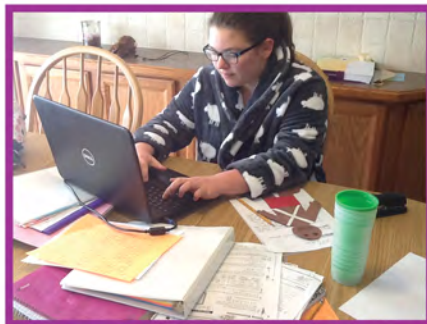


NTHS Inducts New Students

Congratulations to the 28 newest members of the National Technical Honor Society. The students from HOSA, BPA and FCCLA were inducted to the organization during a ceremony in the FHS media center. Alumni Greg Cummings ('84) and Fred Kulka ('82) were the keynote speakers. Both men now work in the Design Center for General Motors.

Disney Students Dedicated to Learning

The February 25 snow day was a relaxing day to stay home, but the Disney 6th graders were still hard at work! Although able to sleep in and remain comfortable at home, students were still logging into itsLearning and completing daily tasks. Students, teachers and parents were able to continue communicating back and forth using email, text messaging, and itsLearning messaging.



Students provided photographic evidence and screen shots of themselves working throughout the day and sent them to their teachers. These created a great discussion point the following day and a point of pride for students to discuss what they did on their day "off." Some students even discussed their ability to FaceTime and conference with their peers on writing pieces, even though they were not physically together. Disney 6th graders are dedicated to learning, even in the face of Michigan weather.

Digital Learning Day

Fraser Public Schools celebrated Digital Learning Day on February 17. Using the hashtag #DLDay, classes tweeted photos of how technology is incorporated into learning. From Kindergarten students using the Classkick app to work on vocabulary, to fourth grade using the smart board for long division, digital learning can be found at every grade level in Fraser Public Schools.



CODING AND ROBOTICS CLUB FLOURISHES AT RMS

On a Thursday afternoon, about 30 students filled the media center at Richards Middle School. Working in small groups and by themselves, they were busy coding Sphero robots to trace shapes on the floor. These students are part of the Coding and Robotics Club, one of the newest afterschool activities offered at RMS. Media Specialist Lori Wetzels organized the club after seeing an interest among students during the Hour of Code in December. She said students are enjoying the new club so much, they want to meet more frequently than every-other-week.



RMS and FHS Bands Get Collegiate Feedback

Two Wayne State University faculty members recently spent time working with both the Richards Middle School



and Fraser High School bands. Mr. Matt Younglove, Lecturer, Director of Athletic Bands and Applied Saxophone, hosted a clinic at RMS and Dr. Wendy Matthews, Assistant Professor for Instrumental Music Education, hosted a clinic at FHS. The professionals listened to, and rehearsed with the groups, and made comments and suggestions for improvement as the bands prepared for the MSBOA Band Festival.

Marathon Project at Edison



Students in the sixth grade at Edison Elementary are working on a Marathon

Project for the Social Studies Olympiad. The students had to organize a long-term social studies project that demonstrated their knowledge, core democratic values and social participation in the community.

The students decided to work with the American Cancer Society for their project. They partnered with local businesses to display jars to collect money, and have held hat day fundraisers at school.

Salk Teacher Wins VFW Award



Sixth-grade teacher Kelly Jenks was recognized by VFW Post 6691 for her commitment to teaching civic responsibility. Members of the post presented her with the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. The class was also presented with the Youth Activities Award from Post 6691. Mrs. Jenks was nominated by Salk Principal Dr. Donna Anderson. In November, Mrs. Jenks' class wrote general letters to veterans. Instead of ending the lesson there, she hand delivered them to Post 6691. Mrs. Jenks is now in the running to win the award on a District level, with the potential to move on to the State and National levels.

"I want my students to be knowledgeable, active citizens that are involved in their community," she said. "I promote these ideologies through various tasks that empower my students and show them that they CAN make a difference."

Mrs. Jenks also received \$200 from the Post and the Ladies' Auxiliary, which she'll use in her classroom.

DIA Away Mobile Classroom visits FPS

The Detroit Institute of Art's mobile classroom came to Salk Elementary during the last week of February. All 4th and 5th grade students from the District's six elementary schools had the opportunity to experience the hands-on program. They were encouraged to think like an artist through observing reproductions of some of the DIA's collection, then had an opportunity to use their creative thinking skills and create their own art. The mobile classroom will be returning at the end of March to make up for the classes that missed because of the snow day.



FHS's Parker Authier Learning to Lead

Fraser High School Junior Parker Authier is among 38 high school students that are part of the Junior Leadership Macomb (JLM) Class III.

JLM is a leadership program designed to create opportunities for students to realize their leadership potential, provide access to a network of professionals, foster a commitment to community involvement, and expose students to the systems that make up Macomb County.

"Junior Leadership Macomb has opened my eyes to concepts that I never had to think about before: where does our water come from, how is it treated, how does pollution affect the land around us? These are all questions that I never even considered before taking part in this program. And now, afterwards, I know the answers to, and importance of, each one," Authier said.

The program meets once a month for eight months. It started last September and will conclude with a graduation ceremony in May. Students have already completed sessions on community assets, environment, leadership, and community and human services. Each session includes speakers from a variety of roles in the community – including business leaders, entrepreneurs, elected officials and past JLM graduates.

Parker is a section leader in the FHS marching band, and a member of the Tri-M music honor society and Student Council.

"Overall, skills I have learned through both JLM and the Student Council at the high school have prepared me to become a better leader, and have shown me that pushing outside of your comfort zone is not as scary or difficult as it seems," Authier said.



Students Interview Administrators

Students in 6th grade at Disney Elementary interviewed three of Fraser’s finest administrators for an upcoming writing piece. The students are writing an opinion paper on whether or not public schools should implement a year-round schedule. While researching, many students began asking their friends and teachers some great questions and began to wonder what research had FPS done on year-round school, and had they reached an opinion on the subject?

After compiling questions that would help them in their research, the students gathered in the media center and posed them to Superintendent Dr. Richards, Fraser High School Principal Dr. Lonze and Richards Middle School Principal Mr. Julian.

The students asked a lot of hard questions and did not go easy on their administrative panel. Topics included: what might be best for Fraser students, cost and expenditure effectiveness, benefits to struggling families, extracurricular activities, maintenance, childcare and even administrative personal preferences.

During the entire panel, students were intently focused on every word and taking notes in order to compare to previous notes and research. Students were extremely grateful for the opportunity to focus their research on the Fraser perspective, as well as to ask those they look up to as leaders in the educational journey.

Twain Students Take Top Honors in Art Contest



Artwork created by five Twain Elementary students will be displayed at Macomb Mall later this month. The students were among the winners chosen from more than 1,000 entries to the Project Art in Roseville (PAIR) Paper Art Expo.

Submissions are judged in four categories based on grade level.

This is the seventh year for the annual art contest, which is open to students in kindergarten through 8th grade in all public and private schools within the city of Roseville. There is only one rule for the contest, all submissions need to be on or made from a standard piece of white paper.

The students will receive certificates of recognition at the Roseville City Council meeting on March 22. Their works of art, along with all of the submissions, will also be displayed at Macomb Mall beginning March 22 and continuing through April.

Restaurant Review



Emerson Elementary second graders recently learned about writing restaurant reviews. To test what they learned, they went to El Charro to do some research. They enjoyed a festive lunch, took notes, then wrote a review of their experience. The verdict – it was delicious!

100 Days of School



February 17 marked the 100th day of school, and classes throughout the District had special events to celebrate. At Dooley, DK students visited various stations to complete a task that involved the number 100. They even had a 100th Day museum where students collected 100 things from home and displayed them at school.

Edison Elementary 1st graders incorporated the 100th day into their math learning. They had a 100-day parade, made 100-day stew, counted to 100, and invited parents to play 100 themed activities.





Random Acts of Kindness at Eisenhower

Every February, Eisenhower Elementary celebrates Random Acts of Kindness week. At the beginning of the week, kindergarten students paired up with their 6th-grade buddies to brainstorm different ways to show kindness. Using the suggestions they came up with, they decorated hands for the hallways. Then each student selected a random act of kindness they planned on completing by the end of the week.

Some of the acts were to open a door for someone, be a partner with someone new, tell someone "great job," send a kind note, and high-five the principal!

The school also held special days to re-enforce the week. This included wearing blue to show your unity; wearing jerseys to score points by helping others; and dress like a hippie for peace, love and kindness.

On the first day, one student wore a shirt that summed up the week, it read, "Share Your Kindness, Show Your Love, Follow Your Heart!"

Special Valentines from Dooley

DK students in Mrs. Chesley's class at the Dooley Center spent the beginning of February writing letters and making special valentines for other DK students to celebrate Valentine's Day.



At the end of the week, they addressed them and gave them to Joe, the USPS letter carrier. Students were thrilled to receive them a few days later in their mail at home!

Salk Families Warm Up With Good Books

Salk families snuggled up in their pajamas with blankets and pillows in classrooms throughout the building and warmed up with a good book on the evening of February 4.

Students also participated in a book swap in the gym with books they brought from home. The media center was open for reading and everyone got to write their favorite book title, author or series on a heart and add it to a display on the doors. Along with enjoying hot cocoa and cookies, all students who attended were entered into a book raffle. Every 15 minutes, winners got to pick a book from the prize cart.

The families enjoyed spending quality time reading together throughout the school with their teachers, other staff members and friends. Special thanks to Ms. Deneweth, Mrs. Makowski and Mrs. Sutter for organizing this fun-filled evening.



Mindset Mondays at Emerson

From now until the end of the school year, Mrs. Lauer's and Ms. Shall's 4th grade classes will participate in Mindset Mondays. They will work with Mrs. Stephanie Collins on how to develop, and the importance of, a growth mindset.

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

- When the last 5 tickets are remaining the ticket holders will be asked if they want to split the money among themselves, or draw for 5th place.
- If the decision is to split the money, the Reverse Raffle is ended.
- If it is decided to draw again, the process will continue by asking the remaining 4 ticket holders the same question.
- This process continues until the remaining ticket holders have decided upon splitting the money or continuing the drawing.
- For any questions regarding this process, please contact the Athletic Department.

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.

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\$7,500 to Last Ticket Drawn
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FPS Hosts Educators from Across Michigan

More than 30 educators from five school districts across southern Michigan came to Fraser High School on February 3 for an Educator Site Visit. They started their day at Fraser High School, then split into tailored groups. Half of the attendees visited Disney Elementary. They were able to talk to students and staff, and select sixth grade students led them on tours through the building. Everyone seemed to be impressed by the innovations taking place within Fraser Public Schools, especially the technology and Idea Lab.



Rope Warrior Visits Eisenhower

Rope Warrior David Fisher visited Eisenhower Elementary on February 24 and showed off some of his amazing jump rope tricks. Fisher got all of the students moving and shared with them some jump rope tricks. He also talked to them about wellness and creative physical fitness. Fisher currently holds the Guinness World Record for the most "rump jumps" (jumping rope while reclining on his bottom) in one minute: 56.



RMS Vocal Solo & Ensemble Results

Congratulations to the four Richards Middle School choir students who participated in the Michigan School Vocal Music Association District 16 Solo and Ensemble Festival. Each student performed two classical songs by memory in front of an adjudicator, who then gave feedback before their performance rating was posted. The students performed one song in English and one song in a foreign language. The four students chose Italian as their foreign language song and they performed brilliantly!

Brooke Arnold,
Superior

Jenna Cotey,
Excellent

Sarah Wallace,
Superior

Marissa Rogers,
Excellent

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Spring Craft Show

March 12, 2016

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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