

Over the Fence

DISTRICT TESTS FOR LEAD: All Buildings Well Below Limits

In light of the water crisis in Flint and surrounding areas, Fraser Public Schools contracted an independent lab to test the water levels in all buildings.

"It's the District's responsibility to provide a safe environment for our students, staff and community," said Gerry Gauthier, president of the Board of Education. "Water testing is one of the many procedures taken to assure that safe environment."

Paragon Laboratories, based in Livonia, conducted the tests in all District buildings. The water was tested after sitting all night.

"Fraser Public Schools took the initiative to have all of our buildings tested as a precautionary measure," said Superintendent Dr. Dave Richards.

"Our goal was to be proactive rather than reactive, and we are pleased that the results have shown our water sources are significantly below the acceptable levels."

The results came back well-below the standard set by the Environmental Protection Agency. A majority of the samples had no detectable levels of lead.

"Student and staff safety and welfare is our top priority," said Director of Operations and Maintenance Dan Waters. "With everything in the news about cities and other districts detecting lead in their water, FPS wanted to ensure our buildings were safe."

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, who provides water to FPS, also tests the water monthly.

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Board of Education.



Training Builds Partnership Between Police, Schools

About 15 members of the Fraser Department of Public Safety recently gathered in a classroom at Richards Middle School one evening when the building was empty. They were there to practice their skills in the event of an active shooter or violent situation.

"We hope we never have to use it, but you have to train for the unknown," said Detective David Bisby. "The training that we do is applicable to any sort of violent situation, not just something in the school."

After a brief meeting, officers split into small groups to seek out another officer, acting as an active shooter hiding somewhere in the building.

"The opportunity to allow our Fraser Public Safety to conduct their active shooter training in our schools is critically important if there ever was a situation where we needed our law enforcement officers to secure our buildings," said Superintendent Dr. Dave Richards. "By allowing them to train in our hallways, they not only become familiar with our buildings, but

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CURRICULUM CORNER

The summer break is fast approaching, and there are many opportunities for learning to continue at home.

“Fraser has proven learning does not stop when the bell rings on the last day of school,” said 21st Century teacher Jarod McGuffey. “Kids will learn at their best this summer when they are relaxed, having authentic conversations with adults, inspired to inquire, and reminded that their brain needs to be challenged with ‘Thinking Exercise.’”

Research shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer. Below are some of the many options to continue learning before school starts in September.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dreambox – Students can continue to work within Dreambox to maintain and improve their math skills. Dreambox makes math relevant and provides feedback for students to continue improving.

IXL Math & ELA – Students can select their grade level and specific skill they choose to work on. Each student will receive immediate and specific feedback after answering each question.

Magic Tree House – Students climb up the tree and enter the tree house to find some great puzzles, fun games and quizzes on any of the 45+ MTH books.

Science Bob – Science Bob is a fun, interactive site that has several different areas for kids to choose from. There are videos, experiments, science fair ideas and a research help link with many fantastic links to other sites.

Questionaut – Questionaut is a Math, English and Science game from the BBC. The premise of the game is a standard question/answer delivery, but students will have to work and explore to be given the questions.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Moby Max – Parents can sign up for a free account to monitor their children online. It offers personalized lessons for students in math, ELA, reading and test preparation.

KUTA Software – Students and parents can access this site for more standard pre-algebra and algebra worksheets with practice and answer keys.

NoRedInk.com – Provides free grammar review and allows students to track their progress over time.

Newsela.com – Newsela provides current events and daily news in an easy-to-understand way for students. Quizzes at the end of articles gauge students’ reading comprehension.

HIGH SCHOOL

Khan Academy SAT Prep – It is never too early to become familiar with the types of questions on the PSAT and SAT. The Khan Academy offers free resources for high school students, including personalized practice questions and full-length practice tests.

2ND – 6TH GRADE (‘15–’16 SCHOOL YEAR) HYBRID SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

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.

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

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.

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.

Training Builds Partnership Between Police, Schools

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they are able to develop an understanding of the stairwells, hallways and classroom layouts.”

The department trains in shifts, and each shift tries to practice what they've learned twice a year. “Familiarity with the building is key,” Bisby said. He added that two-thirds of the department work when schools are closed, so having an opportunity to train inside a school is important.

“We are truly blessed in Fraser to have a highly qualified department of police officers to protect our schools and our students. By working together, our schools and public safety department are taking the necessary steps to provide a safe learning environment for our students and staff,” Richards said.

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Detective David Bisby
Fraser Police Department

RMS Named Top Emerald School in County

Richards Middle School was presented with the Top Emerald School Award at the Michigan Green Schools Award Program on April 15 at the MISD. A school is eligible to receive a Green School, Emerald School or Evergreen School Environmental Stewardship Designation if the school or students perform at least two green activities from the four categories of Reduce/Reuse/Recycle, Energy, Environmental Protection and Miscellaneous. To earn the Emerald School designation, RMS completed 15 total activities.

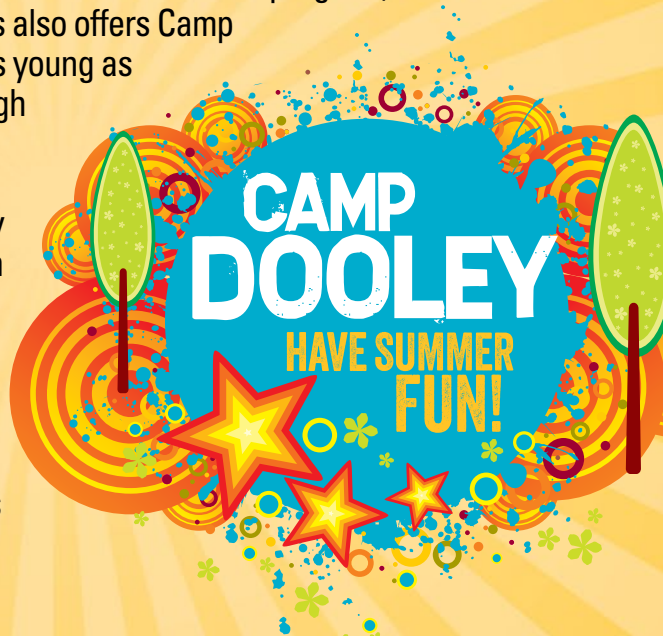
RMS procured the highest number of points out of all the Emerald Schools in Macomb County. They earned that honor by transforming the RMS courtyard into a more organic green zone, focusing on creating a butterfly/bee sanctuary, and collaborating with FPS food service to compost leftovers from the RMS kitchen. Also, they continue to recycle paper and plastic, reusing old magazines in the RMS maker-space, and holding a fundraiser for their adopted Detroit Zoo animals. Finally, they spent an afternoon clearing debris and trash from the watershed on Garfield Road.

Thanks to Ms. Thompson, Mrs. Impellizzeri and the entire Go Green club for their hard work in making this possible!



CAMP DOOLEY OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

In addition to our hybrid summer school program, Fraser Public Schools also offers Camp Dooley for children as young as two-and-a-half through current 3rd-graders. Registration is going on now. Camp Dooley runs Monday through Friday, beginning June 20, and continuing through August 26. For more information, see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 586.439.7600

Fraser Public Schools Key Tags Now Available

Parents are our biggest source for new students! More than one-third of our students are here because of the great things they hear from parents. We encourage everyone to tell a friend, family member or co-worker about Fraser Public Schools and the great things happening here. In effort to help spread the word, we have created FPS key tags. The tags include our phone number, website and QR code to **GoToFraser.com**. The tags can be found in the office at every building.



ANNUAL EDUCATION REPORTS NOW AVAILABLE

All schools in Michigan are required to post an Annual Education Report (AER). The federal components of the Annual Education Report (AER) provide detailed information about the status of education in Michigan's public schools, public school academies and districts, and Michigan's statewide performance. This report provides information on Teacher Quality, Student Assessment and Accountability for schools, districts and the state in one convenient place. All of the Fraser Schools have completed and posted reports on the District website; **click here to view**. A printed copy is also available to view at your child's home school.



Salk Students Win First Place in Macomb County Bar Association Essay Contest



Four 6th-grade students from Salk Elementary won first place in the county-wide Law Day Poster and Essay contest sponsored by the Macomb County Bar Foundation. The contest was open to all Macomb County students in grades 1 through 8. The theme was "Miranda: More than Words."

"I wanted to show my students how they can take a mandatory writing topic and twist it into being something that they want to write about through creativity and knowledge of the subject," said teacher Kelly Jenks.

All essays had to be 300 words or less. But after brainstorming ideas and learning about Miranda rights, four students in Kelly Jenks' 6th-grade class felt they needed more words to explain it. The students, Olivia Gilcher, Ella Scally, Grace Oluwole and Calvin Hill, decided to take a chance and write the essay in four parts, knowing it might result in automatic disqualification.

"At first I thought, 'Oh no, we won't have a chance,' because our essay will be over 300 words," said Calvin Hill. "Then I thought it'll definitely get the judges' attention and stump them because it will be different."

The judges said during the awards presentation in front of parents, teachers and principals that they had never received an essay written in parts. The students received a certificate and \$25 gift card. But they also learned more about their rights and the writing process.

"I thought it was just an essay contest, but I learned Miranda is very important to our history and to our rights," said Ella Scally.

Fraser Public Schools Recognizes Longtime Supporter

"Life has just been good to me," said Delia Martin, Fraser Education Foundation (FEF) trustee, longtime District supporter and founder of El Charro Mexican Restaurant. Superintendent Dr. David Richards presented a plaque to Mrs. Martin and her family for their continued support at the April 18 Board of Education meeting. Mrs. Martin has been a member of the FEF since 2008, and a District parent and supporter for many years before then.

Mrs. Martin recently purchased a \$100,000 life insurance policy and named the FEF and the District as beneficiaries. The policy will be split between the performing arts programs at Fraser High School and teacher mini grants. "Delia's generosity and continued support of Fraser Public Schools sets an example for everyone," said Dr. Richards. "This policy ensures her spirit of giving will continue for many years to come in Fraser."

Mrs. Martin said the idea came to her when she was purchasing a policy to benefit her grandchildren and thought, "why can't I do this for the schools?" My children are content in their lives, she said. They told me to do what makes me happy.

Mrs. Martin has personally funded teacher mini grants throughout the District. Her family's business, El Charro Mexican Restaurant, also hosts numerous fundraisers for the District throughout the year. "We have been so fortunate with these businesses that it's time for us to give back," Mrs. Martin said.

Mrs. Martin's four children, George Junior, Mark, Jeffrey and Lynn, graduated from Fraser High School. She said the dedication of the staff she saw as a parent was reinforced when she joined the FEF.

Andrea Filip, a third-grade teacher at Disney Elementary, received a \$3,000 mini grant from the Martin family this year. She purchased flexible seating, books, prize wheels and historical costumes for her students to use in Social Studies Olympiad. "I thought I would aim for the stars and apply for the grant," Filip said. "I was so surprised when I found out it was selected."





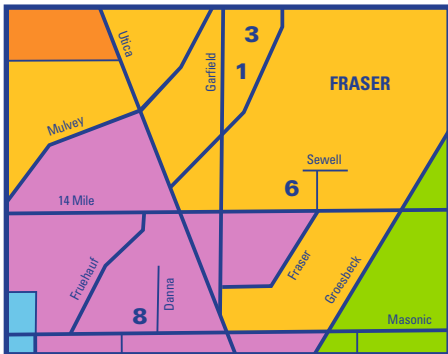
DK Erupts with Science

The Developmental Kindergarten class at the Dooley Center has been learning about animal life cycles and animals that come from eggs vs. mammals that are born alive. Recently, they learned that reptiles and dinosaurs are born from eggs. Their discussion about dinosaurs led to some theories as to why they are now extinct, including a massive volcanic eruption.

Students were very interested in learning more about volcanoes and made some of their own from plastic containers and paper mâché. They learned that magma is melted rock that builds up inside a volcano and when there's too much pressure, it erupts. To demonstrate, they put "magma" in their volcano (red food dye) and erupted it with a mixture of baking soda, and vinegar!

Redesigned District Map

Fraser Public Schools is proud to unveil a newly redesigned District Map. The map is now easier to read and brightly colored to show each elementary school's boundaries. It also includes contact information for each school, the Administration Building and the District. [Click here](#) to view the full-size map.



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD COUNTY RESULTS

Fraser Elementary students participated in the 31st Annual Macomb County Science Olympiad on April 23, which was held at Macomb Community College – South Campus. Thirty-nine public, private and home-schooled teams, grades 4-6, competed against each other.

"Students really enjoyed competing against the other schools around the county and being able to see the different ideas each school came up with when creating cars and water bottle rockets. They loved participating in all the open events available to them around the campus," said Kelli Provost, teacher and Science Olympiad coach at Salk Elementary.

Amy Laidlaw, Olympiad coach from Eisenhower Elementary said, "Science Olympiad is a great experience for the kids. It gives them a chance to shine and share their love for science!"



TEAM RESULTS

- Disney** – 13th Place
- Edison** – 15th Place
- Eisenhower** – 17th Place
- Emerson** – 20th Place
- Salk** – 23rd Place
- Twain** – 36th Place

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

- A is for Anatomy** – 4th Place, Emerson Elementary
- Car Crash Eggspert** – 4th Place, Salk Elementary; 8th Place, Eisenhower Elementary
- Charged Up** – 6th Place, Eisenhower Elementary
- Crime Busters** – 7th Place, Disney Elementary
- Ping Pong Propulsion** – 1st Place, Disney Elementary; 3rd Place, Emerson Elementary; 6th Place, Twain Elementary; 7th Place, Eisenhower Elementary
- Reflection Relay** – 6th Place, Twain Elementary
- Rock Hound** – 7th Place, Eisenhower Elementary
- Simple Machines** – 8th Place, Emerson Elementary
- Starry Starry Night** – 9th Place, Emerson Elementary
- Water Bottle Rockets** – 7th Place, Disney Elementary
- Weather or Not** – 4th Place, Disney Elementary; 7th Place, Edison Elementary
- Wild Life Safari** – 5th Place, Edison Elementary



Eisenhower Elementary



Eisenhower Elementary



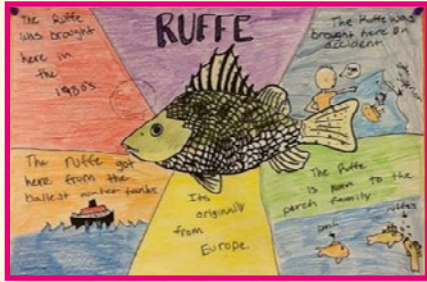
Emerson Elementary



Mark Twain Elementary



Salk Elementary



STUDENTS CREATE INVASIVE SPECIES CALENDAR

The students in 4th grade at Disney Elementary School learned about invasive species and how they are damaging our beautiful state of Michigan. As part of the science curriculum, the students created posters about the invasive plants and bugs that are now taking over or causing harm in our ecosystem.

Students wrote information booklets about an invasive species. They also wrote letters to Michigan's elected officials to make them aware of this problem, and made posters to show off their art skills. Teacher Mrs. Kim Argiri-Slone and student teacher Ms. Harper Pizzimenti chose 12 posters and created a 2017 Invasive Species Calendar.

Calendars are \$5 each and students hope to sell 100 to help raise money for and awareness of this problem. All proceeds will benefit the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network. [Click here](#) to download the calendar order form.

If you would like to order a calendar, please send order form and payment to:
Walt Disney Elementary
36155 Kelly Road
Clinton Twp., MI 48035



Cranbrook Science Night at Salk

The 2nd-grade students at Salk Elementary and their families enjoyed the Fourth Annual Cranbrook Family Science Night. As part of their "Science on the Go" program, Cranbrook Science Institute educators visited Salk and set up 14 fun, hands-on activities. Stations included astronomy, learning about the constellations; chemistry, discovering properties; earth science, uncovering and identifying dinosaur bones; life science, examining a model of the heart, using a stethoscope, and identifying insects; physical science, using magnets, learning changes of states from solid to liquid, and examining "oobleck;" and mathematics, using 3D models for spatial knowledge, and experiencing static electricity with the Van de Graff Generator.

At each station, a trained volunteer offered one-on-one instruction for parents and students. Parents were thrilled that they were invited to attend this event. Some parents were seen holding the Madagascar cockroach and others were caught digging for dinosaur bones!

"This is the fourth year of having our Family Science Night in-house field trip," said Mrs. Chambers, 2nd-grade teacher. "However, it is our students' first time attending, since it is for 2nd-graders only. This in-house event is a student favorite and is talked about for years to come!"



Eagle Scout Project at Edison



Fraser High School freshman Hunter Soper is working to achieve Boy Scouts of America's highest rank of Eagle Scout. That level requires a service project that Hunter had to plan, organize, lead and manage. When it came time to determine what that project would be, he knew where to start: Edison Elementary.

"It's my old elementary school, so I wanted to find something here," Soper said.

He met with Edison Principal Dr. Kristi Weiss to brainstorm ideas. They determined the basketball court on the playground would be the best fit.

"He had several proposals, and the painting of the basketball court seemed the best idea since our students LOVE to play basketball," Weiss said.

Hunter then had to fundraise for supplies, paint, nets and everything he needed to complete the project. He hosted bottle drives in several neighborhoods, picking them up and returning them every week for several months. He raised about \$1,100 through his efforts. Once he got started, it took two full days to paint every inch of the court.

"When I saw the completed project, I was amazed," Weiss said. "I thought Hunter was just going to re-stripe the faded lines. Little did I know he painted every single thing — the entire court, the key, the backboards, and added new nets."

He says seeing the finished product was worth the effort.

"It's nice to see the kids using it," he said.

Hunter now has to complete and submit all the paperwork to determine if he will achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.



Fraser Singers Conquer Windy City

More than 40 members of the Fraser Singers brought home gold medals at the WorldStrides OnStage Chicago Heritage Festival. Students began preparing at the beginning of the school year for the event that was held at the end of April.

"The Fraser Performing Arts Department has always been strong and I'm just pleased that Mr. Brooks Hoste, my accompanist, Ms. Wagner and I were able to continue the tradition of excellence at this national competition," said Nic Charland, vocal music teacher at Fraser High School.

The 41 students prepared two sets of music, one for Chamber Choir and one for Show Choir. They performed in front of a panel of judges and peers, and received immediate feedback on their performances.



"The students worked extremely hard for this, and I'm so pleased and proud of them. This is their win, their achievement."

Nic Charland
FHS Vocal Music Teacher

Show Choir earned a gold medal, as did the Chamber Choir, which also placed second among the choirs performing. Brenna Darden and Grace Ziegenfelder received Maestro Awards for outstanding solos. The Fraser Singers were invited to participate in a Festival of Gold at a later date.

Elementary Vocal Music CONCERT TOUR

"We want to join the choir that wear the yellow t-shirts, and tour the schools!" is the request being made by 5th- and 6th-grade students each year to Mrs. Hagerty and Mr. Perkins, co-directors of the Fraser Youth Choir and RMS Show Choir.



Every year the choirs perform a 25-minute concert at each of the elementary schools in the District. Even though performing in front of their peers and teachers at their school can be nerve-racking, students really love showing off what they have learned. What the show choir students love most about the tour is going back to their home school and seeing their teachers and students again!

At this year's performance, the Fraser Youth Choir sang and danced to Be OK, Hound Dog, and Daydream Believer. The RMS Show Choir sang and danced to Sweet Home Chicago, New Light Shining, Love is an Open Door, and

Celebration. The choreography was done by Alyssa Vodak, FHS senior, and Matthew Jacobs, FHS junior.

"The performing arts is a prime example of showing the public what students are learning, how they are learning, and the quality they are learning. Every person has a job to do in the ensemble, whether that be in a band, orchestra or choir. There are no 'bench players.' This tradition that we have titled 'The Elementary Tour,' shows exactly this to the student's peers, staff and family members. This tour also plays a vital role in recruitment for our vocal music department. The goal is to spark an interest to as many students as we can. Music is a necessity to a child's education, and for an after-school choir group like the Fraser Youth Choir, Mrs. Hagerty and I feel that there is a spot in the choir for every student who wishes to be a part of it," said Mr. Perkins

Food, Glorious Food Concert

The 1st-, 2nd- and 3rd-grade classes at Twain and Eisenhower elementary schools, under the direction of Mrs. Lisa Paradowski, performed "Food, Glorious Food" for their spring vocal concert. Each year the classes perform a concert with a different theme. The food theme is one of Mrs. Paradowski's favorites, because there are so many fun and familiar songs that have food in the lyrics. She said she chooses the theme about a year in advance because, "I like to let ideas 'marinate' for a while, so that we make each song extra special."

The bar was raised this year, when students incorporated some advanced parts with poetry, melodies and rhythms. The food-themed concert was very well received by the audience, and the students' hard work definitely paid off with a great show!





Disney Students Explain the Brain

Four 6th-grade students at Disney Elementary recently completed the Brainology program and wanted to share what they learned with their classmates. First they approached Stephanie Collins, the growth mindset teacher who taught the Brainology program, and asked if she would come to their class and share with their peers.

"I challenged them to instead create a presentation and present it for themselves," Collins said. "They took that challenge head-on and made the presentation."

The students, Kyra Harper, Vincenzo Pizzo, Simon Gjinaj and Aarya Datta, used their flex time to brainstorm topics they wanted to cover. They completed an engaging presentation and created a worksheet for their classmates to complete.

The Brainology program teaches students how the brain works, how to strengthen their own brains, and the importance of a growth mindset.

"After completing the presentation, they asked their classmates how they could stay positive and maintain a growth mindset, and how they might be able to encourage their friends to keep a positive attitude," Collins said. "They wanted to make sure that all of the 6th-graders, especially the ones who didn't get a chance to participate in the Brainology program, had an opportunity to learn more about the brain."

The students presented to both 6th-grade classes at Disney.



Saving Animals and the Planet

Salk Elementary students Gabby Tonn and Noah Tonn created a new club at the beginning of the school year: the Saving Animals Club. More than 50 3rd- and 4th-grade students participate in the club, along with teacher sponsors Ms. Garland and Ms. Rubrich.

The club ran several fundraisers throughout the year to support the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) organization. The IFAW saves individual animals, animal populations and habitats all over the world. With projects in more than 40 countries, IFAW provides hands-on assistance to animals in need, whether it's dogs and cats, wildlife and livestock, or rescuing animals in the wake of disasters. They also advocate saving populations from cruelty and depletion. The Saving Animals Club raised nearly \$300 for the IFAW.

The Club also held a fundraiser for NBS Animal Rescue in Troy. They collected gently used shoes for the rescue center, which then sells them by the pound. The shoes are sent all over the world and the money supports the NBS mission of helping animals.

At the end of the fundraiser, representatives from NBS Animal Rescue visited Salk Elementary to collect the shoes. They brought four adoptable dogs for the children to meet and explained that NBS Animal Rescue is a 100 percent foster-based canine rescue that is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and adoption of healthy, well-balanced dogs and puppies into loving families. The Student Council also donated \$100 to NBS Animal Rescue.

It has been a very successful inaugural year for the Saving Animals Club. The students showed a lot of responsibility and compassion, and they did a wonderful job helping animals in need.

Fraser High School HOSA Recognized at State Conference



Members of the HOSA-Future Health Professionals recently represented Fraser High School in the 2016 State Leadership Conference in Traverse City. The students competed in several categories and took part in workshops and networking opportunities.

"Competition is low on the totem pole for Fraser HOSA members," said HOSA Adviser Marti Van-I. "We polled them early to determine their interests, and community service and education came up as their priorities."

The FHS HOSA chapter was recognized for raising money in conjunction with the HOSA National Service Project. Students raised more than \$3,300 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through several fundraisers.

Senior KayDee Muhleck was recognized for a newsletter she created, *HOSA Happenings*. The newsletter is distributed to HOSA members at FHS, as well as posted online.

Finally, the chapter was awarded the HOSA Chapter Reflection award, formerly called the Outstanding HOSA Chapter. Fraser was the only chapter in the state awarded this distinction. Students had to prepare a reflection book of all HOSA activities for the year that focused on the development of leadership skills, career opportunities and service learning among members.

"The new reflection piece encourages us to really look at our programming and reflect on our goals and mission," said Van-I.

Family Fun Night at Dooley Center Benefits Programs

Kids and parents were all smiles at the Dooley Center's annual Family Fun Night. "The event is a fun way for families to spend an evening together and get to know the families of their children's classmates," said Kathy Moroney, Dooley's Director of Early Childhood.

Minions and Clifford the Big Red Dog joined Dooley families in games, a basket raffle, an obstacle course, and

face painting while enjoying Kona Ice. HOSA students sponsored a Teddy Bear Repair Clinic, so that favorite fluffy friends could have a check up!

In addition to being a great family night, the event is also a fundraiser to help pay for some of the activities held at the center. Farm animals, Gymnastics and Little Creatures are just some of the events sponsored by this night.



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Kathy Moroney
Director of Early Childhood

Teddy Bear Repair Clinic

Going to the doctor's office can be rather intimidating for a young child, unless it is a doctor's office for stuffed animals! Fraser HOSA students hosted a Teddy Bear Repair Clinic in conjunction with Dooley's Family Fun Night on April 22. More than 100 children participated — either by bringing in their own fluffy friend, or by borrowing a HOSA animal that needed attention. "Patients" were registered at one station, then escorted to the exam table, had surgery if needed, and finally given a Band-Aid and sticker at the treatment station.



FROM 1984 TO 2016: STUDENTS DIVE DEEPER INTO READING ASSIGNMENT

Assigned reading may not be the highlight of any high school junior's school year, but after reading *1984* by George Orwell, students at Fraser High School took it a step further. They spent several classes collaborating, researching, writing and creating presentations based on inquiry questions they derived from their reading. Once their two- to three-minute mini-presentations were ready, they set up in the Media Center and shared their finding with fellow students.

Covered topics included Big Brother is listening, exploring the mob mentality, and censorship.



TEACHERS of the YEAR

Three Fraser teachers were recognized among their peers from surrounding districts at the annual Outstanding Teacher of the Year Banquet. Mary Palus, a 1st-grade teacher at Twain Elementary; Tanya Leon, a 7th-grade English teacher at Richards Middle School; and Sara Kennedy, a special education teacher at Fraser High School represented Fraser Public Schools.

"This great honor caught me completely by surprise, as all the other nominees are incredible colleagues who work diligently each and every day. I chose to teach because it's my passion; I love my students and cannot imagine spending my career doing anything but teaching them everyday," said Kennedy.

Leon and Palus echoed her passion for teaching.

"I always knew I wanted to work with the adolescents or teenagers, because I believe that every student has boundless potential, and they need someone who will remind them of that

during what can be those very trying years," said Leon.

"I was surprised, honored and humbled to be nominated Teacher of the Year! My own 1st-grade teacher was my inspiration to become a teacher," said Palus.

Other staff members nominated the three teachers, and many others, earlier this year. The teachers were also recognized at the May 9 Board of Education meeting.

Left to Right: Mary Palus, Tanya Leon and Sara Kennedy





Students Design Bookmarks

Salk Elementary held a bookmark design contest. Students were asked to design an original, hand-drawn bookmark based on one of three different themes: basketball, reading or Salk. The plan was to have judges select a winner in each category that would then have their design professionally printed as bookmarks and distributed through the media center. In true Salk style, the number of student entries was overwhelming: topping off at 186! After much deliberation, the judges chose 12 winning designs from students spanning all grade levels. Each winner received a poster size print of their design and a set of bookmarks to share with their class. The winners' designs are also on display outside the media center, and extra bookmarks were distributed upon request.

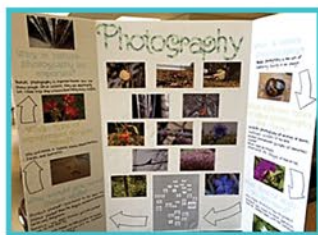
Congratulations to these very artistic Salk students:

- Miranda Prout**, Kindergarten
- Lauren Krajewski**, 1st grade
- Gavin Christensen**, 1st grade
- Brenna Krent**, 2nd grade
- Shelby Balten**, 2nd grade
- Marissa Gutow**, 3rd grade
- Nathan Blanchard**, 3rd grade
- Jacob Pogletke**, 4th grade
- Tyler Sovel**, 5th grade
- Amber Serio**, 5th grade
- Avery Sikorski**, 6th grade
- Avery Townsend**, 6th grade

Students Turn Their Passion into Learning

Students in Mr. and Mrs. Brodi's science classes at Richards Middle School were given the opportunity to explore a topic of their choice over the course of the school year. For the past eight months, students have been busy researching, collecting and organizing information for topics that range from how to help the homeless to programming and photography.

Once each project was completed, the RMS Broadcast team filmed a video presentation. The Broadcast team has been busy putting the video segments together, editing and publishing the work so they can share it with all of the students and staff.



Passion Projects, as they have become known around the world, are quickly transforming how students interact with their learning. Passion Projects are helping students take ownership of their learning by empowering them to see that they, too, can make a difference by focusing their energy on something they are truly passionate about!



Principal for the Day

Christopher Noll won the opportunity to be principal for the day at Emerson Elementary through the school's annual Box Tops for Education contest. The 4th-grade student enjoyed hanging out in Principal Argiri's office. He had several favorite duties, especially supervising the school with a walkie talkie.

Christopher spent a portion of the day rewarding "Pawsome" students with "My Principal is Proud of Me" pencils. He also extended 4th-grade recess by 15 minutes!



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Don't forget to check out the District's website for a calendar of events at:

www.Fraser.k12.mi.us



Richards Middle School Walk-a-thon

Richards Middle School students raised more than \$10,000 in the annual Walk-a-thon. The event was held on Monday, May 2 at the FHS track. More than 300 students participated despite a light rain and overcast skies. The money raised will be used for school-wide PBIS events.



Meteorologists for the Day



Eisenhower Elementary students recently had the exciting opportunity to visit WDIV-TV studios. A WDIV producer arranged for the students to meet and ask meteorologist Brandon Roux questions about weather. One of the students brought notes from their research on weather and asked questions for a better understanding. They discussed weather instruments, clouds and how breaking weather is reported.

They were able to watch the noon news broadcast, which was fascinating to the students and their teacher, Mrs. Amy Laidlaw.

"Brandon Roux was so nice to the kids ... he probably spent 45 minutes with them answering questions. After the news, he let them experiment with the green screen and act out reporting the

weather. I was really impressed with the time he spent with them and how genuinely interested he was in helping and interacting with the kids," said Mrs. Laidlaw.

All four students competed at the Macomb Science Olympiad in the Weather or Not event. It was a great experience for them to see how all things they have been learning about are used in the real world.

Nearly \$500 Raised Through Red Wings Fundraiser

Forty-eight members of the Fraser community came out on a rainy night in late March to support the Fraser Education Foundation and watch the Red Wings take on the Montreal Canadiens. The fans took a bus from Fraser High School down to Joe Louis Arena. The Wings won the game and the FEF made \$480. The FEF uses the money to support teacher mini grants and student scholarships. Their next fundraiser is a bowling event on June 3. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.





Student Athletes to Continue in College

Five student athletes from Fraser High School will continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. They gathered in the FHS media center with their families, teammates, FHS coaches and college coaches for a signing event.

FHS Athletic Director Shane Redshaw. "They've spent four years on a high school team, working hard, putting in their time, and now it's paying off. It's rewarding for me, too. It shows us that these students had a good high school experience. There's so few students who get the opportunity to play at the college level."

Four of the students will stay in Michigan, while Tyler Ledford travels 700 miles to play soccer at Waldorf University in Forest City, Iowa.

"It's going to be different," Ledford said. "It will be both a very new and different experience. This is my dream come true; I feel like I've accomplished my big goal in high school."

THE STUDENTS TO SIGN ARE:

- Luke Waldorf**, football at Siena Heights University
- Casey Spencer**, softball at Macomb Community College
- Tyler Ledford**, soccer at Waldorf University
- Gabrielle Anderson**, golf at Siena Heights University
- Austin Rassey**, soccer at Lawrence Technological University

Educators Present at Galileo Conference

Fraser's current Galileo teacher leaders presented their action research at Oakland Schools along with 25 other school districts from across the region. Mike Demetral, Kyle Ray, Jarod McGuffey and Helena Fisher were well-prepared and showcased Fraser's innovation in teaching, leading and learning. The mission of this fair was to advance the development of teacher leadership to ensure high levels of learning for all. Thank you for your hard work and continual professional learning!



Social Reform Project Focuses on Flint

Earlier this year, 8th-grade students at Richards Middle School learned about social reform in America in the years before the Civil War. As part of this unit, they created a "Social Reform Proposal" that addressed both a historical issue and a current issue in our society. Students took a critical look at the problems they saw in our world, then put together a plan for how to go about changing these problems.

Students Rachel McMenamin, Marisa Sciriha, Victoria Kovac and Isobel Muskovin chose the Flint Water Crisis as the subject of their proposal and created a public service announcement. They decided to take it to the next level and organized a water drive to help the residents of Flint, handling every detail independently — from advertisement of the water drive to delivering the water. Their hard work and initiative paid off — more than two dozen cases of water were donated to help the people of Flint.



PROM fashion SHOW

Students looking for inspiration for what to wear to prom this year were treated to a fashion show organized by three fellow students. Maddy Byrne, Marissa Talluto and Noelle East are students in independent study Fashion Design. They worked together to organize the show, which matched the prom theme of "A Night at Gatsby's." Dresses and tuxedos were donated to the show from five local businesses and modeled by other students.

"They learn important life skills in working with businesses, following up, responsibility, perseverance and determination," said Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher Stacie Yokhana.



FRASER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

BOWLING FUNDRAISER

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The mission of Fraser Educational Foundation is to provide funding that will enhance teacher creativity, student enrichment, and community involvement through activities that go beyond the scope of normally-funded school budgets and responsibilities.

JUNE 3, 2016

Check-in: 7:00 p.m. • Bowling Starts: 7:30 p.m.
Fraser Lanes • 33042 Garfield Rd, Fraser

\$20 INCLUDES:
3 Games, Pizza and Pop

PRIZES AND BASKET RAFFLES!
\$2 Shoe Rental Available

CONTACT NAME _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

Mail or Drop Off To:
Attn: Fraser Educational Foundation
33466 Garfield
Fraser, MI 48026

For More Information Contact:
Michelle Wenner 586.439.7004
Kristin Ledford 586.439.7007

Additional Bowlers (optional; max 5 per lane)

Sorry, I cannot participate. Enclosed is my donation
\$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE FRASER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION



MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016
SHOTGUN START AT 9 A.M.



GOWANIE GOLF CLUB
M T . C L E M E N S , M I

Proceeds will benefit the Fraser Public Schools Athletic Scholarship Program

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.

SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

For more information, please contact Kristin Ledford at **Kristin.Ledford@fraserk12.org**.

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



CAMP DOOLEY

HAVE SUMMER
FUN!

**JUNE 20 TO
AUGUST 26**

(CLOSED JULY 1 – 4 FOR HOLIDAY)

**MONDAY – FRIDAY
7:00 AM – 6:00 PM**

\$4.50 PER HOUR

REGISTRATION

\$60 per child | \$75 for family *(includes a t-shirt and a water bottle)*

Pre-register and pay your registration fee online

- 1 Go to www.fraser.k12.mi.us.
- 2 Under the Our Schools tab, click on Dooley.
- 3 Under the Announcements section, click on Camp Dooley Registration.

Come to the Dooley office to finish registration and reserve your spot today!

Please bring the following:

- 1 Current Immunization Record
- 2 Birth Certificate
- 3 Current Physical Form

Campers must be 2 1/2 years old and fully potty trained through current 3rd-graders.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 586.439.7600