



# The Falcon Flyer



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## Message from the Office

### SEASON'S GREETINGS!

December will be a very busy month at Ferndale Public School. We have many holiday events planned for our students, so be sure to check our December calendar to note all of these special events.

During December, Ferndale will once again be helping families in need, both within our community and around the world. With our Grade 8s taking the lead, along with Mrs. Nash and Mrs. Lech, we will be collecting spare change to help families in third world countries. We will also be gathering non-perishable food items to donate to Community Care this holiday season. For further information about our Change for Change initiative, please read the attached information.

On behalf of the staff at Ferndale, we would like to extend our best wishes to all for a peaceful, joyful and healthy holiday season!



## Ferndale Breakfast Program

Ferndale's Breakfast Program would be happy to accept food donations that meet the Nutrition Partner's Guidelines:

**Cereals, Grains & Breads** (low fat, low sugar and low sodium/min. 2 g Fibre per serving)

- Multi-grain Cheerios
- Raisin Bran
- Life Brand
- Whole Wheat English Muffins, Bagels or Bread
- Whole Grain Crackers (eg Triscuits)
- Nutri-Grain Cereal Bars
- Fibre Plus Eggo Waffles

**Fruit Juice** (100% juice, no sugar added)

- Apple Juice
- Frozen Orange Juice
- Grape Juice
- Juice Boxes (no pineapple or kiwi)



**Fruit** (no sugar added; no pineapple or kiwi)

- Fruit Cups
- Family size cans or jars
- Frozen
- Fresh oranges, apples, melons

### Miscellaneous

- Jam (no sugar added)
- Ketchup
- Cheese Whiz
- Ziploc Lunch Bags
- Paper Napkins

Our milk is donated by Ferndale School

Our eggs are provided by the Ontario Egg Farmers Assn

**We cannot serve any foods containing peanuts or other nuts; pineapple or kiwi.**

### Welcome

A warm Falcon welcome goes out to Miss Kristen Wink. Miss Wink will be teaching Grade 1 / 2 until the end of June while Ms. Garrad is on maternity leave, enjoying her new baby boy.

Also, welcome to Mrs. Marg Anderson, our new Head Caretaker. Mrs. Anderson has come to us from Prince Philip School. We are so happy she has joined our staff.

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## **Athletics and Clubs**

Congratulations to the Intermediate Boys for a successful volleyball season. In the league play they were the Consolation Champions, and they made it to the Semi-Final round at the DSBN tournament. Thanks to Mr. Enns for coaching!!

The Junior Boys and Girls volleyball season came to a close at the end of November. The students really enjoyed improving their skills. Thanks to Mrs. DiLeo, Mrs. Rutledge and Mrs. Freure for their time and dedication to coaching.

## **Juniors Make A Difference, STAT!**

Students have a very powerful role to play in making their schools and communities a better place to live and learn. On Wednesday, November 30, six students from Ferndale attended the DSBN STAT (Students Taking Action Today) conference in Welland. This conference is designed to inspire and encourage select students to further develop their leadership potential. Congratulations to the following students who represented Ferndale: Kyla K, Ashlee C, Nermen A, Sean L, Aaron L, and Kaeli G.

## **Primary and Junior - November Achievement/Character Award Winners**

**Mrs. Bussi JK/SK** - Elizabeth J (Effort), Kolden H (Effort), Sienna V (Achievement), Khole W (Achievement), Kyla G (Responsibility), Lana S (Responsibility)

**Mrs. Shynal JK/SK** - Sammy T (Respect), Christine W (Effort), Hannah G (Effort)

**Ms. Robinson JK/SK** - Ethan T (Effort), Darius S (Achievement), Madison W (Responsibility)

**Mrs. Sowa Grade 1** - Mayar A (Effort), Hope G (Effort), Aria W (Achievement), Tyler H (Achievement), Alyssa R (Responsibility)

**Miss Wink Grade 1 and 2** - Rowan G (Effort), Braxton H (Achievement), Benjamin W (Responsibility)

**Miss Workman Grade 2** - Rachel N (Effort), Hayden T (Effort), Andrea G (Achievement), Emma L (Achievement), Mikayla K (Responsibility)

**Mr. Oblak Grade 2 and 3** - Emily V (Effort), Matthew W (Achievement), Aaliyah U (Responsibility)

**Mrs. Freure Grade 3** - Cameron I (Effort), Nadira M (Achievement), Grace J (Respect)

**Mrs. Burton Grade 3 and 4** - Ishiro O (Responsibility), Lily Y (Achievement), Aymen D (Responsibility), Javairia Q (Achievement)

**Mrs. Greenlaw - Grade 4** Jacob W (Achievement), Noah H (Effort), Rebecca F (Responsibility)

**Mrs. Willey/Mrs. Rutledge Grade 5 and 6** - Abby V (Achievement), Brooklyn G (Effort), Kaeli G (Responsibility)

**Ms. Febbraro** - Mackenzie B (Academic), Nathan B (Effort), Cooper L (Responsibility)

**Mr. Pringle** - Kyla K (Effort), Mikayla M (Achievement), Brendan G (Responsibility)

**Congratulations to our winners!!!**

## ***Integrity***

Our character trait for the month of December is **INTEGRITY**. Integrity is about doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.

## ***Ferndale Math Challenge***

During the month of November, Ferndale hosted a school-wide math challenge for students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8. The question in each division focused on the BIG IDEA "***Numbers can be represented in a variety of ways***". We were so impressed with the effort and variety of ways in which the students solved the given challenge. Attached are a few samples of some of the fantastic methods our students used.

## ***QSP Magazine Fundraiser***

Again, a big thank you goes out to all of the families and friends that supported the magazine fundraiser. The total profit for Ferndale through the magazine sales was \$3,303.50. Remember; if you have any questions regarding your subscriptions please call 1-800-667-2536.

## ***Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)***

The Accommodation Review Committee continues to review the Central and South St. Catharines Secondary Schools and Thorold Secondary School. Sally Vince, a parent at Ferndale, is a Collegiate School Council Representative on the ARC. If you have any ARC related questions, please feel free to email them to Sally at [CollegiateReview@hotmail.com](mailto:CollegiateReview@hotmail.com)

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **DECEMBER 5**

6P TO SEE THE NUTCRACKER AT BROCK CENTRE FOR PERFORMING ARTS

### **DECEMBER 7**

PARENT COUNCIL SOCIAL NIGHT 6:45 PM

### **DECEMBER 7**

GRADE 8 OTTAWA INFORMATION NIGHT  
6:30 PM

### **DECEMBER 13**

POINSETTIA DELIVERY

### **DECEMBER 22**

KINDERGARTEN SIP AND SING  
6:00-7:00 PM

### **DECEMBER 23**

LAST DAY OF CLASSES

### **DECEMBER 24 - JANUARY 8**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

## **OTTAWA INFORMATION NIGHT**

TEMPLE AND TEMPLE WILL HOST A PARENT QUESTION AND ANSWER NIGHT ON **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, AT 6:30 PM** AT FERNDALE. THE REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE HERE TO SHARE INFORMATION WITH PARENTS, INCLUDING CANCELLATION INSURANCE, AS WELL AS OTHER DETAILS. ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

## ***Parent Council News***

As the holiday season is approaching people are thinking about what to get others for gifts. Ferndale Parent Council can help you with that difficult person to buy for; purchase a gift card through our **Fundscrip** fundraiser. Order forms were sent home with all students on **Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** with all information needed about this endeavour. All orders can be placed through the order form or through the online process (see order form for more information). The orders for December are due **December 8<sup>th</sup>** and will be sent home with your child by **December 20<sup>th</sup>**. This is a fundraiser that will be available to our community throughout the school year. In the month of November we made *\$125 from the 17 orders* that were placed.

Our last meeting of this calendar year will take place on **Wednesday, December 7<sup>h</sup>, 2011 at 6:45 PM** in the school library. We will be having a "*fun night*" with snacks and games provided by Parent Council executive, Mr. Enns and Ms. Young. We are looking forward to everyone joining us in this social event. Babysitting will be available; please let the office know to ensure the proper number of babysitters available.

Thank you to the many families that supported our Poinsettia fundraiser. We made approximately *\$500 from the 109 flowers* that were sold. Reminder: the pick up date is **Tuesday, December 13, 2011 from 11:30-4:30**.

New to Ferndale Parent Council is our new webpage. We are pleased to provide parents that are unable to attend our meetings a chance to read the minutes from previous months, get additional information about fundraisers, and print off extra order forms. Please go to <http://web.dsbns.edu.on.ca/~Sandi.Unwin@dsbn.org/> or you can also access it from the Ferndale School website <http://ferndale.dsbns.org/>.

*Happy Holidays to all of our Ferndale families!*

## **Change for Change**

Over the last week of November and all through December the Ferndale students will be collecting spare change for the Change for Change program. All the proceeds will go toward purchasing a water and sanitation centre for a village in Africa and twenty mango trees. We chose to purchase a water and sanitation centre because water is something we all take for granted and many of us waste it. Mango trees will provide nutrition, and are rich in vitamins. We will be trying to raise \$1200. If we do reach our goal the Plan Canada organization will match our purchase by 9:1. This will pay for the mango trees and the water and sanitation centre. All loose change collected after December 9<sup>th</sup> will go toward our local community of St. Catharines and Thorold, including our food and unwrapped toy drive ending December 19<sup>th</sup>.

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