

# The Falcon Flyer

Ms. Jayann Young, Vice Principal  
Mr. Scott Enns, Principal

Dear Parents,

*We have had a very positive start at Ferndale this past September. Our students have been demonstrating an excellent level of respect for one another, our staff has been providing our students with a rich variety of learning opportunities and our parents have been very involved within the school.*

*As we move into October, we want to ensure that we keep this positive momentum going. Maintaining excellent communication between home and school is the key to providing maximum support for our students.*

*On October 7, our staff will continue to develop our School Improvement Plan. We will specifically focus on our teaching in the areas of Critical Thinking and Numeracy skills. We will continue to report on our progress as we move forward.*

## Ferndale Parent Council News

At our first meeting in September 2011, your Ferndale Parent Council selected the fund-raisers we are going to do this school year. All money raised will support our students by helping to pay for field trips, extra-curricular activities, student resources, and supporting our Breakfast Club. Some of our fund-raising endeavours will also support

our local community. The following is a list of fund-raising initiatives that have been selected for the year:

**FundScrip** – purchasing your gift cards for everyday use, birthdays or anniversary gifts; this fund-raiser will be run throughout the school year, on a monthly basis. Please see the attachment to this month's newsletter for more information

**Poinsettia Plant Sale** – various colours of Poinsettia plants will be offered from Niagara College Greenhouses. Order forms will be sent home in the middle of November and the plants will be delivered early December

**School Safe Cookie and Muffin Dough** – all nut free products produced by a local manufacturer, order forms will be sent home in February and the dough will be delivered the week before March Break

**Wendy's Night** – anybody can go to Wendy's on Hartzel Road and purchase something from 5-8 on the specified night, information will go home via student agendas regarding our Wendy's Night

**Kids Help Phone** – students in grades 3-8 have an opportunity to raise money that will go back into our community. After raising money for this great cause students in grades 3-5 will be able to watch a recent movie in the gym for a morning and students in grades 6-8 will be able to participate in a video dance for an afternoon, more information will be

sent home early April with the movie and dance provided in early May

Ferndale Parent Council meets every month, on a Tuesday night to discuss various topics throughout our school and community. We provide free babysitting for all. Please let Mr. Enns or Mrs. Currie know if you are attending with any children that will need to be watched during our meeting. Our next Parent Council meeting will be **Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 6:45 p.m.** in the school library.

*Working together will help to benefit our school community.*

## Welcome to Ferndale!

We send out a warm welcome to Mr. Oblak, our new grade 2/3 teacher. We are also excited to announce that we have hired Mrs. Robinson as our new afternoon kindergarten teacher. We are very fortunate to add such excellent teachers to our learning team.

## Athletics

Our Junior Co-ed soccer team has been enjoying a fun season under their coaches Mr. Pringle and Mr. Saxton. League play continues this week with our final two games.

Our cross country team competes in its second race on October 6th. Qualifying runners will move on to the DSBN championship scheduled for October 12. We thank Mr. Schatz, Mrs. DiLeo, and Mrs. Greenlaw for coaching.

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Runners Club will continue with their goal of participating in the School's Marathon Challenge in Niagara Falls later in October. More information will come home with participating runners.

Intermediate boys and girls volleyball seasons are under way. Please check the calendar for game dates and locations.

### Fire Prevention Week

Students took home flyers promoting the activities that have been planned for Fire Prevention Week. We encourage families to visit and meet with our brave fire fighters to learn more about fire safety.

### Community Use of Ferndale

Outside community groups rent Ferndale School from time to time. It is important for families to be aware that these events are not supervised or endorsed by Ferndale staff. We will always promote school based activities through this newsletter and/or via special notes to families.

### From the Desk of Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Cunningham

Parents are reminded to please call the school prior to 8:40 am if your son/daughter will be absent or has an appointment first thing in the morning.



Please remember to always inform us of any changes to your child's emergency contact information.

### Breakfast Program

Our breakfast program has already been a huge success



with many students accessing this service. The breakfast club is open to all students from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

We say a huge thank you to Mrs. Lori Forstinger who volunteers a significant amount of time to coordinate this important program. We could use more volunteers to help run this program; if you are able assist, even for just a few times throughout the year, please contact the school.

### Book Fair Success!

We thank Mrs. Rutledge, our librarian, for organizing and running a very successful Book Fair. We managed to put a lot of great reading material into our Ferndale community as well as adding many great titles to our library collection.

### QSP Reader's Digest Fundraiser

Many of our students are involved in the QSP Readers Digest Fundraiser which continues to October 11. Students have been given the opportunity to win some fun prizes by selling magazine subscriptions. QSP offers low prices on a wide variety of magazines. Many people take advantage of this opportunity as they make for quality gift giving at a very affordable price.

### Milk Program

Our milk program is up and running. Students can purchase milk cards at anytime throughout the year from the office. Milk cards are good for 16 milks and cost \$10. White or chocolate milk is served at the lunch time break.



### Recycling Club

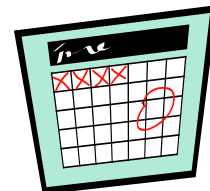
Junior and intermediate students have been invited to participate with our Ferndale Recycling club. Students will be actively collecting and sorting materials. Their combined efforts will make a positive difference for our planet!

### Pizza Lunches

Once again, Ferndale staff will be coordinating pizza lunches on Fridays. Students are reminded to bring money and order forms on Friday mornings. We will continue to serve pizza that is made of ingredients that meet provincial nutritional guidelines.

### Calendar Reminder

Please check the calendar for a list of most activities.



### October 7 P. A. Day

Please note that on Friday, October 7, staff will be involved in professional activities during the day. There are no classes for students on this day.

### School Pictures

Picture retake day will be held on October 26.

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