



FERNDALE SCHOOLS

Ferndale, Lummi Island, Custer, Lummi Nation and North Bellingham

Late Spring 2018



CLASS OF 2018

Ferndale High

Commencement—June 9

345 Graduates

92 Honor Graduates

Windward High

Commencement—June 12

26 Graduates

6 Honor Graduates

Photo right: Ferndale High School Graduate

Katherine Jefferson

Photos top of page: Ferndale High and Windward High Graduates



Building on Traditions of Pride

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Student and staff accomplishments

Beach School is one of 50 schools in the nation to receive a garden grant

Led by Beach Elementary School parent Connie Miller, students and staff of Beach School secured a \$3,000 grant from Annie's Grants for Gardens. Over the past five years, the students at Beach School have invested in their school garden and it's been an amazing learning tool for a long list of subject matter; hands on learning proves to be something that sticks with them (all of us really!) and opens their eyes to connections they may not receive otherwise. They needed some tools to support their learning, and the grant has provided gloves, upgrades to the water system and seeds and plants.

Since they were awarded these funds from Annie's, Beach has had many beautiful and successful planting and teaching days in the garden. Students are simply overjoyed to be in the school garden working, learning, planting, watering and growing—right along with their plants!

As they have done the past two years, students and staff hope to provide donations from the fruits of their labor to the Ferndale Food Bank. (Photo 1: Connie Miller instructing students on planting day)

Teacher Smak i' ya instills Native American perspectives into school culture

Congratulations to Smak i' ya (Matt Warbus)! Warbus was chosen for the prestigious Indigenous Programming Champion Award for demonstrating a substantial commitment to weaving Native American perspectives into Ferndale School District school culture. Also, he opened this year's WE Day awards celebration on May 3rd in Seattle. He spoke Xwlemi' chosen, telling the story of the Flood and welcoming Washington students and guests to the WE Day event. Hy'sxwqe, (Thank you)! (Photo 2: Matt Warbus with Ferndale High School Student Alandra Morris)

Teacher Prudence Lockhart recognized for over 50 years of service to students

Special Education Teacher Prudence Lockhart was honored by the Lynden-Ferndale International Masonic Lodge No. 56 with its Educator of the Year Award. Lockhart began teaching preschool students in the mid-1960s. Spending much of her career in California, she taught drama, speech, English, and special education. In 2013, Lockhart moved to Washington State, and Ferndale was fortunate to hire her as a special education teacher at Ferndale High School. At Ferndale High, she taught transitions, life skills, vocational prep, social skills, English and study lab. (Photo 3: Prudence Lockhart with Masonic Lodge Secretary Dick Decima)

Ferndale High School receives accolades from Seattle 5th Avenue Theatre

Ferndale High School's musical production of *Fiddler on the Roof* has received many nominations and honorable mentions by Seattle's 5th Avenue Theatre Awards Program! Our Ferndale community cannot express how proud we are of this accomplishment! This year's production was under the direction of Crissy Ford and Rachel Pringle. Ferndale High School orchestra, under the direction of Steve Menefee, provided music. Over 100 talented Ferndale High School students—actors, orchestra members, set painters and stage crews—as well as community volunteers, contributed to the success of the production. (Photo 4: Misch Robertson plays the lead



Windward High School

2004 2018



Thank You for the Memories



Since 2004, Windward High School has provided a small, personalized learning community that has challenged students through creative, personalized academic experiences. Windward will close its doors at the end of this school year.



Thank You, community partners, for awarding over 100 scholarships to graduating seniors

Wesley D. Martinsen Memorial Scholarship

Nathan Edward Pringle

Mary L. Seilo Memorial Scholarship

Ann Marie English

Captain Dan Bartle Memorial Scholarship

Joseph Wayne Bunch

Chelsey Rae Ebert Memorial

Scholarship - Basketball

Carmelita Faith Rodriguez

Jamie Vermeulen Memorial Scholarship

Crystal Paige Clausen

American Legion Riders Scholarship—John Fassett

Memorial Scholarship

Noah Riley Gillespie

Serina Headrick

Susan Annmarie Hess

Conner Obergottsberger

ROTC Scholarship

Bruce Ryan Brockett

Sisu Children's Fund Scholarship

Crystal Paige Clausen

Angela Janine Van Beek

Ferndale Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship

Elsa Ann Ericksen

Serina Headrick

Kiwanis Club of Bellingham Scholarship

Angela Janine Van Beek

Ferndale Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Kyle Marshall Hawkins

Nolan Joseph Krawczak

Conner Obergottsberger

Emma Irene Olson

Ferndale Fire Fighters Scholarship

David Alan Lange

Megan Ashley McAllister

Masonic Scholarship

Nathan Edward Pringle

Lynden/Ferndale Masonic Scholarship

Elsa Ann Ericksen

McEvoy Family Scholarship

Mari Lynn Nordeen

Something To Smile About Scholarship

Jadyn McKenna Grace Denham

Republican Women of Whatcom County Scholarship

Elsa Ann Ericksen

United Steel Workers Local 12-591 Fallen

Workers Memorial Scholarship

Elsa Ann Ericksen

Building Industry Association:

Cleo and Maria Callen Scholarship

Angela Janine Van Beek

Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship

Julie Kudsk Holien

American Legion Constitution Oratorical

Competition Scholarship

Micah Thomas Robertson

Whatcom Rotary North and Industrial Credit

Union Service Scholarship

Joseph Wayne Bunch

Mason Waller

Voice of Democracy Scholarship

David Alan Lange

Whatcom Community College Foundation/

Phillips 66 Ferndale Refinery Scholarship

Megan Ashley McAllister

Thomas Wynn Scholarship/Western

Washington University

Imroz Singh Saran

Cascadia/North Bellingham Elementary

PTO Scholarship

Cole Pearce Semu

Central Elementary PTO Scholarship

Crystal Paige Clausen

Darius Michael Walker-Perkins

Custer Elementary PTO Scholarship

Julie Kudsk Holien

Parker A. Love

Juliana Shevchenko

Eagleridge Elementary PTO Scholarship

Ellie Elaine Baader

Joseph Wayne Bunch

Meghan Kathleen Harting

Mountain View Elementary PTO Scholarship

Jordyn Elizabeth Fassett

David Alan Lange

Skyline Elementary PTO Scholarship

Alexander Vaughn Joshua

Sarah Danielle Taylor

Mr. Wood and Family Scholarship

Annika Christine Asplund

Emily Paige Brooks

Joseph Wayne Bunch

Kaya Annmarie Decker

Hallie Jean Drinkwater

Maria de Jesus Fernandez

Meghan Kathleen Harting

Ferndale Band Boosters Scholarship

Michael James Allan Edwin

Alexander Vaughn Joshua

Ferndale Fine and Performing Arts Scholarship

Jordyn Elizabeth Fassett

Parker A. Love

Nathan Edward Pringle

Micah Thomas Robertson

Ferndale Association of Administrative

Assistants Scholarship

David Oleg Andrukhov

Noah Riley Gillespie

David Alan Lange

Hannah May Rhoades

Darius Michael Walker-Perkins

Ferndale Education Association

Vocational Scholarship

Jade Allen Bricker

Ferndale Education Association Scholarship

Noah Riley Gillespie

Nathan Edward Pringle

Hannah May Rhoades

Public School Employees—Terry Ebright

Memorial Scholarship

Samuel John Winters

Baird Family Scholarship

Jessica Jiménez Arroyo

Captain Wendy Lawrence Scholarship

David Alan Lange

Lummi Nation Scholarship

Ellie Elaine Baader

Ariana Christine Fox

Lucinda Xida Liu

Megan Ashley McAllister

Cole Pearce Semu

Sarah Danielle Taylor

Angela Janine Van Beek

McCourt Family Scholarship

Olivia Noelle Cook

Northside Dental Care Scholarship

Ann Marie English

PEO, Chapter BQ Ferndale Scholarship

Meghan Kathleen Harting

Photo at top: This year's Latino Graduates

See **Scholarships**, page five

Our greatest gift— serving others

Waller and Bunch recognized for service in our community and beyond



Mason Waller

Windward High School Senior Mason Waller and Ferndale High School Senior Joey Bunch have been recognized by the Whatcom County North Rotary Club and Industrial Credit Union with their Youth Service Award.

This award recognizes outstanding community service by youth. Mason and Joey have given hundreds of hours on many projects locally and globally. Here is a sampling of the ways they have given back to their community.

Mason Waller—Mason worked extensively with the Mock Trial program, having various leadership positions and playing many roles in the cases over the years. This led to her involvement in Teen Court, through which she helped local teens resolve issues with the law in a positive way. Mason has been active in Windward's ASB and was a student representative on the Ferndale School Board this year. Mason was instrumental in resurrecting the WHS garden through a service-learning grant. Mason attended Running Start through Whatcom Community College. In the fall, she plans to attend Western Washington University to study environmental science as a way to pursue her goal—helping to make the community a better place for all.



Joey Bunch

Joey Bunch—Joey began his community service in elementary school when he served the Ferndale Community Meal and The Other Bank. In middle school, he added SALT on the Street as a Meal Prep Leader. And in middle and high school, he also served as a vacation bible school helper. His passion for serving and interest in Spanish took him abroad to the Orphanage Emmanuel in Guaimaca, Honduras. Joey has made 11 trips over the past five years to the orphanage. During his visits, he provides general maintenance, repair, cleaning, and works with students in English classes. As part of his academic studies, Joey completed two years of University of Washington College in the High School Spanish. His Spanish language skills were a great asset in communicating with the students in Honduras. Joey plans to attend the University of Washington in the fall to study engineering.

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Phillips 66 Women's Network Scholarship
Ellie Elaine Baader
Rotary Club of Bellingham Foundation
Scholarship: Best Overall Student
Lucinda Xida Liu
Smeltzer Family Scholarship
Lesly Edith Castro
Tucker Family Foundation Scholarship
Olivia Noelle Cook
Ann Marie English
David Alan Lange
Lucinda Xida Liu
Wilma Grace Baird Scholarship
Nathan Edward Pringle

Zach Bouchard Memorial Scholarship
Jadyn McKenna Grace Denham
Ferndale Scholarship Fund
Reid Jeffrey Benson
Crystal Paige Clausen
Olivia Noelle Cook
Amy Lorelie De Leon
Jadyn McKenna Grace Denham
Elsa Ann Ericksen
Maija Evangeline Herter
Jessica Jiménez Arroyo
Alexander Vaughn Joshua
Nolan Joseph Krawczak
Mari Lynn Nordeen

Ferndale High Senior recipients of academic awards



Ferndale High School Department Chairs recognized outstanding seniors in each department and program. Congratulations to the following recipients (pictured above)—Ariana Fox, Mathematics; Nathan Pringle, Science; Juliana Shevchenko, English; Eulogia Baader, Spanish; Michael Edwin, French; Bruce Brockett, Band; Meghan Harting, CTE-Agriculture; Hannah Rhoades, Social Studies; David Lange, Social Studies; Parker Love, Vocal Music; Annika Asplund, Orchestra; Tina La, Physical Education; Jessica Demorest, Fine Arts; Seija Bryant, Ceramics; Alandra Morris, Indian Education; Donald McCluskey, Special Services; Daniela Alcalá, English Language Learner; Micah Robertson, Theater Arts; Lesly Castro, Sports Medicine; Hallie Drinkwater, Family and Consumer Science; Rosalee Oblad, Yearbook



Graduation Notables

National Merit Commended Scholars: 4

Washington State Scholars: 40

Community Scholarships: 108

Academic Scholarships: 68

Athletic Scholarships: 7

Honor Grads (3.5 gpa and above): 98



Congratulations

Ferndale High School

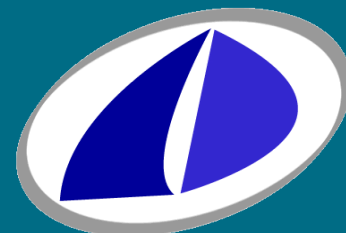
Kenneth Paul Ahern
Benjamin Mark Aho
Jose Antonio Aguilar
Daniela Alcala*
Taelor Joy Anderson
Anton I. Androshchuk
David Oleg Andrukhov*
Reynaldo Luis Aponte
Annika Christine Asplund*
Eulogia Elaine Baader*
Damandip Kaur Baath
Jasmine Catherine Bailes
Elijah Ray Bakke
Taylor G. Bayles
Ricky Garcia Becerra Jr.
Kevin Alberto Bencomo
Reid Jeffrey Benson*
Alyssa Nicole Berg*
Shawn Cole Bergquist
Marian Rose Bills
Alyxander Billy
Alfonso Francis Billy Jr.
Gavin M. Blackwell
Cody James Blake
Elizabeth Kyle Bliven*
Sophia Dee Blomquist
Cooper Gage Bos
Finnegan Casey Boyd
Kristina Victoria Boyko* AA
Jade Allen Bricker
Laurel Rae Brinson-Larrabee* AA
Bruce Ryan Brockett*
Emily Paige Brooks
Jacob Tyler Brown
Logan Ann Browne*
Mikaelah Zahrae Bruun*
Seija Jane Bryant
Joseph Wayne Bunch*
Tyler Ryan Westman Burnett
Henry Patrick Burns
Cameron Elliot Buss
Taigh Gerald Cagle
Connan Lee Lewis Carpenter
Lesly Edith Castro
Ashlyn Rose Cearn*
Devin Dario Chavira*
Christopher Jayden Chorvat*
Levi William Christie
Angel Joy Chrysler*
Crystal Paige Clausen*
Alexander Charles Cleary*
Abby Ruth Cleator
Joshua Michael Coballes*
Carter Alan Colon
Elisabeth Marie Contreras
Olivia Noelle Cook*

Rachel Jean Glynn
Spencer Otto Crosswhite
Eli Preston Croy
Erin Nicole Cruikshank
Andrew Sergio Cruz
Jasmine Maree Cummins*
Caleb Ethan Darr
Faith Danielle Daschbach*
Jordan Dean Davis
Amy Lorelie De Leon* AA
Kergan Anthony de Vrij-Bradley
Christian Michael DeAnnuntis
Kaya Annmarie Decker
Jessica Noelle Demorest
Emma Nicole Denessen
Jadyn McKenna Grace Denham*
Alexis Nicole Dennis-Lundberg
Jennifer Lynn DeSoto
Paige Elizabeth Devine
Loreann Katie Dickinson
Elain Yuhsuan Ding*
Raimy Alexis Dodge* AA
Bruno de Assumpcao Dornelas*
Isabella Diana Dozal
Hallie Jean Drinkwater*
Piper Mae Dunn
Jose` M. Duran-Estrada
Yuriy P. Dutov
Skyler Steven Dwight
Connor James Dyches*
Kaylee Madison Dyer*
Ryan Alexander Eckton
Cody J. Edwards
Michael James Allan Edwin*
Jared Steven Emmert
Ann Marie English*
Curtis Reed Englund
Elsa Ann Ericksen*
Jordyn Elizabeth Fassett
Sienna Carmen Fenn
Maria De Jesus Fernandez*
Jacob Donald Finkbonner
Crystal Flores
Gillian Grace Flores
Isabella Marie Foster
Ariana Christine Fox*
William Duke Freeman
Mackenzie Evelyn Frost
Breyana Janicea Gaffney*
Makayla Renee` Gaffney
Andy A. Garcia-Esparza
Ethan Chase Gehring
Trevor James Gibboney
Noah Riley Gillespie*
Sean Thomas Gomes
Evelyn Gonzalez
Fidelmar Gonzalez
Mikhaila MarieGrace Gorski
Azure William Grahame* AA
Samuel RedStar Grahame* AA

Savannah Matia Graham
Saylor Grace Greenwood
Jordan Kathryn Gregory
Phillip Greguski
Cody James Gunter*
Nicholas Allen Hailey
Robert Michael Harkleroad*
Spencer Marshall Harmer
Samantha Leeanne Harris
Sarah Caselle Harris
Sakara Harry
Meghan Kathleen Harting*
Kyle Marshall Hawkins*
Dalton Parker Hawley*
Serina Alauloakekai Headrick*
Daniel Baker Hensley
Adriana Elizabeth Hernandez Gonzalez
Maija Evangeline Herter*
Susan Annemarie Hess* AA
Abigail Laine Hetler
James Michael Hinson*
Julie Kudsk Holien*
Nicholas Joseph Holt
Megan Lynn Holtrop
Dirk Gregory Hoppins
Zachary Roger Hoyt
Christopher James Hudson
Peyton Rose Humbert
Lisa Irei*
Dawson James Jacobs
Annalicia James
Kyle Jansen
Brandon R. Jardin
Angelo Cedric Jefferson
Katherine Val Renee Jefferson
Elijah Patrick Michael Jeffery
Daisy Camerina Jimenez
Jessica Jiménez Arroyo*
Autumn Jane Johansen* AA
Ashleigh Gail Johnson
Katlyn Mae Johnson
Riley Zacharia Jones
Sophie Lynne Jones
Alexander Vaughn Joshua*
Alex Lee Judge
Kennedy William Jurada-Cain
Leksi Dakota Kamshculte
Alexandr S. Kazantsev
Courtney Paige Kendall
Jessica Louise Kennedy
Tin Thanh Khong
Andy Leang Khoxayo
Barinder Singh Khungha
Javin Kim
Dorian Nikki Kinley
Menoanie Abelen Kinley
Gabrielle Catherine Kline AA
Macy Grace Kneipp
Katerina Segeyevna Kravchenko
Mary Sergeyevna Kravchenko

Nolan Joseph Krawczak
Alex Kaiden Krizanovic
Jakob Kirk Kuchenreuther
Tina Minh Chau La
Britain Lee Lambson
Victoria D. Lane
David Alan Lange*
Andrew Michael Leonard Jr
Nathan Edward Leritz
Alexander Litovchenko* AA
Timothy Anatoly Litovchenko* AA
Lucinda Xida Liu*
Alejandro Lopez
Kylie Mariah Lopez
Mason James Love
Parker A. Love*
Luisa Coral Luna
John Sutton MacDonald
Angela Sergeevna Makarova
Alyna Marie Marin
Jade Lee Martens
Caden John Martinez
Diego Roman Martinez
Ivan Clarence Martinez
Moises Martinez-Rosas
Morgan Connor Mastorovich
Elizabeth Ann Matt
Brandon James Mattaini*
Megan Alshley McAllister*
Alexandra Joy McBeath*
Donald Neal McCluskey
Grant Christian McEvoy* AA
Phoebe Alice McGarry
Matthew Scott Mcvey
Mariah Monique Medina AA
Maritza Alejandra Mendoza
Alyis Rey Mike
Camryn Jane Miller
Serene Nadia Moerike
Brandee Leigh Montgomery
Gracie Monique Morin
Alandra Gabrielle Morris
Jakeb Michael Morris
Reily Steven Morrow
Madison Linnet Mullins*
Nathanial Eugene Neely
Rachel Nicole Neher
Christopher Lawrence Nelson
Katelyn Leslie Nelson*
Esmeralda Nieto*
Edwin Francisco Nieves-Aponte
Chase Noble
Mackenzie Rae Nordby
Mari Lynn Nordeen* AA
Trevor James-Lee Nye
Conner Blythe Obergottsberger
Alexander A. Odushkin*
Andrew Timothy Odushkin
Emma Irene Olson* AA
Micah John Oostra

s, Class of 2018!



Devin Leroy Opsal
 Juana Victoria Ortiz
 Marcos Joshua Ortiz* AA
 Enzo Kjaer Ottum
 Kaleb Newell Owen
 Alex Anatoliyovich Pakhnyuk
 Tarrah Elizabeth Pardee-Tiffany
 Enessa A. Pentsak*
 Logan Damon Petras
 Tyler Michael Phillips
 Macie Kathleen Picard
 Kyla Polasky
 Il'ya Igorevich Polishchuk*
 Jarid Elliott Poole
 Carter Dalan Poynter
 Nathan Edward Pringle*
 Aaron Ray Purcell
 Ilona V. Radchishina*
 Brenda Ramirez
 Arthur J. Rankin
 Hailey Paige Rasmussen
 Christina Marie Raynor
 Guy Ryan Redfox*
 Absalom Renteria
 Adrian Lee Reyna
 Angela Marie Rhoades
 Hannah May Rhoades*
 Olivia Louise Rieland
 Micah Thomas Robertson
 Kyler Brian Rod
 Carmelita Faith Rodriguez
 Cynthia Rodriguez-Arellano
 Karina Paola Rodriguez
 Isaiah Rojas
 Joseph Bennett Rooth
 Austin Steven Roughton
 Lilya Lazar Royev
 Carson James Rubenack
 Benjamin Efrim Rudolfs
 Nichole Marie Rutledge
 Amy Ruiz-Perez
 Andrew Patrick Ryan
 Jeffrey Thomas Ryan
 Tatyana Alex Samoylenko
 Jeremy Michael Samuelson
 Frankie Rose Sapp
 Imroz Singh Saran*
 Logan James Sasken*
 Maureen Elizabeth Scanlon
 Collin Charles Schneider
 Adrianna Marie Schuchard
 Kelsey Ann Scoggins* AA
 Noelle RoseMary. Scovil
 Cole Pearce Semu*
 Anchal Sharma* AA
 Tanner Christian Shaw
 Juliana Shevchenko*
 Vita V. Shportko
 Vadym Leonidovich Shportylyuk
 Weston Ryan Sitterding



Class of 2018 Valedictorians Salutatorians Graduation Speakers

Top photo (l to r) Windward High School Valedictorian Collin May and Salutatorian Mason Waller



Bottom photo (front row, l to r) Ferndale High School Valedictorian Elsa Ericksen, Salutatorian Joseph Bunch, Graduation Speaker Daniela Alcalá, Valedictorian Ariana Fox and Salutatorian Maija Herter; (back row, l to r) Valedictorian David Lange, Valedictorian Jadyn Denham, Valedictorian Juliana Shevchenko, Graduation Speaker Serina Headrick, Graduation Speaker Parker Love and Salutatorian Alexander Joshua

Ryan Warner Slaughter*
 Aaron Patrick Slocum
 Glen Samuel Sluys
 Caleb Michael Smith
 Faith Lynn Smith*
 Jordan Kevin Smith
 Keziah Dosum Smith
 Savannah Solomon
 Kylie Christina Stanavige
 Sydney Rae Steg
 Anna Deya Stipe*
 Ethan Vale Strom
 Ireland Cherie Suon
 Jade Rose Swinford
 Sarah Danielle Taylor*
 Symone Madison Taylor
 Lauren Tayler Thomas
 Joseph Daniel Thompson
 Madilyn Jo Thompson*
 Natalie Ruth Tkacsik
 Leimina K. Torres
 Christina Thai Tran*
 Taylor Dean Trissel
 Carson Wade Trolinder* AA
 John H. Tucker III
 Dexter J. Usery
 Aaron Jacob Vadnais
 Angela Janine Van Beek*
 Aubriana Gracie Van Nauker
 Veniamin Viktorovich Varavinskii
 Mikhail Sergeyevich Varetzkiy
 Alexander James Visser

Darius Michael Walker-Perkins
 Kiera Nicole Wallace
 Bailey Waltari
 Victoria Skye Warriner
 David Grant Waytashek
 Zachary Arthur Weston*
 Kira Grace Wibbens
 Brandon Michael Wilhoite
 Patrick Kenneth Willett
 Samuel John Winters
 Katelyn Rae Wolfe
 Jaren Micheal Wright
 Jacob Daniel Yeubanks
 Dakota James York
 Stephanie Fatima Zamora
 Camron Ray Zimmer
 Gabriel Z. Zwade*

Washington State Diploma

Matthew Jones AA
 Rachel Porrett AA

Windward High School

Jaicy Bullion
 Chyann Renae Buss
 Carson Liam Christensen
 Malina Deshmane*
 Jacob Dewolfe
 Joseph Benjamin Fischer
 Samantha Lashe' Gustafson
 Raye Lambert Hawkinson
 Jessica Lynn Head
 James Lee Johnson*
 Morgan Keyes
 Collin Daniel May*
 Christina Linn McLane
 Rainy Alexandra Munday
 Colin Zane Nancarrow
 Hayley Elizabeth Nelson
 Mya Fu Shun Pederson
 Chloe Marie Pitzer
 Sierra Dawn Richardson
 Cassandra Michell Schmitt
 Joshua Nathan Stieber
 Tyrel Louis Tiersma
 Chloe J. Vogel*
 Mason Marie Waller*
 Aslinn Renae Whitemon
 Liam K. Wilson*

*Honor Graduate—Grade Point Average 3.5 and higher; AA—Associates Degree



Superintendent Linda Quinn

Superintendent's Message

As we wrap up the 2017-2018 school year, I want to express my appreciation to all the many friends and supporters of the Ferndale School District who have collaborated with

us in service of our students this past year. On behalf of the district, I offer special thanks to Mayor Jon Mutchler, Police Chief Kevin Turner, Fire Chief Larry Hoffman, Sheriff Bill Elfo, and Chamber Executive Director Ann Serwold, for their partnership and involvement in our schools and with our students. We are fortunate to have such passionate and active community leaders and to be situated in a community that brings so much energy and support to the district.

I also want to convey my appreciation to the parents, families, and guardians who entrusted us with the enormous responsibility of educating their children this past year, preparing them for successful futures in college, career, and life.

I want to offer my thanks to all the members of our remarkable school district team for the hard work they did during 2017-2018 to create safe, respectful, and enjoyable learning environments and experiences for young people in order to help them develop into engaged and productive members of society.

Finally, I want to thank our amazing students for the talent and dedication they devoted both inside and outside of the classroom during 2017-2018. Growing up in the second decade of the 21st century is not easy, but the vast majority of our learners continued to display resilience, persistence, and creativity -- and so many of their accomplishments during this past year have made our community proud.

We feel an incredible sense of purpose for the work that lies ahead as we focus on building an even better Ferndale School District. We are committed to boosting student success and creating an even stronger and more equitable school system. We thank you again for all you have given. We invite you to continue to join us in this important work.

Gratefully,
Linda Quinn

By the Numbers

During the 2017-2018 school year...

- Our food service workers served **121,890** breakfasts and **283,620** lunches to students – and **56** meals to first responders participating in our new Bite with a Buddy program
- Our custodians cleaned **730,000** square feet every week and took care of **280** classrooms.
- Our maintenance team responded to **1,481** work orders to keep our buildings functioning.
- Our bus drivers transported an average of **1,831** students to and from school, which translates into **3,662** rides each day and a total of **659,160** rides during the year.
- Our bus drivers spent an extra **2,863** hours providing transportation for **557** field trips totaling an extra **29,270** miles.
- All together our buses used **56,742** gallons of diesel fuel and **12,900** gallons of gasoline.
- Our high school athletic coaches coached **708** student athletes on **19** sports teams; and our activity advisors advised more than **750** young people in **23** extracurricular clubs and activities.
- Our three new elementary counselors served **916** students in grades K-5 for one-on-one or small group support and facilitated a total of **2,096** individual counseling sessions; and our seven secondary counselors provided equivalent support to students in grades 6-12.
- Our five nurses managed individual health plans for **237** students, in addition to addressing dozens of bumps and scrapes and tummy aches every day.
- Our classroom teachers provided **4,693,822** pupil-hours of instruction to just over **4700** students (an average of 999 hours per student).
- The Ferndale School District lost **2** instructional hours due to inclement weather.

Doris Jefferson—dedicated to helping others



Doris Jefferson

For over 30 years, Doris Jefferson has served Ferndale children, first as a Parent Coordinator for Ferndale School District and, second, as Director of the Johnson O'Malley (J.O.M.) program. In a ceremony held earlier this spring, Doris was recognized for her work and dedication by the state organization, Washington Association of School Administrators, with its Community Leadership Award. This award recognizes groups and individuals who make outstanding contributions toward education.

Doris has a heart of gold when it comes to children. She also has a will of steel. No thing and no one stops her when she is on a mission for her kids. She has worked tirelessly for Lummi children. She has advocat-

ed for them. She has supported them. She has celebrated them. She has done whatever it has taken to improve the quality of their lives. And she has strongly encouraged the rest of us do the same, said District Superintendent Linda Quinn.

Even though Doris retired this year from J.O.M., her hopes and aspirations for all children will continue. *She has laid the groundwork for a future characterized by greater equity, fairness and respect,* Superintendent Quinn said. *We express our deepest gratitude to Doris. In the tradition of the Lummi people, the tradition I learned from her, I say Hy'shqe, Doris. I raise my hands to you. We all raise our hands to you.*

Bond 2018 Update

Former Astronaut Wendy Lawrence— Bond means Ferndale kids get to dream big

Above: Aerial view of Ferndale High; some structures were built in 1936



Community Member and Retired Astronaut Wendy Lawrence

She has been to space. She is a graduate of the Naval Academy in Annapolis. She served in the United States Navy. She is Wendy Lawrence and she says that education made all of these things possible for her.

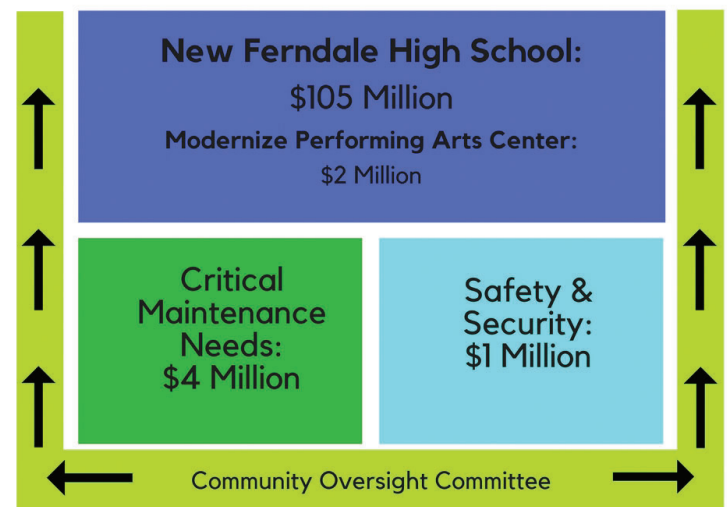
That belief fueled Lawrence to get involved as a Bond Task Force member in order to put together a bond package that reflects the needs of the Ferndale Community.

Lawrence says, *All kids deserve the opportunity to gain the skills and abilities they need to pursue their dreams. This proposed bond will provide Ferndale kids with the same opportunities that allowed me to accomplish my dreams. If the bond passes, the new high school will have modern class-*

rooms, Career and Technical Education (CTE) spaces and science labs. The bond will also provide safe entrances to schools, roofs that do not leak and much more. For me, here's what is most important. This is a community-developed bond. And it is a well thought out reflection of the needs of our district and the values of this community.

In addition to a new Ferndale High School, a renovated Performing Arts Center, critical maintenance needs, and safety projects—a central piece of the bond proposal is oversight and accountability. That accountability comes in the form of the proposed Community Oversight Committee. If voters pass the Bond in November, an oversight committee will be formed. That committee will be made up of residents living inside Ferndale School District boundaries. Employees of the Ferndale School District and the City of Ferndale may not serve on the Committee but all others are encouraged to apply. Those interested in applying should contact community volunteer Riley Cornelsen at riley.cornelsen@gmail.com.

2018 Ferndale Bond Proposal: \$112 Million



Lawrence was happy to be part of the task force that created the bond package. She is also enthusiastic about the oversight committee. But she thinks that fellow Ferndale residents may share her interest in the tax impact. *We have this great window in time when the landscape for education funding shifts and Ferndale taxpayers will benefit from that.* The reason is this: the State of Washington changed education funding. Part of that change includes lowering local education taxes starting in 2019. That change, paired with the current Ferndale bond retiring in 2021 means that starting in 2023, tax impact will actually go down compared to 2017 rates.

For more information, please visit the district's website at www.ferndalesd.org/business-support-services/bond-2018 or contact Assistant Superintendent Mark Deebach at mark.deebach@ferndalesd.org or 360.383.9203.

Year	Local Levy Rate	State Levy Rate	Current Bond (2006) Rate	Proposed Bond Rate	Annual Education-Related Property Tax	Property Tax Compared To 2017
2017	3.61	2.23	0.90	-----	\$2,022	-----
2018	3.48	3.20	0.85	-----	\$2,256	-----
2019	1.50	2.90	0.86	1.33	\$1,977	-\$45
2020	1.50	3.20	0.87	1.32	\$2,067	+\$45
2021	1.50	3.20	0.89	1.30	\$2,067	
2022	1.50	3.20	0.90	1.29	\$2,067	
2023	1.50	3.20	**	1.92	\$1,986	-\$36

Tax Impact Chart: estimated rates based on a house with an assessed valuation of \$300,000

Plans for Mountain View Campus

The district's Mountain View site, located at 5780 Hendrickson Road, will soon have new tenants. In May, the district agreed to lease a portion of Mountain View Elementary School to Northwest Educational Service District No. 189 to house the Whatcom Discovery Program beginning in July 2018.

Discovery is a special education program that serves behaviorally challenged students from all seven Whatcom County School Districts. Currently, there are a total of 38 students enrolled, nine of whom live in Ferndale. The program has been housed in a leased facility in south Bellingham for the past several years, and the district has been busing its nine students to and from that location every day.

The principal of Discovery is former Ferndale teacher, Anita Tromp. While in the district, Anita taught special education classes at Skyline Elementary and Ferndale High schools, and completed her principal internship at Ferndale High.

The duration of the lease is 37 months. Revenue from the lease will be \$9,874 per month. The district decided on this timeframe as not to tie up the building for too long, since it may be needed for other uses in the future. On the

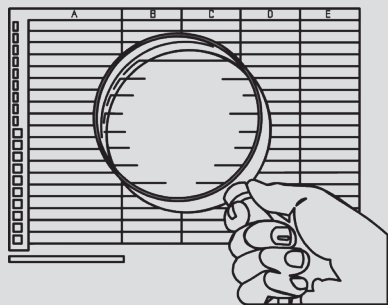
other hand, the district needed to grant a long enough lease to make it worthwhile for the Discovery Program to pay for the necessary improvements to the facility.

Discovery will be paying for repairs to the building that the district does not have dollars to pay for itself at this time. Also, the district believes that having regular tenants in the building will reduce vandalism and other unwanted activity on the Mountain View campus.

Once the building is opened up, cleaned up and fixed up, the district will be able to use sections of it (like the library) for meeting space, thereby reducing the need to use our other schools during the school day. (Discovery is only going to use the classrooms in the lower wing of the school.)

The district appreciates this partnership which saves both dollars and bus driver hours by not having to transport students to and from south Bellingham every day.

For more information about Mountain View or any of the district's facilities, please contact Assistant Superintendent for Business & Support Services Mark Deebach, 360.383.9203, mark.deebach@ferndalesd.org



District earns clean results in financial and accountability audits

One thing is certain for every school district in Washington State—annual audits.

Ferndale School District is no exception says Assistant Superintendent for Business & Support Services, Mark Deebach. *We are regulated by state and federal law, supervised by the Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction and annual audits by the State Auditor's Office (SAO) are required by law.*

Ferndale School District ended earlier this spring the audit for 2017. Typically, an audit includes an intense three-week span with Washington State Auditors stationed at the District Office. The team of auditors pours over school district record books, interviews staff, and combs through every line item. For this audit year, SAO completed three separate audit categories: financial, accountability and federal grant compliance.

The big news? Ferndale School District earned clean results on the Financial and Accountability Audits. These audits monitor expenditures in operational spending and capital (i.e., bond) expenditures.

Superintendent Linda Quinn says that the audit results make public what she sees every day. *We have a tremendously*

talented group of people who manage the Ferndale School District's work. I am proud of our Business and Accounting Team. This audit gives us an opportunity to share good news with our community.

According to a letter signed by Washington State Auditor Pat McCarthy, *Independent audits provide essential accountability and transparency for district operations. This information is valuable to management, the governing body and public stakeholders when assessing the government's stewardship of public resources.*

While there were no questions regarding the way we spent money, we made a few mistakes with paperwork last year. We need to be really careful about details that seem small. An example that turned up in our audit result—any employee paid through a federal grant must provide signature acknowledging they are paid through federal funding. We missed a few of those signatures. That was one area our auditing team identified and it will be an area they look closely at during our next audit, said Graham.

For more information about the district's audit, contact the Assistant Superintendent for Business & Support Services Mr. Mark Deebach, 360.383.9203, mark.deebach@ferndalesd.org

2018-2019 School Year Calendar at a Glance

September

- 3 Labor Day
- 4 First Day for Teachers
- 5 First Day of School

November

- 12 Veteran's Day Observed, No School
- 22-23 Thanksgiving Break, No School

December/January

- 20-2 Winter Break, No School

January

- 3 School Resumes
- 21 MLK, Jr., Day, No School
- 28 Semester Break, No School

February

- 18 President's Day, No School

April

- 1-5 Spring Break, No School

May

- 27 Memorial Day, No School

June

- 14 Last Day of School

**For detailed calendar information,
visit our website at ferndalesd.org**

Register for school

School may be out for summer break, but parents/guardians can register their students for next school year. Registration packets are available at the district office located at 6041 Vista Drive, Ferndale, or by download from our website at www.ferndalesd.org/parents/enrollment-forms. For more information, contact 360.383.9210.



Skyline Elementary School student Madeline Cancelosi graduated from fifth grade this year. Shown in photo with parents Kimberly and Joseph Cancelosi

Schools closed for summer break

Following are the dates when district school offices will close for the summer. For next school year, all elementary and middle schools will reopen their offices Wednesday, August 22. Ferndale High School offices will reopen Monday, August 13. Administrative offices will remain open and operate on normal business hours Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding July 2-6)

Beach Elementary School
Closes June 29

Cascadia Elementary School
Closed June 22

Central Elementary School
Closes June 21

Custer Elementary School
Closed June 22

Eagleridge Elementary School
Closes June 21

Skyline Elementary School
Closes June 22

Horizon middle School
Closes June 20

Vista Middle School
Closes June 20

Ferndale High School
Closes June 28 (ASB closed June 26)

Windward High School
Closes June 22

Summer Meal Program Begins June 25

Washington State's Summer Meals Program picks up where school meal programs leave off in June. Free meals are available to students age 18 and under all summer long. All kids are welcome. No proof of income, address or citizenship is ever required.

Ferndale Location

Boys' & Girls' Club, 2015 Cherry Street
Monday through Friday, June 25—August 17
(closed July 4)

Free Breakfast will be available from 8:30-9:00am
Free Lunch will be available from 12:00-12:30pm
Children do not need to be a member of the club.
For more information, contact the Boys' & Girls' Club at 360.384.0753 x 401.

To find locations and times of other Summer Meal sites, call 1.888.436.6392, visit www.parenthelp123.org or text FoodWA to 877-877.

Food Security Resources

Ferndale Community Meal Program
Second and Fourth Saturday of the Month
10:00am-12:00pm at United Church of
Ferndale, 2034 Washington Street

Ferndale Food Bank
1671 Main Street, Ferndale
Food Distribution Hours: 9:00-11:00am
on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays

More information by contacting the
Ferndale Food Bank at 360.223.0788



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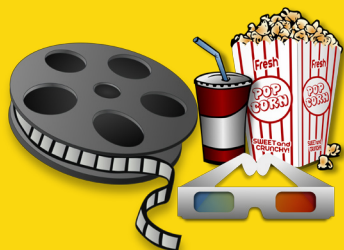
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in Historic Pioneer Park

Stop by and Say “Hi”—
Ferndale Street Festival
August 25 • 10:00AM in
Downtown Ferndale



Windward High School Class of 2018