

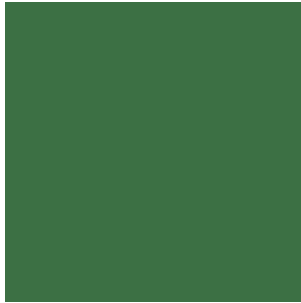


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# Faribault Public Schools Newsletter



**H**appy New Year to all. We hope that all of our students, families and staff had a nice winter break. To date, we have received more snow this year than we have seen in the past 30 years in Faribault. Thank you to our students, families and staff for working through the inconvenience that school closures and e-learning days can cause.

Kindergarten registration is now open for the fall. We know that deciding where to send your child to school is a huge decision; we hope you consider Faribault Public Schools. All three of our elementary schools will be hosting open houses in March. Please feel free to call our main office line and schedule a tour at any time.

High School registration is right around the corner. We invite you to check out our registration guide (found on the high school website) to see all that we have to offer.

At the beginning of this school year, we conducted a School Climate and Culture survey of students, families and staff. Although there are some areas in which we can improve, overall we saw very positive results. 81% of Faribault Public Schools students feel a sense of belonging in their school

and 87% of students feel that the staff in their school treat them with respect. Additionally, 89% of parents feel that FPS staff truly care about their child and 91% feel welcome in their child’s school. When asked about their physical and emotional well-being, 97% of staff reported that they feel safe in their school.

We remain committed to having high expectations for every student and empowering them to reach their full potential. Our passion and dedication to the growth of every single student, parent, and community member is why families choose the Faribault Public School District.

Sincerely,

Jamie Bente,  
Superintendent of  
Faribault Public Schools



## School Board Update

Our newly elected and re-elected School Board Members were sworn in this month. We welcome Lynda Boudreau and Linda Moore to the School Board and we welcome back John Bellingham and Chad Wolff for another term.



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# Faribault High School Leadership Class Donates Thousands to Local Organizations

Students in Ms. Knudson-Griffith's Leadership I and Leadership II classes have the opportunity to help local non-profit organizations. Leadership II course work revolves around teaching students about the importance of volunteering and getting involved in non-profit work. This fall, the students hosted a bake sale for Infants Remembered in Silence, a bingo night and a Glow in the Dark Dodgeball tournament for Ruth's House of Hope. Students brainstormed and executed these ideas on their own; from acquiring grants to booking spaces and communicating with the community.

## Students from Leadership II hosted a Glow in the Dark Dodgeball Tournament raising \$1,020 for Ruth's House of Hope.



Faribault Youth Bank graciously sponsored this event.

## Students hosted a bake sale for Infants Remembered in Silence raising \$838.



Left to right: Aubrey Filan, Ella Prange, Miller Munoz, Josie Herda, Emily Soukup, Nikki Herda and Mariana Salt

## Students hosted a bingo night raising \$811 for Ruth's House of Hope.



Left to right: Sara Dobson, Gabe Hoisington, Masbal Noor, Reagan Drengenberg, D'Shaun Davis (front), Olivia Smith, Aden Abdi and Abdiwaasa Hussein.

## After a final contribution, Leadership II was able to donate a total of \$2,020 to Ruth's House of Hope



Pictured is Reagan Drengenberg, Sara Dobson and Olivia Smith presenting the donation to Sue Stout from Ruth's House of Hope.

## Leadership II students volunteered at the Community Action Center in Faribault.



## DATES TO REMEMBER/CALENDAR:

- February 13** - Conferences
- February 16** - Conferences
- February 17** - NO SCHOOL - Conferences
- February 20** - NO SCHOOL - Curriculum Day
- February 21** - Conferences
- February 23** - Conferences
- March 3** - End of Trimester 2 (MS)
- March 24** - End of Quarter 3
- March 27-31** - NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
- April 7** - NO SCHOOL - Good Friday Holiday
- April 21** - NO SCHOOL - Eid al-Fitr Holiday
- May 26** - Last Day for Seniors Only
- May 29** - NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- June 1** - Last Day of School - PreK-Gr. 11
- June 4** - Graduation

## FEBRUARY CONFERENCE DATES:

### McKinley Early Childhood Preschool Conferences

- February 13th from 3:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- February 17th from 7:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- February 21st from 3:30 - 8:30 p.m.

### Jefferson Elementary School Conferences

- February 13th from 3:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- February 17th from 7:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- February 21st from 3:30 - 8:30 p.m.

### Roosevelt Elementary School Conferences

- February 13th from 3:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- February 17th from 7:30 - 11 a.m.
- February 21st from 3:30 - 8:30 p.m.

### Lincoln Elementary School Conferences

- February 16th from 3:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- February 17th from 7:30 - 11 a.m.
- February 23rd from 3:30 - 8:30 p.m.

### Faribault Middle School Conferences

- February 16th from 3:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- February 17th from 7:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- The Faribault Middle School will hold a Spring Celebration on May 18.

### Faribault High School Conferences

- February 16th from 4 - 8 p.m. (Registration)
- February 17th from 7:45 - 11:30 a.m. (Registration)
- February 23rd from 4 - 8 p.m.

### Faribault Area Learning Center Conferences

- February 23rd from 3 - 7 p.m.





## Local Business, Harry Brown's Family Automotive and Select Heartland Chevy Dealers, Gives Faribault Public School Staff Custom Yeti Tumblers

We want to thank Harry Brown's Family Automotive and Select Heartland Chevy Dealers for giving every single one of our staff members a customized Yeti tumbler. And, 4th Ave United Methodist church was kind enough to donate coffee and hot cocoa packets to go along with the tumblers.

Some of the Harry Brown's team joined our administrators and hand-delivered the gifts to each building—more than 600 tumblers were delivered in total. What a great Faribault Community we have! Our staff sure appreciate this gift.

## Elementary Partner Reading

Jefferson Elementary second graders did partner reading with a twist: students got to choose anybody in the whole grade to be their reading partner. The students enjoyed practicing their partner reading skills with someone outside of their own classroom.



## DECA Members Take Home Medals

Congratulations to the DECA program on winning 38 medals at the District 1 Competition in Owatonna. Faribault had 12 district champions and will bring around 40 competitors to the state competition in March.



## Teacher Appreciation



The Varsity Boys Basketball team honored some of their favorite teachers. We want to thank our wonderful teachers for all that they do for their students.

## Little Falcons Program Update

Since launching the program last spring, 357 Faribault students have participated in Little Falcons. Many students have participated in multiple activities! This program has been a huge success!



## Teddy Bear Day for Preschool Students

During the Measurement theme of the week, Preschool students had a blast being creative while doing lots of fun math and measurement activities. On the last day of their lesson, Ms. Nichole's class celebrated by having a Teddy Bear day!

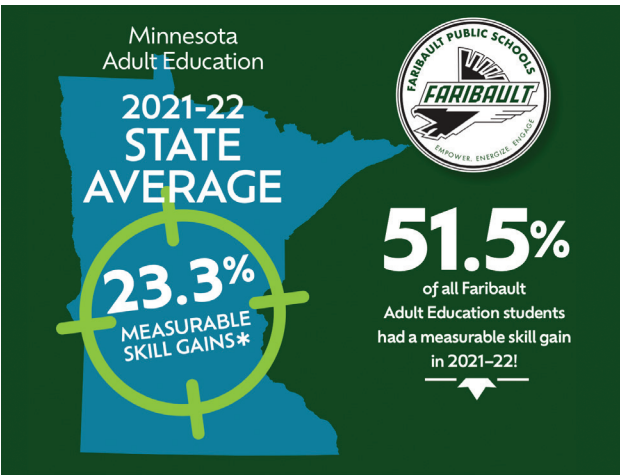






## Faribault High School Students Teach Elementary Students

High School Education students had the opportunity to teach Jefferson Elementary Students about responsibility. They read a book, had discussions with each grade, and even got to eat lunch and go to recess with students. It was so fun to see elementary students learn from high school students.



## Our Adult Education Programs See Tremendous Growth

Over 50% of Faribault Adult Education students had a measurable skill gain last year.



## 3rd Graders Visit the University of Minnesota

Roosevelt 3rd grade students got to visit the University of Minnesota for their "Energy & U" presentation. Students learned about various forms of energy and how it's used. There were a variety of experiments performed for students. It was an exciting day of learning for students!

## Fun in FACS

Family and Consumer Science students learned how to make Samboosa from members of our Somali community. Assistant Principal, Amy Bouma joined in on the fun.



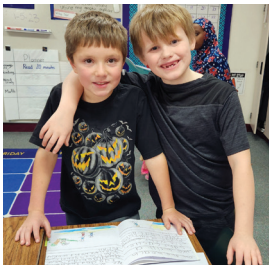
## Kindergarten Enrollment for Fall 2023

Our Kindergarten Registration Kickoff was a success! Over 125 families have already registered their child for kindergarten starting in the fall. If you weren't able to attend the event, you can register your child for kindergarten on our website.



## Publishing Party

Roosevelt elementary students held a "Publishing Party" where they were able to read their realistic fiction writing to other students and staff. It was great to see how proud the students were of their own efforts!



## School Closings and Alerts

Faribault Public Schools Snow Day procedures can be found on our district website under Closings and Alerts or by scanning this QR code.

What should parents do when an e-learning day is called?

Please check your student's online portal for assignments and additional communications from teachers. Teachers will be accessible to students and parents via email from 10:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m.



(Please note: E-learning days count as instructional days and do not require extended school year make-up days.)