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Faribault Public Schools Newsletter



March/April 2023

McKinley Early Childhood Multicultural Celebration

All preschool students, teachers, and families were invited to participate in a Multicultural Celebration Day! Each class spent time learning about a different culture and on Friday, March 24, everyone was invited to McKinley for a multicultural showcase.



Spring Is In The Air

Although it doesn't look like spring outside, our spring activities are in full-swing. We are looking forward to family events, spring plays and concerts, the Big 9 music competition, various field trips, MCA testing, sports, activities, and of course, the end of the school year and graduation. As a district, we are seeing growth in learning and development. We look forward to getting parents and families into our classrooms and showcasing all that our students have learned this year.

Sincerely,
Jamie Bente



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Free Afterschool Meals for Faribault Youth

By partnering with our Food Service provider, Sodexo, we are able to offer free meals to children 18-years-old and younger.

Hot meals are served at Jefferson Elementary School and Faribault Middle School, Monday-Thursday at 4:30 p.m. Cold dinners are served to the elementary after-school pro-



grams and to select clubs at the high school. We recently started serving meals at WAANO and Faribault Parks & Rec as well. We want to thank Sodexo for making this possible.

If you know of a child in need of a meal, please have them visit one of our locations and join us for dinner! Stay tuned for information about upcoming summer meal programs.



FHS Students of the Quarter

Congratulations to Faribault High School Students of The Quarter! Thanks to all the parents, students, and staff who attended the honorary breakfast to celebrate. We sure are proud of these students!

No Tummies Left Behind Donates \$6,500 to FPS

We are incredibly grateful for Ella Bettner's *No Tummies Left Behind* donation! Our school board was amazed to receive a \$6,500 donation in March. This newest donation was in addition to the previous donations Ella has made to FPS. All funds received from *No Tummies Left Behind* are used to pay off negative student lunch account balances for Faribault Public Schools students. Ella's hard



work and dedication combined with support from local businesses including Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union, V/M Engineering Associates, Basilleo's Pizza, Faribault Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism, Crooked Pint, and community members has led to a total of \$9,320.50 in donations towards eliminating negative lunch balances for Faribault Public Schools students.



World Down Syndrome Day: Supporting Inclusion



Mrs. Keilen's Kindergartners were rockin' their socks for World Down Syndrome day and inclusion.

Mystery Readers

All of our elementary schools celebrated *I Love to Read* month by having mystery guest readers from the Faribault community come in to read. Last month, Mayor Kevin Voracek read to a class at Lincoln.



DATES TO REMEMBER/CALENDAR:

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

Third Grade Students Learn to Problem-Solve

Roosevelt third-graders have been working in collaborative groups to demonstrate their thinking of real-world math problems. Students have been engaged in deep thinking and meaningful discussion in order to solve the math problems and explain their answers.



Tour of South Central College

FHS AVID 9 classes got the opportunity to visit South Central College and learn about many of the courses and program options that they offer. Our students experienced interactive tours of program areas including mechatronics, carpentry, phlebotomy, and nursing.



Family Time at the Lincoln Link

Students loved having their families join them for reading and creating during Family Hour at the Link! Join in on the fun on May 3 from 3-4 p.m. in the Lincoln Link (library).



I Love To Read Month

Our FMS students had a blast during *I Love To Read* month, thanks to Literacy Coaches Vonna Dinse and Jayne Jacobson! The Literacy Coaches thought of a way to expose students to more genres through a “Book Tasting.” Students were invited to sit down at a table and skim through a book for 5-6 minutes to get a taste of the book/genre. In true food critic fashion, students then rated the book. To add to the experience, students were given goldfish crackers and hot cocoa.

In addition to the “Book Tasting” the Literacy Coaches had games and book-related activities all over the media center for both students and staff.



DECA State Career Development Conference

Congratulations to the DECA program on a strong showing at the State Career Development Conference over the weekend featuring over 2,300 of Minnesota’s top competitors. Faribault won 3 top exam medals and had an additional 6 events place in the top 12 of the state finals.



■ = National Qualifier

Jillian Huberty	5th place	Principles of Business Management
Jacee Frank	6th place	Independent Business Plan
Marie Volkmuth and Josie LaCanne	7th place	Personal Finance Literacy Project
Aubrey Filan and Miller Munoz	8th place	Gold Chapter Campaign Project
Jillian Huberty and Henry Lu	9th place	Business Solutions Project
Ady Bauer and Angel Espinoza	1th place	Career Development Project
Joey Steinberg	exam medals	Entrepreneurship and Business Finance
Nell Gibbs	exam medal	Hospitality and Tourism Marketing
Joey Steinberg and Trent Ta	1st place	Virtual Business Restaurant
Mae Tinaglia and Jacee Frank		School Based Enterprise Gold Certification

Students Showcase Their Projects

These Jefferson Elementary fourth grade students showcased their projects and shared what they learned with their parents.



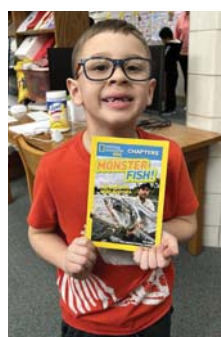
Faribault High School Presents Winnie the Pooh

All elementary students got to watch the FHS theatre production of Winnie the Pooh. The students did a great job—what a performance! One highlight was when the preschool students helped get Pooh unstuck from a hole. Great job FHS students!



Bingo for Books

Roosevelt second-graders and their families had a blast playing Book Bingo! Students that got a bingo picked out a book of their choice to take home.



5th Grade Ecosystems

Check out these awesome ecosystems some of our fifth grade students made!



Lincoln 5th Graders performed a Reader's Theater for their families on Family Day



Reader's Theater is something that students do to practice reading fluency and expression in the last week of every unit.

Jefferson Cultural Festival

Thank you to all who made our Cultural Festival a HUGE success! Our students and families had so much fun doing various activities around the school. We are grateful for our staff who made this event possible.



It's Not Too Late to Register for Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration is in full swing. If you haven't done so already, follow the steps on our Kindergarten Enrollment webpage to get your child registered for kindergarten in the fall.



Join Summer STEAM

Registration is still open. Sign your child up for summer STEAM today! Email vkuzak@faribault.k12.mn.us for more information