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DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2025

Hands-On **Learning**

Fraser High School Parenting students recently had the chance to put what they have learned in class into practice by spending time with children at Dooley.

After learning about important topics such as guiding children's behavior, encouraging positive interactions, and the importance of reading to young children, students were able to apply these lessons in real-life situations.

Mrs. Bozinovski, the Parenting teacher, arranges for her students to visit Dooley several times each semester. These visits give the children at Dooley extra attention and help Fraser High School students explore opportunities in early childhood education. Some FHS students have even discovered a new interest in careers in teaching and childcare.

Senior Adelyn Conser shared, "All of those trips to Dooley made me realize I might have an interest in teaching younger kids." She is now enrolled in our Future Teacher course to further explore that career path.

This partnership brings classroom lessons to life and helps students of different ages connect and learn from one another within the Fraser community.



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fraser Families,

November is here, and the season of giving is upon us. We have much to be thankful for in Fraser, and I am personally grateful for our staff, families, and community. Every day, I see examples of generosity, compassion, and connection that truly define what it means to be part of the Fraser Family.

This month, our six elementary schools are once again hosting food drives to support families in need. In partnership with the Clinton Valley Kiwanis, these efforts will provide at least 40 Fraser families with Thanksgiving meal boxes. This long-standing tradition highlights the heart of our district – people coming together to lift one another up.

We also have reason to celebrate the many opportunities we are creating for our students' futures. On Tuesday, November 4, we will dedicate our new Apprenticeship Wall at Fraser High School during our "Connecting Classrooms to Careers: Pathways That Build Purpose" event. This celebration represents our collective commitment to ensuring every student graduates with purpose, preparedness, and passion for their future.

I look forward to all of our staff learning more about our 17 Career and Technical Education pathways and how they can incorporate career awareness and preparation into their classrooms.

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ELEMENTARY MSTEP RESULTS

Fraser's elementary students continue to show steady progress on the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (MSTEP), reflecting the district's ongoing commitment to strong, data-driven instruction and student success.

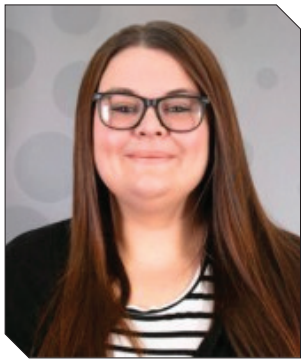
This year's results show consistent achievement in English Language Arts (ELA) and competitive performance in Mathematics across grades 3-6. Fraser's 6th grade ELA proficiency reached 50.9%, ranking 4th in Macomb County and well above the county average. Districtwide, ELA proficiency has risen from 38% in 2022 to 41% in 2025, showing steady upward momentum.

In Mathematics, Fraser continues to perform at or above the county and state averages, maintaining scores within four points or higher in nearly every grade. Sixth grade Math ranked 7th in the county with 34.6% proficiency, while 3rd grade Math reached 46.1%, aligning with the county average. These results underscore the district's emphasis on hands-on learning, problem-solving, and conceptual understanding that builds mathematical confidence and reasoning skills.

While these accomplishments are a source of pride, the district remains focused on continuous improvement. Staff teams are analyzing trends to identify opportunities for growth – particularly in 5th grade math – and to strengthen targeted support for all learners.

Fraser Public Schools remains committed to ensuring that every child leaves elementary school confident, capable, and ready for the challenges ahead, with a strong foundation in literacy, numeracy, and lifelong learning.

Welcome **New Administrator**



Presleigh Derosette
Director of Business & Finance

Ms. Derosette joined our Fraser Family on Tuesday, October 14, after spending the last two years as the Chief Financial Officer in Clintondale Community Schools.

She earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Southern New Hampshire University and is currently completing a Master of Education in School Business Leadership at Wilkes University, which she'll finish in April 2026.

"I care deeply about school finance and truly enjoy helping others understand it in a way that feels clear and approachable," she said. "I believe the best work happens when we support and learn from one another, and I'm genuinely excited to be part of the Fraser community!"

She's a proud mom to her daughter, Sophia. They live with her boyfriend, David, and their three pets: dog Bella and cats Big Mac and Small Fry.

Welcome **New Board Member**



Jamie Pietron
Trustee

At the October 20 Board of Education meeting, President Scott Wallace swore in Ms. Jamie Pietron to fill the vacancy on the board. She will serve as trustee through December 31, 2026.

Ms. Pietron lives in Clinton Township and has two sons who attend Fraser High School and Richards Middle School. She is also a Fraser graduate.

She has taught in the Anchor Bay School District for 25 years, currently as a high school Student Success Instructor and previously as a middle school special education and language arts teacher.

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Pietron to the Fraser Family!

GREEN TEAM BEAUTIFIES SCHOOL GROUNDS

On October 9, Mark Twain's Green Team met after school for an hour of hands-on outdoor learning and school beautification.



Under the leadership of Ms. Danaj and Mrs. Schop, Green Team students worked together to plant a variety of perennials around the building to create a more natural environment, enhance the school's appearance, and provide a food source for local pollinators.

Thanks to generous donations from teachers and students, the Green Team planted hostas, coneflowers, mums, peonies, daylilies, and coral bells. It was a beautiful day to be outside! Students learned how to dig holes large enough for each plant, add soil and nutrients to help the plants survive the winter, and prepare them to bloom again in the spring. They also practiced how to safely and properly use gardening equipment.

Many students proudly shared, "I've never planted plants before," and, "This was a lot of fun!" Their excitement and teamwork made the day a huge success.

This project not only helped beautify the school grounds but also supports Twain's ongoing efforts toward maintaining and improving their Green School status. With continued dedication, they hope to achieve an even higher level of Green School recognition in the near future.

ART STUDENTS' WORKS DISPLAYED

RMS art students in Mrs. Gottardo's class partnered with Texas Roadhouse to create 80 lampshade covers decorated in observance of Veterans Day.



Every year, Texas Roadhouse raises money for local veterans and gives away over 1,500 meals to local veterans around Macomb County.

The lampshade covers will be displayed in the Roseville restaurant location starting November 1 through November 15. The top three students whose designs are voted as "the best" by the public will receive prizes for their participation.

In addition, there is exciting news for Richards Middle School and the FPS Art Department! The Macomb County Department of Roads connected with Mrs. Gottardo seeking student submissions for their annual "Paint the Plow" program. Students in art classes designed artwork for the plow. The designs submitted by students were then vetted and voted upon by Department of Roads staff. The design with the most votes was selected to be painted on the plow. The winning student this year was 7th grader Ruby Magnotte for her design titled "Think Sunny Thoughts." We are excited to see her design on the roads this winter.



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

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The program will feature remarks from district leaders and community partners, a panel discussion with industry experts and alumni, and a student-led CTE Expo showcasing career-connected learning in action.

As we move through this season of gratitude, I want to thank each of you for the role you play in making Fraser Public Schools such a special place. Your care, dedication, and generosity continue to make a lasting impact, on our students and on one another.

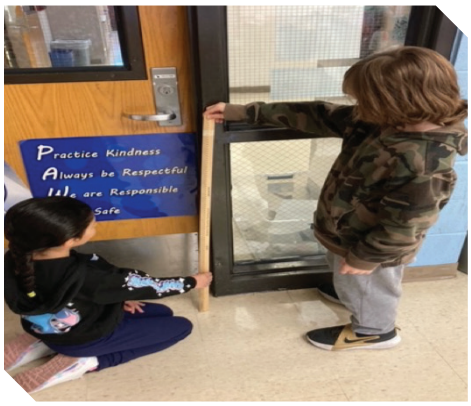
With Fraser Pride,
Dr. Wozniak

Measuring Up in 2nd Grade!

Emerson second graders have been busy becoming young mathematicians as they learn all about measurement!

Students have been exploring how to measure objects using rulers and meter sticks. They've practiced lining their tools carefully at the edge of each object to find its exact length in centimeters and meters.

As a class they compared measurements of classroom items to see which were longer, shorter, or about the same length. Students are also learning to use benchmarks – like knowing a paperclip



is about an inch long or a desk is about a meter wide – to help them make smart estimates before measuring.

Their teacher has been excited to watch students discover that measurement is all around them! From estimating the length of their pencil to measuring the doorway, they're learning that math can be hands-on, practical, and fun.



Nature Names

Salk kindergarten students had fun creating their names using natural materials collected outdoors. This activity teaches letter recognition, fine motor skills, and a love for nature. After sharing their photos during their morning meeting, their names were proudly displayed in the classroom as a resource for name-writing practice.

INSPIRATION THROUGH ART

Using the Second Step curriculum, Eisenhower fourth graders worked together to collaborate on a group goal for creating an art project with their classmates.

Each group had to come up with an idea to inspire their peers in a positive way with art. They collaborated over several weeks to create specific, challenging, and doable goals and to use their working time effectively to complete the art projects together!

Many groups selected Eisenhower's building-wide SOAR for their project, some groups wanted to express care for the Earth, and others wanted to spread a message about kindness. Students then participated in a gallery walk and took time to express appreciation for the group's work on the goals for the projects, and they celebrated one another's collaboration efforts and their positive messages! The Fourth Grade Art Gallery will remain in the main hall for a short period of time for other classes to be inspired by the art projects, too!





FIRE SAFETY VISIT

Edison Elementary students had an exciting and educational visit from our partners at Fraser Public Safety!

Officers met with the K-2 & CI/CCRR classes to teach essential fire safety tips – reminding students to always get out of the building right away or call for help if they can't.

They also learned never to hide during a fire, to establish a family meeting spot outside, and to make sure their homes have working smoke detectors with checked batteries. Students even practiced what to do if their clothing ever catches fire: stop, drop, and roll!

The highlight of the visit was getting to see the fire truck up close and explore its tools and equipment. Edison's Eagles were full of curiosity and enthusiasm, and the officers' friendly approach made this important safety lesson both memorable and fun. We are so grateful to Fraser Public Safety for their continued partnership and commitment to keeping our community safe!

TEACHER OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to Eisenhower's Mr. Rybicki on being nominated for 100.3 FM's Teacher of the Week! You can find Mr. Rybicki in action teaching his favorite subject, math; playing kickball with his students; or making coworkers laugh. We are so happy he is part of the Eisenhower staff!

WNIC radio selects a teacher each week to be recognized from submissions from their listeners. The weekly winners receive a $100 Kroger gift card, a $50 Amazon gift card, and a plaque from Woods Trophies. Plus, each month one teacher will be selected to join Jay Towers in the Morning and all the other winners for a summer getaway to Orlando in June!

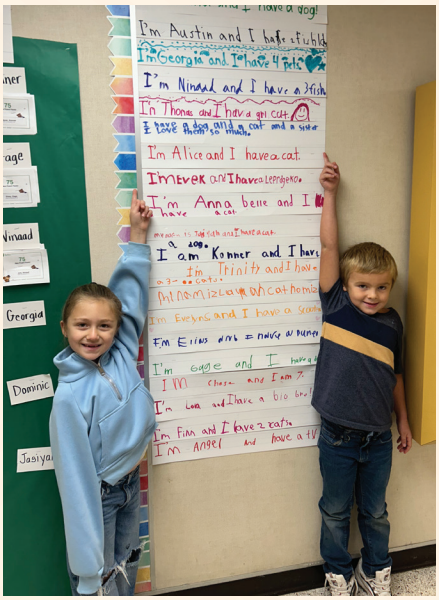
Patterns of Power in 2nd Grade

Second grade students at Disney Elementary have been thoroughly enjoying the Patterns of Power grammar and writing curriculum!

Each week introduces a new focus aligned with grade-level standards – for example, this week's focus was "I capitalize months and days."

Throughout the week, students engage in a series of interactive lessons that encourage them to notice, discuss, and apply language concepts through authentic examples from literature. On Mondays, students explore a model sentence and share what they notice about capitalization, punctuation, and spelling patterns. On Tuesdays, they compare a second model sentence, deepening their understanding through discussion. Wednesdays are dedicated to imitation, as the class collaboratively writes its own version of the model sentence.

By the end of the week, students independently apply what they have learned by writing and



sharing their own sentences. Their work is proudly displayed in the hallway for everyone to enjoy! These meaningful conversations and hands-on activities empower students to lead their own learning and develop confidence as writers.

Deneweth's **Fall Adventure**

Dooley preschoolers had a wonderful time visiting Deneweth's Garden Center for a fun-filled fall adventure! Each child received their very own pumpkin to take home, along with a delicious donut and a cup of apple cider – a perfect seasonal treat.

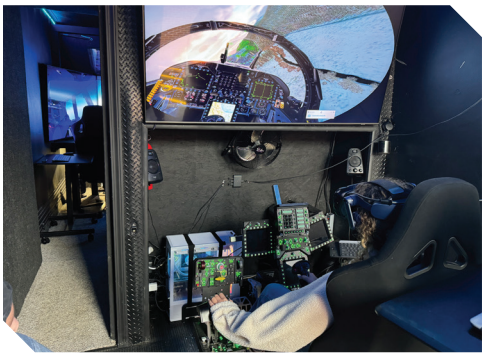
The day was packed with excitement as students climbed aboard the spooky train ride, giggling as they rode through festive Halloween decorations. They also explored the corn maze, working together to find their way through the twists and turns. Throughout the visit, the children enjoyed a variety of fall festival games that encouraged teamwork, laughter, and exploration.

In addition to the fun, students engaged in hands-on learning by discovering the life cycle of a pumpkin – from tiny seed to the bright orange pumpkins they proudly carried home. It was a joyful day of learning, play, and seasonal celebration, making wonderful memories for the preschoolers!



AVIATION TAKES FLIGHT AT FHS!

As part of the Work-Based Learning Guest Speaker Series, students and staff at FHS were thrilled to welcome Charles Blankenship and his son Ethan Blankenship from MUTHA Aviation!



Charles shared his incredible journey in both aviation and the military, offering valuable insights into the skills, training, and dedication it takes to succeed in such a high-demand field. He spoke about his experiences flying an F-18 fighter jet during his military career and now piloting an Airbus as a Delta Airlines pilot, giving everyone a behind-the-scenes look at the excitement and responsibility that come with a career in aviation.

After the presentation, students and staff had the unique opportunity to take the controls in the flight simulators, putting themselves in the pilot's seat and experiencing what it feels like to navigate the skies. Laughter, curiosity, and amazement filled the room as participants gained a deeper appreciation for aviation careers and the technology behind flight.

The day was filled with hands-on learning, inspiration, and excitement! It was a truly unforgettable career exploration experience that sparked interest in the limitless opportunities within aviation and aerospace.



Marching Band **Festival Results**

Congratulations to the 162-member Fraser High School "Rambler" marching band on its First Division rating in Class A competition in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District 16 Marching Band Festival on October 8, held at L'Anse Creuse North High School.



This is the 24th consecutive year that the Fraser marching band has participated in Marching Band Festival and earned a First Division rating. Marching Band Festival is a week-long event across the state of Michigan, and a total of 36 bands from District 16 (which covers all of Macomb and St. Clair counties, and parts of Oakland County) participated. This adds up to over 3,200 student musicians taking the field in competition.

Three judges adjudicate the bands in the categories of music, marching, and general effect showmanship. Ratings range from First Division, which is a superior rating, equivalent to the grade of an "A," to a Fifth Division. Our Ramblers earned an overall First Division rating with 11 As and 1 B in the categories of music, marching, and general effect/showmanship.

PLANNING **AHEAD**

NOVEMBER 2
Daylight Saving Time Ends, Set Your Clocks Back One Hour

NOVEMBER 4
No School All Levels: Election Day
District-Provided Professional Development

NOVEMBER 7
Arsenic and Old Lace Performance
Fraser Performing Arts Center, 7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 8
Arsenic and Old Lace Performance
Fraser Performing Arts Center, 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 10
Board of Education Meeting
Disney Elementary, 7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 17
Twain Vocal Music Concert
Fraser Performing Art Center, 7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 18
Salk Vocal Music Concert
Fraser Performing Arts Center, 7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 19
Disney Vocal Music Concert
Fraser Performing Arts Center, 7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 20
All Levels Early Release District-Provided Professional Development

NOVEMBER 24
Board of Education Meeting
Idea Lab, 7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 25
Elementary End of First Trimester

NOVEMBER 26-28
Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER 1
Emerson Vocal Music Concert
Fraser Performing Arts Center, 7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 2
Eisenhower Vocal Music Concert
Fraser Performing Arts Center, 7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 4
Piano Recital
Fraser Performing Arts Center, 7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 4
Elementary Half Day Records

DECEMBER 5
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STORY CHAMPS

First grade students at Eisenhower Elementary are using Story Champs to help practice retelling a story. They are introduced to new vocabulary words called "sparkle words." They work on naming the character, setting, problem, feelings, action of the character, solution, and ending feeling. They love the opportunity to work with a partner to retell the story and help each other if needed.

Story Champs is a multi-tiered language curriculum that is easy to implement, fast-paced, and powerful. The curriculum targets story structure and complex language features necessary for understanding and producing oral and written language that children need for academic success.

Fraser Performing Arts Center Presents

Arsenic & Old Lace



Friday, Nov. 7, 2025 – 7 PM
Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025 – 2 PM & 7 PM

Ticket Information
www.fraserperformingarts.org
(586) 439-7312

Fraser Performing Arts Center
Fraser High School
34270 Garfield Rd.
Fraser, MI

FRASER HIGH SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES AUCTION 2026

Friday, February 6
7:00-11:30 p.m.

Mirage Banquet Hall
16980 18 Mile Rd
Clinton Twp, MI
48038



$50 per person
Ticket includes dinner and dancing

Proceeds benefit Class of 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029

Silent Auction, Live Auction,
Raffle Baskets, and 1970s Costume Contest

Auction payment is due at the end of the night.
Cash or check accepted.

Questions? Contact Megan Schaeff: megan.schaeff@fraserk12.org

Must be 21 years of age or older to attend.