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A Message from the Superintendent

What Fuels Your Passion?



Superintendent Behm

Every year, I'm reminded about the joys, dreams, goals, and aspirations that our students bring when starting a new school year. They are passionate, hopeful, encouraging, and inspiring. When we look at education through the eyes

of our students, we can learn so much. As we begin a new season of learning, I am reflecting on this quote from Jaimie Casap, of Google, Inc., "Don't ask kids what they want to be when they grow up. Ask them what problems they want to solve."

We know each of our 10,000-plus students will enter our schools with a passion, interest, or curiosity about at least one thing in their world. When we partner with them to create and share learning experiences that help them explore those passions, we engage their hearts and minds. More importantly, we support them in becoming lifelong learners.

Supporting our students in exploring their passion or curiosity probably looks and sounds a bit different from going to school in the '70s, '80s, or '90s, even though the

commitment to solid foundational skills remains. There is nothing new about fueling great teaching and learning for all individuals. It is our core mission. However, the way in which we will go about this important work is different than decades ago.

When we look at education today, some may be discouraged. There are obstacles in our way. Diminished state funding and additional educational mandates can deplete the wind in our sail and bring frustration. But like all successful innovators, we will diligently work to find ways to either remove or go around these obstacles. This year, we received the largest net increase in the past eight years in operational funding from the state at six-tenths of one percent of our budget. This is woefully inadequate. We will work hard to find the funds we need to retain and support our teachers and staff and, most importantly, to create the educational experiences our kids deserve to find and follow their passions.

We are fortunate to have such an amazing staff filled with professionalism, passion, expertise, and compassion toward students, and a community which supports education to help drive our mission and vision. Together, we'll collectively use time and space to improve and fuel the art of teaching with

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Bond Update

Summer: The Ideal Time for Facility Upgrades

During the summer months, the school district continued making improvements at several buildings thanks to community voters passing the \$45 million bond issue in 2013. Listed below are the 2016 summer bond projects that occurred.

- Central High School: water heater replacement, roof repair, and tennis court resurfacing.
- Northern High School: water heater replacement, roof repair, and parking lot repaving.
- Northern High School: STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) program room updates.

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Northern Hills Middle School's parking lot was resurfaced this summer. The old asphalt was removed, the base was leveled and compacted (shown here), and then new asphalt was installed.

2016-2017 District Calendar Still in Negotiations

At press time of this "Focus" edition, the complete 2016-2017 school year calendar was still in negotiations. It has been previously communicated that changes in state law require the addition of five days to this year's school calendar. Two broad-based scenarios exist to accommodate the additional days: either shorten holiday breaks or extend the school year longer in June. Currently, as prescribed by law, the district is working with the teachers' association to develop the full calendar for the 2016-2017 school year. We greatly appreciate our families' patience as we continue this calendar negotiation process. As soon as more information becomes available, the district will communicate it via our website: www.fhps.net, as well as other communication methods.

In the meantime, we do know the dates of several key aspects of the 2016-2017 academic calendar for Forest Hills Public Schools. They are as follows:

2016

September 6 (Tuesday) First day of school for students (full day)
December 23 (Friday) - January 2 (Monday) ... December break; no school for students

2017

January 3 (Tuesday) School resumes
March 30 (Thursday) - April 7 (Friday) Spring break; no school for students
April 10 (Monday) School resumes

High School Graduations

Monday, May 22, 2017 FH Eastern Graduation, Van Noord Arena, Calvin College
Tuesday, May 23, 2017 FH Northern Graduation, Van Noord Arena, Calvin College
Wednesday, May 24, 2017 ... FH Central Graduation, Van Noord Arena, Calvin College

What Fuels Your Passion?

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intentional and purposeful resources and support. It takes everyone coming together in our schools and community working tirelessly to make Forest Hills Public Schools what it is today, and what it can and will be in the future.

As we begin a new school year, I ask: What fuels your passion? What fuels the passion of your child? What problem or question do they hope to solve this school year? Regardless of what it is, or how many times it changes, discovery, learning, and effort are essential. Fueling that passion-based learning is our job, no matter what role we play in our district, because every student deserves our very best every day. When we engage with our students in inquiry, and tie their interests to real-world applications, we believe it will fuel their passion for learning.

So, while we all are trying to squeeze out as much as we can of summer, pause for a

moment, and reflect and find your passion. Partner with us and share our passion for learning, embrace the vision, inspire, and encourage lifelong learning. When we rely on our collective talents, treasures and passions, we can continue to guarantee that all learners in Forest Hills can, and will achieve their true potential.

With deep respect and appreciation,
Daniel S. Behm, Superintendent

Photo on the Cover

Each summer, FHPS offers a Summer Day Camp program for children entering kindergarten to sixth grade through its Child Care Services department. Children enjoy fun, age-appropriate activities that are led by experienced staff members. In the top photo on the front cover, from left, Liam Pellegrini, Brianna Caudill, Brooklyne Gibson, Harpreet Kaur, and Lucas Pellegrini were having fun taking part in outdoor games. For more information about the program, visit www.fhps.net/departments/child-care-services.

Summer: Facility Upgrades

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- Central Middle School: snowmelt system at bus area.
- Northern Hills Middle School: parking lot repaving, snowmelt system at bus area.
- Orchard View Elementary School: kitchen remodeling.
- Ada Elementary School, Collins Elementary School, and Central High School: media center updates including new furniture.
- Orchard View Elementary School, Northern Hills Middle School, and Central High School: installation of pilot classroom furniture in early fall.
- Technology: teachers and administrators received laptop replacements and the high school lab computers were replaced.

Thank you Forest Hills residents for your continued support of the district's goal to preserve district assets the community has invested in, and maintain a quality learning environment for our students. To learn more about other projects that have been accomplished due to the passage of the 2013 bond, visit the district's website: www.fhps.net.



Construction progress was made this summer in Northern High's STEM program room. It will be ready when school starts.



A crew works to repair and upgrade Central High School's roof.

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2016-2017 Enrollment Information

New Students

If you are a new family to our district and/or are enrolling a new student in Forest Hills Public Schools, we thank you for choosing Forest Hills Public Schools. Welcome to a top-rated school district, with extraordinary and extremely supportive teachers, staff, families and community members.

We understand that you may have questions about the enrollment process. Please be assured that we're here to help. If you are unsure which school building you should enroll a student in at Forest Hills Public Schools, please try our interactive district map available online at www.fhps.net, or contact us at 616-493-8800. Children who have not been enrolled should be registered at their school office as soon as possible. All school offices are now open Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Although you may stop in anytime during these hours, we encourage you to call your school to confirm their availability. All of our schools have back-to-school events, open houses, and/or orientations when students can tour the building; however, we welcome you any time prior to school to tour our facilities. If you'd like to meet with specific teachers, counselors, principals and/or staff, we encourage you to call and arrange an appointment.

If transportation is needed for the upcoming school year, bus route information will be mailed one week prior to school for those who have completed the enrollment process.

New K-6 Students

A recently enacted Michigan law amended the Revised School Code (MCL 380.1147), which changed the minimum age requirement for a child enrolling in kindergarten. Children must turn 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2016, in order to register for school. Children who turn 5 after Sept. 1, 2016, and no later than Dec. 1, 2016, may request an early entrance waiver to attend kindergarten. This waiver may be found on our enrollment page online at www.fhps.net.

Kindergarten Enrollment Forms

To enroll a new kindergarten student, please complete the following forms and return them to your school as soon as possible. Find them at fhps.net, under "Enrollment."

- K-12 enrollment form
- Health appraisal (with vision and hearing screening)

- Health history form
- Information from preschool form (if applicable, from previous preschool)
- Classroom guidance/prevention education form
- Concussion awareness form

First - 12th Grade Enrollment Forms

To enroll a new first- through 12th-grade student, please complete the following forms and return them to your school as soon as possible. Find them at fhps.net, under "Enrollment."

- K-12 enrollment form
- Health history form
- Classroom guidance/prevention education form
- Concussion awareness form

Additional Documents Required for All New Students

In addition to completing the referenced forms above, please bring the following with you to your school's office:

- Two proofs of residency in the Forest Hills Public School district:
 - Lease agreement (including the page with landlord and tenant signatures)
 - Mortgage statement (within last month)
 - City assessor's tax statement (current year)
 - Current utility bill or cable bill (within last month)
 - Notarized Affidavit of Residence if living in someone else's home/apartment + This person's driver's license and two (2) proofs of their residence
- Driver's license (of parent or guardian)
- Child's certified birth certificate (must be an original copy)
- Immunization records
- Vision screening (required for kindergarten)
- Court documents, if applicable (i.e. guardianship, foster care, etc.)
- Most recent report card (applies to seventh- and eighth-graders)
- High school transcript (applies to 10th-12th grades only)

Finally, please have the following information with you as well: emergency contact names/phone numbers, physician's name/phone number, and previous school name/address, phone and fax numbers.

First Day of School

Regular classes for all grades, including kindergarten and special education, will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Central, Northern, and Eastern High School students who are enrolled in Kent Career Technical Center programs also will begin their classes on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Special Education Enrollment

You may contact the school principal within your attendance area to enroll your child who has special needs. It is very helpful to have your child's last Individualized Education Plan paperwork as well as reports that were written at the time of your child's last evaluation. Arrangements can be made to copy those files in order for personnel to use them in creating the best placement for your child. For additional information, call the FHPS special education office, 493-8660.

Office Hours

Elementary schools.....8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Ada Vista Elementary7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Central Woodlands 5/6 ...8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Northern Trails 5/68 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Goodwillie 5/6.....7:45 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Middle Schools.....7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
High Schools.....7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Administration Bldg.8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Child Care.....7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Community Services8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Fine Arts Center9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Student Services7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Transportation.....6 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Student Insurance Available

Forest Hills Public Schools provides student medical insurance coverage for any student injured at school or during a school-related activity, including athletics. This coverage is secondary to any student or family medical insurance. In effect, the district's medical (continued on page 4)

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Required Childhood Immunizations for Michigan Schools

The following are the minimum requirements for childhood immunizations for entry to all Michigan public and non-public schools:

Children Ages 4-6 Years

- Four doses DTP or DTaP, one dose must be on or after 4 years of age.
- Four doses of polio vaccine. If dose three is administered on or after 4 years of age, only three doses are required.
- Two doses of MMR vaccine on or after 12 months of age.
- Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine between the ages of 4 and 18 years.
- Two doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine at or after 12 months OR current lab immunity OR reliable history of disease.

Children Ages 7-18 Years (including all seventh-grade students)

- Four doses D and T or three doses of Td, if first dose given on or after 7 years of age. One dose of Tdap for children 11 years of age or older upon entry into the seventh grade or higher.
- Three doses of polio vaccine.
- Two doses of MMR vaccine on or after 12 months of age.
- Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine between the ages of 4 and 18 years.
- One dose of meningococcal vaccine for all children 11 years of age or older upon entry into seventh grade or higher.

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- Two doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine at or after 12 months OR current lab immunity OR reliable history of disease.

Immunization Information Online

For a complete list of the required immunizations for children per grade level, visit the website, www.michigan.gov/immunize. To obtain your immunization records online, visit: www.mcir.org/publiccontent.html.

Where Can I Get Immunized?

If you have health insurance, go to your family doctor. For others, vaccines are available at local health departments.

Immunization Waiver Information

According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, in December, 2014, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules approved a new educational requirement for Michigan parents opting their children out of getting vaccinated before entering school.

To learn more about the laws pertaining to the waiver, please visit the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' website: www.michigan.gov/mdhhs.



Student Insurance Available

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insurance will cover medical costs for school-related injuries that are not covered by the family's medical insurance as long as the injury falls within the range of coverage.

If a family wishes to improve upon the district's plan, additional options are available for individual purchase. All necessary information will be made available to students at the beginning of school. Any family wishing to subscribe should complete the form and return it to their school. To obtain the insurance form, please call your child's school.

Children's Health Care Needs During the School Day

If your child has a medical condition such as diabetes, epilepsy, asthma, acute allergies (food, insect bites, animals), or a physical disability, and/or requires treatments or procedures during school hours, please inform a school staff member prior to the first day of school. An Emergency Action Plan (EAP) is needed for those students with potential complications such as allergies, asthma, seizure disorder, or diabetes. The EAP must be signed by both the physician and the parent/guardian. See your school secretary for the required forms.

Bus Routes for This School Year

The Forest Hills Public Schools' fleet of 80 buses is ready to serve our families and children and transport students safely to and from school every day. One week prior to school, the transportation department will mail to the parent or guardian, each child's bus route information highlighting their bus stop location, bus number, and arrival times. Please remember that during the first few weeks of school, arrival times may vary slightly as everyone gets acclimated to their new schedules. We encourage you to make sure your child arrives to their bus stop at least five minutes prior to their design-

ated bus time noted in their letter. Due to security reasons, we do not post bus stop locations and times on the district website or publish them for general use.

In our continuous effort as a school district to allocate financial resources to support quality instruction and to standardize transportation services across the district, we continue to make adjustments to our routes. These small changes help our district allocate more money which goes directly back into your child's classroom. More specifically this year, some of our bus routes will

have fewer stops. There are some neighborhoods where buses may make several stops within the neighborhood in the morning, but may have only one stop outside of the neighborhood in the afternoon; and we continue to phase out transportation for Schools of Choice families, in-district transfers, and dual-attendance areas.

Finally, please remember that the safety of children is not only our priority, but we partner with you, as parents and guardians to ensure that your child is safely on (continued on page 19)

FHPS Phone Numbers, Attendance Lines, and Contacts

Administration Building 493-8800
6590 Cascade Road SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Elementary Schools

Ada Elementary..... 493-8940
Attendance Line:..... 493-8943
731 Ada Drive SE
Ada, MI 49301
Principal: Jo Anderson

Ada Vista Elementary 493-8970
Attendance Line:..... 493-8976
7192 Bradfield Street SE
Ada, MI 49301
Principal: Jesús Santillán

Collins Elementary..... 493-8900
Attendance line:..... 493-8906
4368 Heather Lane SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
Principal: Mitchell Balingit

Knapp Forest Elementary 493-8980
Attendance line:..... 493-8986
4243 Knapp Valley Drive NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
Principal: Scott Haid

Meadow Brook Elementary 493-8740
Attendance line:..... 493-8748
1450 Forest Hill Avenue SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
Principal: Tim Shaw

Orchard View Elementary 493-8930
Attendance line:..... 493-8936
2770 Leffingwell Avenue NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
Principal: Amy Burton-Major

Pine Ridge Elementary 493-8910
Attendance line:..... 493-8916
3250 Redford Avenue SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
Principal: Tamasha James

Thornapple Elementary 493-8920
Attendance line:..... 493-8926
6932 Bridgewater Drive SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
Principal: Greg Shubel

5/6 Schools

Central Woodlands 5/6..... 493-8790
Attendance line:..... 493-8798
400 Alta Dale Avenue SE
Ada, MI 49301
Principal: David Simpson

5/6 Schools (continued)

Goodwillie Environmental 5/6 493-8633
Attendance line:..... 493-8633
8400 Two Mile Road NE
Ada, MI 49301
Principal: David Washburn

Northern Trails 5/6..... 493-8990
Attendance line:..... 493-8993
3777 Leonard Street NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
Principal: Susan Gutierrez

Middle Schools

Central Middle School 493-8750
Attendance line:..... 493-8762
5810 Ada Drive SE
Ada, MI 49301
Principal: Glenn Mitcham
Assistant Principal: Charlie Vonk

Eastern Middle School 493-8850
Attendance line:..... 493-8856
2200 Pettis Avenue NE
Ada, MI 49301
Principal: David Washburn
Dean of Students: Tricia McPheron

Northern Hills Middle School..... 493-8650
Attendance line:..... 493-8666
3775 Leonard Street NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
Principal: Nancy Susterka
Assistant Principal: Joe Curcuru

High Schools

Central High School..... 493-8700
Attendance line:..... 493-8712
5901 Hall Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
Principal: Steve Passinault
Assistant Principal: John DeStefano

Eastern High School..... 493-8830
Attendance line:..... 493-8836
2200 Pettis Avenue NE
Ada, MI 49301
Principal: Steve Harvey
Assistant Principals: Tim Hollern,
Edgar Wilson

Northern High School 493-8600
Attendance line:..... 493-8610
3801 Leonard Street NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
Principal: Jon Gregory
Assistant Principals: John Dolce,
Stephanie Hare

Additional Numbers

**Student Services/
Special Education Offices** 493-8660
3787 Leonard Street NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
Director: Jann VanAirsdale

Operations..... 493-8780
150 Alta Dale Avenue SE
Ada, MI 49301
Director: Ron Boezwinkle

Transportation 493-8785
6001 Hall Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
Director: Darryl Hofstra

Food Service..... 493-8774
160 Alta Dale Avenue SE
Ada, MI 49301
Director: Chris Nelson

Community Services..... 493-8950
Community, Aquatic & Senior Citizen Center
660 Forest Hill Avenue SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
Supervisor: Kelly Swieter

Fine Arts Center 493-8965
600 Forest Hill Avenue SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
Manager: Meggan George

Child Care 493-8787
150 Alta Dale Avenue SE
Ada, MI 49301
Child Care Director: Julie Jewell

Please Call in Your Child's Absences

For the safety and welfare of all students, we require that a parent or guardian call the school office on any day a child is absent. Procedures for reporting student absences are the same at all Forest Hills schools. If your child is absent from school, please call the school's attendance line to explain the reason for the absence. Calls to report student absences should be made as soon as possible during the late evening or early morning hours, preferably before 9:30 a.m. Attendance lines are available 24-hours-a-day. If your child will be absent from school for any reason other than illness, please call the school office to make arrangements in advance. If your child is absent from school and you do not call to explain the absence, the school will call you.

FHPS Food Service Information

Easy-to-Access School Menus

Forest Hills Public Schools, in partnership with Chartwells K12, uses Nutrislice to publish school menus to an interactive website. Families can view menu item descriptions and photographs, filter common food allergens, translate the menus into another language, view carbohydrate counts and calories, and much more.

It's easy to check out daily, weekly, and monthly lunch menus. The fastest way to access lunch menus is to:

- Go to our website: www.fhps.net.
- Click on the words "Food Service" at the top of the home page.
- Click on the "Interactive School Menus" button.

When viewing online menus, you can also print the month's menu by clicking on the printer icon. Finally, you may also download a free app for a smartphone or mobile device to view menus when you're on the go. Links to these apps also are on our food service website page.

School Lunch Accounts and Adding Money to the Account

Forest Hills Public Schools uses an online program at www.sendmoneytoschool.com for families to keep track of a student's prepaid lunch account. Families can deposit funds into a student's account, monitor purchases made on the account and view account balances. Funds deposited through sendmoneytoschool.com are available for the student to use within a matter of minutes. This feature eliminates the need to send a check to school or worry about lost or forgotten lunch money.



To create a new account or to check the balance of a student's account carried over from last year, visit: www.sendmoneytoschool.com, and follow the on-screen directions to login. Families are charged a flat \$1.75 transaction fee no matter the amount or number of students included with a deposit.

If you are new to the system, you will need your child's Student ID number which can be obtained by contacting the school or by calling the food service department, 616-493-8774.

Meals Are Always Available

We will always offer a meal to all students regardless of their lunch account balance. If a child's lunch account balance is zero or below, we will offer a child a meal; however, they will not be allowed to purchase any à la carte items. We will allow them to charge on their lunch account up to three hot lunches, which will create a negative balance on their account. If funds are not deposited into a student's lunch account after these three lunch charges, we will only offer

2016-2017 School Lunch Prices

Elementary (K-4) w/milk	\$2.75
Secondary (5-12) w/milk.....	\$3.00
Milk only	\$0.60
*Reduced-price lunch w/milk ...	\$0.40

*All schools participating in the National School Lunch Program must make free and reduced-price meals available to eligible children. To view this year's eligibility requirements and for a confidential application, go online to: www.fhps.net/food-service, or contact your school's secretary for a hard copy of the application. Children who receive a free or reduced-price meal have the same school lunch card as all of the students in FHPS, so a student's participation in the program remains confidential.

that student a cheese sandwich meal. The student will be charged full price for this meal. A cheese sandwich meal consists of: cold cheese sandwich, fruit and vegetables, and white milk. This child will continue to be offered this meal until his/her lunch account is brought back to at least zero.

Food Service Forms and Menu Substitutions for Students with Allergies

Additional food service information, forms, policies and free and reduced-price lunch application forms may be found online at: www.fhps.net/food-service.

Food Service Questions and Assistance

Our ongoing goal is to provide fresh, nutritious food for our students. We focus on nurturing our students' well-being by preparing delicious and healthy meals they enjoy. Should you have questions or need assistance, please contact Chris Nelson, food service director, at 616-493-8774 or email at cnelson@fhps.net.



Did You Know?

- All of the milk served in FHPS is from local dairy farmers.
- This year the food service department will be focusing on increasing awareness and availability of produce by enhancing the fruit and vegetable bars. The cafeterias will feature more seasonal items in an effort to promote local farm-to-table businesses.
- FHPS food service will be on social media this school year! Look for their Facebook and Instagram pages appearing soon and learn about lunch room giveaways, special events, and more.
- Families are always welcome to come and eat lunch with their child. When doing so, please make sure you always sign in with the office staff upon arrival.

Before- and After-School Care

When parents work or have to be somewhere before school starts, they want a place they can take their child that is safe and fun and that helps start the day on a positive note. Likewise, parents want the security and peace of mind knowing their child is safe after school. When school schedules and parent schedules just don't match, the Forest Hills Public Schools has a fee-based, before- and after-school child care program.

Our before- and after-school care programs are housed in all of the district's elementary school buildings, including Ada Vista Elementary School. We also offer a before- and after-school care program for our fifth- and sixth-grade students at Central Woodlands 5/6 and Northern Trails 5/6 schools. All before- and after-school care programs run from 6:45 a.m. to the time that the school starts, and from the time school ends until 6:15 p.m.

Before-school care is \$11 per day and breakfast is included. After-school care also is \$11 per day and a snack is included. There is a 10 percent discount applied for five-day scheduling. The before- and after-school care combined cost for one child per day is \$19.80, reflecting a built-in 10 percent discount.

This program is for children 5-years-old by Sept. 1, 2016, through sixth grade. If your child is enrolled in the before- and after-school care program then they may automatically attend the Forest Hills Public Schools' Child Care Program on inclement weather days housed at Central Woodlands 5/6 School and Northern Trails 5/6 School. If your child is enrolled in the before- and after-school program, parents/guardians may also register their child to attend the Child Care Program at Central Woodlands during winter, midwinter and spring



breaks; when school is closed for staff professional learning days and much more. Please note, that the FHPS Child Care programs are not in session on district observed holidays.

Registration in any before- or after-school care program guarantees full day child care if needed, on non-school days. Please call the Child Care office, 493-8787 for current fees, availability, and additional information. A \$35 annual registration fee will be applied to your first invoice.

Families may register online for the before- and after-school care program. A link to the online registration may be found at: www.fhps.net/departments/child-care-services/.

High School Fall Football Community Festivities

Central High School

Friday, Sept. 16, at 4:30 p.m.

Come join the Rangers for their annual community tailgate party. Activities begin at 4 p.m., featuring food, games, cheerleaders, poms, the marching band, face painting, and much more. The event will take place on the fields between Central High School and Central Middle School. The night's football game will feature the Rangers taking on the Greenville Yellow Jackets at 7 p.m.

Eastern High School

Friday, Sept. 16, at 4 p.m.

The Eastern High School Athletic Boosters will host the annual Hawk Rally with family fun, food, games, music, activities for the children, and entertainment. The event will be held on the lawn outside the Hawk Stadium. The all-school athlete parade will begin at 6:45 p.m. Cheer on the Eastern Hawks as they go for a victory against Grand Rapids Catholic Central at 7 p.m.

Northern High School

Friday, Sept. 23, at 5 p.m.

Parents of the Forest Hills Northern senior class will host homecoming and Husky Fest in the commons at the high school. The carnival will include face painting, games, and activities for the entire family. The senior class parents will prepare the "Husky Meal Deal" for \$5 per person. After the carnival, follow the marching band into the stadium where the Huskies will take on Ottawa Hills.



Come out and support our Husky, Ranger and Hawk athletic teams this year. Kids, be on the lookout for your school's mascot at sporting events and show your school spirit.

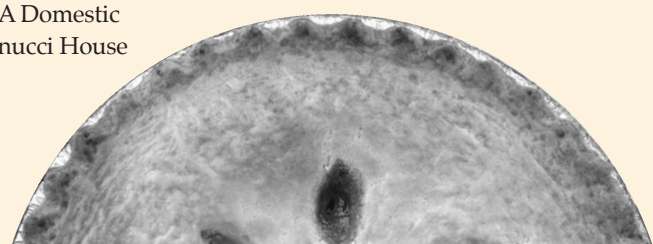
Support FHN Class of 2017: Apple Pie Sale!

The Forest Hills Northern High School senior class will host its annual apple pie sale to raise funds for their graduation party celebration. Purchase 9-inch deep-dish apple pies that are ready-to-bake or can be frozen and baked when needed. Pies are \$10 each or three for \$25.

You also may choose to donate your pies. Donated pies will be delivered to God's Kitchen, Degage Ministries, Ronald McDonald House, YMCA Domestic Crisis Center, and Renucci House at Spectrum Health.

Order by Nov. 4 by visiting the website, <https://sites.google.com/site/fhnseniorclass2017/fundraisers/applepies>. Pay using PayPal or your credit card. Pies will be ready to be picked up Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Forest Hills Northern High School, 3801 Leonard NE. Pies are made fresh that day!

Questions? Email Caren Kerprich and Ingrid Fournier at fhnapplepie@gmail.com.



Forest Hills Congratulates 2016 Advanced Placement Scholars

The Advanced Placement Scholar Awards, sponsored by The College Board, recognizes high school students who have demonstrated college-level achievement through AP courses and exams. Students who complete the rigorous Advanced Placement courses offered in our high schools are eligible to take the nation's standardized AP tests held at the beginning of summer. Students

who demonstrate college-level achievement through AP courses and exams are recognized with several levels of AP Scholar Awards. In addition to receiving a certificate, this achievement is acknowledged on any AP Grade Report that is sent to colleges in the fall. Sometimes, a sufficiently high AP test score allows the student to bypass

an introductory course requirement in college and begin studies at a more advanced level. For 2016, Forest Hills had 18 students named National AP Scholars—the highest award; 126 students named AP Scholars with Distinction; 83 students named AP Scholars with Honor; and 140 students named AP Scholars.

Central High School

National AP Scholars

Granted to students in the United States who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.

Cecelia Batterbee	Cooper James
Grant Carlson	Joshua Kooistra
Nicholas Ettinger	Daniel Slaw
Ruchir Gupta	Jessica VanElls

AP Scholars with Distinction

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Samuel Aidala	Colson Korpak
Jared Baas	Peter Kramer
Cecelia Batterbee	Kristin Lewis
Timothy Bennett	Jacob Lohrke
Jack Boezwinkle	Joshua Lohrke
Geoffrey Brown	Matthew Mills
Susan Candela	Maria Nasser
Grant Carlson	Connor Nolan
Noah Carlson	Ethan Palmer
Sophie Carrington	Jonathan Pearcy
Jacob Coiner	Samantha Plouff
Meghan Donovan	Joshua Reminga
Brendan Dunn	Noah Saleh
John Dyke	Raneem Sannah
Nicholas Ettinger	Kadin Schermers
Meredith Farmer	Elliane Siebert
Jordan George	Daniel Slaw
Maura Gill	Michael Soukar
Ruchir Gupta	Jacob Standerfer
Scott Hadley	Sofia Stanescu-Bellu
Joseph Hartert	Allyson Stapleton
Ryan Hilbert	Catherine Stapleton
Colleen Hillard	Daniel Tiggelman
Kayla Hunnewell	Jessica VanElls
Cooper James	Ziyi Wang
Patrick Jarvis	Madeleine Wilson
Morgan Kauss	William Xu
Joshua Kooistra	Irene Yi

AP Scholars with Honor

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Lily Ackerman	Christian Aitken
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Central High School

AP Scholars with Honor (continued)

Amani Allen	Mark Mainero
Brooke Bacigal	Hugh McDonald
Joshua Ball	Maxwell Moore
Thomas Barfuss	Adeline Morris
Nicholas Beaumier	Sari Muallem
Bradley Benstein	Hannah Ploof
Isabelle Berry	Abigail Pointer
Mikelis Butlevics	Alexander Postmaa
Madeline Cole	Kyle Ross
Anthony DeLapp	Jacob Sitarski
Samuel Dolphin	Madeline Snyder
Veronica Edgar	Timothy Spurlin
Amytess Girgis	Martha Tinker
Cameron Harris	Madison Verlinde
Hannah Helmbrecht	Logan Vredenburg
Derek Hosford	Amanda Wang
Hannah Jones-Reiser	Dakota Weinman
Katherine Knister	Cameron Wintrich
Patricia Krause	Hanna Wong
Caroline Kuiper	James Xu
Josca Levert	Kellie Zhou

AP Scholars

Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.

Nicole Bailey	Rachel Hawn
Nicholas Baldwin	Bennett Hendricks
Raymond Beckering	Megan Henriksen
Gabrielle Buchanan	Kristin Huffman
Won Choi	Bisam Javaid
Jacob Cieply	Sara Johnson
Lewis Conklin	Lindsey Lammlin
Reagan Cool	Alex Martin
Karsen Diepholz	Madeline McLaughlin
Aubrey Doran	Mitchel Miller
Atilla Erhan	Ryan Mulder
Hannah Esterman	Erin Neely
Natalie Fischer	Carson Nickel
Allison Fitzgerald	Bridget O'Connell
Griffin Fry	Kathryn Ott
Jessica Fuller	Evelyn Pae
Lauren Gage	Subin Park
Hannah Gable	Rea Parocaran
Tyler Greenwood	Sandi Ramljak
Jesse Hall	Olivia Salah
Paige Hall-Petry	Alexander Samra

Central High School

AP Scholars (continued)

Andrew Simon	Cheny Wang
Rebecca Surman	Kevin Wang
Ryan Sutton	Paityn Wedder
Alexander Szczepanski	Emily Wiltz
Michael Tanis	Katherine Woodburne
Cooper Terwin	Susan Wu
Olivia Thomas	Mackenzie Yob
Daniel Tomko	Matthew Zadel

Eastern High School

National AP Scholars

Granted to students in the United States who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.

Samuel Hostetter	Elise Wassink
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AP Scholars with Distinction

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Lois Biggs	Michael Lu
Payton Burns	Veronica O'Connor
Kaitlyn Dann	Meghana Ranabothu
Tyler Dann	Ally Rzesza
Peter Ellinger	Natasha Thapa
Anudeeta Gautam	Andrew Tift
Wesley Gawel	Zoe Van Slooten
Jakob Grubb	Meghan Vonck
Samuel Hostetter	Karthik Vuyyuru
Parker Janson	Elise Wassink
Serin Joice	Rachel Westrick

AP Scholars with Honor

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Miriam Attal	Annika Kuz
Matthew Bageris	Courtney Larson
Hannah Baird	Rachel Martin
Elliot Bekker	Maxwell Tendero
Olivia Huber	Keely VandenBerge
Quentin Johnson	Akhil Vinod

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Eastern High School

AP Scholars

Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.

Gretchen Ackerman	Andrew Lu
Ciaran Alward	Samuel Mendoza
Garrett Auzins	Claire Netemeyer
Madeline Billups	Angela Nguyen
Benjamin Brown	Andrew Pavey
Pearl Moon Chapman	Rose Rumery
Courtney Clay	Genevieve Sypien
Noah Cottrell	Jacob Sypniewski
Aaron Cyril John	Matthew Taylor
Alanna de Sibour	Joseph Thieme
Jacob Doctor	Amanda Valcq
Amberlyn Erlenbeck	Rachel Van Bostel
John Farmer	Adithya Venkatesh
Nathan Foote	Noah Weller
Marcia Hawkins-Day	Samuel Whitsell
Alexandra Herold	Madeline Yaw
Elliot Hoogerland	Ashley Zhang
Anna Keller	Emily Zheutlin
Conrad Kuz	

Northern High School

AP International Diploma

Globally recognized award requiring students to display mastery on AP Exams across several disciplines, and represents an exceptional level of achievement.

Gregory Poole

National AP Scholars

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Natalie Brown	William Pettinger
Raymond Engle	Gregory Poole
Norah Fanning	Owen Purdue
Victor Hao	Katrina Yeomans

AP Scholars with Distinction

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Marc Anastasiu	Victor Hao
Collin Barnhardt	Stuart Hart
Adrienne Bilbao	Ellie Katz
Mikaela Bradley	Elise Kennedy
Natalie Brown	Nathan Koo
Megan Bruneau	Mackenzie Kramer
Emily Byrd	Nathan Legault
Jillianne Carrasco	Salonee Marwaha
Dylan Chung	Peyton Masters
Emma Clark	Charlotte Mathias
Eric Crawford	Joy Mecano
Andrew Dicks	Quinton O'Connor
Nicholas Doyle	Qusay Omran
Raymond Engle	Bennett Pelton
Danielle Falling	William Pettinger
Norah Fanning	Ashley Peuler
Mihir Gondhalekar	Liliana Pfeifer
Ethan Grayeb	Gregory Poole

Northern High School

AP Scholars with Distinction (cont.)

Simon Post	Samuel Schellenberg
Stephen Prefontaine	Jaspreet Singh
Owen Purdue	Noor Sohail
Bharathi Ravikumar	Anu Teodorescu
Jin-Sae Ro	Katrina Yeomans
Daniel Rosengren	Felicia Zhang

AP Scholars with Honor

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Kathryn Aaberg	Chase Morello
Jennifer Belfer	Colin O'Connor
Jay Blackwell	Zarah Osmani
Jack Brooks	Anna Pastyrnak
Lucas Calderon	Brooke Perras
Jack Clegg	Camden Rhoades
Jacob Dennen	Brendan Rice
Camryn Giem	Samuel Scharich
Addison Healey	Faith Slubowski
Kathryn Levasseur	Conor Streng
Julien Levesque	Elise Turke
Phillip Lodzinski	Emily Vandyke-
Jacob Martin	Mathews
Benjamin Meyers	Kathleen Wells

AP Scholars

Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.

Mackenzie Almassian	William Griffith
Scott Anthony	Miles Hagmeyer
Cora Baker	Alice Hanlon
Megan Baxter	Grayam Hotchkiss
Cecily Bobrowski	Erin Johnston
Ashley Boersma	Megan Kempa
Breanna Boersma	Lauren Kerprich
Natalie Bradshaw	Ana Kim
Anna Carnes	Betty Kliewer
Logan Coles	Victoria Lynn
Kayla Cooper	Kaitlyn Molhoek
Julia Cotts	Devin Moore
Ethan Cripe Bonnell	Benjamin Nicoski
Maansi Dalmia	Amrutha Patil
James Elwell	William Poltrock
Emmalyn Espinosa	Madalyn Slubowski
Arezu Forouzandeh	Alexa Smith
Bryce Fraser	Jacqueline Spiegel
Jack Garrett	Jeffrey Vasiu
Justin Gendler	Julia Verstraete
Kayla Gillespie	Morgan Young
Timothy Gombis	Jenna Zelasko
Madelyn Green	

SAT/PSAT Results and Study Questions Now Online to Help Students, Families

After taking a standardized test, middle and high school students have always wondered which questions they answered correctly, and which ones they answered incorrectly. Similarly, students have always been looking for online resources to help with test taking, and a place where students could review old test questions and help prepare for future standardized tests.

The College Board, the company responsible for the college-entrance exams, PSAT, SAT, and Advanced Placement (AP), has recently taken steps to provide unprecedented online access for students to their PSAT and SAT results. By setting up a free College Board account, students can view their PSAT or SAT results online, see how they performed against national samples, review and analyze their answers, and even link their results to the free online Khan Academy. In turn, Khan Academy has partnered with the College Board and provides test prep courses and analysis along with four official full-length SAT exams.

The Michigan Department of Education now provides the PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, and the SAT assessments to all Michigan public school students in grades 9, 10, and 11, respectively. This is a great opportunity for our high school students and their families to take advantage of this online tool as they plan for future college enrollment.

To learn more how students and families can use these online resources, please contact your school counselor or visit: <https://student.collegeboard.org>.




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50th Reunion

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016, 6 p.m.

Watermark Country Club

RSVP Required

For more information contact Rob Beahan, 616-446-6529, or email: rob@beahan.org; or Trish Cutler, 616-874-8085, email: wcutler318@aol.com. Find us on Facebook: Forest Hills High School Class of 1966.

What You Should Do if You Have School Questions, Concerns

We know there may be times you have questions or concerns about a situation at your child's school. The most important thing is communication, and we offer the following guide to help.

1. Discuss your question or concern with your child's teacher.
2. If you feel you have not received a satisfactory answer or solution, contact the school principal.
3. If the school principal does not resolve the matter to your satisfaction, please call the Administration Office to discuss the matter with an assistant superintendent or the superintendent.

The final step, if necessary, is to request an appearance before the Forest Hills Public Schools board of education. If you wish to address the board, you must notify the superintendent in writing at least five days before the board is scheduled to meet. Your letter must also describe the problem or concern you wish to discuss.

By following this procedure, your questions and concerns about school-related issues will be resolved.



New Principal to Lead Pine Ridge



Tamasha James

Students warmly welcomed her right before school got out for the summer. She received dozens of notes from students telling her what makes Pine Ridge so amazing. Others created drawings about what makes Pine Ridge so special, what qualities make a great principal, and notes of encouragement.

"It felt like 'home' from the minute I stepped on the campus of Pine Ridge Elementary School, and started conversations with the students, staff, and families," said Tamasha James, Pine Ridge Elementary School's new principal. "I couldn't be more blessed to have this wonderful opportunity to lead Pine Ridge, work with such passionate and caring staff and families, and do what I love to do and impact children in a positive way."

Since the beginning of July, she has hit the ground running, and has met with every Pine Ridge classroom teacher, has attended professional learning opportunities for principals, attended a math conference for elementary educators, and much more.

James comes to Forest Hills with extensive experience working as a teacher, principal, and central office leader for public schools in Michigan. She began her career as a Spanish teacher and soon caught the eye of system leaders who asked her to take on a wider role as the dean of students for TriValley Academy. In 2001, she was named principal for William C. Abney Academy where

she grew the school from 130 students to over 400 students during her six-year tenure. In 2007, she was tapped to serve as the vice president for academic support for The Leona Group, a public school academy leadership organization responsible for the management of 33 public schools in Michigan and surrounding states. Additionally, she has served as an adjunct instructor and supervisor for Davenport University.

James states that her most rewarding position in her 20 years serving as an educator was that as elementary school principal. She was not looking for a new job, but the opportunity to serve as principal at Pine Ridge was too strong to resist. She was consistently rated as a top candidate at every stage of the intensive interview process. James and Kenneth, her husband, are parents of three daughters who attend Forest Hills schools. Originally from San Diego, Calif., James has lived in Michigan for the past 21 years and is a proud resident of Forest Hills.

Her undergraduate degree is from Baker University in Kansas and she earned her graduate degree in educational leadership from Grand Valley State University. She has been certified to teach in both Kansas and Michigan. "I'm excited to begin working and serving the students, staff, and families of Pine Ridge Elementary School," James said. "This school year will be extraordinary for the entire Pine Ridge community, and I'm most looking forward to welcoming our students back on the first day of school. We are Pine Ridge! Go Rangers!"

Please help us welcome Pine Ridge Elementary School's new principal, Tamasha James.

Summer: Facility Upgrades

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The kitchen and food preparation areas at Orchard View Elementary School were completely gutted and put back together this summer. The opening (right) was expanded so cafeteria workers can serve the students through the serving window rather than out in the cafeteria.



FOREST HILLS

PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

August/September 2016

Destination: Innovation

Equipping Teachers to Transform Learning

The vision of Forest Hills Public Schools is to create a new model of education which equips each student with the 21st century skills they need to be successful.

This includes four essential elements:

- Achieving educational standards
- Project-based rather than subject-based learning
- Individual plans based on student's progress
- Advanced training for teachers

Creating a new model is exciting, fulfilling, and leading-edge work. Oddly enough, it bears a much stronger resemblance to research and development than it does to traditional education. It is, in fact, true innovation.



The Campaign

The Forest Hills Public Schools Foundation is charged with raising the funds needed for this educational R&D. Our \$500,000 "Destination: Innovation" advancement campaign will fund exploration of new learning methods, structures, and ideas. These funds will enrich teachers with essential resources—such as time, training and technology—so they can deliver a new type of learning in a new way.

Exciting concepts keep emerging from both students and faculty as they embrace innovation. This campaign allows both teachers and students to test and explore the most intriguing paths for research.

Give securely online at www.fhpsf.org or contact Jana Siminski, 616-493-8954 or jsiminski@fhpsf.net.

Upcoming FHPSF Events

Save the Date!

- **State of the District Luncheon**
May 4, 2017
Watermark Country Club
- **Charlie Anderson Memorial Golf Tournament**
June 14, 2017
Thornapple Pointe Golf Club

Forest Hills Public Schools Foundation

Jana Siminski, Director

600 Forest Hill Avenue SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

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the Gala

Make Plans to Attend!

The 2016 Gala is a high-impact community celebration of quality education, and the role the Forest Hills Public Schools Foundation plays in helping engage students and expand their horizons. It also offers a chance to honor the Forest Hills Teacher of the Year.

Event Details

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016

Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

- Dress: cocktail attire, black-tie optional
- Gala Co-Chairs: Jerry and Suzanne Callahan, and Troy and Christy Walker
- Gala Emcee: Judge Sara Smolenski

6-7 p.m.: Reception and Support Our Schools Preview

7-9:30 p.m.: Dinner and Program

Make Reservations

Sponsorships are available. You can purchase sponsorships online at www.fhpsf.org or by calling 616-493-8954. Individual tickets are available from a Circle of Friends table coordinator for \$150/ticket. For more information, please contact the Foundation at 616-493-8954.

Support Our Schools

The Forest Hills Public Schools Foundation will promote the Support Our Schools initiative, where we will be highlighting specific needs identified and requested by each school. Gala guests will have the opportunity to help our schools by funding selected needs. What a great way to make an impact on the schools, the classrooms, and the students! Please attend the 2016 Gala and help us help our schools!

the *Gala*

FOREST HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION



The 2016 Gala is a high-impact community celebration of quality education and the role the Forest Hills Public Schools Foundation plays in helping engage students and expand their horizons. It is one of the Foundation's special fundraising events and it will be held at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park.

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

- 6 – 7 p.m. **Cocktail Hour and Support Our Schools Initiative**
- 7 – 9:30 p.m. **Dinner and Program**

Gala Co-Chairs: Jerry and Suzanne Callahan, and Troy and Christy Walker

Gala Emcee: Judge Sara Smolenski

Please join us at the 2016 Gala, as we Support Our Schools! School administrators will identify needs at their individual school. At the Gala, guests will have the opportunity to support the schools by funding those needs. Donor gifts will go directly to the school(s) of your choice! By funding these needs, you have an opportunity to make a direct impact in the classroom. A complete list of these needs will be available on the Foundation's website (www.fhpsf.org) closer to the event.

Throughout the evening of the 2016 Gala, we will be discussing these needs and providing opportunities for individuals, couples, groups, or entire tables to Support Our Schools by funding specific needs.

**We Can't Rely on the State to Fund Excellence.
Please Help Us Help Our Schools!**

Forest Hills Public Schools Foundation 2016 Gala

- Yes, I/We want to purchase a "Circle of Friends" table for \$1,500. (\$150/ticket x 10)*
- Yes, I/We want to become a Silver Sponsor for \$2,000. Package includes a table for 10, event signage, your name in the evening's program, post-event recognition, and inclusion in the Superintendent's Circle.
- I/We can't attend the Gala, but want to sponsor, fully or partially, one of the identified needs at our school(s). Name of school(s): _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Payment Options: Check Enclosed Paid Online by Credit Card
(go to www.fhpsf.org and click the donate tab)

*In order to reserve a Circle of Friends table, you can purchase all 10 tickets & invite guests or be a table coordinator by purchasing a minimum of two tickets with a commitment to fill all 10 seats.

If you would like to purchase a table or contribute toward the needs of your school, please send the bottom portion of this sheet to your school office or to the Foundation at the address below. For more information, please contact Stephanie Taylor at 493-8500 or staylor@fhpsf.org.

Make checks payable to: Forest Hills Public Schools Foundation
600 Forest Hill Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-2322

How Did You Spend Your Summer?

FHPS Employee Conducts Week-Long Research on Great Lakes Vessel

While students were having fun at local beaches and swimming in Michigan's lakes this summer, one Forest Hills employee was learning and conducting research on Michigan's Great Lakes. Karen Fuller, a gifted and talented teacher aide at Northern Trails 5/6, and Ada and Ada Vista Elementary schools, was chosen through an extensive application process to take part in the Shipboard Science Research Cruise in Lake Superior on the U.S. Lake Guardian science research vessel. Fuller, the only Michigan educator, and 15 other teachers representing New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota, completed science experiments for a week on water quality, zooplankton and other phytoplankton samplings.

The teachers boarded the Lake Guardian, a 180-foot long, 40-foot wide vessel owned by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in July. The purpose of the vessel is to conduct monitoring that samples the water, aquatic life, sediments and air in order to assess the health of the Great Lakes ecosystem. Yet, for the teachers and crew, it was anything but a cruise.

While on board, the teachers and crew experienced turbulent waters. On their way to Washburn Marina in Wisc. from Houghton, Mich. a tumultuous storm came crashing in with four-foot waves and nothing to see except lightning. It was a 100-year storm that devastated parts of northern Wisconsin, especially Saxon Harbor.

Fuller, who was quoted in a Washburn News story said, "We were inside the boat



Karen Fuller (front row right) joins some of her teacher colleagues on the U.S. Lake Guardian while docked in Lake Superior.



Karen Fuller examines a water sample she and colleagues took from Lake Superior.

peering out the windows, and all we could see was lightening," Fuller recounted. "At one point, some of us went up to the pilot-house to watch the lightening, which was like a strobe.

"We never felt unsafe on our vessel, but it was something we won't forget," Fuller said. "Needless to say, we were unable to take our water samples that night because we couldn't go out on deck."

The storm didn't dampen the teachers' spirits or their research. In fact, they actually found something new. "While sampling off Isle Royale, we discovered a new lowest sampling dig ever completed in Lake Superior at 316 meters," she said.

According to Fuller, she's excited to bring her experiences back to the classrooms this school year. In addition to her experience on the Lake Guardian, she also is joining Groundswell for a teacher conference to learn more about local streams and waterways that all flow into the Great Lakes and the impact these watersheds have on overall water quality.

"I will be able to use the data we obtained on the research vessel and share my experiences with the students and teachers as they differentiate their classroom learning to meet educational learning targets," Fuller said. "The science will allow me to enrich and accelerate the content the students are learning in their classrooms and help our learners see science and education through another perspective."

More Books to Choose from in First Through Fourth Classroom Libraries

Excellence in literacy instruction has always been a hallmark in Forest Hills Public Schools. Recently, grant opportunities from the Michigan Department of Education have supported continued professional development for kindergarten through third-grade teachers to use effective research-based strategies in teaching reading and writing. The MDE grant also provided the district with the opportunity to purchase professional teaching resource books and diagnostic assessment tools to monitor reading development and progress.

In addition, students in grades first through fourth can look forward to refreshed classroom libraries in each classroom across the district when they return to school. Each classroom library will have approximately 200 new leveled texts, with a balance of literary and informational books to support the interests and reading levels of students in each grade. Titles include new releases, true classics, award winners, and more. The new leveled texts will be a welcome addition to enrich and refresh the existing libraries in each classroom.

"The libraries will support reading development in students by offering a range of reading levels to interest, challenge, and motivate," said Margaret Fellingner, assistant superintendent of instruction. "We are fortunate that we are able to provide each classroom with an updated classroom library of high quality literature to help inspire and encourage young readers." According to Fellingner, the libraries are curated specifically for each grade level, and represent a range of genres, disciplines, and cultures.

"The classroom library books arrived during the summer and will be ready to enjoy at the beginning of the school year," Fellingner said. "Having access to books that are age-appropriate, grade-appropriate, and reading level-appropriate will provide our young readers with more opportunities to find high interest 'just right' books in their classrooms. We know that the more access children have to books, the more they will read ... and the more they read, the more skillful readers they will become. We are thrilled to be able to provide our elementary schools with updated leveled classroom libraries—a resource that benefits every learner."

Forest Hills Fine Arts Center

Forest Hills Fine Arts Center

16/17 Artist-in-Residence & Exhibit Schedule & Season Performances



MCDONALD



REUSCH & KRIEGBAUM



WIERENGA



HANSEN



BINKLEY



GRIGORIEVA



ANNUNZIATA

Artist-in-Residence Artists are in grey.

JON MCDONALD

August 25 - September 22, 2016

Reception: Thursday, September 8, 2016

MARY REUSCH & MARGARET KRIEGBAUM

September 29 - October 21, 2016

Reception: Thursday, October 6, 2016

FHPS STAFF & COMMUNITY EXHIBIT

November 29 - December 15, 2016

Reception: Wednesday, December 7, 2016

KELSEA WIERENGA

January 6 - 27, 2017

Reception: Thursday, January 12, 2017

SANDRA HANSEN

February 2 - 24, 2017

Reception: Thursday, February 9, 2017

SCHYLER BINKLEY

March 3 - 24, 2017

Reception: Thursday, March 9, 2017

FHPS STUDENT EXHIBIT

April 14 - May 11, 2017

Reception: Thursday, April 20, 2017

VALENTINA GRIGORIEVA

June 1 - 26, 2017

Reception: Wednesday, June 7, 2017

RALPH 'NUNZI' ANNUNZIATA

June 30 - July 21, 2017

Reception: Thursday, July 6, 2017

FOREST HILLS FINE ARTS CENTER 2016-17 PERFORMANCES SEASON

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

MASTERS OF ILLUSION

Thursday, October 20, 2016, 7:30 PM

Grand illusions, levitating women, appearances and vanishes, escapes, comedy magic, sleight of hand, and beautiful dancers, all rolled up into a live show.

CHRISTOPHER CROSS

Friday, January 13, 2017, 7:30 PM

Award-winning Cross continues his recording and performing career with a new album, Secret Ladder while head-on addressing contemporary concerns, a combination which is sure to please

THE FIVE IRISH TENORS

Monday, February 6, 2017, 7:30 PM

Following in the footsteps of the great Irish Tenor John McCormack, in a sensational program, "The Five Irish Tenors" fuses Irish wit and boisterous charm, with lyricism, dramatic flair and operatic style to bring you a unique Irish tenor concert experience.

GOLDEN DRAGON ACROBATS

Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 7:30 PM

Award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes, ancient and contemporary, music and theatrical techniques... to present a show of breathtaking skill and spellbinding beauty.



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www.fhfineartscenter.com

All exhibits are free to the public.

Exhibit Hours
9am - 5pm Monday - Friday

Summer Exhibit Hours
9am - 5pm Monday - Thursday

Artist Receptions
6pm - 7pm in the FAC lobby.

Everyone Welcome

Presenting Sponsor for the 16/17 Exhibit & Artist-in-Residence Program



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**The Forest Hills Fine Arts Center
2016-17 Season**

Forest Hills Public Schools
Fine Arts Center

Season information will be available at
www.fhfineartscenter.com starting September 1, 2016.

Forest Hills Adult Community Band

Did you play an instrument in high school and/or college and would like to get back into playing music? Come join the Forest Hills Adult Community Band. This band is an organization of adults who share a common interest in making music. This band includes college students, retirees, professionals, music instructors, and other family and community members from the Grand Rapids area. Musicians of all skill levels and ability are welcomed. Retired music teacher, Greg Christensen, serves as conductor. Visit www.fhacb.org for more information. The Forest Hills Community Band rehearses every Thursday from September through May, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Forest Hills Eastern High School. To register to become a band member, or for more information, please call FHPS Community Services at 493-8950 or visit www.enjoylearning.com. The cost to join the band is \$49.

Free • Everyone Is Invited!

Adult Community Band: Fall, Winter Concerts

■ **Fall Concert – Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016, 2:30 p.m.**

■ **Winter Concert – Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016, 2:30 p.m.**

Both concerts will be presented in the Eastern High School Auditorium, 2200 Pettis Ave. NE, Ada. Concerts are free and fun for the entire family!

Forest Hills Community Services

Senior Citizen Corner

Learning Café

Mind and Body Awareness

Tues., Sept. 27, 2016, noon, Community and Aquatic Center
Learn about the mind and body connection, watch a demonstration, and try the slow movements of Tai Chi. Presented by Senior Neighbors.

Oh, I Didn't Know That!

Tues., Oct. 25, 2016, noon, Community and Aquatic Center
Join naturalist Dr. Mary Jane Dockeray as she brings a few nature facts to light in her informative slideshow presentation.

To register, or for additional details, program costs, and menu items, call 616-493-8950 or visit enjoylearning.com

Special Fall Concert!



Trumpet Invasion

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016, 1 p.m.
(Doors open at 12:30 p.m.)

Forest Hills Fine Arts Center

Sponsored by:



PORTER HILLS

Father and son duo, Brandon Ridenour on the trumpet, and Rich Ridenour on the piano, will perform pops and classics such as "Rhapsody in Blue," "Largo al factotum" from "The Barber of Seville," "Amazing Grace," "Carnival of Venice," and more.

Call 493-8950 or visit enjoylearning.com to register. Cost: \$8 if you register by Monday, Oct. 17, by 4 p.m.; or \$10 at the door. (Cash/check only on day of show.)

Computer Learning Center News

Visit www.enjoylearning.com/clcgallery.html to see our new interactive photo gallery featuring our classroom and computer equipment. The Computer Learning Center (CLC) offers computer software/technology classes for all ages and memberships (providing walk-in access to computer equipment) for those age 50 and over. For more information about the Center and its classes or memberships, please call 493-8950 or visit www.enjoylearning.com.

Forest Hills Community Services Register Now for Fall Enrichment and Sports Classes

Forest Hills community enrichment classes allow students of all ages to explore their creativity, broaden their talents, develop new skills, and just have fun! Browse through our catalog online at enjoylearning.com.

Learn to Swim or Enjoy a Water Workout

The Aquatic Center offers the American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim program on Saturday mornings from 9:10 a.m. to noon for ages 5 to 17. Each class is 50 minutes long and starts Sept. 10, and wraps up on Nov. 12, with an omit date of Sept. 24. Preschool swimming lessons are offered throughout the week. Details for each class can be found on our website at enjoylearning.com.

For adults this fall, we have seven revitalizing water exercise classes to choose from, including Fit 'n' Fins, Splashercise, and Deep Water Aerobics. All of our adult water exercise classes are co-ed.

Our fall pool schedule runs from Sept. 6 to Dec. 22, 2016. Visit our webpage, www.enjoylearning.com/poolschedule.html for the latest pool schedule information.

Youth Enrichment Classes

Community Services offers traditional after-school enrichment classes and sports. Here are some of the highlights for fall 2016:

- **American Sign Language:** For third-through sixth-grade students, this class will teach over 100 sign language words. This class is taught by a FHC language instructor.
- **Mindfulness Basics for Students:** For high school students, this class teaches them to be better test takers, to handle a variety of social challenges, and to deal with an overload of daily activities and events.
- **Becoming the Ultimate Team Player:** Fifth- and sixth-graders will work in teams to conquer physical and mental challenges, and will be coached by an All-American collegiate runner.
- **ACT, PSAT Seminars:** High school students will become more familiar with these college entrance exams which could lead to higher scores.

Other returning favorites such as volleyball, basketball, soccer, fencing, Minecraft, web and mobile video game development, ballet, drawing, and LEGO building classes



Ballroom and Latin Dance: Beginning Students is just one of the many enrichment classes for adults this fall.

also are on our fall 2016 class roster.

A complete list of fall youth classes and sports is included in the Community Services class catalog mailed in August. Class information is also available online at enjoylearning.com, or call 493-8950.

Middle School Sports

For seventh- and eighth-graders, co-ed swimming and diving is offered. This program starts on Oct. 31 and meets for 28 sessions (Monday through Thursday). Join the middle school swim and dive program. A complete practice and meet calendar will be given out on the first day of practice.

To participate, athletes must have a physical on file dated after April 15, 2016, before they can attend a practice. Please call 493-8950 to register for this program.

Adult Enrichment Classes

This fall we are offering several new classes in a variety of areas:

- Zentangle Coloring Books
- Zentangle Holiday Designs
- Watercolor: Expand Your Palette with Mixed Media (Parts II and III)
- Oil Painting or Acrylics: Bring on the Pinterest
- Running Your Company Newsletter
- Digital Tools for Your Business
- Many more returning favorites in language, art, technology, fitness, sports, dance, and other special interest areas. Check out our recent catalog, or visit us online at enjoylearning.com.

This Fall, We're Going the Distance!

Youth Running Class and Race: Run for the Hills Running Team Grades 1-6

Students will train at their respective schools for a 1-mile or 2-mile race on Oct. 5, 2016. This year's race venue will be Thornapple Park in Cascade. All coaches are trained in youth running and will format each session to be an age-appropriate workout accommodating the abilities of each student. The registration fee will include a training t-shirt and race day favors. Register for this class at enjoylearning.com or call the Community Services office at 493-8950.

This program is underwritten by O'Grady Orthodontics.



Enchanted Woodland Garden Party

Save the date, Friday, Feb. 3, 2017, for our dance, Enchanted Woodland Garden Party. Girls in grades K-6, along with an accompanying adult, will dance the night away at Meijer Gardens. Visit enjoylearning.com for more information.



Stay in Touch and Receive the Latest School News

As another school year begins, it is important that our schools and school district remain in contact with our families. We want to make sure you remain informed during the year and receive up-to-date information. The following outlines the communication methods used throughout the district. Please review this information to make sure you've taken the necessary steps to receive the information.

District Website and Online School Information

The district website: www.fhps.net, contains a wealth of information and is mobile friendly. The best way to use the site, if you're looking for something in particular, is to use the search mechanism in the upper right-hand corner of the home page. The district's website provides communication to students, parents/guardians, staff, families, community members and the public at-large. The site is a communication tool for the school and staff to showcase learning, events, activities and accomplishments of staff and students, to the world through the internet. It also is a direct vital informational link to parents and community members. Please bookmark www.fhps.net on your mobile and electronic devices. The website is a portal to all school pages where you'll find important upcoming activities and events, reminders, announcements and school news.

Emailed News Bulletins

For general information such as field trip permission slips, reminders about important activities happening at your school or within the district, or sharing good news about accomplishments and accolades, we use an emailed news bulletin system. However, you must sign up to receive the news. To make sure "you're in the loop" of things happening at your school, make sure you sign up for your school's emailed news bulletin. Go to: www.fhps.net, and scroll down to the bottom of the home page, and click on "Subscribe to News Updates."

Each school building, along with the district, has its own emailed news digest bulletin. With emailed news bulletins, families receive one communication news bulletin a day, per school, only if new announcements or news posts have been added to the

school's or the district's website home page. If no news or announcements have been posted that day to the website, families will not receive an email update that day. The emailed news digests are short, clear and concise, and link you to additional information if you need it. You won't have to search previous emailed announcements since everything is online.

SchoolMessenger

Forest Hills Public Schools uses an enhanced communication system called SchoolMessenger. SchoolMessenger will notify enrolled families of school closings or delays due to inclement weather and alert families of school emergencies. Families can receive the news via a text, email, or phone call notification. The SchoolMessenger system is linked to the Parent Portal section of PowerSchool, our computerized student records database. New families enrolled in the district will receive a letter in October with the student's account and login information. When families receive this letter, there will be important instructions on how to set your preferences. You must update your preferences in Parent Portal to control the SchoolMessenger messages you receive and how you receive them. If you don't update your preferences, you automatically will receive messages by a phone call. Parents should always contact their child's school to update their phone number and email contact information if or when a change occurs.

Follow Us on Facebook, Twitter, School News Network, and More

Social media also is a way you can receive information about district news. "Like" the district page on Facebook and follow fhpsnews on Twitter to get additional district news. There also is a district YouTube channel which houses some of our latest videos. School stories also are covered online by School News Network, www.schoolnewsnetwork.org. Additional social media platforms are in the works for the district and will be announced soon.



For additional information about any of these communication sources, visit the FHPS website: www.fhps.net, or email technology@fhps.net.

FHC Junior Scores Perfect 36 on ACT

Forest Hills Central High School junior, Scott Hadley, earned a top composite score of 36 on the ACT test he took as a sophomore this spring. Nationally, while the actual number of students earning a composite score of 36 varies every year, on average, less than one-tenth of 1 percent who take the ACT earns the top score. The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science. Each test is scored on a scale of 1-36, and a student's composite score is the average of the four test scores. ACT test scores are accepted by all major U.S. colleges and universities.

Technology Discounts

Forest Hills Public Schools is pleased to offer all families access to a technology purchasing program which provides discounts on the purchase of Dell products, including laptops, desktop computers, select electronics and accessories. Through the Dell Member Purchase Program for FHPS, families can take advantage of savings and special financing options. To access the program, go to the website: <http://dell.com/mpp/foresthills> and use member ID: KS241580. On this site you can compare devices, see monthly specials, and more.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Forest Hills Public Schools is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, age, height, weight, marital status, genetic information, or any legally protected characteristic in its programs and activities, including employment opportunities. Any questions concerning compliance issues with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, including athletic issues, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, or inquiries related to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap, should be directed to:

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Forest Hills Public Schools
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Grand Rapids, MI 49546
493-8805

2016-17 Board of Education Meetings

The regular monthly meetings of the Forest Hills Public Schools Board of Education will be held on the following dates and at the following locations. All regular meetings begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Monday, August 29, 2016, 10 a.m.

Forest Hills Fine Arts Center
600 Forest Hill Ave. SE

Monday, September 19, 2016

Eastern Middle School
2200 Pettis Ave. NE

Monday, October 17, 2016

Central Middle School
5810 Ada Dr. SE

Monday, November 21, 2016

Central Woodlands 5/6 School
400 Alta Dale Ave. SE

Monday, December 19, 2016

Knapp Forest Elementary School
4243 Knapp Valley Dr. NE

Monday, January 16, 2017

Collins Elementary School
4368 Heather Lane SE

Monday, February 20, 2017

Ada Vista Elementary School
7192 Bradfield Ave. SE

Monday, March 20, 2017

Northern Trails 5/6 School
3777 Leonard St. NE

Monday, April 17, 2017

Goodwillie Environmental 5/6 School
8400 Two Mile Road NE

Monday, May 15, 2017

Northern Hills Middle School
3775 Leonard St. NE

Monday, June 5, 2017

Forest Hills Fine Arts Center
600 Forest Hill Ave. SE

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2016-17 High School Football Schedules

Forest Hills Central High School Football



Date	Opposing Team	Game Location	Time
08/25/16 (Thu.)	Jenison	Jenison	7 p.m.
09/01/16 (Thu.)	West Ottawa	Home	7 p.m.
09/09/16 (Fri.)	GR Ottawa Hills	GR Ottawa Hills	7 p.m.
09/16/16 (Fri.)	Greenville (Tailgater)	Home	7 p.m.
09/23/16 (Fri.)	Northview	Northview	7 p.m.
09/30/16 (Fri.)	FH Northern	Fifth Third Ballpark	7 p.m.
10/07/16 (Fri.)	Lowell	Lowell	7 p.m.
10/14/16 (Fri.)	Cedar Springs (H'coming)	Home	7 p.m.
10/21/16 (Fri.)	Wayland	Home	7 p.m.

Forest Hills Eastern High School Football



Date	Opposing Team	Game Location	Time
08/25/16 (Thu.)	Petoskey	Petoskey	7 p.m.
09/01/16 (Thu.)	Holland Christian	Home	7 p.m.
09/09/16 (Fri.)	South Christian	Davenport Univ.	7 p.m.
09/16/16 (Fri.)	Catholic Central (Rally)	Home	7 p.m.
09/23/16 (Fri.)	TK (Homecoming)	Home	7 p.m.
09/30/16 (Fri.)	Wayland	Wayland	7 p.m.
10/07/16 (Fri.)	GR Christian	GR Christian	7 p.m.
10/14/16 (Fri.)	East GR	Home	7 p.m.
10/21/16 (Fri.)	Wyoming	Home	7 p.m.

Forest Hills Northern High School Football



Date	Opposing Team	Game Location	Time
08/25/16 (Thu.)	Byron Center	Byron Center	7 p.m.
09/01/16 (Thu.)	East GR	Home	7 p.m.
09/09/16 (Fri.)	Northview	Northview	7 p.m.
09/16/16 (Fri.)	East Kentwood	East Kentwood	7 p.m.
09/23/16 (Fri.)	Ottawa Hills (Homecoming, Husky Fest)	Home	7 p.m.
09/30/16 (Fri.)	FH Central	Fifth Third Ballpark	7 p.m.
10/07/16 (Fri.)	Cedar Springs	Cedar Springs	7 p.m.
10/14/16 (Fri.)	Lowell	Home	7 p.m.
10/21/16 (Fri.)	Greenville	Home	7 p.m.

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Sharing the Road Safely with School Buses

School buses are the safest mode of transportation for getting children back and forth to school. Riding in a school bus is safer than walking, riding a bicycle, or being driven to school in private vehicles.

Here are some safety tips for drivers sharing the road with school buses:

- Prepare to stop when a slowing bus has its overhead yellow lights flashing.
- Stop at least 20 feet away from buses when red lights are flashing, unless driving in the opposite direction on a divided highway.
- All 50 states have a law making it illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.
- All 50 states require that traffic in both directions stop on undivided roadways when students are entering or exiting a school bus.
- Traffic behind the school bus (traveling in the same direction) must stop. In Michigan, you must also stop if the school bus



is on the opposite side of the street and when the lanes are not separated by a barrier, such as a concrete or grass median, island or other structures that separate the flow of traffic.

- Never pass a school bus on the right. It is illegal and could have tragic consequences.
- Slow down in or near school and residential areas.
- Watch for children between parked cars and other objects

- Children are unpredictable. Children walking to or from their bus are usually very comfortable with their surroundings. This makes them more likely to take risks, ignore hazards or fail to look both ways when crossing the street.

School buses are like traffic signals. Remember:

When overhead lights are flashing yellow: Prepare to stop!

When overhead lights are flashing red: Kids ahead ... STOP!

— Information from the National Safety Council



Bus Routes for This School Year

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their way to, and home from, their bus stop. We care for your child when they are on the bus, and it is the parents'/guardians' responsibility to safely get their child to and from the bus stop each day.

Should you have questions pertaining to bus travel and route information, please contact the transportation department, 616-493-8785, or email: transportation@fhps.net.

Backpacks Ready!



The students from this issue's cover photo have their backpacks ready for new school supplies. Suggested school supply lists and important back-to-school events and dates can also be found online on each building's web page.

Substitute Bus Drivers Needed

Do you want to have a positive impact on children? Do you know the rules of the road? Do you want to keep children safe and want job flexibility? Consider being a substitute bus driver for Forest Hills Public Schools. This job is much more than just getting a big yellow bus to school on time. Every day, our bus drivers are the first FHPS employees students come in contact with when they leave home to start their school day. Bus drivers are an instrumental part of our education team and have an undying commitment to the safe and secure travel of the most precious cargo in the world—our youth.

If you would like to work for Forest Hills Public Schools, and are looking for a position, we are in need of friendly, reliable people with flexible schedules who are willing to substitute as needed for bus drivers. Training is provided. For additional information, please contact the transportation department located at: 6001 Hall St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546; call 616-493-8785, or email: transportation@fhps.net.



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Save the Dates!

The 2016 Our Kids' Well-Being Speaker Series: Wired: Life with No Off Switch

Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016

"Screenagers"

Don't miss West Michigan's movie premiere of "Screenagers," a free special movie engagement arranged by the FHPS AAA team at Celebration Cinema North. The movie will begin at 7 p.m. in theater one. "Screenagers" probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including the director's own, and depicts messy struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. With surprising insights from authors and brain scientists, solutions emerge on how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world. The film has won nine film festival awards and is being shown to youth and adults across the country. The one-hour film will be followed by a question and answer session and discussion. Attendees are encouraged to register for this free event to reserve their seat in the theater. Families can do so online at www.fhps.net beginning the week of Sept. 5. The movie trailer along with additional information can also be found online.



Monday, Oct. 10, 2016

"Protect Young Eyes"

Join world-renowned speaker Chris McKenna at 7 p.m. at the Forest Hills Fine Arts Center for an informative and educational evening with tips to help parents and guardians keep kids safe when using the internet. "Protect Young Eyes" exists to keep kids and teens safe from the dangers lurking on portable, internet-ready devices. Here, people will receive practical step-by-step tools on how to protect kids and teens from inappropriate internet content.

Monday, Nov. 21, 2016

"The Great Disconnect... MegaHertz to MegaHurts"

Join Dr. Michael Wolff from Brains, a Grand Rapids based counseling and therapy practice, at 7 p.m. at the Forest Hills Fine Arts Center as he discusses the addictive nature of technology, especially when it comes to gaming. Learn what parents and youth can do to overcome this addiction and learn about the effects of the digital age on the developing brain. Wolff will reveal new findings on kids growing up in a media-saturated world where screen-time is the new social time.

More information about these upcoming events will be posted online: www.fhps.net. All events are free.

AAA speakers and programming are graciously supported by the Forest Hills Public Schools Foundation.

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"The Addams Family" Wows Audience at FAC

Summer Stock 2016, Forest Hills Public Schools' musical theater summer study program for high school students, presented Broadway's big musical hit "The Addams Family." Audience members were delighted by the talented performances that portrayed the spooky Addams family dealing with daughter Wednesday's new "normal" boyfriend and his family when the Addams host a dinner in their honor. Summer Stock is a credit course offering high school students the opportunity to learn about theatrical production and performance while actually creating their own musical production. Next year's program will be announced in March 2017.



Maura Gill (center) as Morticia Addams finishes the musical number, "Just Around the Corner."



Jonathan Schafer (right) as Gomez Addams sings "Happy/Sad" to Mia Van Erp (left) who portrayed Wednesday Addams.