

# THE FINDLEY FOCUS

Findley Elementary School's Monthly Newsletter

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*"Aim high! Believe! Dream Big!"*

## Mark your calendars!

October 15th & 22nd—Conferences 3p-8p

October 23rd—Kindergarten Field Trip

October 23rd—1st Drama Club Performance

October 24th—No School

October 31st—4/5 Goodrell Orchestra Performance

## WE ARE A PBIS SCHOOL!

(Positive Behavior  
Intervention and Support)

RESPECT Self

RESPECT Others

RESPECT Property

## From the Principal, Barbara Adams

Fall is in the air! Can you believe it is almost time for Fall Conferences? This is an important time for you to visit with your child's teachers and hear about individual progress. I will be available and asking for your input to learn how we are doing as a school community. In addition, you will earn money in your child's *I Have A Dream* college savings account just by attending either Oct 15 or October 22. Please read the conference note in your child's backpack and confirm your scheduled appointment.

This year's theme is *Aim High* so we have set high goals for ourselves and for our students. One goal is to maintain a 95% average daily attendance for both students and staff. We are tracking our progress and holding a friendly competition among the classrooms. Congratulations to our first winners this year with five days of 100% attendance: Mrs. Nelson's class, Mrs. Osborne's class, and Mrs. Budreau's class. Every one of the students in these classes received a small prize for being at school these days from "bell to bell."

We welcome Vincent Lucas, an additional teacher of English Language Learners. Mr. Lucas is working with students in kindergarten, first, and second grade who speak a first language other than English. We share Mr. Lucas with Perkins Elementary.

## Conferences

**Conferences are October 10th (Wed) and 17th (Wed) from 3pm-8pm.** Your child's teacher will be sending a reminder slip home with the date and time your child is scheduled. This is an important time to visit with the teachers, ask questions, find out about all of your child's successes and discuss the areas we can continue to work on in and out of the school setting. The parent and school partnership is a powerful tool toward your child's school success. Thank you to all Findley parents for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at conferences.

## 1st Grade

First graders have been practicing three ways to read: read the words, read the pictures, and re-tell the story. We have been practicing Read to Self and working on increasing our stamina to read without stopping. In math, we are practicing adding and subtracting within 10.

## 2nd Grade Art Class

Second graders have been learning all about portraits in their art class with Mrs Hesse. They've learned the six elements (facial expression, focal point, gesture, clothing, setting, and object) of a portrait by acting them out. These six elements help portraits tell stories. Be sure to ask them how to recognize these elements in portraits.

# FINDLEY'S MISSION: Creating big dreamers and high Achievers!

## From the Nurse's Office

### LATHER UP FOR GOOD HEALTH

The American Public Health Association encourages proper hand washing to help protect you and those you touch from germs.

**WHEN:** Before touching or serving food. Before treating a wound. Before caring for someone who is sick.

**AFTER:** Using or helping someone use the bathroom. After diapering a baby. After coughing or sneezing. After caring for a sick child. After wiping someone's nose. After being out in public. After playing with pets. After handling raw meat, poultry, fish. After handling garbage.

**HOW:** Use warm running water and soap. Lather up for 20 seconds. Rub lather all over, in between fingers and under nails. Rinse well and dry.

WASH YOUR HANDS THE RIGHT WAY  
AT THE RIGHT TIMES!

- Nurse Cynthia

## Lunch Menus

Each elementary was sent 100 menus for October. The reason is that the menu is now available to parents online. The link is <http://dmschools.nutrislice.com/>. The link should be on the website under the "Parent" and "School Menus" soon. We felt that 100 menus would be enough for one per classroom and some left for the office to hand out to families specifically requesting a paper menu. The district is trying to cut down on the amount of paper used and this is one area we felt we could cut down.



Together, volunteers and students read the book "Seed, Soil, Sun," and then answered questions to determine understanding of text. Our students loved this opportunity to build their reading skills and confidence!

Pictured: Tavien B and Matthew H of 3rd Grade.

## Dreamer Academy

Free to any Findley parent or guardian: The HiSET, High School Equivalency Test (formerly known as the GED), offered through DMACC. If you or someone you know would like to complete their high school diploma, this is your chance!

**Orientation and the first class will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 5:00 PM.** Help spread the word to other Findley families. This is a great opportunity to complete your diploma for FREE! **PLEASE contact Heather Isaacson to SIGN UP TODAY!** 515-971-3705 or [heather.isaacson@dmschools.org](mailto:heather.isaacson@dmschools.org)

**FREE COLLEGE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS FOR EVERY FINDLEY STUDENT:** When you attend Parent/Teacher Conferences on Oct. 15 or Oct. 22, stop by the computer lab to sign up for your child's **FREE** college savings account, managed and funded by the "I Have a Dream" Foundation and partners. You will earn your first deposit when you register -- **\$30** just for attending conferences! You will need your child's social security or tax ID number. If your child does not have one of these, you may still register for an account. You will also sign up for an orientation workshop to be held at a future date, so bring your calendar! If you have questions or want more information, please contact the Dreamer Academy Director, Heather Isaacson, at [heather.isaacson@dmschools.org](mailto:heather.isaacson@dmschools.org) or 515-971-3705.

## 4th Grade Math Skills

4th grade students use technology to practice math skills. Technology is a 21st century skills that student need to learn and become proficient at so they are prepared for their future careers. Pictures are students using laptops, iPads, revolves, and interactive Smartboard.

4th Graders also worked hard at their Messy Problems in math!

