

Conversation Corner

In this part of our newsletter, you'll find some questions and conversation starters for families to use when talking to their students about what is happening at school. Try them out!

Autism Cluster: We are happy to welcome three new Kindergarteners to our class and have had a great start to the school year!

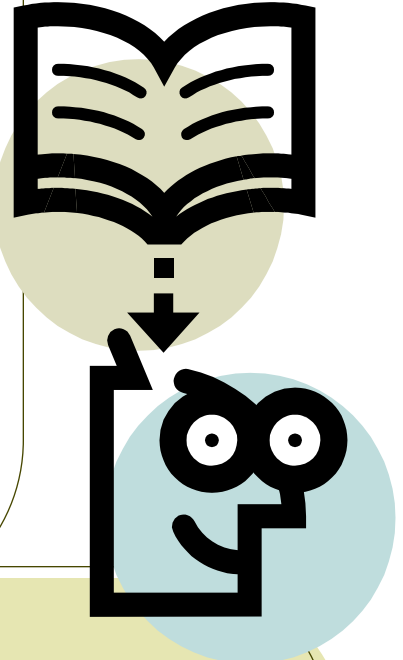
Fourth Grade: September 17th is Constitution Day, especially meaningful with the 10-year anniversary of 9/11 this year. Ask your Fourth-grader what kind of activities they have been doing as they learn about the Constitution.

Third Grade: Being successful in school takes hard work. Ask us about our personal responsibilities and the rewards of hard work at school. Courage is a theme in our literacy unit. We'd love to talk to you about how courage can effect our personal experiences in difficult situations. Quiz us as we review double-digit addition and subtraction.

Second Grade: Ask your child about The Daily 5....What are the three ways you can read a book independently? How do you pick an "I-pick" book at home or at school? How do you use the "counting on" math Strategy? What is one classroom or school expectation?

Art: Challenge your students to draw as many kinds of lines and patterns as they can think of. Go on a line scavenger hunt around your home or neighborhood looking for straight, thick, thin, wavy, and zigzag lines. Find out what they know about the art of Africa!

Music: Ask your student to tell you the difference between BEAT and RHYTHM. Ask fourth and fifth graders about joining orchestra. Third graders can tell you the story behind the Star Spangled Banner, Kindergarteners should be able to sing you the "Hello Song", and second graders would love to rap for you about RESPECT!



YMCA Before/After School Club is still available. It is \$30/ per week for each child.

We are a PBIS school!

Positive Behavior
Intervention and Supports

RESPECT Self

RESPECT Others

RESPECT Property

RESPECT Learning

Ask your student about what this means around different parts of the school.

What are the consequences of good decisions?

A Note from the Findley Nurse!

Welcome to Findley and the 2011-12 school year! My name is Cynthia Fuson and I am the school Nurse at Findley. I'm excited about seeing all the students again, and am looking forward to a healthy and safe year. My hours at Findley are 7:30AM to 3:30PM every day. Please feel free to call me with your questions or concerns. My phone number is **242-8407**.

Good attendance at school is important and often stressed to the students by their parents and teachers. As a parent, it is often difficult to know when a child should stay home from school, and when they should be encouraged to attend. These guidelines might help you make a decision. A student should be kept home from school if: **FEVER:** They have a temperature of 100° or above. There should be no fever for at least 24 hours without the use of Tylenol or Ibuprofen before they return. **VOMITING:** Until vomiting has ceased for at least 24 hours. **DIARRHEA:** Until diarrhea has

ceased. **CHICKEN POX:** Until all pox are dry and crusted over (usually about 5-7 days). **STREP THROAT:** Until students have been on antibiotics and without fever for 24 hours before returning to school. **OR** if they have been diagnosed with any other contagious disease or condition by a physician.

Sometimes symptoms can be vague or get worse as the day progresses. As a parent, it is often difficult to assess symptoms and decide on attendance for the day. If you keep them home and soon see marked improvement, it is permissible to bring them to school. If you send them and symptoms worsen, we will notify you. Therefore, it is important for parents to keep current work and emergency phone numbers available and updated at school.

You are always welcome to call with any questions or concerns!
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The Findley Focus

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Quote of the month: *Set your goals high, and don't stop till you get there!* -Bo Jackson

Mark your calendar...

PTO Fundraiser — Sept. 6-19 with delivery on October 20th

What's New This Year?

There are a lot of new and exciting things going on around Findley this year, including a few new faces. Help us welcome the newest members of our Findley Family!



Tara Owen
What is your job at Findley School? *Principal*
What is the best part about your job? *I look forward to*

seeing students, teachers, and families excited about school and taking pride in each other's successes.
What is your favorite book? *The Kite Runner.*



Erin Budreau
What is your job at Findley School? *Second grade teacher.*
What is the best part about your job? *I love reading with students and*

seeing them excited when they can read new words!
What is your favorite book? *Saddako and the Thousand Paper Cranes.*



Harmon Buchanan
What is your job at Findley School? *Special Education Associate.*
What is the best part of your job? *I like*

that I am with older students. I have always worked with preschool age.
This is a nice change!
What is your favorite book? *Humility and Honor*



Lorene Burma
What is your job at Findley School? *Reading recovery and k-2 math interventionist.*
What is the best part of your job? *When I see a child get excited about reading!*
What is your favorite book? *I love to read all kinds of books!*

New Traffic Patterns



Thanks to all our families for your cooperation as we change our traffic patterns this year. It can be a challenge to make changes to routines, but as expected, Findley families have met the challenge.

Please continue to use the West side loading zone when dropping off and picking up students. The new bus lane on the East side is for buses only. There will be no access to the parking lots before or after school.

Our doors open at 8:00 AM and our school day lasts from 8:35 to 3:20, except for Wednesdays when our hours are 8:25 to 1:50.



Kindergarteners had a great first day!

Fabulous Fact:

Findley students made huge improvements on the ITBS last spring: they improved nearly 14% to 72.90% proficient!

Keep up the good work!

Findley Fine Arts Nights
Tuesday, December 13th — 6:00 PM
4th and 5th Grade Concert and Art Show

Tuesday, March 6th — 6:00 PM
2nd and 3rd Grade Concert and Art Show

Tuesday, April 24th — 6:00 PM
Kindergarten and 1st Grade Concert and Art Show