



**FHS ATHLETES  
OF THE MONTH**

**WANTED!  
COLLEGE ATHLETES**

Congratulations to all of our Ferndale High School Athletes of the week for the month of November.

**WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 9TH, 2016  
7:00 PM**

**HAZEL PARK HS AUDITORIUM**

Is a college coach looking for you? Maybe you're wondering:

**HOW DO I GET NOTICED?  
HOW DO I GET RECRUITED?  
HOW CAN I GET SCHOLARSHIP  
OFFERS?  
WHERE DO I START?**

Get these answers and much more for Athletes and Parents grades 8-12.

**Attendees will receive a FREE SAT/ACT Prep DVD valued at \$250!  
- LIMIT 1 PER FAMILY -**

**Jacob Saloger**

**Soccer**

**Fayth Beveridge**

**Girls Swim**

**Nick Major**

**Boys Cross Country**

**Cassidy McElgunn**

**Girls Cross Country**

**Nathan Nolan**

**Tennis**

**Kobe Falls**

**Football**

**Juan Hughes**

**Volleyball**

**BECOME A SUPERFAN**

The PTSA is selling Brown and White POM POMS for any sporting, band, orchestra, robotics, etc, event. Get yourself a pair for only \$5.00.



**MORE INFO**

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**CHARACTER QUOTE  
OF THE WEEK**

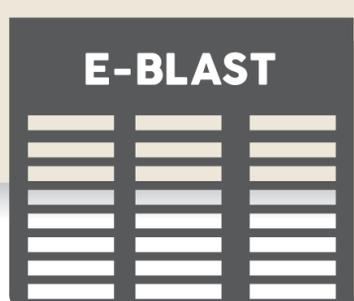
**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT**

*"If plan A doesn't work, remember the alphabet has 25 more letters."*

**- CLAIRE COOK**

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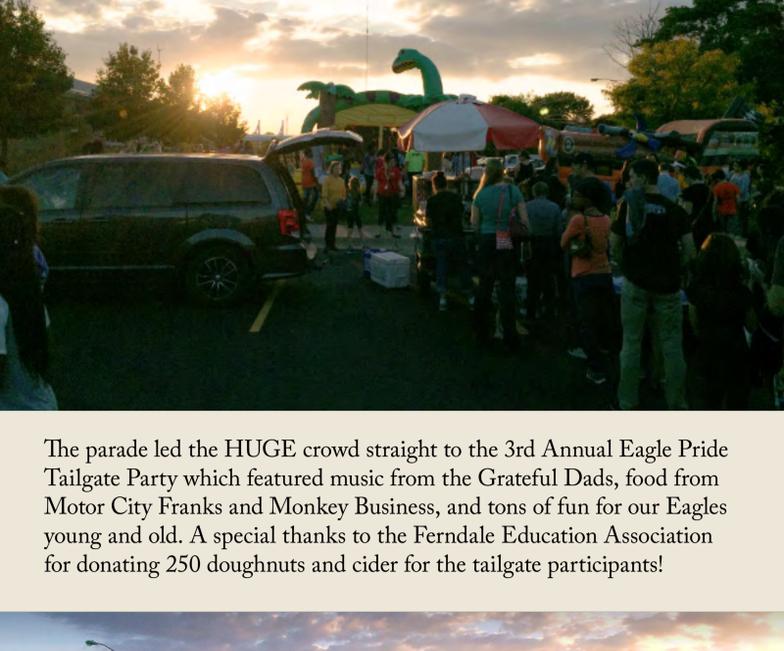
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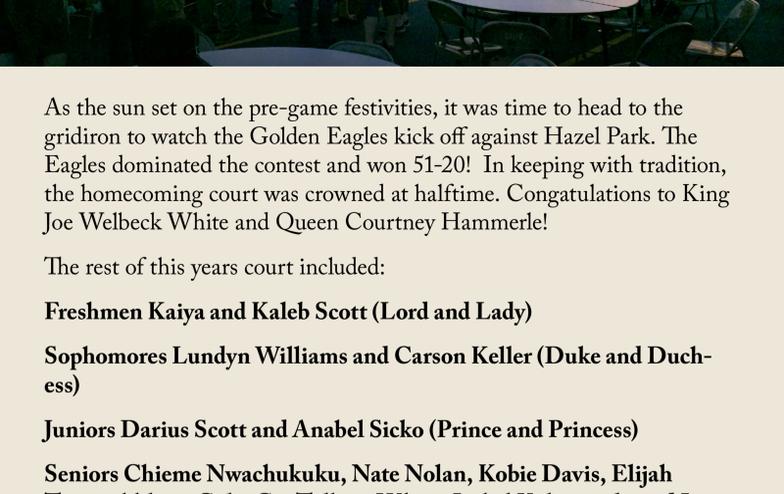
## FERNDALE HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING A ROUSING SUCCESS!

This past Friday night was just about as perfect a night as you can imagine as the communities of the Ferndale School District showed up en masse to celebrate our schools!

This years homecoming parade saw the largest participation in years and included representation from all of our schools, as well as many local elected officials. State Representative Robert Wittenberg, Mayor Kurt Metzger, Commissioner Jay Foreman of Pleasant Ridge, \*\*\*\*\* of Ferndale, and Mayor Marian McClellan of Oak Park all came out to show their support.



The parade led the HUGE crowd straight to the 3rd Annual Eagle Pride Tailgate Party which featured music from the Grateful Dads, food from Motor City Franks and Monkey Business, and tons of fun for our Eagles young and old. A special thanks to the Ferndale Education Association for donating 250 doughnuts and cider for the tailgate participants!



As the sun set on the pre-game festivities, it was time to head to the gridiron to watch the Golden Eagles kick off against Hazel Park. The Eagles dominated the contest and won 51-20! In keeping with tradition, the homecoming court was crowned at halftime. Congratulations to King Joe Welbeck White and Queen Courtney Hammerle!

The rest of this years court included:

**Freshmen Kaiya and Kaleb Scott (Lord and Lady)**

**Sophomores Lundy Williams and Carson Keller (Duke and Duchess)**

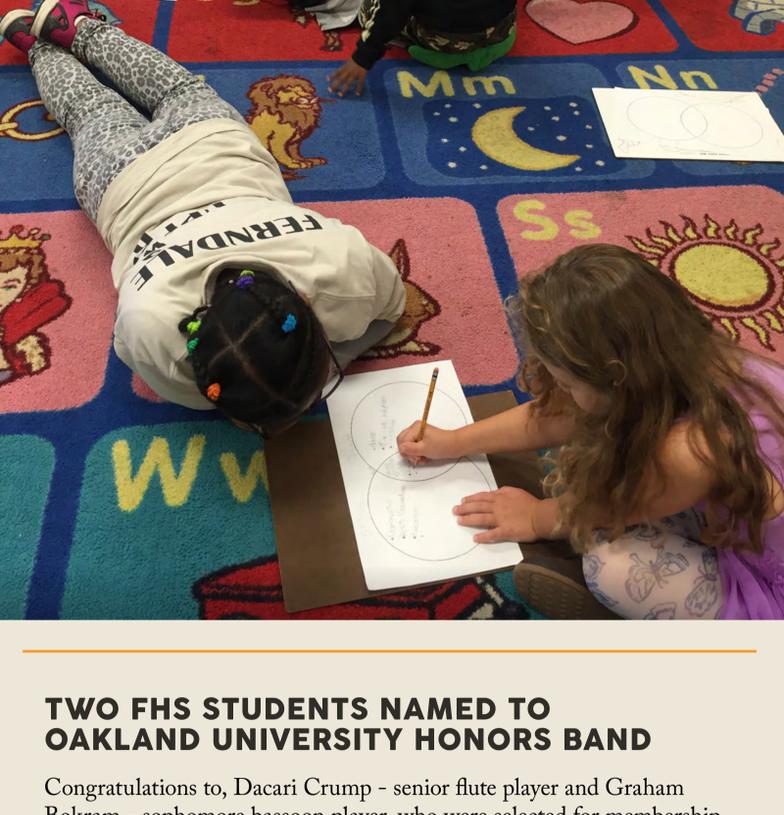
**Juniors Darius Scott and Anabel Sicko (Prince and Princess)**

**Seniors Chieme Nwachukuku, Nate Nolan, Kobie Davis, Elijah Toney, Ahlexis Cole, Cat Tolbert-White, Isabel Kolanowski and Lena Triest.**

A HUGE thank you to the City of Ferndale for their assistance in making this whole event possible!

## FIFTH GRADERS MENTOR KINDERGARTNERS

Last week, Margaret Watson's fifth grade class had their first meeting with D'Anne McNeil's kindergarten class to begin developing a new mentoring relationship between the classrooms. The students from the two classes will meet every two weeks and perform activities that will benefit both age groups. This week, the older kids walked to the Lower Elementary School, met their new friends, and completed a Venn diagram comparing and contrasting the two groups of students.



## TWO FHS STUDENTS NAMED TO OAKLAND UNIVERSITY HONORS BAND

Congratulations to, Dacari Crump - senior flute player and Graham Bokram - sophomore bassoon player, who were selected for membership in the Oakland University Honors Band!

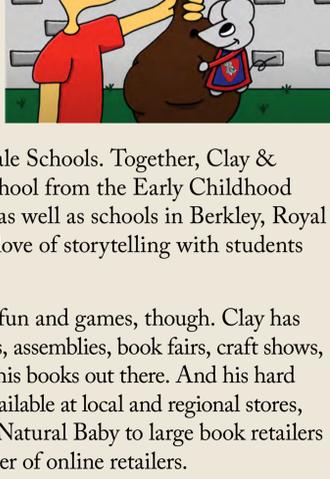
The Honors Band will take place November 18-19 at OU, and the group will be conducted by renowned conductor Sarah McKoin, Director of Bands at Texas Tech University (and a Clarkston HS alum). Nominations were received from an unprecedented 45 high school in Michigan this year!

## FERNDALE NATIVE SON FOLLOWS HIS PASSION TO PUBLICATION, TWICE

For his entire life, Clay Boura has loved to read and write stories. When he was just 12 years old and attending Best Junior High he created a cartoon character named Beamer which would go on to impact his life in ways he could have never imagined. Clay, a 1996 Ferndale High School graduate and current Oak Park resident, is also the proud parent of three Ferndale School District students.

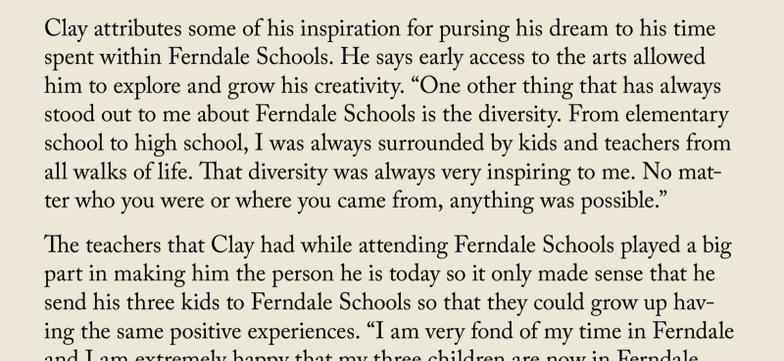
Clay dreamed of becoming a cartoonist, following in the footsteps of the great Charles Schulz or Jim Davis. He created his own cartoon strip with his character Beamer and submitted his concept to a number of comic strip syndicates, but was turned down each time. Not to be deterred or give up on his lifelong dream, Clay found encouragement and inspiration while reading bedtime stories to his children and had an epiphany: he would become a children's book author & illustrator!

On January 6th, 2015, Clay released his first book *Leave it to Beamer Presents: Don't Let the Cat Out of the Bag*. He has since released his second book, *Leave it to Beamer Presents: The Elephant in the Room*. The Beamer book series is all about English idioms and other figures of speech, especially how confusing they can be to kids (and adults). The books teach the meanings of the sayings in fun and memorable ways.



To get the word out about his book, Clay started in a familiar place: Ferndale Schools. Together, Clay & Beamer have visited every Ferndale School from the Early Childhood Center up to Ferndale Middle School as well as schools in Berkley, Royal Oak and as far as Alcona, sharing his love of storytelling with students and parents all the way.

Self-publishing your own work isn't all fun and games, though. Clay has also spent the past 2 years at school visits, assemblies, book fairs, craft shows, book signings and anywhere he can get his books out there. And his hard work has paid off! His books are now available at local and regional stores, from children's boutiques like Modern Natural Baby to large book retailers like Barnes & Noble, as well as a number of online retailers.



Clay attributes some of his inspiration for pursuing his dream to his time spent within Ferndale Schools. He says early access to the arts allowed him to explore and grow his creativity. "One other thing that has always stood out to me about Ferndale Schools is the diversity. From elementary school to high school, I was always surrounded by kids and teachers from all walks of life. That diversity was always very inspiring to me. No matter who you were or where you came from, anything was possible."

The teachers that Clay had while attending Ferndale Schools played a big part in making him the person he is today so it only made sense that he send his three kids to Ferndale Schools so that they could grow up having the same positive experiences. "I am very fond of my time in Ferndale and I am extremely happy that my three children are now in Ferndale Schools."

When asked about his journey to becoming an author, Clay quotes the late author Napoleon Hill, who said, "Whatever the mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve." This is the messages he shares with the students during his time at the schools. "No matter how young or old you may be, and no matter how big or small your dream may be...if you firmly believe that you can reach that dream and you're willing to put in the hard work... you can do anything and be anything."

If you are interested in purchasing any of Clay's books you can find them locally at Modern Natural Baby in Downtown Ferndale or check out his website for online retailers.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT CLAY AND BEAMER

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.leaveittobeamer.com/>

**FACEBOOK:** <http://www.facebook.com/ClayBouraBooks>

**TWITTER:** @ClayBoura

## Ferndale Elementary PTA presents



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH**

11am - 3pm

Ferndale Upper Elementary

Spend the afternoon with your Ferndale Schools family!



**GAMES**

**INFLATABLES**

**BOO-TIQUE**

**BASKET RAFFLE**

**FOOD/DRINK**

**CRAFTS**

**PHOTO BOOTH**

**HAUNTED HALLWAY**

**LIL' GHOUL SCHOOL (5 & UNDER)**

Indoor/Outdoor Activities - Rain or Shine!

Tickets at the Front Door

To volunteer, email [Achampagnesmall@yahoo.com](mailto:Achampagnesmall@yahoo.com)

# Save The Date



**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 18TH & 19TH  
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

**Parent Teacher Conferences  
Ferndale Middle School**

**WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 19TH & 20TH  
5:30 PM & 8:00 PM**

**Parent Teacher Conferences  
Ferndale High School**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21ST  
HALF DAY - ALL STUDENTS**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

**Ferndale African American Parent Network Meeting  
in the Main Conference Room at FHS**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH  
ALL DAY**

**Election Day  
NO SCHOOL**

**FERNDALESCHOOLS.ORG**

