

Fordson Do Something Club's Annual Teens for Jeans Campaign January 14- February 14



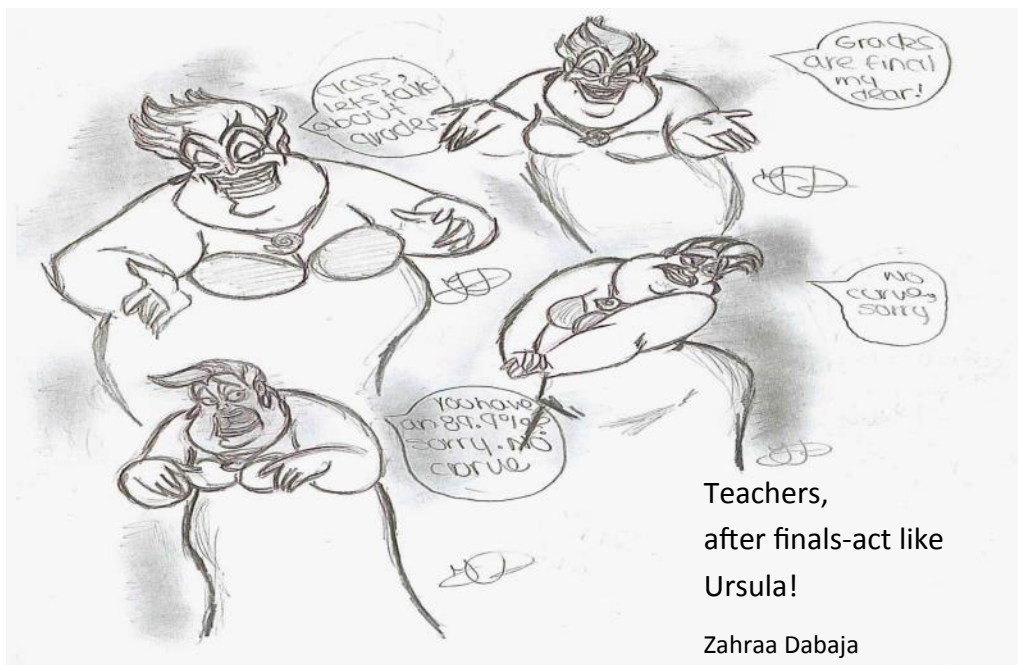
Join the students of your community in helping a good cause by emptying out your closets and donating your gently used jeans. Fordson High School students are collecting jeans to donate to homeless teens across the country. Jeans of all sizes are needed and appreciated. Simply bring in jeans to your first hour teacher, drop them off in room A101 or A202, or in one of the big bins around the school. It's that easy!

The Do Something Club's goal is set at 2000 pairs of jeans, but we can't make this happen without the generosity of all of you. So, to sweeten the deal, the first hour that collects the most jeans wins a free breakfast for the entire class.

Donations are also being accepted at:

HYPE Recreation Center
23302 W Warren Ave
Dearborn Heights, MI
48127

ACCESS
6451 Schaefer Road
Dearborn, MI 48126



Teachers, after finals-act like Ursula!

Zahraa Dabaja

Fordson Key Club Impacts Local Residents



Fordson Students Help at Gleaners Food Bank and Local Shelters

The past two weeks Fordson Key Club members have been working to make the lives of those less fortunate a bit easier. Last week they attended Gleaners Food Bank of Detroit and packaged food as a part of their monthly commitment to those in need in our neighboring community.

They were also involved in making blankets which were donated to local shelters. They also gifted Sergeant Ryan Serecky (Miriam Mikulak's son-in-law) with hand-made solider cards to give to our American heroes.

Project Creation Aids Sick Children and Veterans

This week the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Circle K hosted "serve-a-thon" for Key Clubbers from the Michigan district. Our students attended the service social event. Members participated in several fun onsite projects that included: making toys for Mott's Children's Hospital, doing random acts of kindness, writing letters to veterans, and making book marks.

Puppets with a Plan

To support the efforts of SPUD (Students Promoting Unity and Diversity), a small group of Fordson students are creating, producing, and presenting an anti-bullying puppet play. SPUD, under the sponsorship of Ms. Angela Burley, seeks to encourage accord among all students both in school and in the community at large. The organization wants to spread a message of respect and acceptance with their efforts.

On February 13, the puppet show will be presented to elementary students at Lowrey. Ali Aoun, Zeinab Hourani, and Narges Rizk have written engaging scenarios to help elementary students recognize forms of bullying and how to change such behaviors. Alaa Abouhashim, Sean Levine, Noor Mougharbel, Ruba Muakkasa, and Dana Sobh have taken on construction duties, fashioning a puppet theater in the style of an old-fashioned TV and several sock puppets to deliver the anti-bullying message.



Sports

Varsity Basketball

By: Ranine Beydoun

The Fordson Boys Varsity Basketball team is off to a great start this season. The team is proud to hold their heads up high with an overall record of 7-3. They play in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference and hold a 4-1 record. The boys had a great game earlier this year against Robichaud with a 20-point win. Coach Abulhassan stated, "The team really came together that night and we played our best game." With the team getting better everyday, Coach Abulhassan also claimed that their strong point is the depth of the team and how all the different players contributed to their

great victories. Another important win for the against

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Tractors came Redford Thurston. won 54-53 on performance hammed Zahr last 30 sec- the game. connected on three 3-pointers to secure the victory. The Tractors continue to improve and hope to repeat as district champions this year.



Teacher Spotlight:**Mr. Scott**

By: Mohamed Ahmed

This month's teacher spotlight is a former Fordson teacher, Mr. Scott! Mr. Scott, who now works at DCMST, has kindly volunteered his time to answer some questions. He enjoyed working at Fordson High School like many others. He is one of many past Fordson teachers who will always have their Fordson spirit embedded within them. I interviewed Mr. Scott, and he has a few things to say.

Background Education?

I have a Bachelor of Science as well as a chemistry major and a math minor from Calvin College. I also obtained a Masters of Science in Education from Lawrence Tech.

How many years have you been teaching and where?

*4 1/2 years at Cooley High
5 years at Clara B Ford in Vista Maria
1 year at Woodward Middle School
11 years at Fordson High School
5 years at Edsel Ford
Currently at DCMST*

What was your favorite thing about working at Fordson?

There were several things I liked at Fordson. The building of course, but the staff and students were definitely great as well. I also really enjoyed running the chess club and the robotics program at Fordson.

Would you like to say hi to any teacher(s) over at Fordson?

Sure but there are too many to mention.

Favorite Book and Movie of all time?

Probably Lord of the Rings series for movie overall and I'm reading Game of Thrones now, which I really enjoy.

Quote you live by?

When it's you against the world, bet on the world!

**BPA Regional Conference:**

By: Siham Saleh

On Friday, January 10, 2014, three of Fordson's students competed with 600 other students in the Business Professionals of America Regional Conference at HFCC. Congratulations to the phenomenal work of Amira Haidar, Laila Saad, and Nour Sayegh. Amira Haidar took 4th place in the Fundamental Word Processing competition and qualified to go to the state conference in Grand Rapids in March.



(From left to right) Nour Sayegh, Laila Saad, and Amira Haidar.

ACT

By: Israa Ali

The ACT is not an aptitude or an IQ test; rather, it tests what you've learned in your high school courses in English, mathematics, reading, and science. Every day you attend class, you are preparing for the ACT. The harder you work in school, the more challenging the courses are, the more prepared you will be for the ACT (March 5-7). Your score is a major part of what colleges and scholarship agencies look at as well as your GPA and how involved you are.

Senior Julia Aseel Haider, who scored a 31 on her ACT and will be attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, gives some insight about the ACT, "Never underestimate or overestimate yourself. Don't think that because you aren't a reader or a good math student that you can't get a good score. All it takes is practice - and lots of it! On the other hand, just because you get straight A's doesn't mean you'll do well

on the ACT without working hard and practicing." If you want to get a high score, you have to practice. Now is a good time for you to start preparing. There are plenty of online courses as well as books to help you get started.

Here are some tips when taking the ACT: pace yourself, don't spend too much time on a question; answer every question as there is no penalty for guessing! And of course practice, practice, practice. GOOD LUCK!



Stressful Moments

By: Deena Atoui

Students were asked about their stressful moments this past semester. These were their replies:

"I was so stressed when I had a cross country meet the day before a huge test and I didn't have enough time to study."

Zahraa Alhabib (9th Grade)

"Having to deal with the hardship of losing a family member during the school week was probably one of the most stressful moments this semester."

Hefdadeen Mashrah (11th Grade)

"Keeping up with all my extracurricular activities in and outside of school, college classes, and Fordson classes all at the same time was so stressful!"

Noor Alsaady (12th Grade)

"Being a junior, I did not only have to take care of my AP class and responsibilities at home, but I had to set aside time to practice for the ACT as well and that caused me a lot of stress. "

Menar Muflihi (11th Grade)

"Since this is my first time working during the school year, it was really hard making sure I keep my grades up along with spending less time socializing, which was really stressful."

Frais Abdo (12th Grade)

"When my mom and sister left the country this semester, I had to cook, clean, and take care of my school work on a daily basis; it was so stressful!"

Mariam Yasin (11th Grade)

Fordson Extras

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug: Movie Review

Written By: Mohammed Hamid

Hello fellow Tractors! I just got back from watching The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug, and I have so much to tell you about it. Before I give my take on the motion picture, you should know that it is the second part of The Hobbit movie trilogy, based on the book The Hobbit, by J.R.R. Tolkien. It is a prelude to the Lord of the Rings trilogy, also based on the books by Tolkien. The movie is of the action and adventure genre. I walked into the theater with such high expectations, and this movie surpassed all of them and completely blew me away. I could not have dreamed of better plot development, acting, and revealing of a plot twist that shapes all of J.R.R. Tolkien's fictional world of Middle Earth. It takes you on so many thrills and chases that you are always on the edge of your seat. The story follows a Hobbit named Bilbo Baggins, who accompanies thirteen dwarves and a wizard named Gandalf to reclaim the homeland of the dwarves. Their homeland is known as the Lonely Mountain and was stolen from them by the dragon Smaug. Watching the company get into peril and constantly depending on Bilbo to get them out of it are some of the best parts of the film. I would definitely recommend this movie to people of all ages. It is truly an instant classic. You will not be able to walk away from it without promising yourself that you will watch the third movie next winter. Whether it is the fall-out-of-your-chair funny scenes of the movie or the action and adventure it is coupled with, The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug, is very impressive.

Mid-Winter Break Activities

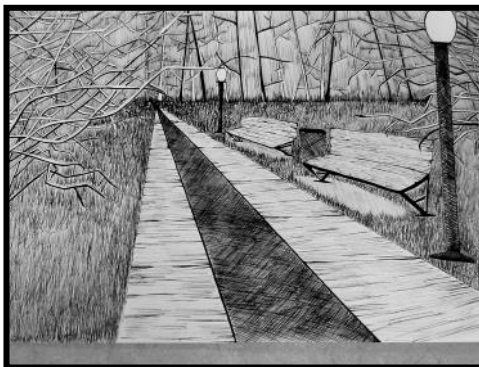
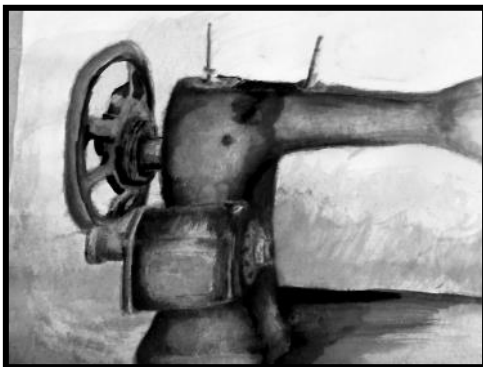
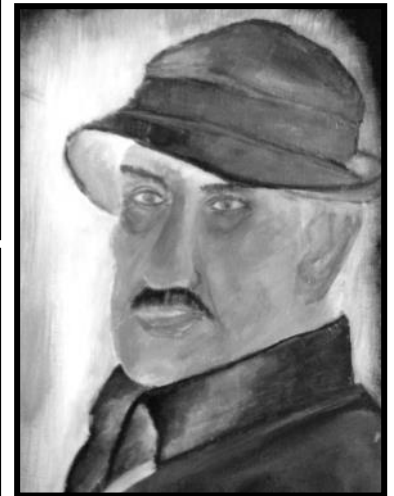
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It is that joyful time of year again when we get our well-deserved Mid-Winter Break! Rather than waste our week off, here are some activities to help make it fun and memorable. These activities will help exercise your body, as well as your mind. The first of which is going to a movie theater sometime over break and watching the hit movie, The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug. It is the theatrical representation of one of the best books of all time, *The Hobbit*, and is an enjoyable experience for people of all ages. Reading the book and watching the movie can throw you headfirst into a fantastical world full of thrills, surprises, and unforgettable moments. Another popular choice is to go to the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, aka the "Civic Center." While there, you can exercise, swim, play sports, or even watch a performance in the theater. If you are not a cardholder, you will need to pay an \$8 fee for a one day admission, with entry to the live performances for an additional cost. Next door to the Civic Center is the Henry Ford Centennial Library. It is a beautiful place with thousands of books in many languages, and is completely free of charge. The library also hosts free movie nights, featuring new movies with lots of critical and popular success. Looking to go ice skating? Look no further than the Dearborn Ice Skating Center, or the DISC. If you want to sharpen your skating skills, or have always wanted to learn, this is the perfect place. Admission during public skating time is \$5, and the cost to rent skates is an additional \$3. Take a step back in history and visit The Henry Ford Museum. It has a wide variety of historical artifacts, such as the Lincoln Assassination Chair, the Kennedy Assassination Car, and the Rosa Parks Bus. Tickets are \$17 for admission, and \$5 for parking. Feeling bored? Come out and show your Tractor pride by rooting for our Freshman, JV, and Varsity basketball teams! Admission is \$5 per game. Check a schedule hung up around the school for details of the games. Doing these activities will help create a productive break and an unforgettable experience.

Original Work

Masterpieces in the Making

Ms. Curtis' AP art students are busy preparing work for their portfolios. The ten budding artists may work in drawing and painting, 2-D, or 3-D design. For judging in the May AP exam, they send off a portfolio containing their five best works.



The Wind Rises

The fields of poppy reveal themselves
 The grass blades breezing by give direction to growth
 Foliage sprouting in peculiar forms
 The stream flows to where the wind rises.

The journey through is unbeknownst to many
 An undiscovered magnificence waiting to be unleashed unto the wild
 Dreamy flight yearning to take off
 The trees sail to where the wind rises.

The flowers popping where ever they can
 Dreamland perpetuates itself with such anomalies
 Providing a bigger and better adventure
 The clocks drift to where the wind rises.

By: Alex Zapien

Test your knowledge! How many can you get correct?

1. What is the most used letter in the alphabet?

- a. a
- b. e
- c. i
- d. t

2. What is the number one thing couples argue about?

- a. money
- b. time
- c. kids
- d. sleep

3. What do the “M&M’s” in M&M’s stand for?

- a. Mill & Mars
- b. Milk & Mocha
- c. Mars & Murrie
- d. Master & Mocha

4. Where was the fortune cookie invented?

- a. San Francisco
- b. China
- c. Hawaii
- d. Korea

5. What is the capitol of Canada?

- a. Ottawa
- b. Toronto
- c. Vancouver
- d. Quebec



By: Mohamed Ahmed

Dates to Remember in February and March

- February 12: Late Start Day
- February 14: Valentines Day
- February 17-21: Mid-Winter Break
- March 4-6: ACT/MME



1 = b 2 = a 3 = c 4 = a 5 = a

ANSWERS: