

Lighthouse Elementary

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Mission Statement

Our mission: Empowering all students to succeed in an ever-changing world.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER:

Happy Spring! Congratulations to our students for reaching the reading goal this March! A special thank you to the staff and PTG for planning so many fun activities for March is Reading Month! It has been great to see them enjoying reading in so many different ways. Reading helps develop language, vocabulary and comprehension skills and prepares children to understand the written word. So keep reading! Hopefully everyone had a warm and relaxing Spring Break. Now that we are in April, we are preparing for Assessment Season. This is our favorite time of year—for kids to show what they know! Please remind your child of the importance of these Spring Assessments.

KIDS HEART CHALLENGE:

On behalf of the American Heart Association, thank you very much for raising \$6,003.79 with your school's recent Kids Heart Challenge /American Heart Challenge program. Families and schools are critical links in providing the foundation for cardiovascular wellness in our country. Your support and participation in the Kids Heart Challenge/American Heart Challenge makes a tremendous impact in helping millions of Americans through increased awareness of cardiovascular disease, life-saving scientific research and critically needed education efforts.

The Kids heart Challenge Pep Assembly is on Wednesday, May 1st at 3:00 pm. Many students will have the honor of "cracking eggs" over Mrs. LaPorte's head!

KINDERGARTEN: Parents who have students entering Kindergarten or Young 5's next year go to <https://www.anchorbay.misd.net/parents/-enrollment/> to register your students online. New Y5 and/or K parents mark you calendars for **Wednesday, May 15th** and join us for hands on learning activities during our **KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION NIGHT**. Anchor Bay Offers Three Options for Kindergarten-Age Students.

[Click here for the printable flyer.](#)

M-STEP: The Department of Education requires students in grades 3-5 to take the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress, or M-STEP. This is an important test for your child and our school. Testing will start shortly after students return from Spring Break. **Your child's classroom teacher will communicate testing dates.** On testing dates, please encourage your child to: eat a healthy breakfast the morning of testing, use the strategies and tools learned for success, get plenty of sleep the night before and do their best.



REPORT CARDS: Will be sent home on April 12th.

YEARBOOKS are not included in picture packages. The deadline to order a yearbook is 4/22/24. The cost is \$12.00. Yearbooks can be ordered online by going to ybpay.com. Enter **code 13981224**. Extras will be limited. Please call the office if you are unsure you placed a yearbook order.

KITCHEN CORNER: Did you know you can still send cash or a check in with your student to be applied to their lunch accounts and there's no additional fee to do this? Many students like to order extra entrees. These funds can also be split between multiple student accounts as well, just include a note stating how much, and to which student. Make checks payable to Anchor Bay Food Service. If you have any questions, please contact the kitchen at ext. 1930. The school **lunch menu** can be found on the Food Service page. <https://www.anchorbay.misd.net/departments/food-service/>

ABSENCE: If your child will not be in school please notify the office by 9:00 a.m. Any unreported absence to the office will be recorded as unexcused. Our attendance office telephone number is **586-648-2500 ext. 1901**. **Excessive absences are reported to the County Attendance officer.**



PEANUT ALLERGY: Lighthouse currently has students who have been identified as having a Peanut Allergy. This means that he/she would have a severe reaction to peanuts and all derivatives such as peanut oil, ground or nut spices. His/her reaction to these products may be life threatening. Therefore, no peanuts or nut products will be allowed in any of the affected classrooms.



04/02/24	School Resumes
05/01/24	Kids Heart Chall. Assembly, Gym, 3:00-3:30 pm
5/6-5/10/24	Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
05/07/24	Professional Development Day - No Students in Attendance
05/08/24	Y5 Field Trip, Wolcott Farm, 9:30-12:30 pm
05/08/24	Regular School Day
05/09/24	Van Thommes Flower Fundraiser Pick Up Day, Times TBD
05/10/24	Muffins with Mom, Cafeteria, 7:45-8:50 am
05/15/24	Kindergarten Transition Night, Library, 5:15 pm
05/16/24	PTG Meeting, Library, 7:00 pm
05/16/24	3rd Gr. Fd. Trip, Greenfield Village, 9:15-3:30 pm
05/24/24	Donuts with Dad, Cafeteria, 7:45-8:50 am
05/27/24	No School - Memorial Day
05/28/24	Kindergarten Field Trip, Upland Hills Farm, 9:30-2:30 pm
05/29/24	1st Grade Field Trip, Detroit Zoo, 9:15-3:15 pm
05/30/24	5th Grade End of Year Celebration, The New Rink, 10:30-2:30 pm
05/31/24	Field Day, Times TBD

POSITIVITY PROJECT: This month our school community will be focusing on the character strength of **Purpose**. Purpose means you have beliefs about the meaning of life and your life's purpose. You seek to be part of something greater than yourself.



Purpose gives individuals the sense that they are put on this earth for a reason and that they are somehow connected with humanity or the universe. People who possess a sense of purpose believe that they were put on earth for a reason. That reason can have all kinds of variety. It could be to create a unique invention, bring joy through art or music, or raise their children to become good people. These people have a true calling.

Having a clear sense of purpose in life and believing that you're connected to a larger meaning gives individuals strength. It allows them to persevere and find courage in trying circumstances or lead with kindness and love even when it's not reciprocated. Those with a sense of purpose have more meaning in their life -- and are more fulfilled.

REMEMBER, YOU CAN SAVE WATER

When we over water our lawns, the excess water carries pollution into the storm drains and ditches that lead directly to our rivers and lakes. In fact, did you know that each of us uses 77 gallons of water a day? So, what can you do to help? Simple. Follow these tips for simple ways you can help save water.

1. **Water wisely.** Lawns need about one inch of water per week. Over-watering results in shallow-rooted plants that are less tolerant of heat and drought, and more prone to disease. Use a rain gauge and water only when necessary, instead of on a fixed schedule.
2. **Improve your aim.** Adjust your sprinklers to water only your lawn and plants-- not your driveway, sidewalk, or street.
3. **Use mulch.** Place a thick layer of mulch (4") around trees and plants. This helps retain water, reduce weeds and minimizes the need for pesticides.
4. **Sweep it.** Clean sidewalks and driveways with a broom instead of a hose. You'll save water and keep unwanted pollutants out of the storm drain.
5. **Put rainwater to work.** Use rainwater to water your plants. Direct downspouts toward your plants and green areas or collect rain water with barrels for use later.
6. **Mow high.** Make your lawn cheaper and easier to maintain by mowing high. (3" is recommended). Longer grass has deeper roots and requires less water.

PEST MANAGEMENT: Applications and treatments for pests by certified applicators occur on the last Friday of the month or when persons are not using the treated areas. In certain emergencies, areas may be treated without prior notice, but you will be provided a notice following such application.

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