

Lighthouse Elementary

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Mission Statement

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



THE
POSITIVITY
PROJECT

What is The Positivity Project? The Positivity Project (P2) is dedicated to empowering America's youth to build positive relationships by recognizing the character strengths in themselves and others. Their vision is to help schools and families cultivate citizens and leaders who will enhance our communities and country. Positive psychology's scientifically validated 24 character strengths serve as its foundation. Positive psychology teaches that people have all 24 strengths within them – and that character is not just skills or behaviors, but rather an intrinsic part of each of us. "I can sum up positive psychology in just three words — other people matter. Period. Anything that builds relationships between and among people is going to make you happy." -Dr. Chris Peterson

NO SCHOOL for Mid Winter Break Friday, February 16th and Monday, February 19th. School resumes Tuesday, February 20th.



No school on Tuesday, February 27th due to the Primary Election. Please note the calendar change : May 7th, No School- Professional Development changed from May 8th to May 7th, due to the local election.



REPORT CARDS: will be sent home on Friday, February 2nd.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION Opens February 15, 2024. Please let your friends and neighbors know.

3 Options for Kindergarten-Age Children

Kindergarten

- A full-day program option
- Children must be 5 years old by Sept. 1 of the school year in which they plan on attending Kindergarten.

Half-Day Kindergarten

- Students continue on to Kindergarten or 1st Grade the following year based on progress.

Full-day and half-day curriculum is based on the Michigan Standards for Kindergarten.

Young Fives

- Young Fives is a full day program.
- Designed for children turning 5 years old between June 1st and December 1st .
- The Young Fives curriculum is based on the Michigan Standards for Kindergarten modified to meet the foundational academic, social/ emotional, and developmental needs for younger children.
- Students will enter Kindergarten the following school year.

Kindergarten Registration Information for the 2024-2025 school years opens February 15th.

Enrollment information:

<https://www.anchorbay.misd.net/parents/-/enrollment/>

or 586-725-2861

LUNCH MENUS:

Are no longer sent home. Menus can be found at



https://www.anchorbay.misd.net/downloads/food_services/

100'S DAY:

Lighthouse Elementary will celebrate the 100th day of school on February 13th. Remember, some teachers may be celebrating on different days so please check your classroom newsletters.



WEDNESDAY LIGHTHOUSE SPIRIT

DAYS: Spirit Days are a fun way to encourage school spirit, a positive culture, and unity among students. Engaging in these simple actions is great for the school because it encourages a common bond between fellow students, and staff. Please continue to wear the green Positivity Project shirts on Mondays if you have one. Wear Anchor Bay/Lighthouse or red shirts on Wednesdays.

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES:

Please see your teacher's newsletters for details. Remember, all volunteers must have a current 2024-2025 APPROVED background from on file. Forms can be found at <https://www.anchorbay.misd.net/>



PEANUT ALLERGY: Lighthouse currently has students who have been identified as having a Peanut or other Food Allergy. This means that he/she could 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.

OUTDOOR TIME:

Please remember to dress your child in warm clothing including coats, boots, hats, gloves or mittens. It is our goal to help children get a breath of fresh air daily during recess if weather permits.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

The Art Room is in need of Baby wipes and Kleenex. Baby wipes are used to keep the art workspaces and student hands clean. Mr. Latosz and Ms. Kott truly appreciate any donations for our students.

Lighthouse Calendar

2/16-2/19/24	No School - Mid Winter Break
02/20/24	School Resumes
02/22/24	3rd Grade Michigan Mammals Mobile Field Trip, 10-3:00 pm
02/23/24	Candid Photos for Yearbook, 9:15-12:00 pm
02/27/24	No School for Students - Professional Development Day
02/29/24	Human Growth & Development District Parent Meeting, Library, 6:00 pm
3/4-3/8/24	Spring Scholastic Book Fair
03/11/24	Spring Student Pictures, Music Room, 9:15 am
03/12/24	2nd Grade Field Trip to Troy Historic Village, 9:05-2:15 pm
03/13/24	4th Grade Field Trip, Michigan Science Center, 9:20-3:15 pm
03/14/24	5th Grade Field Trip, Jazz Band Assembly, MSS, 9:45-10:30 am
03/14/24	PTG Meeting, Library
03/15/24	Special Field Trip to CC's Dairy Bar for Top Pizza Sellers in each Classroom, 1:45 pm
3/25-4/1/24	No School - Spring Break



American Heart Association

Get Ready for the Kids Heart Challenge! It's your child's chance to be a Heart Hero by learning about heart health, spreading the word, and raising funds to save other children. If interested, register at <http://www2.heart.org/goto/LighthouseElementary>

Your child will earn a prize just for registering online. When they get donations, they will receive other prizes from their PE teachers, Mrs. LaPorte or Mrs. Hutton. Any additional prizes that are earned will be delivered later. The event will happen during their PE classes the last weeks March 4th and March 15th. Students will be playing basketball and jumping rope to exercise their hearts. Look for the informational letter and event envelope coming home the week of February 5th.

REMEMBER, YOU'RE NOT JUST WALKING THE DOG:

Did you know that pet waste contains bacteria that makes our lakes and rivers unsafe for swimming and other recreational activities? Did you also know there are over 53 million dogs in the United States, which produce 6.3 billion pounds of waste and bacteria per year? Residential lawns and streets are among the highest contributors of bacteria in storm water, which drains directly to our lakes and rivers? Southeast Michigan loves dogs, too. Nearly one-third of the regions households have at least one dog. Most of us pick up after our pets to be good neighbors and keep our yards clean. But there's another important reason to clean up after our pets. Leaving pet waste on the sidewalk or in the yard means that harmful bacterial can get washed into storm drains and roadside ditches and then flow directly into our lakes and rivers untreated. What can you do? Simple, no matter where you are, dispose of your pet's waste promptly by throwing it in the trash or toilet.

SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

Winter is here! That means the possibility of more inclement weather days. The safety of our students and staff is a top priority for Anchor Bay School District. Our district has everything from dirt roads to expressways to consider when extreme cold, snow or ice conditions hit. Anchor Bay strives to notify families as soon as a decision is made. The district utilizes a text message system. For School Closing Information **text "opt-in" or "subscribe" to 67587**. School Closing Information can also be found on your local television stations and Comcast Channel 6.

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.