

Lighthouse Elementary

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Principal

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Mission Statement

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

Dear Lighthouse Families,



As part of the Positivity Project, our school community will be focusing on **Kindness** and the Other People Mindset of **Supporting Others**

When They Struggle throughout the month of December. This means when other people are struggling, we do our best to help them out.

Supporting other people when they struggle is a critical piece of being human. There are many different approaches to helping people who are struggling. These can include: listening while they describe an event and their feelings about it, taking action to help people in need, or simply just being there and sitting together in silence. Everyone faces tough days and needs support. When we help others we help ourselves! Research shows, people who are “givers” and help others, lead more meaningful lives. Supporting others when they struggle is an important part of being human. Supporting others in this way leads to a chain reaction of positive behavior that makes us feel good about ourselves and those around us.

We are so fortunate to have a Lighthouse community full of “givers” throughout this holiday season! As always, your support and generosity for our community is greatly appreciated!

Have a wonderful month!

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NO SCHOOL: December 23 through January 2, 2024. School Resumes Wednesday, January 3rd.

HELP FOR THE HOLIDAYS: Anchor Bay Community **Giving Tree** information can be found on the Lighthouse Community Giving Tab. If you, or anyone you know of is in need of help for Christmas, please text Sherry Lawfield at 586-405-0225 before December 15, 2023.



NEW BALTIMORE GOODFELLOWS: is accepting applications for their “No Child Without a Christmas” program.

Applications can be found on the Lighthouse page under the Community Giving Tab or picked up outside the office. The due date is December 8, 2023.

CHRISTMAS FOR ANCHOR BAY:

Thank you to our generous parents, Student Council, and everyone who donated body care sets and volunteered at the event. Every child deserves joy and love!

SPIRITWEAR: makes a great Christmas gift! Check out our December coupons. Shop online and your order will be shipped directly to your home! You can create and personalize an item just for your child! A portion of the proceeds goes directly back to our school. <https://lighthousespiritwear.com/>

YEARBOOKS can be ordered online at ybpay.com Yearbook ID code is 13981224.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES: Thank you for making arrangements to conference with your child’s teacher. Your sharing helps in understanding your child and helps to move in a positive direction.

VISION SCREENING: Grades 1, 3 and 5 will be screened for vision on 12/18, 12/19 or 12/20/23. Please make sure students wear their glasses and any hearing equipment. Please inform the office if your student has a Shunt, Baclofen, Insulin Pump, Vagus Nerve Stimulator, or Pacemaker.



PTG CORNER: Santa Shop is returning to our school!

Shopping dates are December 14th –15th. This program makes it possible for your children to experience the joy of choosing their own special holiday gifts for family and friends “in secret”! Please send your child in with their shopping list, if your student is planning to shop.

BOOK FAIR: Thank you to everyone who came out to our “Starbooks” event and purchased books for your family. Your support is greatly appreciated.

DETROIT PISTONS: Hooper and the Detroit Pistons visited our school for an exciting assembly!



Students had fun learning about the importance of being kind, healthy nutrition, good manners, and even had a student vs. teacher shoot-out competition! Thank you to the parents who bought tickets to the November 20th game! Tickets for Saturday, January 27th are still available at Pistons.com/Lighthouse



Remember, You're not just washing your car. Did you know there are over four million vehicles in Southeast Michigan? With that many cars and trucks, we all need to practice good car care to protect our lakes and streams. How does caring for your car affect our waterways? Storm drains found in our streets and roadside ditches lead directly to our lakes and streams. If dirty water from washing our cars gets into the storm drain, it pollutes our local waterways. This "dirty" water contains pollutants such as grease as dirt, and the soap itself contains phosphorus, which can lead to excessive algae growth in our lakes. What can you do? Simple. 1. Make a date. Car-wash facilities treat their dirty water before discharging it to our lakes and streams. So, make a date to take your car to a car wash. 2. Wash it-on the grass. If you wash your car at home, consider washing it on the lawn. The lawn will gladly soap up the soapy, dirty water preventing it from entering storm drains or roadside ditches. If you can't use the lawn, try to direct the dirty water towards the lawn and away from the storm drain. 3. Minimize it. Reduce the amount of soap you use or wash your can with plain water.

ABSENCE: Please keep your child home if they have any type of cold, flu or COVID symptoms. Students must be fever-free for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medications. If a student is absent from school please call the school absent line, which is available 24/7, as soon as possible. The absent line number is 586-648-2500 ext. 1901.

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 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.



LOST & FOUND: Parents, please have your children check the lost and found. We have many unclaimed items. Any items not claimed by the 15th of each month will be sent to Good Will.

OUTDOOR RECESS: Please remember to send your students to school with boots, gloves, and hats for outdoor recess. The children are only outside for recess for 20 minutes, but they get cold quickly if not dressed properly.

GLEANERS COMMUNITY FOOD BANK: The Mobile Food Pantry is open to school families in need with students in the Anchor Bay School District. All participants must make sure that they can transport food to proper storage and have adequate freezer space for delivery. Distribution will take place at the North Shore Church, 51028 Base Street, New Baltimore, MI. Distribution dates and times: December 19th from 1:30-3:30 pm.

