

Lighthouse Elementary

51880 Washington
New Baltimore, MI
Absence Line: 648-2500 x 1901
Phone (586)-725-6404
Fax (586) 725-4016



Mrs. Sherri Milton-Hoffman
Principal
January 2024

Mission Statement

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

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Thank you Lighthouse families for your generosity, kindness and support throughout the first half of this school year. I hope everyone enjoys the holiday season and that your children are as excited come back, as we are excited to have them! January brings with it the cold and snowy weather. Please remind your children that they need snow pants, boots, hats and gloves to play out in the snow.

The beginning of the school year has been filled with energy and a passion for learning and we are all excited to see students' growth and continued success in the new year. I am looking forward to another successful semester of learning at Lighthouse! As always, my door is open. I welcome you to stop by, email or call anytime that you have questions or comments.

Wishing you all a warm and wonderful holiday! Enjoy the time to rest and relax!
Sherri L. Milton-Hoffman, Principal

AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP: School dismissal is at 3:51 p.m. If you encounter a problem and are unable to pick up your child at that time, please make sure you have made alternative arrangements with your emergency contacts. The office is closes at 4:20 pm.

ABSENCES: For safety reasons, if a student is absent from school, parents or guardians are asked to telephone the school attendance line as soon as possible, preferably before 8:30 a.m. Our attendance telephone number is **586-648-2500 X 1901**. **STUDENT TARDY:** If you bring your child to school after 9:00 a.m., **you must sign your child sign in with the QR code and get an admission slip for the teacher. Please call ahead so that their lunch can be ordered if needed.**

SCHOOL RESUMES: Wednesday, January 3rd. **NO SCHOOL:** Monday, January 15th, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. **HALF DAYS** are January 25, (PM Teacher Records Day) and **Half Day** January 26th. Dismissal is 12:26 pm.



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

LUNCH MENUS: Can be found at https://www.anchorbay.misd.net/downloads/food_services/



SCHOOL MESSENGER:

Don't miss a school closing notification! We found that several parents were not receiving text messages or emails from the District notifying them of cancellations or other important information. Our Technology Department checked the reports that are issued by "School Messenger" and found that many of the text messages (SMS) were being reported as BLOCKED. This means that when you received a text message from School Messenger (number: 67587) during the initial set up, no response was sent back. School Messenger assumes that you DO NOT want text messages if they do not receive a response. To correct this, please do the following; **send a text message to (67587) with the words "opt in" or "subscribe" as the message.** If you are already receiving text message from Anchor Bay School District no further action is required. For more information, you can visit <https://www.schoolmessenger.com/txt> Please check your "Junk Folder" for emails from the office. Click on "this in not junk" if you find an email there.



READING FOR EDUCATION:

The Lighthouse Office is partnering with [SchoolStore.com](https://www.schoolstore.com) to raise funds for essential tools our students and teachers need to succeed. It is 100% on line so there is no selling or handling of money or products. Student receive a code for a Hugger if they go online and fill out the required amount of emails. Watch for your packet to come home by January 16th.

PTG: Thanks to everyone who volunteered and shopped in our Santa Shop! We appreciate everyone taking time out of your busy schedules to help our students! We can't do it without your help. The turnout was amazing!

SCHOOL LUNCH EXTRA EN-TRÉES can be ordered if your child would like an extra slice of pizza or hot dog, etc. The cost is \$1.50. You can send the money in on the day they are ordering or add money to your child's account www.familyportal.cloud **Students must preorder in the morning with their teacher.** Thank you, Lisa Allor, Food Service



THE POSITIVITY PROJECT: aligns with the Michigan Department of Education's five specific standards for Social Emotional Learning. **Staff will be wearing P2 or Positive shirts on Mondays for Motivational Monday.** Please feel free to join in!

PISTONS FAMILY AFTERNOON OUT is Saturday, January 27th. Tickets are still available at [Pistons.com/Lighthouse](https://pistons.com/Lighthouse) and start as low as \$36.00 per ticket for Detroit Pistons VS Washington Wizards.



GLEANERS FOOD PANTRY: is open on January 16th from 1:30-3:3 pm. To learn more contact [North-shore.org](https://www.north-shore.org).



Nut-Free Zone



Please do not bring any products containing nuts (peanuts or tree nuts) into area. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

PEANUT ALLERGY: Lighthouse currently has students who have been identified as having a Peanut Allergy or other food allergies. 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.

ATTENTION PARENTS: If you have any changes to your address, cell phone, contacts or e-mail address, please inform the office of these changes so that we can change it on your Parent Portal or emergency card. You may contact the office by phone at 586-725-6404 or email Mrs. Gerlach at mgerlach@abs.misd.net.

KALEIDOSCOPE WINNER:

Congratulations to our Kaleidoscope Winner, Vincent Valente, 3rd Grade- Mrs. Evan's Class.

The Time I Went to Traverse City

Have you ever been to Traverse City? Have you ever rented a boat? Well I'm going to tell you about the time I went to Traverse City. It was the Summer of 2023. I went with my sister and my grandparents. It was a long ride but it was worth it. When we arrived, we went and checked in to our room. We were staying at the Grand Traverse. It was a beautiful hotel. Later that day, we went downtown to find somewhere to eat. We went to a food truck rally. I got a pulled pork sandwich, it was juicy and savory and just melted in my mouth. My sister got the pizza. We all shared the pizza.

After that, we went back to the hotel and we went swimming. After that, the sun was going down and we hopped into the car to go drive and see the grapevines. That was my grandmas' favorite part.

The next day, we woke up and got breakfast at the hotel. I had a tall stack of pancakes. After we were done, we rented a boat. We darted to the boat! We were so eager to get on the boat, and see the bay. My grandpa drove the boat. I was sitting in the front and my grandpa went so fast, there was water that blasted up on the boat. I got soaked. About twenty minutes later, we found a good spot to swim that was shallow. About two hours later, we moved to a different spot where there wasn't as many rocks. After we got off the boat, we drove back to the beach and went swimming. Later that night, we got pizza. The next day we are driving back home.

I have some advice for you. If you ever go to Traverse City, make sure that you go check out the Traverse Bay and rent a boat!

Protecting Our Water...It's as Easy as Seven Simple Steps

Did you know that over three million people depend on our lakes and streams for their drinking water? And that in Southeast Michigan there are over 300,000 registered boaters and 3.5 million people visit a local park each year?

With this many people depending on our lakes and streams for drinking water and recreation, we need to be careful how we treat our water. You might not be able to see the stream or lake from your house, but it's there. It might be a small stream or ditch or even a storm drain in the street. All of these lead directly to our lakes and streams. So, what we do at home effects our water!

Here are seven simple steps you can take in your home and yard to protect our lakes and streams

1. Help keep pollution out of storm drains. Storm drains lead directly to our lakes and streams. So, never dump oil, pet waste, leaves, dirty water, or anything down a storm drain. Remember, only rain in the drain.
2. Fertilize caringly and sparingly. Excess fertilizer that gets into storm drains pollutes our lakes by causing large algae blooms and using up oxygen fish need to survive. Sweep excess fertilizer back onto your lawn, use a low or no phosphorus fertilizer, and have your soil tested to see what, if any, fertilizer is needed.
3. Carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals and oil. Instead of putting hazardous products like antifreeze, motor oil and pesticides in the trash, down the storm drain or on the ground, take them to a local hazardous waste collection day.
4. Clean up after your pet. Whether on a walk or in your yard, promptly clean up after your pet. Not only will you be a good neighbor, you will also protect our water from harmful bacteria.
5. Practice good car care. Consider taking your car to a car wash or washing your car on the grass.
6. Choose earth friendly landscaping. Protect your pets, kids and environment by using pesticides sparingly. Also, water your lawn only when it needs it and choose plants native to Michigan.
7. Save water. Over watering our lawns can easily carry pollution to the storm drains and to our lakes and streams. Consider using a broom instead of a hose to clean sidewalks and driveways. Direct hoses and sprinklers on the lawn, not the driveway. This will help save our lakes and streams and save you money.

