



# The STAR Reporter

## Naldrett Newsletter

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*Dean A. Naldrett Mission Statement: Naldrett staff, in partnership with parents and community, will provide a positive, nurturing, learning environment in which students can achieve their full potential.*



### *Principal's Corner*

Dear Naldrett Families:

Spring is here and excitement is in the air! Our staff would like to thank you for participating in March is Reading Month this year. It is so important to continue to read with your child each night (even as they get older in grade level). As you know reading paves the way for the future of our children. It is the number one activity you can do with your child to help them in school. We understand how busy families are these days but setting that special time aside each night helps to develop your child's vocabulary, listening comprehension as well as learning something new!

As always, we greatly appreciate the combined efforts of our parents and teachers working together to successfully help your child's reach their highest potential. Continue to help your child set new goals and put forth their BEST effort into our last card marking. If you have any questions or need assistance please do not hesitate to call your child's teacher or our school office.

Have a wonderful spring break together.

Sincerely,  
Heidi Stephenson  
Principal

### ***SPRING BREAK***

***SPRING BREAK BEGINS AFTER SCHOOL ON  
FRIDAY, MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup> THROUGH MONDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2024.  
SCHOOL RESUMES TUESDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2024.***

### ***Kindergarten Registration Time!***

If you have a child (or know of one) that will be 5 years of age by September 1, 2024, please visit our website at [www.anchorbay.misd.net](http://www.anchorbay.misd.net) to register your student for Kindergarten! Please feel free to contact the office with any questions or concerns at 586-949-1212. It is important to register now so your child can attend the transition activities on Monday, May 6th at 5 PM.

### ***CHANGE OF ROUTINE***

If your student's end-of-day routine changes and you need to let them know, please contact the office at 586-949-1212 **BY 3:15** PM so we can make sure they get the message. Thank you!

### ***Parent Pick-Up***

Parents: If you pick up your student after school and arrive early, please pull up just past the dumpsters. Make sure there isn't a large gap between you and the next car. This allows the cars to pull in off the street and hopefully eliminates the possibility of someone getting rear-ended while waiting to pull in. We appreciate your cooperation!

## ***M-STEP Testing Soon!***

Beginning after Spring Break, students in grades 3-5 will be taking the state assessment test. The Michigan Student Test of Education Process (M-STEP) includes assessments designed by the Michigan Department of Education to effectively measure academic growth for today's students. English Language Arts (including Reading, Writing and Listening) and Mathematics will be assessed in grades 3-5, Science and Social Studies in grade 5 only.

A testing window has been set for each grade level (see below). Barring illness, it is very important that your child be in attendance in school during the testing window. As we have requested in the past, we ask that any appointments or family vacations be planned to avoid these windows. Thank you for your cooperation.

April 8 <sup>th</sup>	April 15 <sup>th</sup>	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	April 29 <sup>th</sup>	May 6 <sup>th</sup>	May 13 <sup>th</sup>	May 20 <sup>th</sup>
3rd Grade ELA	4th Grade ELA	3rd Grade Math	5th Grade Social Studies	Library & NWEA Reading	Library & NWEA Reading	Library & NWEA Reading
4th Grade ELA	5th Grade ELA	4th Grade Math	5th Grade Science	Kdgn - 5th Grade	Kdgn - 5th Grade	Kdgn - 5th Grade
	3rd Grade Math	5th Grade Math	Kdgn Math			
			1st Grade Math			



### ***DO NOT DROP OFF STUDENTS TOO EARLY!***

PLEASE MAKE SURE you do not drop your students off before **8:55 AM**. Students CAN NOT stand around outside the building unsupervised. Doors open at 8:55 AM. Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe!

When DROPPING OFF your student(s) for school, please make sure they exit the vehicle ON THE PASSENGER or SIDEWALK side of the drop off lane. This eliminates the possibility of them being struck by another vehicle entering the parking lot.

Once your student has exited your vehicle, DO NOT pull out of line to go around others that may still be unloading. This causes a high risk of accidents in the parking lot. We truly appreciate your patience in this matter.

Also, for the safety of our students and others, NO STUDENT is to walk out into the parking lot without parental supervision. If you are going to park in the lot to pick up your student, please walk up on the sidewalk to meet your child and walk with them to the vehicle. Thank you for keeping our students safe.

### ***STARBASE Experience Starting Soon!***

**5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS:** Please check your student's backpack for the paperwork for STARBASE. It is due as soon as we return from Spring Break. Please make sure to fill out and return the necessary paperwork! This is an awesome experience for our students!



## ***Naldrett Kaleidoscope Winner***

We would like to congratulate this year's Kaleidoscope winner for her writing piece "*The Haunted Mansion*". Holly Tokarz was recognized at our March 13th School Board Meeting. Great job, Holly!

### **The Haunted Mansion** by Holly Tokarz

*When I found out my best friends, Kalea and Teagan were trapped in a haunted mansion I was HORRIFIED! I rushed there and climbed into the window. I got stuck in a sticky web. A GIANT SPIDER CAME! When it got close, it started to open its mouth of sharp teeth. It was too sticky for me to move! "It missed and IT BIT THE WEB! I escaped just in time and ran to the next room.*

*The floor collapsed to reveal obsidian pillars rising from a pool of lava! I jumped to the first pillar. "Why am I sinking?" I leaped to the second pillar. "Do they all sink?" I repeated the process until I saw some odd tiles. I jumped on one. They all went invisible! I jumped back to the platform and they reappeared. I gasped. "Memory Games!?!? I'm horrible at them! But I'll try!*

*I jumped to the first tile then to the next. I did it! I looked up to see my friends hanging in cages from the ceiling and saw a creepy giant with webs all over him. He grabbed me! His hand turned to webs and I slowly fell down. I looked back to see an army of spiders and they were after the giant! Just then the giant disappeared! I pulled a lever to save my friends! The cages dropped and opened. "I am so glad you are okay!" I hugged them tight. "Let's go home.", I said.*

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### ***Yearbook Sale Ends Soon!***

The deadline for yearbook orders is Monday, April 22, 2024. Yearbook packages start at \$11.00 each. Order forms are available in the school office, or you can go to [ybpay.com](http://ybpay.com) and enter yearbook ID code 6034324, and look for Dean A. Naldrett Elem School. Contact the school office if you have any questions.

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### ***Welcome to Naldrett!***

Please join us in welcoming Mr. Jeff Frantjeskos, Protection Specialist, to our Naldrett Team!



Jeff Frantjeskos, with over a decade in law enforcement and military operations, began as a Marine Infantryman in 2006. He played a key role in Operation Iraqi Freedom, leading over 100 combat missions and training a team of 13 for four years. His expertise in high-stress situations is evident from his MOUT skills and providing PSD during significant operations, including for President Elect Obama in 2008. Later transitioning to recruitment and training, Jeff excelled as a Recruiting Office Manager and Assistant Recruiter Instructor across Michigan, developing over 100 Marine recruiters, and honing his leadership, coaching, and strategic planning skills. His career is supported by a solid educational foundation and specialized training in areas like consultative communication and sensitive site exploitation.

We would also like to welcome Shelia Craib to our staff. She joins our Food Service staff here at Naldrett.

We're excited to have you both! Welcome to our Team!

# ANTI-BULLYING RESOURCE FOR PARENTS

Conflicts between peers can be a “normal” part of school life. Not all behaviors result in bullying. We start each day stating our Naldrett Pledge: “We are Kind, Responsible, Respectful and Safe.”

It is important for students to report issues when they happen. Conflicts or rude behavior should and will be addressed on a case by case basis.

Please remind your student to ask any staff member, teacher or principal for help immediately with issues that are dangerous or destructive. Feel open to discuss concerns with your child’s teacher. Thank you!

QUALIFIERS	CONFLICT	RUDE	MEAN	BULLYING
Frequency	Occasional	Occasional	Once or Twice	Frequent; repeated
Intent	Not planned; in the heat of the moment	Spontaneous; unintentional	Intentional	Planned; intentional
Who is hurt?	All parties are upset	Can cause hurt feelings; upset	Can hurt others deeply	The target of the bullying is upset
Cause	All parties want to work things out	Based in thoughtlessness, poor manners or narcissism	Based in anger; impulsive cruelty	The bully is trying to gain control over the target
Taking Responsibility	All parties will accept responsibility	Rude person accepts responsibility	Behavior is often regretted	The bully blames the target
Who wants resolution?	An effort is made by all parties to resolve the problem	---	---	The target wants to stop the bully's behavior, but the bully does not
Resolution	Can be resolved through mediation	Building social skills could be of benefit	Needs to be addressed; should NOT be ignored	CAN be resolved through mediation with adult help

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## *Dine and Donate Dates!*

The last two Dine and Donate dates have been scheduled!

**Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>: @ Buffalo Wild Wings**

**Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>: @ Texas Roadhouse**

More info will come home closer to the dates!

## UPCOMING DATES - APR - JUNE 2024

- Mon - Mon, Mar 25<sup>th</sup> -Apr 1<sup>st</sup> - SPRING BREAK! NO SCHOOL!
- Tue, Apr 2 - School Resumes
- Fri, Apr 5 - End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period
- Fri, Apr 12 - Report Cards Go Home
- Wed, Apr 17 - Buffalo Wild Wings Dine & Donate Night
- Wed, Apr 24 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade STARBASE Begins
- Thu, Apr 25 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Trip to Detroit Zoo
- Fri, Apr 26 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to STARBASE
- Wed, May 1 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to STARBASE
- Mon, May 6 - Kdgn Transistion Night @ Naldrett, 5 PM
- Tue, May 7 - PD DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- Wed, May 8 - Regular Full Day of School
- Fri, May 10 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Greenfield Village
- Tue, May 14 - Texas Roadhouse Dine & Donate Night
- Wed, May 15 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Program - 6 PM
- Wed, May 15 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to STARBASE
- Thu, May 16 - Ice Cream Social - 5:30-7 PM
- Wed, May 22 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to STARBASE
- Wed, May 22 - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade to Metro Park Nature Center
- Wed, May 22 - Kdgn Field Trip to Upland Hills Farm
- Mon, May 27 - NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY
- Tue, May 28 - School Resumes
- Wed, May 29 - PBIS School Wide Good Behavior Reward - Kona Ice Truck!
- Mon, June 3 - Field Day
- Thur, June 6 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration - 10:30 AM in Cafeteria
- Thu, June 6 - HALF DAY OF SCHOOL - PM Records Day - Dismissal at 12:26 PM
- Fri, June 7 - HALF DAY / LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - Dismissal at 12:26 PM

