

# 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! Our students surpassed their reading goal once again this March! It has been great to see them enjoying reading in so many different ways. Reading stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It also helps develop language, vocabulary and comprehension skills and prepares children to understand the written word. So keep your kids reading! Enjoy a good book!

**CONFERENCES:** Last year our district re-structured the way Parent-Teacher Conferences were held. The format was adjusted to put a greater focus on teachers meeting with parents/guardians of students who are not proficient on core academic skills. Teachers will email parents/guardians of those struggling students to set up either a Zoom (through sign-up genius) or a Phone Conference. The spring conference window will be from April 10-14th. While the focus of conferences is to help struggling students, we welcome any parents who would still like to meet with their son/daughter's teachers. Please contact any teacher you would like to meet with via email. As always, parents/guardians of students can also contact their child's teachers for questions or concerns at any time outside of conferences.

Don't hesitate to contact me or call the school office if you have questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a warm and wonderful Spring Break!

Sherri L. Milton-Hoffman, Principal

**NO SCHOOL:** From April 3rd through April 7th, for Spring break. School resumes on Monday, April 10th.

**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 your calendars for **Wednesday, May 17th** 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.](#)

**GOODBYE!** Please help us in congratulating several staff members who received job opportunities too good to pass up! Both Mrs. Youngert and Mrs. Mocny will begin new positions in Lansing. Our afternoon custodian Mr. Blake will be moving on to his dream job as well! Congratulations and best of luck to all in their new positions. We will miss them!



**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 when 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 19th.

**YEARBOOKS are not included in picture packages.** The deadline to order a yearbook is 4/24/23. The cost is \$12.00. Yearbooks can be ordered online by going to [ybpay.com](http://ybpay.com). Enter code 13981223. Extras will be limited. Please call Mrs. Menotti in 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? These funds can 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** is no longer being sent home. It can be found on the Food Service page. <https://www.anchorbay.misd.net/departments/food-service/>

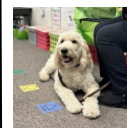
**PTG MEETING,** Thursday, April 20th at 4:00 PM in our Library.

### Therapy Dogs:

**Jaxon Elliot Hoffman** is a 5 year old, Chocolate Havanese. He is a certified Therapy Dog through Love on a Leash. He loves coming to school and seeing children. He can follow some simple commands like sit, lay down, shake/paw and can even jump through obstacles and hoops, when he wants to.



**Dexter Hayes** is a 4-year-old Golden-doodle. He is a certified therapy dog through Love on a Leash. Dexter enjoys coming to school to bring happiness to the students and staff members. When Dexter is not working, he loves to play fetch, run in the woods and play in the mud! Recently, Dexter became a big brother to his little Goldendoodle sister, Daphne. At first, he was not sure about having to share his toys, treats and owners, but he has become a great big brother!





### Lighthouse Elementary Calendar

4/3/-4/7/23	No School, Spring Break
04/10/23	School Resumes
04/19/23	Report Cards Sent Home
04/20/23	PTG Meeting, 4:00 pm, Library
5/1-5/5/23	Staff/ Teacher Appreciation Week
05/02/23	Professional Development Day - No Students in Attendance
05/05/23	Y5 Field Trip, Wolcott Mills
05/12/23	PTG Flower Fundraiser Pick Up
05/12/23	Muffins with Mom, Cafeteria, 7:45 am
05/17/23	Kindergarten Transition Night, A-L 5:30- 6:15, M-Z 6:30-7:15 Doors open 15 minutes early for building tours.
05/18/23	3rd Gr. Field Trip, Greenfield Village
05/22/23	2nd Gr. Field Trip, Port Huron Museum
05/24/23	4th Gr. Field Trip, Detroit Zoo
05/25/22	1st Gr. Field Trip, Detroit Zoo
05/30/23	2nd Gr. Picnic
05/31/23	Kinder Field Trip, Upland Hills Farm
06/02/23	5th Gr. Field Trip, The New Rink



**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.

**POSITIVITY PROJECT:** Lighthouse students are continuing to learn all about the Positivity Project and Character Traits. Recently, they learned about the character trait- Enthusiasm. **WHAT DOES ENTHUSIASM MEAN?**



You approach life with excitement and energy. You energize people around you. Those who demonstrate zest and enthusiasm bring an energy and level of intensity to individual and group work. **WHY DOES IT MATTER?** For individuals, zest and enthusiasm are easily identifiable and highly desirable personality traits. We feel good when we are energized by an activity or opportunity – and we like to spend time with people who are excited about life. Those who demonstrate a high level of enthusiasm are more likely to complete tasks and exceed minimum requirements as a result of their passion. Enthusiasm is contagious. One person's enthusiasm can spark others to think, speak, and act with more energy and conviction.

**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.

### 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.

- 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.
- Improve your aim.** Adjust your sprinklers to water only your lawn and plants- -not your driveway, sidewalk, or street.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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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