

Lighthouse Elementary

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Mission Statement

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

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER: Think Spring! Once again during **March is Reading Month**, our PTG has purchased a book for every family. The teachers have planned some exciting activities for all students. The Introduction Letter, the Reading Month Calendar, and paperback book will come home with the "oldest or only child" this week. Have fun reading... we hope you all enjoy this book! Mrs. Hoffman

NWEA TESTING: Lighthouse students took their mid-year NWEA tests in February. The State of Michigan requires Spring testing for all students.

NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK Monday, April 3rd through Friday, April 7th. School resumes on Monday, April 10th.

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/>

2023-2024 Kindergarten Readiness Night
March 23rd at 6pm - Anchor Bay High School Auditorium

Kindergarten Registration is Open. Kindergarten parents are encouraged to join us for a Kindergarten Readiness Night on Thursday, March 23rd at 6:00 pm in the AB High School Auditorium. Teachers and administrators will be on hand to answer questions and go through the annual Kindergarten Readiness presentations.

<https://www.anchorbay.misd.net/parents/enrollment/> or 586-725-2861

SPRING PHOTOS All students will be photographed on Thursday, March 23rd. Packets are optional.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL:

Join your favorite teachers and staff for the Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, March 8th between 6:30-8:00 pm. Fee is \$5.00 at the door.



FIELD TRIPS: Our 5th graders participated in STARBASE Program. The goal of STARBASE is to motivate elementary school students to explore Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) as they continue their education. The program encourages students to set goals and achieve them. STARBASE engages students through an inquiry-based curriculum with its "hands-on, mind-on" experiential activities. Math is embedded throughout the curriculum, and teamwork is stressed as students work together to explore, explain, elaborate and evaluate concepts. Our 5th grade focused on the following courses: The engineering & design process, teamwork, prototyping, Newton's 3 laws of motion, chemistry & molecular models, physical & chemical changes, fluidity & buoyancy, energy & circuits, chromatography.



POSITIVITY PROJECT: THE MISSION OF THE POSITIVITY PROJECT (P2) IS TO EMPOWER AMERICA'S YOUTH TO BUILD POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS AND BECOME THEIR BEST SELVES.

Why relationships? Because relationships are the cornerstone of health, happiness, and resilience...and (according to experts) many jobs of the future. That is why we are using lessons from P2 to help develop character that will inspire positive relationships (student-to-student and student-to-teacher) and cultivate a positive culture in our community. Ask your child about the P2 lessons and character traits they are learning in school.
#PositivityInAction.

READING CAN BE MAGICAL! Our reading goal this year is 6,000 books. If students read 6,000 books school-wide by the end of the month, there will be a surprise reward. Our theme for this year's March is Reading Month is *Paws for a Good Book!* The PTG has purchased a copy of a surprise book to be sent home with your "oldest or only" elementary student in each family.

READING MINUTES TRACKER: We are sending home a fun game to complete over the next month. (March 1st - March 31st) Students will be given a Reading Minutes Tracker sheet. Each time a student completes a task, they move up a square. Parents initial each time 75 minutes have been completed. When the entire sheet is filled out, a parent or guardian signs the bottom and returns the sheet to their teacher. Each student will receive discounted ticket options at Jimmy John's field for completing their tracker. Reading Minute Tracker sheets can be turned in anytime by Friday, March 31st.

SPRING BOOK FAIR will begin on Monday, March 6th through Friday, March 10th. March 6th and 7th teachers and students will view book fair and write out their wish-lists. March 8th and 9th, are student buying days. Students will be able to purchase at the book fair on their buying day. An email showing when classes will visit the book fair went home last week. The Book Fair will be open Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Library during the Ice-Cream Social. Families can also shop Lighthouse's online book fair at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/lighthouseelementaryschool2>



ART NEWS: Donations of baby wipes have been very helpful and are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support, Mr. Dave Latosz



LOST AND FOUND: Parents, please have your children check the lost and found near the front office. We will be donating the items if not claimed by the end of each month.

SCHOOL SPIRITWEAR: Now is a great time to add to your Lighthouse and Anchor Bay spring wardrobe! We have lots of new designs and styles to choose from. Visit <https://lighthousespiritwear.com/> FREE SHIPPING on any order over \$50.00. Please note: all orders are made online and shipped directly to your home-- no orders are sent to school.

ABSENCE: If your child will not be in school **please notify the office by 9:00 am.** Our office telephone number is **586-648-2500 ext. 1901.**

PTG MEETING: Is scheduled for Monday, March 16th at 4:00 PM in the Library.

GREEN TEAM: Waste-Free Wednesdays

Lighthouse Green Team encourages packing waste-free lunches. Did you know that a person creates an average of 4.5 pounds of trash per day? By reducing the number of items in your lunch that must be thrown out, or only using those that can be eaten, reused, recycled, or composted, you can prevent pollution and conserve natural resources, save energy and reduce the need for disposal, be an environmental steward and make a difference in your environment and the environment of the future.

You can pack sandwiches, leftovers from dinner, fruits, veggies, juice, or anything that you think is healthy or waste-free. If you put items that need to be refrigerated in you're your lunch, such as mayonnaise, cold cuts, or cheese, be sure to include a reusable ice pack in your lunch box or bag. Make sure to eat only what you can eat, reuse, recycle or compost.

Thank you,

Lighthouse Green Team

PEANUT ALLERGY: Lighthouse currently has students who have been identified as having both Tree Nut and 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.

YEARBOOK order deadline is 4/24/22 order at ybpay.com use yearbook ID code **13981223. Please order ahead. We had several disappointed students last year.** If your are not sure you ordered, call the office and we can look it up.

Don't miss a school notification!

During a recent school cancellation, we found that several parents were not receiving text messages from the District notifying them of the cancellation. We 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 messages 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: **If you would like to receive text messages from Anchor Bay School District, send a text message to (67587) with the words "opt in" or "subscribe" as the message.** If you are already receiving text messages from Anchor Bay School District ,no further action is required. For more information, you can visit <https://www.schoolmessenger.com/txt>

ANCHOR BAY EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER:
52680 Washington St. in New Baltimore, will have an **Open House, March 2nd, from 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**
Registration Dates:

March 8th, 9am - Returning preschool families & AB staff

March 20th, 9am - Open Registration for new families

Registration link: <https://absd.reg.eleyo.com/>

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

