

# Lighthouse Elementary

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## Mission Statement

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

**PRINCIPAL'S CORNER:** We are winding down the school year and we have a few fun events scheduled between now and the end of the year. The last two days of school are half days- June 8th and 9th, dismissal is 12:26 PM. Please see this newsletter and information from classroom teachers regarding upcoming Year End events!

A special thanks to our PTG for all their support this year.

Mrs. Hoffman

**REPORT CARDS** will be sent home on June 9th, the **last day of school!**

**STUDENT PLACEMENT FORMS:** were sent home in April. Our primary goal is to create positive classroom learning environments for our students. The research supports diverse classrooms, so we carefully consider students' social, emotional and academic skills and needs. For these reasons, we are unable to honor requests for specific classroom teachers or friend requests, we welcome, however, comments on the placement form that inform us about your child's learning needs. Some examples might include:

- "My child needs opportunities for movement throughout the day."
- "My child excels in math."
- "My child struggles in reading."

We are requesting that the completed forms be returned by May 5th.

**Summer School Program:** Details regarding the district Summer School Program will be found soon on the Anchor Bay page at <https://www.anchorbay.misd.net/>

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF NEW KINDERGARTEN OR YOUNG 5'S STUDENTS:** In order to establish bus routes and develop kindergarten class lists for the 2023-2024 school year we need to have your completed registrations and all paperwork turned in. Please go online to register all new students before the last day of school at <https://www.anchorbay.misd.net/>.

**There is NO SCHOOL on Tuesday, May 2nd**, due to Professional Development day. We have a **half day on Friday, May 26th** and **NO SCHOOL on May 29th** for the Memorial Day Holiday. There will be **1/2 days of school on June 8th and 9th**, dismissal is at 12:26 pm.

**YEARBOOKS:** Will be passed out to students during the last week of school. For students who did not order a yearbook, a limited amount will be available for sale in the office, on a first come first serve basis, for \$12. If you are unsure if you purchased a yearbook, please call Mrs. Menotti in the office.

**GLEANERS:** Pickups are May 2nd and May 30th between 1:30 and 3:00 PM. Summer dates are : June 27th, July 25th and August 22nd. To learn more contact [northshore.org](http://northshore.org).

**POSITIVITY PROJECT:** Our school community has been focusing on the character strength of **Purpose**. Purpose means you have beliefs about the meaning of life and your life's purpose. You seek to be part of something greater than yourself.



**WARM WEATHER CLOTHING:** Your child is welcome to wear shorts to school **when the temperature appropriate for outdoor play**. Shorts must be at least fingertip length. Clothing with spaghetti straps, tank tops, and mesh shirts are not allowed. Sandals may be worn, but are not recommended for the playground. If you have questions, please call the office.

**PTG NEWS:** Wednesday, May 3rd is the last day to order Van Thommes hanging flower baskets. Flower Pickup will be Thursday, May 11th, 2:00-5:30 pm, just in time for Mother's Day! Thank you for supporting our Lighthouse PTG! <https://lighthouseptg.ptboard.com>.

Information on **TEACHER APPRECIATION** was emailed home and can be found on our webpage under the PTG tab. **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** Keep scanning Box Tops over the summer. We get .10 cents for each one!

**MUFFINS WITH MOM** is May 12th and is a prepaid event and is **now SOLD OUT**. **FIELD DAY and DONUTS WITH DAD** is Thursday, June 1st. Registration for Donuts with Dad will go live starting Monday, May 15th. Please mark you calendars. <https://lighthouseptg.ptboard.com>

Remember, all volunteers **must** have an approved volunteer form on file for this current year.

All grade levels will participate in **FIELD DAY**. There will be class activities taught by Mrs. LaPorte and led by staff. Students will need to bring their own water bottles, sunscreen, hats and wear tennis shoes. More details to come...

*Thank you to all of our student helpers this year! Good job!*



**MEDICATION:** Each year when school ends, we ask parents to please come and pick up any medications, EpiPens, inhalers, breathing machines or any other medications they may have in our Lighthouse office. These items need to be signed out with Mrs. Gerlach no later than Friday, June 16th, or it will be discarded. No medications are kept throughout the summer. **New medical forms and medications are needed at the beginning of each school year and can be found online.** If you would like to pick up new paper forms, you may do so when you pick up your child's medication from the current school year.

**NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY:** Please help your child find and return all their Library books. **All Library books should be returned by May 12th.**



**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** We have had several families move to new homes within the past couple of months. Many of these families have chosen to continue to bring their children to Lighthouse to finish out the school year. This practice of finishing the school year is allowed, however if a family has moved within the district or outside of the school district we need to know about the new address. If the new address is outside of the Lighthouse school boundaries, the families must fill out a "School of Choice" form in order to have the children continue their education at Lighthouse Elementary. Please make sure that the office is notified of any change in addresses.

**PARENT PICK UP LOT:** We are asking parents to remain in cars when possible and follow the "loop" to drop students off or pick them up directly in front of Door #10. This will help us make sure that all students are safe and the traffic flow can be managed. As an alternative, parents can park in a designated parking spot and walk their child up to the door or pick them up from Door #10. Students should NOT be crossing through the parking lot without supervision or adult assistance. Thank you all for your support and assistance!

Y5, Kindergarten and 1st grades will be observing the **life cycle of the butterfly**. Each class has a set of caterpillars and will watch them change into butterflies and then release them outside.



**LUNCH MENUS** can be found at <https://www.anchorbay.misd.net/departments/food-service/>

**SPIRITWEAR:** It's not too late to get your Lighthouse apparel. Shop online at <https://lighthousespiritwear.com/>



**STUDENT COUNCIL AND SAFETY PATROL NEWS:** Thank you to all students who have participated in Safety the Student Council sponsored events throughout the school year. Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Eckstein would sincerely like to thank all the Representatives for all of their hard work and dedication to making this school, its surrounding communities, and our world a better place. Thank you again Student Council and Safety Patrol Reps. and parents for all you have done this year.



**FIELD TRIPS and CELEBRATIONS:**

- Young 5's** 5/5/23 Wolcott Mills, 9:15—12:15 pm
- Kindergarten** 5/31/23 Upland Hills Farm 9:30—2:30 pm
- 1st Grade** 5/25/23 Detroit Zoo, 9:12 am—3:30 pm
- 2nd Grade** 5/9/23 New Baltimore Visit, 9:30-2:15 pm,  
5/22/23 Port Huron Museum, 9:15— 3:00 pm  
5/30/23 Picnic at Maynard Park, 9:50—1:30 pm
- 3rd Grade** 5/18/23 Greenfield Village, 9:12—3:30 pm
- 4th Grade** 5/24/23 Detroit Zoo, 9:30—3:00 pm
- 5th Grade** 6/2/23 The New Rink, 10:15—2:30 pm
- Safety Patrol** 5/23/23 Premier Lanes, 11:00—2:00 pm

Don't forget you can order ahead and get a school lunch on all field trips. See your classroom newsletters for more details.

**LOST ITEMS:** There is a table of lost items near the Office. Please ask your child to check the table. Any remaining items after June 9th, will be donated to charity.



**SUMMER SAC:** For details regarding Summer SAC please go to <https://www.anchorbay.misd.net/schools/early-childhood-center/>

**REMEMBER, YOU'RE NOT JUST FERTILIZING YOUR LAWN:**

Storm drains found in our streets and yards empty into our lakes and streams. So, when we fertilize our lawn we could also be fertilizing our lakes and streams! While fertilizer is good for our lawn, it is bad for our water. Fertilizer that enters our lakes and streams can cause algae to grow and use up oxygen that fish need to survive. So what can you do to help? Simple.

1. **Sweep it.** Sweep excess fertilizer and grass clippings from pavement back onto your lawn so that the don't wash into storm drains.
2. **Buy low and go slow.** First, find out if you even need fertilizer. Contact your Michigan State University Extension office to get a soil test. If you do need it, choose a fertilizer with no or low phosphorus-phosphorus causes algae growth. You can also use an organic or slow-release nitrogen fertilizer, which causes less harm to water.
3. **Hire Smart.** Select a lawn care service that follows the practices noted above.
4. **Mow high.** Keep your lawn at three inches in height. Taller grass strengthens roots and shades out weeds. Also, remember that the nutrients from grass clippings left on your lawn act as a great fertilizer.
5. **Make fertilizer-free zones.** Keep fertilizer at least 20 feet away from the edge of any lakes, streams or storm drains.