



NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Ashley Families,

Our reading month was a huge success. Many Golden Tickets were awarded and students were eager to share in all of the excitement throughout the month. We hope you enjoyed sharing in the story of Willy Wonka with your All Star. As always, we will continue to share in the love for reading with our students each day!

Spring Testing has begun. 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. 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.

Our NWEA testing window will begin at the end of the month. This data allows us to provide meaningful instruction and monitor the growth of our students. NWEA reports will go home with end of the year report cards.

We are excited to Enjoy a Spring Celebration in May. All students will visit the KONA ICE truck once testing is completed. This will be a great day of recognizing all of our hard work!

Please keep an eye out for all of the Upcoming Spring Festivities happening at Ashley. Our PTG has many events planned.

Sincerely,

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<http://www.anchorbay.misd.net/schools/ashley/>.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 31: End of the Marking Period

April 3-7: No School Spring Break

April 19th: Ice Cream Social 5:00-7:00

Report Cards Go Home

April 27th: Volunteer Breakfast 8:00



Mrs. Beck's Classroom Announcers

Brynn Podleski, Evan Casper, Brendan Hewitt, Jaxon Mathews, Nolan McKoan, Henry Muirhead, Asher Kelley, Jacob Rots and Anthony Sullivan



3rd – 5th Grade Testing: April 11th – May 16th

Top Things to do before taking a test:

- Get a good night's sleep
- Eat a good breakfast
- Bring a healthy snack
- Drink plenty of water



KD – 1 Grades Testing: May 11th – May 24th

2nd – 5th Grades Testing: May 8th - May 24th

Top Things to do before taking a test:

- Get a good night's sleep
- Eat a good breakfast
- Bring a healthy snack
- Drink plenty of water



Michigan Reading Association



Kaleidoscope winner

Congratulations to Lilliana Cintron as Our Ashley Elementary Kaleidoscope Winner. She was presented her award at the Board of Education Meeting in March. Her writing will be published in the Michigan Reading Association Magazine.

Help save the Earth by following these energy saving tips at home!



- Turn off all the lights and electronics when you leave the room or leave the house. This includes the television, computer, and video games
- Close curtains to block the sun. You may want the curtains open for light while you're home, but there's no need to let energy escape while you're away.
- Ask an adult to adjust the thermostat. Conserve energy by using less heating or air conditioning while your family is away from home.
- Close the refrigerator door after use. Leaving the door open allows cold air to escape, which causes the refrigerator to work harder to maintain its cold temperature.
- Take shorter showers or bathe with less water.
- Ask an adult to replace burnt-out bulbs with EnergyStar-rated bulbs. Energy-efficient bulbs use up to [80% less energy than incandescent lightbulbs](#)
- Turn off the water when brushing your teeth. Save water by turning the faucet off when it's not in use.
- Do homework next to a window with natural light instead of a lamp.
- Ride a bike instead of asking Mom or Dad to drive you to school or to your friend's house.

News from the Positivity Project

We celebrate the core aspects of human excellence that allow us to thrive. The 24 character strengths are organized under the six virtues of: wisdom and knowledge; humanity; justice; courage; temperance; and transcendence.

- **Wisdom and Knowledge** – Strengths of wisdom and knowledge are cognitive strengths related to the acquisition and use of information. Strengths comprised in this virtue are *creativity, curiosity, open-mindedness, love of learning, and perspective*.
- **Humanity** – Strengths of humanity involve caring interpersonal [relationships](#) with others, particularly in one-to-one relationships. Strengths comprised in this virtue are *love, kindness, and social intelligence*.
- **Justice** – Strengths of justice refer to the optimal relationship between the individual and the group or community, rather than the more one-to-one relationships in the humanity virtue. Strengths comprised in this virtue are *teamwork, fairness, and leadership*.
- **Courage** – Strengths of courage involve applying will and fortitude in overcoming internal or external resistance to accomplish goals. Strengths comprised in this virtue are *bravery, perseverance, integrity, and enthusiasm*.
- **Temperance** – Strengths of temperance protect us from excess. Strengths comprised in this virtue are *forgiveness, humility, prudence, and self-control*.
- **Transcendence** – Strengths of transcendence allow people to rise above their troubles and find meaning in the larger universe. Strengths of transcendence are *appreciation of beauty and excellence, purpose, gratitude, optimism, and humor*.

March Is Reading Month

Here are the 5 Golden ticket Winners. They won an Oompa Loompa in a can.

Harper Bassett from Mrs. Bargowski's class, Carmella Kandt from Mrs. Misenar's class, Natalie Hering from Mrs. Greenwold's class, Ben Smith from Mrs. Schehr's class and Brendan King from Mrs. Bergeron's class.



Got caught reading student winners Squishmallows



Makena Fell from Mrs. Gilbertson's Class

Will Janicki from Mrs. Blackburn's class



Elias Altaoil from Mrs. Berdan's class

Beau Traub from Mrs. Misenar's class



Brent Reynolds from Mrs. Walker's class