



**Ashley Elementary**  
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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Sept. 5:** ½ day for students Grades 1-5  
 Dismissal at 12:26  
**KD/Young 5's**  
 Parent & Child visit their classroom  
 10:00-11:00
- Sept. 6:** Open House Grades 1-5 6:00-7:00
- Sept. 25:** Kaiser Picture Day

#PositivityInMotion

**ALTERNATE BUS FORM**

Students may not change bus stops without notification of approval from the Transportation Dept. ALTERNATE BUS FORMS are available on line to provide transportation to or from an alternate address within Ashley's attendance boundary. This alternate stop must be for all five (5) days a week and must be an existing bus stop.

**TAKING A DIFFERENT**

**BUS HOME**



Children are not allowed to ride a different bus home from school unless they get it cleared with transportation.

The Ashley Elementary office will be sending any office correspondence home with students as it becomes available. If possible, it will be sent home with the youngest/only child. Time sensitive notes will be sent home as needed. Whenever possible, we will email information to the email address you have provided on your child's Emergency Data Verification Form. For your convenience, all Ashley monthly newsletters, staff voice mailboxes and email addresses, calendar of upcoming events, and all other information that we can share with you will be on our Ashley Web Page at [www.anchorbay.misd.net](http://www.anchorbay.misd.net) the Anchor Bay School District Website.

**NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Ashley All Star Families,

Welcome Back, we are excited to kick off the 2023-2024 school year! Our staff has been working hard and preparing for the return of our All Stars. We have welcomed several new teachers to our building: Ms. Romano will be teaching Young Fives and Ms. Bart will be teaching fifth grade. Mrs. Cmarik has also joined us as a K-5 Science teacher. This year all of our students will visit our new Science classroom and participate in weekly science labs and experiments. We are excited to deepen our Science knowledge.

We are looking forward to meeting all of our families at Open House. Please stop in on Wednesday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:00. Take a moment to visit our classrooms, meet our staff and learn about the many activities being planned by our Ashley PTG.

The month of September is filled with learning new routines, building relationships, and focusing on our Positivity Project character traits. Teachers will be sharing classroom information and processes with you. Please keep an eye out for all upcoming informational notices.

We are excited to kick off the school year with our Ashley All Star Fun Run. This event will take place on Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming home soon. This is a great way to support our school and classrooms.

As always, our All-Star Staff looks forward to working in partnership with our families to ensure the success of all of our learners!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Melissa VanHulle

Principal

#otherpeoplematter

**Leaving School During the Day**

When it is necessary for a student to leave during the school day, the parent or guardian **MUST** sign their child out on the appropriate form in the school office. This procedure will better insure the safety of our youngsters. Parents should not go directly to the classroom to get their child during school hours, before or after school. If a parent enters the building to pick up their child, **PLEASE MEET YOUR CHILD IN THE OFFICE.** Please do not go to the classroom door. Please be sure to review our **Student Arrival & Dismissal Procedures** and Guidelines in your opening day folder. Call the school if you have any questions or concerns.

## STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES



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# OPEN HOUSE

Ashley Elementary will have our **Open House** on **Wednesday, September 6th from 6-7 pm**. Stop in and meet the teacher and see your classrooms. In an effort to promote social distancing.

## MEDICATION

Absolutely no medication will be given to any student unless a special medical form from the school district is completed by your physician. These forms are available in the office or on our website. If obtaining prescription medication, please ask your doctor to place pills in two bottles (one with directions for school personnel and one for home use. School personnel will not administer any non-prescription medication (aspirin, cold medication, etc.). Please contact the school if you have any questions. **Under no circumstances are children to bring any medication to school or on the bus. This includes aspirin, cough syrup, and all over-the-counter medications**

## TELEPHONE CALLS

Our policy regarding telephone calls is as follows:

1. When a call comes in for a teacher, the call will be directed to voice mail unless the teacher is on "prep." (You may call the voice mailbox directly by dialing (586) 648-2500.) If the call is regarding an "emergency" situation, please explain that to the office staff and they will connect you as needed...but, please, only in an emergency.
2. Please restrict calls regarding after school arrangements for children. We recommend that you tell your child where he/she is to go after school in the morning and send a note to your child's teacher to avoid confusion during the day (some children become really upset when they are uncertain about where they are to go at the end of the day). We understand that sometimes the "unexpected" occurs necessitating last-minute changes and a call is necessary, but these should be kept to a minimum. Each time we deliver a message, classroom instruction is interrupted and, to some children, this creates a distraction that interferes with the learning. It is important to preserve the quality and atmosphere of classroom education.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

A new school year is beginning. Students are enthused about their classes and teachers are busy planning exciting lessons for their students. Please emphasize to your children the importance of being in school, as daily attendance is essential in order for a student to benefit from his/her educational experience. If a student is not in school on a regular basis, it is not possible for maximum learning to occur. Excessive tardies are a concern because important announcements and classroom instruction are given at the beginning of the day. Good attendance patterns, which include punctuality, are developed at an early age. They must be emphasized in kindergarten and reaffirmed at every grade level. It is the responsibility of the parent to instill in his/her child the importance of attending school. All students in the Anchor Bay School District are expected to be in school on a regular day-to-day basis. Absences should occur only for legitimate, excusable reasons, generally illness. It is the responsibility of school personnel, according to the State of Michigan Compulsory School Attendance Law, to monitor all students' attendance. Parents will be notified in writing, following the seventh, fourteenth and twentieth absence/tardy accumulated within a school year. Excessive absences must be reported to the Macomb County Independent School District Attendance Office.

*The Michigan School Law states:*

*Every parent, guardian or other person in the State of Michigan, having control and charge of any child between the ages of 6 and 16 years, shall be required to send the child to the public schools during the entire school year, and such attendance shall be continuous and consecutive for the school year fixed by the district in which such child is enrolled....*

We realize there are circumstances that contribute to a child's absences/tardies. We suggest that you obtain medical verification for all absences or tardies when applicable. When a child has excessive absences without medical documentation these absences may be investigated by school officials. School and home must work together to insure that students in the Anchor Bay School District develop to their maximum potential. Your support in the matter of school attendance is appreciated.

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**FORGOT**



We have I forgot slips on the table inside door#1. You can put your student name and teacher on the I forgot slip. We will take it to the student.



Parents need to sign in to their Powerschool account and update their information. Powerschool we only be open for 3 weeks for changes.

## Ashley Events Calendar



Go to the Ashley Web page and click on the  
the calendar the box below will appear you to subscribe to the Ashley  
This will allow you to add it to your calendar on your phone.

## Subscribe to Calendar Feed

### iCal Feeds

iCalendar (iCal, .ics) is a popular calendar data exchange format which allows you to subscribe to a calendar and receive updates as calendar data changes.

### How to access iCal feeds

Read [step by step instructions](#) on adding an iCal feed to Google Calendars and your iPhone. [Download the latest PDF Viewer](#)

### Ashley Events

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