

Lottie M. Schmidt Elementary

The Lottie Navigator

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Anchor Bay Mission Statement: Empowering all students to succeed in an ever-changing world.

Lottie Mission Statement: To develop personal responsibility, strong academic skills, social sensitivity and a sense of well-being in each child.

Hello Lottie Families!

With another semester complete, the students will be bringing home report cards and their latest NWEA MAP assessment scores on Friday, February 10th. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Please make sure to check your emails daily for any flyers or messages from the school and/or district. School messages are typically sent out in the afternoons unless there is an emergency.

Please remind your child to dress appropriately for the weather every day. The students do go outside unless it is a temperature of 15 or below including windchill or if winds are over 25 mph.

We also have A LOT of hats, gloves, hoodies, etc. in the lost and found. We have been encouraging the students to check the pile every day during lunchtime, but there is still a lot on the pile. Please encourage your child to check the pile. Especially if you notice they are missing anything.

LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW!

Students had fun during their recess time making snowmen at the back of the building. We have an entire snow community by the playground.



TRUANCY INFORMATION

If your child is going to be absent please **call our office at 725-7541 and leave a message.**

If you take your child to the doctor and get a note for the office, the absence will be excused as medical. Macomb County Truancy only excuses medical absences if your child is referred.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 10
Report Cards Sent Home

February 17 - 20
No School – Winter Break

February 21
After School STEM Activities
4:00 – 6:00

Students must be pre-registered. Watch for a flyer to come home later this month.

Please check our webpage at www.anchorbay.misd.net to find forms, event dates and additional pictures.

Current lunch menus and newsletters are also posted on our webpage each month.

LITERACY NEWS

When reading with your child at home encourage them to problem solve when they come across a difficult word. Learning to read is hard, so we want to support our kiddos by helping them use their problem-solving skills during reading. The *Reading Rockets* article below has some great ideas on how to help your child when they come across a tricky word while reading.

Reading Rockets article: <https://www.readingrockets.org/article/practice-practical-ideas-parents>

Below are some word-solving strategies we use in the classroom:

1. Look at the whole word
2. Slide through each sound
3. Break the word into parts
4. Try reading it again
5. Try using a different sound check it! Does it make sense?

Encourage kids to
problem solve when
they come to a word
they don't know.

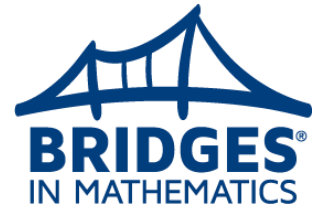
Reading with your child should be a fun and enjoyable time for all and a great way for your child to show you all of their critical thinking skills! Happy Reading!

MATH INFORMATION

Anchor Bay uses the Bridges in Mathematics program to teach mathematics in grades K-5. To assist families in understanding the program and what their child is being taught, a Live Binder is available on our school website. The binder has many useful items to help students, and their families, to find success with our Bridges in Mathematics program. Each grade level has a tab at the top of this page that will guide students and families directly to the important content. Vocabulary, unit letters, and models and strategies can be found for K-5 students. Please check the Live Binder site as needed in conjunction with work that may need to be completed for math as well as to review for unit assessments.

If you have specific questions about math lessons and/or strategies, please contact the classroom teacher.

The link and passcode to the Anchor Bay Elementary Math Live Binder can be found under the red curriculum tab on the left side of our Lottie home screen.



CITATION LUNCH WITH OFFICER DePAPE

This year students may receive a Golden Citation from their teacher for their positive behavior. This citation earns them an invitation for free pizza lunch with Officer DePape.

One 4th and 5th grade student from each class received a citation for the month of January.

The students who ate lunch with Officer DePape are Max LaFeve, Mikaela Rata, Aleyah Singstock and Chloe White



FUN WITH MRS. WHITE

Lottie students who earned enough tickets for their PAWS-itive behavior were able to enjoy games and crafts with the Mrs. White.



LOTTIE IS KEEPING OUR EARTH GREEN

Michigan Green Schools is dedicated to assisting all Michigan school's environmental goals that include protecting the air, land, water and animals through promotion of good ecological practices and environmental stewardship by students.

Lottie Schmidt Elementary school is a Michigan Green School and this year we are working towards Emerald status. Below are pictures of a presentation given to all students regarding recycling. A representative from GFL spoke with each class about what we can do to help our environment.



Students and staff are participating each week in Waste Free Wednesdays. We encourage everyone when packing their lunch to use reusable containers, reusable bottles for water, reusable utensils etc.

Lottie M. Schmidt Elementary School is considered a Title I building. This federal classification provides additional funding and programs to benefit our students.



Protecting Our Water...It's as Easy as Seven Simple Steps

Did you know that over three million people depend on our lakes and streams for their drinking water? And that in Southeast Michigan there are over 300,000 registered boaters and 3.5 million people visit a local park each year?

With this many people depending on our lakes and streams for drinking water and recreation, we need to be careful how we treat our water. You might not be able to see the stream or lake from your house, but it's there. It might be a small stream or ditch or even a storm drain in the street. All of these leads directly to our lakes and streams. So, what we do at home effects our water!

Here are seven simple steps you can take in your home and yard to protect our lakes and streams

1. **Help keep pollution out of storm drains.** Storm drains lead directly to our lakes and streams. So, never dump oil, pet waste, leaves, dirty water, or anything down a storm drain. Remember, only rain in the drain.
2. **Fertilize caringly and sparingly.** Excess fertilizer that gets into storm drains pollutes our lakes by causing large algae blooms and using up oxygen fish need to survive. Sweep excess fertilizer back onto your lawn, use a low or no phosphorus fertilizer, and have your soil tested to see what, if any, fertilizer is needed.
3. **Carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals and oil.** Instead of putting hazardous products like antifreeze, motor oil and pesticides in the trash, down the storm drain or on the ground, take them to a local hazardous waste collection day.
4. **Clean up after your pet.** Whether on a walk or in your yard, promptly clean up after your pet. Not only will you be a good neighbor, you will also protect our water from harmful bacteria.
5. **Practice good car care.** Consider taking your car to a car wash or washing your car on the grass.
6. **Choose earth friendly landscaping.** Protect your pets, kids and environment by using pesticides sparingly. Also, water your lawn only when it needs it and choose plants native to Michigan.
7. **Save water.** Over watering our lawns can easily carry pollution to the storm drains and to our lakes and streams. Consider using a broom instead of a hose to clean sidewalks and driveways. Direct hoses and sprinklers on the lawn, not the driveway. This will help save our lakes and streams and save you money.