Lakeview Elementary Newsletter

October 2016

From the Desk of Mrs. Kowatch...

Lakeview students and staff have had a great start to the school year! Thank you for all that you've done to make our school days successful! I have enjoyed seeing the many familiar faces back in our building just as much as I have enjoyed getting to know each of our new students. The excitement our students have for learning is contagious and we love watching them grow! I am excited to be working with all of you as we partner in your child's education!

Dress for the Season: Please be prepared to start dressing your child in layers. The colder weather really sneaks up on us and can change quickly throughout the day so it is important to be prepared for cooler and warmer temps.

iPad Information: Students are learning how to use their iPads as learning tools and it is always impressive to see the many ways they are incorporated into their school day. 1st and 2nd grade students have already begun taking them home and Kindergarten students will be taking them home October 23rd. Please help your child remember to charge their iPad at home each night!

Emergency Card: Please help us keep our emergency cards up to date with address and phone number changes.

Box Tops / Campbell Soup Labels: Please send in box tops and labels to your child's teacher. The PTC uses the funds generated from these programs to help us pay for field trips, family nights, assemblies, classroom supplies and other needed items for Lakeview.

Parking/Drop Off: Just a reminder that drop off for students is on the East side of the building on Lewis Street. Please note that this area is meant to be a drive by drop off so families do not need to park and get out of the car. Parked cars make it difficult for the line to keep moving. Please plan accordingly.

End of Day Transportation: It takes many staff members to make our end of day routines run smoothly and we rely heavily on communication from our families to make it all happen. Please make sure that you are clearly communicating with the office any changes that need to be made regarding how your child will be getting home. We will make every effort to get your child home safely and we appreciate the notes and phone calls with any updates.

I am looking forward to a great year! If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to call or stop by.

Mrs. Kowatch

Kindergarten News

Dear Parents,

September has been a fast month in Kindergarten! The students are doing so well adjusting to school life and learning the routines and procedures of the building and life at school. We are so pleased with their progress!

Please continue to talk with your child each and everyday about what they are going to have for lunch and how they are getting to and from school. If you are sending a snack to school with your child for recess please place it in their backpack and not their lunch box. This will help us out a lot, Thank you!

The Kindergarteners are working hard on developing an environment that promotes Oral Language and building a talking community. We have been practicing looking at each other when someone is speaking, listening to a speaker and speaking with a clear voice when it is our turn to speak.

In Math, we are focusing on understanding Numbers 1-10, identifying two-dimensional shapes, and looking at their attributes. We have also introduced the concepts of addition and subtraction as well!

We are looking forward to the rest of the school year with students and watching them grow in their education!

Sincerely,

Mr. Albrecht
Miss. Cefaratti
Mrs. Chalko
Mrs. Sniegowski

Fabulous First Grade

We have settled into our new classrooms and are working on learning new routines. Our students have been very busy learning about:

~the seasons and the changing weather in Michigan

~number sense and counting

~stories from our reading series Storytown

~rules and expectations at school and in the community

As we move through this first trimester, students will be learning to use a variety of reading strategies like using picture clues, predicting what comes next, sequencing and noting details. We are working on writing complete sentences that begin with a capital letter and end with a period. Please check backpacks for daily work. Don't forget to practice those spelling words!

The new i-Pads have arrived and we learned about being good digital citizens throughout September. Now that the i-Pads are coming home nightly, please make sure they are charged overnight and returned each day for use in the classroom.

Finally, take a few minutes each day to read to your child and ask them about his/her day! We look forward to a wonderful year!

Ms. O'Connor
Ms. Jarvie
Mr. Dila

Shining in Second

We have had a lot of fun getting to know each other and setting up our classroom routines during the first month of school to insure a successful and fun school year. Thank you parents for all of your extra help and support everyday getting your child to bed early along with a healthy breakfast each morning.

During the month of October we will continue working on our fluency and comprehension skills in reading. We have worked really hard to understand what readers do every time they pick up a book. In our writing unit, we have begun studying opinion. Your child is working on giving their opinion and supporting themselves using evidence and transition words. In math we have focused on structuring numbers, addition and subtraction concepts, along with word problems. We will be focusing on landforms in our science unit and our trip to the State Park allowed us to learn about the formation of land and water within our own community. This also ties into our social studies unit of community.

We finished our digital citizenship during the month of September. We are asking parents to please talk with your child about the proper use of technology seeing how our iPads are now coming home nightly. Remember to charge your child's iPad each and every night!

Remember to READ, READ, and READ some more each and every night with your child!

Second grade teachers,
Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. King
Lakeview

Upcoming Events

October 4th: Picture Day

October 5th: Count Day

October 14th: PBIS Parent Breakfast (Details to come)

October 20th: PTC Meeting at 5:30/ Lakeview Elementary School

October 21st: 1/2 day students are dismissed at 11:46

October 28th: Mobile Dentist (Details to come)

October 31st: Halloween

Star Students: September

KG
Rylee
Alexa
Bella
Karsten

1st
Brielle
Travis
John
Lyric

2nd
Alexander
Charlie
Aubrey

Family Link is a wonderful resource that we have available to ALL LASD families. If you have questions about how to set up a meeting for assistance, feel free to contact the school office or Amanda Kaczynski directly at (231) 233-6135.

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A MASON COUNTY INITIATIVE

Mason County Family Link supports student achievement by bringing together a range of agencies to provide needed services and supports. It specifically includes staff that work on-site at all three school districts in Mason County.

Department of Health and Human Services Success Coach - Provides social services to students and works with families to help identify and develop plans for self-sufficiency.

Community Schools Coordinator - Provides coordinated access to health and human services within a school setting.

Site Team Clinician - Provides strength based, child centered and family focused counseling to students and/or their families who are not eligible to receive services through the local mental health agency.

By bringing health and human services into the school building to serve children and families we can accomplish the following:

- Increase support for students, families, and schools;
- Increase access to needed health and human services and other community supports;
- Promote opportunities that support students' educational, social and emotional development; and
- Redirect non-educational issues from the principals and teachers, so they can focus on educating our children.

For More Information
Contact Your Child's School

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Correction

Please be sure to use the correct phone number when trying to reach the LASD Transportation Department. You can call them at (231)845-3890! A local business has been receiving some very early morning phone calls due to the similarity of the phone numbers. If you could double-check before you call, they would greatly appreciate it! Thank you for your help!

Reminders from the Office...

Don't forget to keep the office informed of any changes to your:

- address
- personal phone number
- work location
- work phone number
- emergency contacts

We would appreciate you calling the school office every morning that your child is absent from school. Our direct number is 845-3840. Since it is the policy of Ludington Schools to call the homes of all our absent students each morning, we will call you if we do not hear from you first.

Please continue to have an extra set of clothes in your child's backpack! Accidents happen for kids at any age and we do not always have extra undergarments and pants to spare! If your child has an accident we will call you for a change of clothes! As always, thank you for your help!