

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE—MS. LEEANN STEPHAN

The second semester is now upon us. We had a very busy and exciting first semester. It's amazing to see how much our students have learned and grown. With the change of semesters, we have also had a change in Specials schedules. At the end of January, our students attended their last music class of the school year. Thank you to Mrs. Reed for all of her hard work. We will miss her this semester, but look forward to having music again next year.

This semester, our students will now have Art class. We are welcoming Becky Travis back to Crystal Lake as our Art Teacher this year. January involved some fun events for our students. The Benzonia Township Fire Department provided a pizza lunch to the upper elementary winners of the home escape plan. Our first grade class held a successful bake sale. Thank you to all of those of you who participated in that. Our students who earned the positive behavior award for the second semester got to go to the Benzonia Public Library for a few hours where they had several fun stations to rotate between. An extra special thank you goes out to Amanda and Jimmy McLaren for hosting us. Our students came back with huge smiles and a lot of great stories! The Benzonia Public Library has a lot of great programming going on. I encourage you to check out what events they have.

Our much anticipated Annual Winter Carnival will be on Friday, February 10. It will run from 6pm to 8pm. There will be food, games and prizes. We will also have the extremely popular Cake Walk. We will be looking for donations for the Cake Walk, so if you're a baker (or know someone who is), keep your eye out for details about that. The evening will end with a drawing for the raffle. Thank you to everyone who has been selling tickets. There are some really great prizes that students can earn for selling tickets. Thank you to our PTC for coordinating this.

Friday, February 17 will be an early dismissal day. Students will be released at 11:50 am. School will not be in session on Monday, February 20. Have a wonderful month!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 2/8 Raffle Ticket \$\$ due as well as unsold tickets
- 2/10 Winter Carnival 6pm-8pm
- 2/15 PTC Meeting 5:15 in the library
- 2/17 Valentines Day Parties Today!
- 2/17 Early Dismissal @ 11:50
- 2/20 No School
- 02/23 First Grade Bake Sale

2017 FEBRUARY
LAKER BREEZE

CRYSTAL LAKE ELEMENTARY

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/2 Travon Drake
2/2 Abigail Mitchell
2/3 Ethan Heinz
2/3 Ianto Matthews
2/3 Carter Hook
2/6 Cody Mancour
2/6 Hailey Ward
2/7 Dayne Gillison
2/9 Blake Miller
2/15 Caitlyn Pallin



2/15 Zoey Salenski
2/17 Sincere Weese
2/19 Kaitlyn Chorley
2/20 Charlene Weese
2/20 Rowan Zickert
2/21 Reana Kage
2/22 Xaria Davis
2/23 Caleb Birmingham

IMPORTANT UPCOMING PTC DATES!

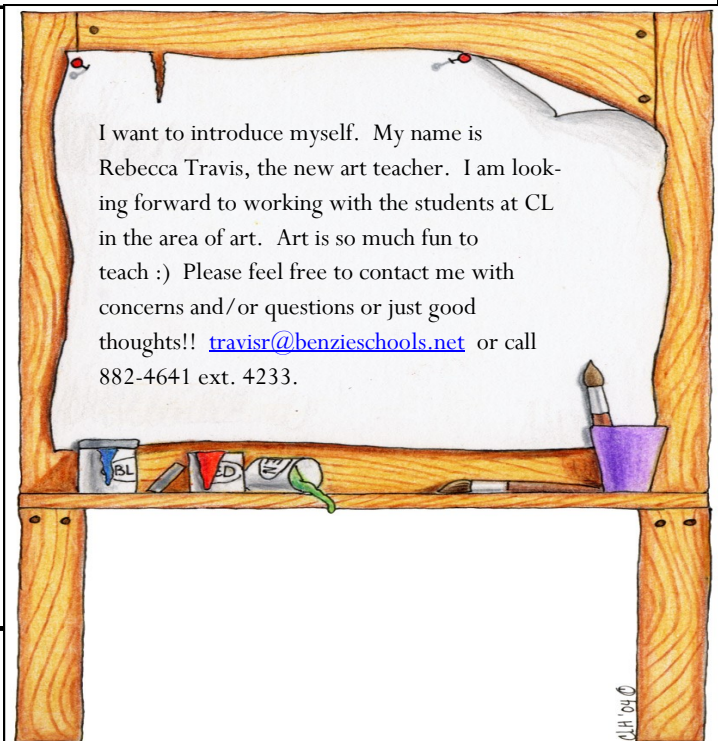
February 10th Winter Carnival

May 1st-5th Book Fair/Teacher

Appreciation Week

Art Fair/Ice Cream Social Date to be
announced

PTC Meetings are the **SECOND TUESDAY** of
each Month @ 5:15pm here at Crystal Lake!
NEXT MEETING February 15



I want to introduce myself. My name is Rebecca Travis, the new art teacher. I am looking forward to working with the students at CL in the area of art. Art is so much fun to teach :) Please feel free to contact me with concerns and/or questions or just good thoughts!! travisr@benzieschools.net or call 882-4641 ext. 4233.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

****** Please remember to call in bus/end of day changes prior to 3:00. Changes MUST come from the parent or guardian NOT the student. Also, if someone other than a parent or guardian is picking up, please call the office or send a note with your student.**

Our Mission: The mission of Crystal Lake Elementary School is to ensure that all students who leave this school have necessary academic and social skills to empower them to be positive, successful, and respectful learners.



FREE PRESCHOOL

NMCAA Head Start & BCCS GSRP Preschool Programs are
now taking applications for the 2017-18 school year.

These are FREE quality preschool programs in your area promoting school readiness.

Children who will be 3 and 4 years-old
on or before 9/01/17 are eligible to apply.

Call now for an appointment:

1-231-346-2116 or 1-800-632-7334



THINK OUTSIDE
THE BOX.



Cardboard Challenge **Saturday, February 18, 2017** **10 am - 1 pm**

Mills Community House-Upper Level
Home of BPL, 891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

Logic will get you
from A to B.
Imagination will
take you everywhere.
-Albert Einstein

Have you ever wanted to build a cardboard village?
How about your own cardboard inventions, costumes, or crafts?
We'll stock up the Mill's Auditorium with boxes,
kid-friendly cutters, and tape.

Bring your family and your imagination!
OPEN TO ALL AGES!

This day of fun is brought to you by Benzonia Public Library,
Benzie County Recycling and the
University of Michigan School of Information.





WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE OUR CAKE WALK A HUGE SUCCESS!

If you or someone in your family loves to bake, we would greatly appreciate a donation for the Cake Walk at the upcoming Crystal Lake Winter Carnival which will be held on Friday, February 10th. Popular treats include:

- ❖ Cakes
- ❖ Cupcakes
- ❖ Brownies
- ❖ Rice Krispy Treats
- ❖ Cookies

Please package cupcakes, cookies, etc. in groups of 4 to 6 treats!!

Please bring your donations to school on February 10th by 4:00.

Thank you so much for your continued support of the students
at Crystal Lake Elementary!

Questions? Email Candice at benzieclptc@gmail.com

GET INVOLVED!!! HAVE FUN!!! HELP OUT!!!!

PTC stands for Parent Teacher Council. We are made up of parents, teachers, school & other community members who want to support & encourage the elementary & its students.

Why should you join? It's Fun! It's Free!... It's Easy! ... You aren't required to help out at every event! There are many PTC sponsored events throughout the year that will need parent volunteers to make them a success. What better way to be more involved in your child's education, get more familiar with their school and make some great friends too!

Did you know that our fundraising goal this year is \$15,000? The money is used for Field Trips and School Enrichment Funds. The 5th Grade overnight Camp costs \$2,500 not including transportation. Our transportation budget for last year was \$3,500.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month during the school year at 5:00 pm in the Elementary Library.

The current PTC board members are:

Candice Swander-President

Caribe McClellan-Vice President

Lindsay Evans-Treasurer

Heather Ellis-Secretary

We look forward to serving you and Crystal Lake Elementary School. Please join us at our meetings, ask us questions whenever you see us, and please, please, volunteer for any of our events! Parent involvement is crucial to our success in the PTC. Please email us at benzieclptc@gmail.com with any questions or to sign up for our email list. Have a great year!