



Principal Message:

As we head into April, it's hard to believe we are beginning the fourth and final quarter of the school year. This stretch brings a fresh sense of energy and focus to our building.

Our 3rd–5th grade students will soon begin M-Step state assessments. We encourage students to do their best, take their time, and show what they know. A good night's sleep and a calm, positive mindset can make a big difference.

We're also welcoming the signs of spring, such as warmer temperatures, melting snow, and more opportunities to get outside. In the weeks ahead, students will enjoy spring field trips and special activities that add fun and meaningful experiences to their school days.

Thank you for your continued support. As always, reach out to your child's classroom teacher if you have questions or concerns. We are all looking forward to a productive and memorable spring at school!

Steve Graetz, Principal

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CALENDAR

April 7 School Resumes
[April 8 PTO Meeting in Mrs. Dameron's Room 3 @ 4:15](#)

April 11 Early Childhood Fair @ HHE

April 13 Kindergarten Round Up

April 24 Half Day for Students/ PD day for Staff. Student Dismissal @ 11:50am

[April 24 Girls Night](#)

All **BLUE** events are PTO sponsored. Please direct questions to huskyhelperspto@gmail.com

Teachers will keep you informed of classroom dates and activities.

*** The 26-27 school year calendar has been attached to this newsletter. PLEASE make note of the changes it contains, such as starting school PRIOR to Labor Day for the 26-27 school year!

Husky Helpers PTO

Hello Husky Families!

We are looking for volunteers to serve on the PTO board next year! Susan and I are both moving and will no longer be able to be part of the HHE family. Katie Zeits has decided to stay on the board and has graciously volunteered to be president next year and I am so excited for her! If you are interested in being part of the PTO board, please come to our next meeting, Wednesday, April 8th at 4:15pm. Thank you all so much! I truly had a blast working for you and with all your kiddos.

Check out our Upcoming event Flyers and join in on the fun!

Stephanie Henao
President
Husky Helpers PTO
Homestead Hills Elementary
HuskyhelpersPTO@gmail.com

Kindergarten is a DOG GONE GOOD TIME!

Homestead Hills will hold kindergarten round up on Monday, April 13th between 9 am and 3:30 pm. To sign up please use this [LINK](#). If you do not have a *Sign Up Genius* Account, you will need to create one (they are free). Our PTO will use *Sign Up Genius* as well.

Your student will need to be present at round up, as well as a parent or legal guardian. Please plan for approximately 40 minutes to allow time to travel between stations.

After you sign up an enrollment packet will be either sent home with your preschool student or mailed to you. Please feel free to stop by the office or call with any questions!



4/5 Clover Rains
4/5 Marilyn Peckham
4/6 Jaxson Alther
4/6 Caleb Cline
4/6 William Paxton
4/6 Brinlee Eichenberg
4/6 Neveah Reedus
4/8 Makenna Reed
4/8 Elliance Halladay
4/11 Nicholas Hayes
4/14 Beau Nichols
4/17 Jordan Williams
4/21 Harper Knapp
4/21 Donnie Tanner

4/22 Adelyn Johnson
4/22 Kayleanah Klemm
4/23 Bentley Lamkey
4/24 Maria Guzman
4/24 Ellissa Jewett
4/25 Brody Miller
4/25 Gabriel Weber
4/27 Briana Barajas
4/27 Wyeth Henry
4/27 Savannah Gray
4/27 Jaidynn Wilson
4/28 Bentley Gattrell



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ANTRIM COUNTY
Grass River Natural Area
 6500 Alden HWY, Bellaire
 1st & 3rd Thursday, 10:30-11:30 AM

Mancelona Township Library
 202 West State Street
 Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 AM
 Thursdays, 3:00 - 4:00 PM
 ** in conjunction with story-time

BENZIE COUNTY
Benzie Early Head Start
 9938 Honor HWY, Honor
 1st & 3rd Thursday, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Cognition Science and Discovery Center
 232 N Michigan Ave, Beulah
 2nd & 4th Thursday, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Lake Ann United Methodist Church Community Center
 19900 First Street
 2nd & 4th Friday, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY
The Curiosity Place, Powered by The Children's Museum
 Grand Traverse Mall, near Macy's
 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Mill Creek Academy - Way to Grow
 9039 Old State Hwy 72, Williamsburg
 Contact Rbirgy@erschools.com for newsletter updates

Lakeland Elementary School - Way to Grow
 616 Buckley St, Elk Rapids
 Contact Rbirgy@erschools.com for newsletter updates

LEELANAU COUNTY
Playgroups facilitated by Parenting Communities. Subscribe to their calendar for exact dates and locations.

Early Art Exploration
 Friendship Community Center, Suttons Bay
 2nd & 4th Monday, 1:30 - 3:00 PM

Glen Lake Community Reformed Church
 4902 W MacFarlane Rd, Glen Arbor
 Tuesdays, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Northport Public School
 104 S Wing St, Northport
 Wednesdays, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Keswick United Methodist Church
 3376 S Center Hwy, Suttons Bay
 Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

West Bay Covenant Church - Baby Feeding Group
 12720 S W Bay Shore Dr.
 Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

KALKASKA COUNTY

Kalkaska County Library
 247 S. Cedar Street
 Fridays, 10:30-11:30 AM
 ** in conjunction with story-time

Kalkaska Early Head Start
 424 S. Cedar Street
 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 10:00-11:30 AM

Clearwater Township Hall with Leap of Faith Gymnastics
 5440 River St NW, Rapid City
 2nd Friday, 3:00 - 4:00 PM



The Neighborhood Network of Playgroups is a Great Start Collaborative initiative that brings families and local partners together to play, connect, and build community in a fun and welcoming environment. Find event calendars at [GreatStartKids.com!](http://GreatStartKids.com)



This program is funded through a grant provided by the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential. The materials are funded through a grant provided by the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential.

January 5	School Resumes
January 12	Surprise Fundraiser
January 14	PTO Meeting in Mrs. Dameron's Room 3 @ 4:15
January 16	Half Day for Students/Records Day Staff. End of Semester 1, Dismissal @ 11:50 am
January 19	No School
January 29	Movie Night at the Garden Theater
January 30	Half Day for Students/ PD day for Staff. Student Dismissal @ 11:50am
February 11	PTO Meeting in Mrs. Dameron's Room 3 @ 4:15
February 13	Half Day for Students/ PD day for Staff. Student Dismissal @ 11:50am
February 13	Boys Night
February 16	No School
February 27	Preschool Prom
March 11	PTO Meeting in Mrs. Dameron's Room 3 @ 4:15
March 16-20	Reading Month Spirit Week
March 27	End of Third Marking Period
March 27	Half Day for Students and Teachers. Student Dismissal @ 11:50am
March 28-April 6	Spring Break
April 7	School Resumes
April 8	PTO Meeting in Mrs. Dameron's Room 3 @ 4:15
April 24	Half Day for Students/ PD day for Staff. Student Dismissal @ 11:50am
April 24	Girls Night
May 4-8	Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser/Teacher Olympics
May 4-8	Spring Book Fair **tentatively
May 11-15	Teacher Appreciation Week (Volunteers needed to provide meals for staff)
May 22	Half Day for Students/ Full Day Teachers
May 25	No School- Memorial Day
May TBD	Fifth Grade Camp
June 9	Field Day **tentatively
June 10***	Last Day of School- Half Day for Students. Dismissal @ 11:50 am

Family Fun Days

AT YMCA HAYO-WENT-HA CAMPS

Free & Fun!

April 11

Hayo-Went-Ha Lake Arbutus
 1380 E Arbutus Lake Rd, Traverse City

- Arts & Crafts
- Free giveaways every 15 minutes
- Raffle Drawing
- Storytelling and Music from 10:30a - 11:30a
- Free Lunch from 11:15a - 12:15p
- Campfire S'mores, Gaga Pit (only at Lake Arbutus)
- Climbing Tower, 11a-1:30p (only at Torch Lake)
- Local organizations/programming resources
- Fun for the whole family!

April 18

Hayo-Went-Ha Torch Lake
 919 NE Torch Lake Dr, Central Lake

Learn More!

the Enter to Win!

Families are eligible to enter into a raffle for a free week of Sparks Day Camp for their child 5-10 yrs old.

Contact ldake@NorthwestEd.org or amacaluso@hayowentha.org for more information

Families are encouraged to donate a non-perishable food item as they arrive at the event.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EASTER EGG HUNT

MEET THE EASTER BUNNY!

Happy Easter

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 TH

3:00 PM

**Inland Township Park
 Lake Ann Road - Interlochen**

BRING YOUR BASKET

FREE EVENT ORGANIZED BY INLAND TOWNSHIP AND FRIENDS

BENZIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS
2026-2027
SCHOOL CALENDAR

July 2026						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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School Resumes | 4
End of 2nd Marking Period | 22
Half Day Records | 22

January 2027						
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August 2026						
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Staff Opening Day | 24
PD | 24, 25, 26
First Day Students | 31

Half Day PD | 12
No School | 15

February 2027						
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September 2026						
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No School | 4 & 7
Labor Day | No School 7

P/T Conferences | 11, 12
Half Days | 11, 12

Half Day PD | 11
Half Day PD | 25

Spring Break | 26 - April 2

March 2027						
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October 2026						
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P/T Conferences | 8, 9
Half Days | 8, 9

School Resumes | 5
End of 3rd Marking Period | 9
Half Day PD | 9
Half Day PD | 23

End of 1st Marking Period | 30

April 2027						
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November 2026						
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RSDD | No School Students | 2

Half Day PD | 28
Memorial Day | 31
No School | 31

Thanksgiving Break | 25, 26, 27

May 2027						
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December 2026						
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Half Day PD | 4

Last Day | 9 Tentative
Half Day Records | 9

Holiday Break | 21-Jan. 1

June 2027						
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