

## Principal Message:

Happy New Year, Homestead Hills families!

I hope you enjoyed a restful and joyful winter break. We are excited to welcome everyone back and to begin the second half of the school year together.

As we settle into January, please help your child come prepared for the winter weather. Warm coats, hats, gloves, boots, and snowpants make a big difference in the comfort and safety of all students during recesses throughout the day.

I'm continually grateful for the way our families support our school. Your involvement strengthens our entire community, whether through communication, volunteering, attending events, or encouraging your child at home.

As we move into the new year, I encourage you to stay closely connected with your child's teacher. A quick email, conversation, or check-in can go a long way in ensuring we're working together to support each student's growth.

Please note that Thursday, January 16th is a half day of school, marking both the end of the first semester and the halfway point of our school year.

Thank you for your continued partnership. I'm looking forward to a great start to 2026 at Homestead Hills!

Steve Graetz, Principal

## JANUARY

## CALENDAR

1/5 School Resumes

[1/12 Surprise Fundraiser](#)

[1/14 PTO Meeting in Mrs. Dameron's Room 3 @ 4:15](#)

1/16 Half Day for Students/Records Day Staff. End of Semester 1, Dismissal @ 11:50 am

1/19 No School

[1/29 Movie Night at the Garden Theater](#)

1/30 Half Day for Students/ PD day for Staff. Student Dismissal @ 11:50am

All **BLUE** events are PTO sponsored events. Please direct questions to [huskyhelperspto@gmail.com](mailto:huskyhelperspto@gmail.com)

**Teachers will keep you informed of classroom dates and activities.**

## Homestead Hills Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser

We're excited to kick off our Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser when we return from break! Fundraiser brochures will be sent home with students, and families can also order easily online using a QR code.

Orders can be placed through Friday, January 23.

Our school's combined order will be submitted on Monday, January 26.

Pizza Kits will be delivered to Homestead Hills during the week of February 9. Families will be responsible for picking up the items their child sold *on the designated delivery day*. More details and reminders will be shared as delivery approaches.

Every pizza kit helps our school! Thank you for supporting Homestead Hills!



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after the Holiday break look for  
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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01/04 Julian Wood  
01/06 Atlas Kraak  
01/07 Quinn Mayo  
01/16 Jarett Hall  
01/16 Cerenity Lane  
01/17 Austin Erickson  
01/17 Anika Greening

01/20 Piper Johnson  
01/22 Cameron Perkette  
01/24 Natalee Lane  
01/25 Devin Wilson  
01/25 Elliot Gagne  
01/25 Leroy Schwander  
01/29 Garret Carrier



## GRAND TRAVERSE REGION

### Your Neighborhood Network of Playgroups by County

**ANTRIM COUNTY**

**Grass River Natural Area**  
6500 Alden HWY, Bellaire  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Lakeland Elementary School - Way to Grow**  
616 Buckley St, Elk Rapids  
Contact [Rbirgy@erschools.com](mailto:Rbirgy@erschools.com) for newsletter updates

**Traverse Bay****BENZIE COUNTY**

**Benzie Early Head Start**  
9938 Honor HWY, Honor  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

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

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

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

**GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY**

**The Curiosity Place, Powered by The Children's Museum**

Grand Traverse Mall, near Macy's  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

**Mill Creek Academy - Way to Grow**  
9039 Old State Hwy 72, Williamsburg  
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**LEELANAU COUNTY**

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

**Early Art Exploration**  
Friendship Community Center, Suttons Bay  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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



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

**HOMESTEAD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026**

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 18-20 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