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NEWSLETTER

Restorative Practices are more than circles and conferences. Being restorative is also about using language as a way to create relationships that are resilient during conflict and not using language as a weapon or a means to cause hurt. I enjoyed the time with parents who met for coffee and conversation and let me talk a little about affective statements and using language to make positive changes in our school relationships.

What Is an Affective Statement?

An affective statement expresses **how something impacts you** without attacking or blaming.

The Formula: I feel ____ when ____ because ____.

It focuses on:

- Your feelings
- The specific behavior
- The impact

Blame Language

- “You never listen.”
- “Why would you do that?”

Affective Language

“I feel frustrated when I have to repeat myself because I want us to understand each other.”
“I feel worried when I don’t know where you are because your safety matters to me.”

Why using affective statements matters:

- ✓ Reduces defensiveness
- ✓ Models emotional intelligence
- ✓ Builds accountability
- ✓ Strengthens trust
- ✓ Teaches children how to express feelings respectfully

Children learn how to handle conflict by watching us.

When conflict happens:

1. Pause before reacting.
2. Identify your feeling.
3. Describe the behavior (without exaggeration).
4. Share the impact.

Example:

“I feel disappointed when homework isn’t completed because I know you’re capable and I want you to succeed.”

Practicing affective statements will not be the solution to every conflict. Learning to speak this way does a lot to build trust and does much less harm to relationships.

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March is National Reading Month

This year, our Reading Month theme is the state of Michigan.

Students will be participating in several reading-related activities throughout the month of March.

- A bookmark contest
- Daily trivia
- Pit Spitters reading challenge
- A home to school reading calendar will all be part of the fun
- During the last week of March, students will enjoy community guest readers as they take part in literacy activities with our “Read Around the School” event.
- DEAR (Drop Everything And Read)



Thursday, March 19th – Pulled pork or jack fruit sandwiches, baked beans, corn, and cookies.

Classroom displays and presentations, Book fair will be open.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Little Caesar's Pizza kit pickup after school (time TBD)	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time – Spring forward 1 hour	9 PTO meeting 4:30-5:30 LAE cafeteria	10 Fun picture taking day - Timeless Image	11 Tornado Drill pm	12 Hearing screening all students. Vision make-up only.	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Family Night	20 Coffee and Conversation 9-10 am	21
Book Fair in the library – hours to be announced						
22	23	24	25	26 9-10 am January Character Cafe	27 Early Release 11:50 Bake Sale 2nd/3rd	28
29	30	31				
Spring Break March 28-April 6. School Resumes Tuesday, April 7 th . Have a great break!						

March is Reading Month!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Read a newspaper or magazine	2 Dr.Seuss' Birthday! Read a Seuss Book	3 Mackinac Island National Park was created! Read about nature	4 Read 4 books	5 Read before bed with a cozy blanket	6 National Oreo Cookie Day! Read while enjoying a snack	7 Read in your bed
8 Daylight Saving Time Read with a flashlight	9 Ford introduced the first V-8 engine! Read about automobiles	10 Read the lyrics to your favorite song	11 Read to a pet or stuffed animal	12 Read the directions to your favorite game and then play	13 Call someone and read to them over the phone	14 Have a family member read to you!
15 March Madness Starts Read about sports	16 Read all the signs on your way to and from school	17 Happy St.Patrick's Day Read a book about Ireland	18 Read a book next to a window	19 LAE Family Night Read to a family member	20 Happy First Day of Spring! Read a book with a spring setting	21 Read a book outside
22 World Water Day Read about the Great Lakes	23 Reading knocks our socks off! Crazy Sock Day	24 Oh the Places You'll Go! Dress up as your future career	25 Characters come to life! Dress up as a book character	26 Books are the real MVP! Wear your favorite sports team from Michigan	27 Cozy up with a good book! Wear your pajamas to school! ~Early Release~	28 Spring Break Keep Reading!!!!!!