



Principal Message:

As we enter the month of May, we look forward to one of the most exciting and memorable times of the school year. Our students will have opportunities to participate in a variety of end-of-year events and field trips that bring learning to life and create lasting memories with classmates and staff. You can expect to see a project report shared, highlighting the hard work and growth our students have demonstrated so far during the 4th quarter of the year. Progress reports will be sent home with students on May 8th.

As always, we encourage families to stay closely connected with classroom teachers for the most up-to-date information regarding upcoming events, schedules, and important details. Thank you for your ongoing support. It truly makes a difference in the success of our students and school community.

Steve Graetz, Principal



MAY

CALENDAR

5/4-5/8 Walk-A-Thon
Fundraiser/Teacher
Olympics
5/4--5/8 Spring Book Fair
5/11-5/15 Teacher Appreciation Week (Volunteers needed to provide meals for staff)
5/22 Half Day for Students/ Full Day Teachers
5/25 No School- Memorial Day

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 families to join the PTO next year!

If you are interested in being part of the PTO, please join us at our last meeting for the year. On Wednesday, May 13th at 4:15pm. Come, get a taste for the fun we have and make your voices heard.

We love fresh faces and new ideas!

Check out our upcoming event flyers and join in on the fun!

Husky Helpers PTO
Homestead Hills Elementary
HuskyhelpersPTO@gmail.com

We have had multiple cases of headlice reported. Please take note of the policy and check your student often!

HEAD LICE POLICY Head lice are a common problem in schools. Children play in close proximity to one another and often have cubbies or lockers where clothing and backpacks can touch. Lice are a nuisance, but not a health hazard. Students who are displaying signs of head lice, such as excessive scratching of the head, may be sent to the office to be checked. A thorough examination of the hair and scalp will be done to check for the presence of live lice or nits. If nits or lice are found, parents will be notified as soon as possible and encouraged to pick up their child for immediate treatment or, if they are not able, to have their child remain in school that day. When the parent brings the child back to school, they will be checked for the presence of lice. If it is confirmed that the child is free of any live lice or viable nits (nits within ¼ inch of the scalp) the student may then return to the classroom and again ride the bus as usual. Regular, at home, checks for lice or nits is the best way to prevent the spread of lice.

5/1 Treshaun Reyna

5/4 Ellyssa Knapp

5/5 Madelyn Blanchard

5/5 Bradley Boylan

5/9 Hazel Drake

5/9 Abel Spaulding

5/10 Aiden Radionoff

5/10 Lakota Tyler

5/13 Oliver Neitzke

5/15 Jasmine Reedus

5/16 Autumn Wright

5/20 Oliver Hendges

5/20 Jazlynn Wilson

5/24 Liathe Bell

5/24 Leah Scott

5/28 Jaxon Lucas



GRAND TRAVERSE REGION

Your Neighborhood Network of Playgroups by County

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

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

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 Rbrisy@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!

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| 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 |

SCHOLASTIC

WE'RE HAVING A SUMMER READING SALE!

BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE

5/4 - 5/8

HOMESTEAD HILLS ELEMENTARY
849 HUSKY TRL
BENZONIA, MI 49616

Get ready—the Scholastic Summer Reading Sale is coming to our school! It's the Book Fair with an incredible buy one, get one free offer on everything. As summer approaches, students can stock up on double the gotta-read books for their vacation reading lists. We hope you can join us for the Best. Week. Ever!

BOOK IT! bookitprogram

PARENTS! Enrollment opens May 1, 2026

BOOK IT!® Summer of Stories™
June 1 – August 31
Open to families with children in pre-K through 6th grade

How It Works

1. Download the BOOK IT! app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store
2. Complete the quick enrollment form starting May 1
3. Create a profile for each child and set their monthly reading goal
4. Start tracking reading progress beginning June 1
5. Meet the monthly goal = Claim a FREE* Personal Pan Pizza!

Start reading. Start earning. Start celebrating!