Homestead Hills Elementary

Nov. 2026

BENZIE CENTRAL SCHOOLS

Homestead Hills Families,

As we head into November, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the partnership we share with our families. As we continue to work toward excellent communication, you will soon see additional information through ClassDojo about our processes for communicating with families regarding student behavior incidents and attendance. Thank you for your continued partnership as we work to keep you informed and support every student's success.

A big thank-you to our Husky Helpers PTO for helping make last Friday's Fall Fest such a fun event for our school community! We are grateful for the time, energy, and support they provide throughout the year. I also want to recognize our students for their wonderful, creative costumes. It was amazing to see so much imagination and creativity.

Students who earned REPS recognition slips (apples) during the first quarter, which were displayed on our REPS Tree, either brought them home on Friday or will bring them home this week. Report cards will also be sent home this week. Please review your child's report card together, celebrate their accomplishments, and take a moment to recognize the hard work they have put into their learning. Report card envelopes should be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to school with your child.

Finally, our schoolwide focus for November is Perseverance! As part of our REPS (Responsibility, Empathy, Perseverance, and Self-Discipline), we will encourage students to keep trying when things get difficult, learn from mistakes, and continue working toward their goals. Families can reinforce this value at home by celebrating effort, encouraging problem-solving, and reminding children that meaningful growth often takes time.

Thank you for being an important part of our Homestead Hills Husky community. I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside you as we help our students learn, grow, and thrive!

Steve Graetz,
Principal, Homestead Hills Elementary

CALENDAR

November

11/2 NO SCHOOL

11/10 Picture Retakes

11/25 NO SCHOOL

11/26 NO SCHOOL

11/27 NO SCHOOL

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

From the Hub:

Parking: If you are getting out of your vehicle, please use the parking lot. The lane in front of the school is a designated FIRE LANE and should not be blocked. In the event of an emergency, your vehicle would be in the way of emergency vehicles.

Please be sure to call the office with any end of day changes before 3:30. At 3:30 we notify teachers of the changes. I am also not always able to answer the phone after 3:30 as I am preparing for the dismissal. I also am not always able to check my voicemail at that time, so make sure to make the change on time!

Mrs. Bishop





THE BENZIE COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS DISTRICT DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX AGE, OR DISABILITY IN ITS PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES. THE FOLLOWING PERSON HAS BEEN DISIGNATED TO HANDLE INQUIRES REGARDING THE NONDISCRIMINATION POLICIES: MRS. AMIEE ERFOURTH, SUPERINTENDENT, 9300 HOMESTEAD RD., BENZONIA, MI 49616 – (231)882-9653

HUSKY HELPERS PTO

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

PTO MEETING

Tuesday, November 3rd

Room 10

WREATH SALE

Extended until
Friday, November 6th.

(Note: If your orders are completed before 11/6 please send them in)

PICK UP

Scheduled for Monday, November 30th.

FUN FRIDAYS

- Popcorn – November 6th
- Snack – November 13th
- Popcorn – November 20th



Thank you for your continued support during the month of October!

Follow us on Facebook
Husky Helpers PTO

huskyhelperspto@gmail.com

Thanksgiving Dinner

Please join us for a **FREE** community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday
November 26

Perks of Frankfort
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT:
429 Main Street
Frankfort

Made Possible By The Generosity Of Our Perks Customers



Call, Email, or Register Using the QR Code By November 25 to Arrange Delivery Within an 8 Mile Radius

(231) 882-5144
MEKASMARKETINGEVENTS@GMAIL.COM

HEARING AND VISION SCREENING PROGRAM

5 Things you should know

Information for Parents and Guardians

1 Michigan's Hearing and Vision screenings are offered FREE of charge by local Health Departments in collaboration with local schools. The Hearing and Vision programs have been implemented for more than 60 years to the benefit of generations of Michigan children.

2 Hearing and vision difficulties can impact school performance. communication, self-esteem and social development. Early identification helps ensure each child has the best opportunity for academic and social success.

3 Screenings are provided at most public, private and charter schools and preschools in Benzie and Leelanau Counties, as well as at the Health Department offices.

4 Screenings are conducted by state trained hearing and vision technicians. Both Programs are carefully standardized, so each child receives consistent screening, referral and follow up services.

5 You will be notified if your child does not pass the screening. A referral letter to follow up with the appropriate doctor will also be provided. The State of Michigan law requires the Health Departement to request follow up documentation to verify that the child has received further evaluation by a physician.

Schools will communicate with the parents about when screenings are scheduled. All children are screened unless the school office is notified otherwise by a parent/guardian.

Children ages 3 and up are screened according to the following schedule:

Hearing and Vision Screening Requirements*		
Pre-school	X	X
Kindergarten	X	
1st Grade		X
2nd Grade	X	
3rd Grade		X
4th Grade	X	
5th Grade		X
7th Grade		X
9th		X

*Some local public health departments may schedule screenings at different intervals. Call your local public health department for more information.

michigan HEARING & VISION screening programs

Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department
Caring for our Communities

Notify the school if your child has an implanted medical device, such as a shunt, pacemaker, vagus nerve stimulator, or Baclofen pump. Children with implanted medical devices, including cochlear implants, are not screened for hearing at school due to the risk of unintended changes to device settings.

If your child has a medical device, and you would like your child to receive a hearing screening, please contact your physician for a referral to an audiologist.





For more information:
Call (231) 882-4409 Opt. #3

BLDHD's Website

MDHHS's Website

HOMESTEAD HILLS ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026-2027

August 17	Office Opens
August 31	First Day Students- Welcome to the 26-27 School Year!
September 4	NO School
September 7	NO School- Labor Day
September 11	Early Dismissal for Students @ 11:50; PD for Staff
September 25	Early Dismissal for Students @ 11:50; PD for Staff
October 1	Webber Winter Wear Form DUE
October 8, 9	EARLY DISMISSAL for students @ 11:50; Parent Teacher Conferences
October 12	Picture Day
October 30	End of the First Marking Period
November 2	NO School for Students
Nov 10, 2026	Picture Retake Day
November 25, 26, 27	NO School, Thanksgiving Break
December 4	Early Dismissal for Students @ 11:50; PD for Staff
December 21-31	NO School, Winter Break
January 1	NO School, Winter Break
January 4	School Resumes
January 22	Early Dismissal for Students @ 11:50; End of Semester 1, Full Day staff
February 12	Early Dismissal for Students @ 11:50; PD for Staff
February 15	No School
March 11, 12	EARLY DISMISSAL for students @ 11:50; Parent Teacher Conferences
March 26-31	No School, Spring Break
April 1-4	No School, Spring Break
April 5	School Resumes
April 9	Early Dismissal for Students @ 11:50; End of 3rd Marking Period, PD for Staff
April 23	Early Dismissal for Students @ 11:50; PD for Staff
May 28	Early Dismissal for Students @ 11:50; PD for Staff
May 31	No School- Memorial Day
June 9***	Last Day of School- Half Day for Students. Dismissal @11:50 am

Last day, tentative as weather/acts of God may extend the school year. Calendar is subject to change.

For Husky Helpers (PTO) Events CLICK HERE

2026/27 Homestead Hills Elementary
School Event Calendar sponsored by Husky Helpers PTO

PTO Meeting Dates - First Tuesday of the month at 4:15 p.m. Room 10, Beginning Sept. 1st

Fun Fridays - Every Full Friday- Popcorn or Treat Cart

August 26 - Welcome Party - Ice Cream Social - During Open House

August 28 - Preschool Open House, 4:30-6pm

Week(s) of September 14 - 25 - Fall Fundraiser - Believe Kids Fundraiser - Hybrid Catalog Fundraiser

Week of October 5 - 9 - Spirit Week for Homecoming- Details to follow

October 8 - October 9 - Fall Parent Teacher Conferences

Week(s) of October 19-30 - Holiday Wreaths- Tentative Delivery- November 23rd

Week of October 26-30th - Fall Book Fair- Library- During School Hours, During Fall Festival

October 30 - Homestead Hills Fall Festival- 5:00-7:00pm

Week of December 7 - 11 - Christmas Shoppe- During School Event

January 15 - Family Movie Night - Hosted at Homestead Hills 5:00-7:30pm

February/March - Preschool Prom (TBD)

February 12 - All School Family Dance and Games- 5:30-7:30pm

March 2 - 25 - Reading Month - Pit Spitters Reading Program

Week of March 8-12 - BOGO Scholastic Book Fair- During School and During Conferences

March 8 - 12 - Spring Fundraiser - Money War

March 11- March 12 - Spring Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, April 30 - Spring Carnival/Art Exhibit - 5:30-7:30pm

Week of May 3-7 - Teacher Appreciation Week

June 4 - Field Day - During School Event

(All Dates and Times are Subject to Change)



HUSKY
WRESTLING CLUB

WRESTLING:

An individual sport that teaches discipline, mental toughness, and enhances social, emotional, and physical development.

Our focus is to build confidence through agility, flexibility, and technique.

Why Wrestle?

Any BODY Can Wrestle
Wrestling is a sport for everybody, literally! For some kids, wrestling isn't just a sport—it's a lifeline. On the mat, they find discipline, confidence, energy outlet, and purpose that lasts a lifetime.

Great Foundation for all sports

Wrestling is the fastest growing women's sport!

We will cover:

- ✓ take-downs
- ✓ basic moves
- ✓ top/bottom start positions
- ✓ drills/exercises
- ✓ and fun games!

ALL PROGRAMS BELOW ARE DESIGNED FOR PRE-K - 5TH GRADE

HUSKY WHITE WRESTLERS

For beginning (novice) wrestlers or non-competitive wrestlers. We will be working on creating confidence, physical mobility, and introducing children to the sport of wrestling.

Season: November 3rd – December 17th

Practices: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:00 – 7:30pm

Fight nights and tournaments will be optional.

HUSKY RED WRESTLERS

For kids in any grade that want more mat time and better competition. 1 year of wrestling **experience is preferred.**

Season: January 5th through March

Practices: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:00 – 7:30pm

Kids will compete in a designated league and will be required to pay the wrestler league membership (up to $50).

Wrestlers must wrestle in at least two in-season tournaments (Traveling involved on Saturdays or Sundays).

We will need a copy of your child's birth certificate and health physical dated after April 15, 2026.

Scan to Register!

https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/husky-wrestling-club-memberships-2026--2027

BUILDING STRONGER KIDS ON AND OFF THE MAT!