



Lake Ann Elementary September 2026 Newsletter

Our School Foundations - REPS

The focus of an educator's work is to help students learn the skills and information they will need to grow into healthy productive adults who have the confidence to pursue the life they want and the attitudes necessary to enjoy it.

Benzie Central Elementary schools will continue to discuss, practice, and encourage four foundational skills and attitudes that we believe will help our students to become the best people they can be, discover and optimize their individual strengths, and uncover the greatness within each of them.

1. Responsibility - I am accountable for my actions

I plan ahead, I do important things first, I begin with the end in mind, and I finish what I start.

2. Empathy - I am considerate of how others think and feel

I seek first to understand, I think win-win, and I take care of myself and others.

3. Perseverance - I can do hard things.

I never give up, I encourage myself and others by what I say and do, and I keep a positive attitude even in adversity.

4. Self-discipline - I will show up as my best self

I do what is right even when no one is watching, and I make choices that help myself and others.

We use the acronym **REPS** to remind us that strength of character is built just like strength in our bodies, through practice and taking on challenging tasks.

Your child will hear references to these foundations daily and we will practice recognizing and using them during Foundation Fridays - the next will be Friday, September 25th. Thank you for the many ways you support our work and the ways you encourage your children!

Continuing support for all students:

We write **pawprints** which are read daily during announcements to encourage students who take steps forward in areas of character development.

We host **Character Cafe** on the first Wednesday of each month to celebrate students who regularly display excellence in behavior and attitude and continually show up as the best version of themselves.

We continue to employ **Restorative Practices** and are working with the **St. Clair Butterfly Foundation** to support the social and emotional health and growth of all our students. This month we focus on taking a butterfly breath – four counts inhale, two counts hold, seven counts exhale!

Lake Ann Elementary PTO NEWS!

The first Lake Ann Elementary PTO meeting will be Monday, September 14th at 4:15. The meeting will last about an hour. We will meet in the cafeteria. If you are not able to attend, but would still like to participate with what the PTO is discussing, please join us virtually.

<https://meet.google.com/xkh-nbtv-gmq>

We love Parental Involvement and Support – All family members desiring to become involved in school events must complete and pass a background check.

Levels of support	Activities involved	Time commitment and frequency	Contacts
PTO (Parents and Teachers Organization)	Monthly meetings Fundraising participation Event support Event leadership Book Fairs	Monthly 1+ hours	PTO President
Field Trips	Year-end field trips, daytime Mid-year field trips, daytime	Varies depending on the classroom. 3-6 hours each	Classroom teacher
Field day activities	WOG day, all school fieldtrip, year end field day activities	1-2 times per year 3-6 hours	PE teacher, building principal
Parties, Celebrations, Special classroom Events	Holiday parties Birthday Celebrations STEM day activities	4-5 times per year 1-3 hours each	Classroom teacher
Building Special events	Open house Christmas Concert After school events Spring Carnival Reading month Foundation Friday activities	Monthly or more frequently 1-3 hours each	Building secretary or principal
Lunchroom/Recess Support	Daily support from 12:00-1:20	Daily 1.5 hours each	Building secretary or principal
Classroom support – non-academic	Library – check-in and shelve books Weekly desk and locker clean-out supervision	Various 1-6 hours each	Classroom teacher
Classroom support - academic	Read with students Study spelling words Oversee students who need online program support (check with teacher regarding daily schedule and best times to help)	Various 1-6 hours each	Classroom teacher

HILL TOP COFFEE & ICE CREAM PRESENTS

BENZIE COUNTY

Star Search

CELEBRATING TALENTED
YOUTH IN GRADES K-12

\$10 ENTRY FEE PER PARTICIPANT

SEPTEMBER 26 | 5:00

HILL TOP IN BENZONIA

REGISTER ONLINE USING THE
QR CODE

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS
SEPTEMBER 19



Cash
Prizes



Restorative Practices

Foster positive relationships, prevent conflicts, and enhance the community

Examples: Implementing daily circle time to build community, utilizing affective language to express feelings and impact during interactions, engaging students in peer-led discussions to foster empathy and understanding, coordinating community service projects that contribute to local well-being, establishing classroom norms collaboratively to ensure a shared investment in the learning environment, and orchestrating student-led conferences to empower student voice and accountability.

**Come join us for a special flag
raising ceremony and
community Pledge of
Allegiance**

**Friday, September 11, 2026
9:15 am**

**Lake Ann Elementary School
19375 Bronson Lake Road
Interlochen Michigan**



September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 No School	5
6	7 Labor Day no School	8	9	10	11 Early Release – Professional Development for staff	12
13	14 Lake Ann Elementary PTO meeting 4:15 in the cafeteria	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Fire Drill	23	24	25 Early Release – Professional Development for staff	26
27	28	29	30			