



Lake Ann Elementary

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Michigan Department of Education Reward School “Beating The Odds”



Dear Parents and Students,

I am excited to welcome you to the 2016 – 2017 school year! It continues to be an honor and privilege to serve as the principal of such a wonderful learning community. As we prepare to embark on another year, I am reminded that the beginning of school is truly a special time, and I am eagerly looking forward to partnering with you as we continue to nurture the ongoing development of your child.

We know that you play an important role in your child’s education. We ask that you guide and support your child’s learning by ensuring that they **attend school daily** and **arrive on time**, ready for the day’s learning experience. Students may go to their lockers at 8:50am. Prior to this, students must remain in the lobby or cafeteria. Students will be marked tardy if not in class at 9:10am.

Breakfast:

All students may eat breakfast at school, FREE of charge! This is an effort to have all of our students nourished and ready to learn. Breakfast begins at 8:40am. Students arriving after 9:00am will receive a breakfast bag.

Dismissal:

Lake Ann Elementary staff kindly requests that end of the day dismissal changes be telephoned into us by **3:00pm**. Our end of the day is very hectic and we want to make sure your child is headed to the correct home, day care, or pick up.

We ask that you wait until 3:50pm to arrive for pickup so you can enter the lobby for dismissal without ringing the bell. Please remain in the lobby and your child will come to meet you. If you wish to speak with a teacher, the office can assist you with this. Teachers have a responsibility to get students on buses and to pick up before they are available to parents. Buses are not released until all students are accounted for.

Parking:

Visitors must use the west lot. Staff parking and our bus loading zone occurs in front of the building. The curbside in the visitor lot is also a loading zone. You must remain IN your vehicle. If you wish to come in, please park in a space.

As we look forward to a productive and successful year, please remember to contact me ANY TIME that you have a question, concern, or just wish to share your thoughts.

Sincerely,

Deb Norman, Principal



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Mission Statement:

The mission of the Lake Ann Elementary School is to create a positive, safe, and caring environment that promotes high levels of academic performance, builds personal responsibility, develops cooperation and fosters an appreciation of learning within members of our school community.

Lunch Application & Prices

Your child will be bringing home a Free and Reduced Lunch Application Form. The information on the forms is held in the strictest confidence. Please fill out the form and return it to the school even if you don't think you qualify. Thanks for your assistance.

Prices: Full Pay Lunch - \$2.50
Reduced Pay Lunch - \$.40
Free Breakfast for all students
Milk - \$.40

If you wish to have lunch with your child please check in at the office and receive a visitors' badge.

Benzie Central students who are not on free and reduced lunch status are expected to maintain a limited balance with the district for breakfast and/or lunch obligations. Student accounts will be reviewed on a bi-weekly basis. Notification will be sent to families when student debt reaches \$5. A letter will be sent to the family requesting immediate payment on the account. Students with a debt of \$5 or more will be offered a lunch (peanut butter sandwich, apple, and milk) until the debt is resolved.



If you have any questions, please feel free to call Lisa Purchase, Director of Dining Services at 882-4497 ext. 2214.

Parent / Visitor Parking

Please remember that during bus drop off (8:30 – 9:15) and pickup (3:30 – 4:15), parents and other visitors are asked to park in the west parking lot only. The front drive and parking area is off limits during this time.

VISITOR / PARENT SIGN IN / SIGN OUT

For the safety of our students and staff, please sign in and out at the office and receive a visitors' pass. We appreciate your service and cooperation.

Checking Students In & Out From School

If your son/daughter needs to leave school early (prior to 4:00), please come into the office to check him/her out of school. If they are returning please remember to check them back in at the office where your child will receive a green slip allowing them back into the classroom. We realize there are occasions when you will need to pick up your child before regular dismissal time (4:00). **For the safety of all students we ask parents to wait in the office where your child will be brought to you.**

MEDICATIONS

Medications may be given if the school office has a medication form filled out by the parent. These forms are available in the office. Medication needs to be in the original packaging, such as prescription bottles, Tylenol bottles etc. A student must not carry medicine of any kind on the bus. The exception to this would be that students who need inhalers for an asthmatic condition.

VOLUNTEERS

We love to have volunteers help out in all ways; classroom, library, field trips, PTA sponsored activities, etc. In order to volunteer for a field trip off of school property it is necessary to fill out a Volunteer Release Form. This form will be coming home with all the new school paperwork, please fill this out and send back.



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Powerschool

Once again this year parents will be able to access their child's grades through Power School. To access this there is a link at the bottom of Benzie School's website (www.benzieschools.net). Your user name and password will be sent home with your child. If you have forgotten your username and password please contact Heidi in the school office.

Monthly Newsletter

Lake Ann will be once again offering the option of having our Lake Ann Times monthly school newsletter to be emailed directly to you. A form will be coming home with all the new school year paperwork, please fill this out and send back to the school letting us know one way or the other that you prefer. This was a great time saver and the amount of paper saved was unbelievable.



PARENTS - Please keep in mind that bus schedules take time before becoming consistent. Try to bear with us and don't become too alarmed if the busses are a few minutes late picking up, or dropping off your child(ren).

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Tues. 6 th	First School Day
Wed. 7 th	Pride Assembly 9:10am
Thurs. 8 th	PTA Mtg. 4:30pm
Mon. 12 th	Board Meeting 7:00pm at Betsie Valley Elem.
Tues. 13 th	Student Picture Day
Wed. 21 st	4 th Gr. – Buckley Old Engine Days
Tues. 27 th	'4 Girls' 4-6pm
Wed. 28 th	Character Café 9:30
Fri. 30 th	Fundraiser Kick-Off Assembly – 3:30pm

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR TICKETS

Throughout the school year students have the opportunity to receive positive behavior tickets. Staff will be looking for students who are showing Safe, Responsible, and Respectful behavior. These behaviors will be discussed, modeled, and taught throughout the year. At least monthly, students who received a ticket will be eligible for a drawing at a chance to win a Lake Ann Timberwolf dog tag chain.

Our hope is to be as successful this year with student behaviors as we were last year.



REMEMBER YOUR SMILE PICTURE DAY

TUESDAY, SEPT. 13th

**SAVE
THOSE
BOX TOPS!**



