

November 21, 2016

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2015-16 educational progress for the Lake Ann Elementary. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and state laws. The school's report contains information about student assessment, accountability, and teacher quality. If you have any questions about the AER, please contact Debra Norman for assistance.

The AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following web site [www.benzieschools.net](http://www.benzieschools.net) , or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

To address student needs, Benzie Central Elementaries, including Lake Ann Elementary, have adopted the Math Expressions series by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Teachers invested professional development time to learn this new series and its applications. Students are being taught conceptual math knowledge - WHY and not just the procedural knowledge or HOW. Increased Intervention Strategies in reading are helping us to address individual needs.

Lake Ann students scored above the state average in: Grade 5 ELA and Social Studies.

State law requires that we also report additional information.

1. Students who live within the designated school boundaries are able to attend Lake Ann Elementary School. Additionally, parents may complete forms for In-District Schools of Choice if they reside within the Benzie County Central School district boundaries. For families who are not residents of Benzie County Central Schools, they may apply for Out of District Schools of Choice. Please contact Mrs. Debra Norman, Principal, for assistance.

2. Lake Ann Elementary has developed a School Improvement Plan and is at various stages in the implementation of strategies and activities. These results could not have been accomplished without each staff member's dedication to ensure student success.

3. Curriculum is developed and implemented based on the Michigan State Standards. For a copy of the core curriculum, go to [www.benzieschools.net](http://www.benzieschools.net) or request a copy from the Lake Ann Elementary office.

4. Based on the most recent testing window for NWEA assessments, the average reading score for grade 5 at Lake Ann is above the national average. Grades 2, 3, and 4 averages were slightly below the national average. In math, grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 fall slightly below the national average.

5. Lake Ann conducts Parent/Teacher conferences in the fall and spring. In the fall of 2016, 96.6% of the student's parents were in attendance. Spring conferences are scheduled as needed.

The administrative and professional staff at Lake Ann Elementary School would like to express our gratitude to you for continuing to be an active participant in your child's education. We congratulate our students for their hard work and dedication towards academic excellence.

Sincerely,

Debra J. Norman, Principal  
Lake Ann Elementary