

# School News

## Principal's Corner:

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. As we start this year, you will notice a few new faces in the building. First, Mrs. Lara Bishop is returning to Crystal Lake Elementary as the school secretary. Students and parents may recognize her smile and reassuring demeanor from her time as Crystal Lake's secretary a few years back. Mrs. Dodge is a new addition to Crystal Lake as the 3rd grade teacher. She comes to us having taught at Lake Ann and Betsie Valley Elementary schools in the past. I, too, am new to Crystal Lake Elementary, and it has been absolutely wonderful getting started. I've been principal at Betsie Valley and Platte River in the past, as well as the Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at the Middle and High School. I've had the opportunity to meet several, but *NOT ALL*, of these amazing Crystal Lake students and parents over the course of the ten years I've called Benzie Central home for myself and my family.

Parents and teachers work together to create learning experiences for Crystal Lake students, and that has never been more evident than in these past several months. The staff at Crystal Lake appreciates that partnership, and we want to continue to strengthen it as we head into this school year. We ask that you support your child's learning by ensuring that they attend school daily, as long as they are healthy.

There are significant and mounting challenges we all face each day as members of modern society, as parents, as teachers, and as students. I am committed to working together to find solutions for the students of our wonderful school. Please contact me at any time through phone or email, with questions, thoughts, concerns, and ideas. Thank you!

Sincerely, Steve Graetz, Principal

## NEW THIS YEAR!

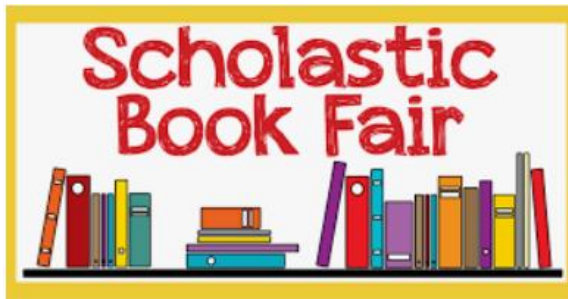
You will use [signup.com](https://signup.com) to register for conferences with your child's teacher(s).

Please go to the document, Parent-Teacher Conferences and click on the name of your child's teacher.

If you have multiple students, you may open a tab for each teacher to see what is available. Enter your information on the preferred timeslots.



The Book Fair will be OPEN on Monday, October 11 and Tuesday, October 12 from 8:30-4:30 and again on Wednesday October 13 and Thursday, October 14th from 1pm-7pm during Parent/Teacher Conferences. If you can volunteer for even a portion of one of these times, please reach out to our PTC.



### PTC Corner

The PTC has begun planning many fun activities for this school year. Check out these dates and times to see if you can volunteer as a [Popcorn Popper](#) or at the [2021 Fall Book Fair](#). Thank you!

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Treat Days are every other Friday, alternating with Popcorn Fridays (nothing on Half Days). Thanks PTC!

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The next CL PTC Meeting October 19, 2021 in the library at 4:15pm

### Office Info:

#### Office Hours:

8:30-4:15 pm when school is in session

8:30 –12:50 on Early Dismissal days

Phone– 231-882-4641

Fax– 231-882-7829

Email– [bishopl@benzieschools.net](mailto:bishopl@benzieschools.net)

### End of Day Dismissal Information

Dismissal time is at 4:00 on regular school days and 11:50 on half days.

Parents may not line up in the pickup lane until 3:45

Any changes to your child's end of day routine need to be to the office at least 1 hour prior to dismissal. You may notify the office via phone, signed note, or by email to [bishop@benzieschools.net](mailto:bishop@benzieschools.net). Please do not leave dismissal information on the attendance line.

Please Note: We will not accept a verbal change from a student. Any changes made after 3pm on a regular school day or after 10pm on a half day may not be received. **The office phone is not answered from 3:30pm -4:05pm** so that we can focus on dismissal.



### Upcoming Dates

10/13 Early Dismissal 11:50

Parent-Teacher Conferences

10/14 Early Dismissal 11:50

Parent Teacher Conferences

10/15 NO School for Students or Staff

10/15 Crystal Lake PTC Meeting @ 4:15 in the library

10/29 Halloween Party...More Details to Follow