

School News

Principal's Corner:

Dear Parents and Students,

And here it is... November! It's time to take inventory of all that we have and to appreciate it and be thankful. We have been very fortunate to have enjoyed such a mild Fall so far. We are all thankful for that. Just recently, we received our first snow, and it looks like the cold weather is here to stay for a while. Days are getting shorter and colder. We ask students to dress accordingly as the daytime temperatures continue to drop.

Thank You to the parents and guardians who participated in the Parent/Teacher Conferences. We had a 95% attendance rate for Parent/Teacher Conferences. We are so thankful for our wonderful families. It's always great to connect with each other face to face. If you were unable to attend conferences and would like to get in touch with your child's teachers, call our main office at 231.882.4641 and we can make sure you get connected with the teacher.

Thank You to the PTC for the wonderful Halloween Party they put on for the students and families on October 29th. Thank You to ALL our parent volunteers for their amazing work on that, along with the Book Fair and our Webber Coat distribution! If you are ever able to help out with any of our future events, please send an email to the PTC at benziecptc@gmail.com.

We would like to introduce a new staff member to our school, Mr. Robert Pearson. Mr. Pearson recently joined the team of paraprofessionals here at Crystal Lake. Mr. Pearson has experience working as the director of play groups in our community, and we are so fortunate to have him here, along with the skills and positivity he brings to the school every day. Welcome, Mr. Pearson!

We wish to thank all the students, parents and caregivers for their continued cooperation and understanding as we continue to deal with COVID 19. We ask that all students and any visitors that enter the school continue to use the COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire prior to entering the school. Please note that children should not come to school or be dropped off before 8:45 am. There is no supervision until 8:45, and due to COVID-19, we are not permitted to open the doors any sooner.

We hope and trust you too can find ways to reflect and show appreciation during this season of Thanksgiving. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact me at graetz@benzieschools.net or 231.882.4641.

Steve Graetz
Principal

Upcoming Dates

11/5 End of Marking Period

11/8 Picture Retakes

11/16 PTC Meeting @ 4:15 in the library



Crystal Mountain Ski Program

The program will continue this winter for students age 7 and up (by Jan. 1), beginning in January. Crystal Lake ski nights will be Wednesdays again. If you are interested in having your child participate in the program, or if you have a question, please email Mr. Graetz at graetzs@benzieschools.net.

Boys Basketball

Attention 3rd – 6th grade boy's parents: If you are interested in having your son participate in basketball this winter, please pickup a basketball form from the office and turn it in by November 12, 21.

Girls Basketball

3rd & 4th Grades- Practice is on Tues., Wed., & Fri. from 5:00-6:30 at Crystal Lake

5th Grade- Practice is Tues., Wed., & Thurs. from 4:00-5:30 at Betsie Valley.

Picture Retakes: MONDAY, NOV. 8

Students who were absent on Picture Day or need re-takes, will get their pictures taken on Monday, Nov. 8 in the morning. Please send current packages if you have them for re-takes, or if they want a different picture for the yearbook and didn't order a picture package, they may get re-takes. Original photos and re-take packages can be ordered online at timeless-image.com using the school code of 1121. This code is good only until November 11th.



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. 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.





CRYSTAL LAKE ELEMENTARY PTC

“Enriching the education of the children of Crystal Lake Elementary School by supporting the administration with the talents and resources of parents and teachers.”

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We can't believe it's November already! First, we need to give a huge shout out to all who participated in our Halloween Party. It was a blast! All the cars were decorated so well and looked awesome! Kids looked great in their costumes and had so much fun dancing and playing together.

PTC is looking for a secretary. If you are interested, please let us know. Duties include attending meetings, typing detailed minutes to be shared to the board, teachers and parents. Helping with communication and volunteering at events. We have a lot of fun doing this and would love to have you on our team!

As always, we are struggling for parent involvement. Please take the time to read these newsletters and help where you can. There are many ways to support us. **We are trying to build our email list so if you would like to be added please send us an email at benzieclptc@gmail.com**

Next Meeting
Nov. 16th
4:15pm
(in the library)

Our next big event is the Christmas Shoppe! It will take place December 15-17th. We are so excited to bring this back. Students LOVE shopping for their family and friends. If you would like to help with this, we would be grateful. More information as well as sign ups for help will be coming soon! If you would like to donate wrapping paper, gift tags or tape it can be dropped off in the office.



Popcorn Fridays

Nov 12th

50 cents.
(Please send money on Thursdays.)

Treat Cart

Nov 5th & 19th

50 cents each
(limit 2)

No School

November
25th and 26th

Happy
Thanksgiving

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