



Lake Ann Elementary

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DECEMBER CALENDAR

Tues. Dec. 7
Fri. Dec. 10
Tues. Dec. 21
Wed. Dec. 22
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PTA Meeting 4:15 at school
Dance – A – Thon
Character Café 9:30
Prize drawing for Dance a thon
Early dismissal 11:50 start of holiday break

Happy Holidays! See you in January!

Holiday Break
Wednesday 22nd
Early dismissal 11:50

Monday Jan. 3rd –
School Resumes



School Ski Program

- The Crystal Mountain Snow Sports School Program offers students of ages 7-18 years old discounted lift and rental rates including professional on-hill instruction.
- Lessons are offered for beginners to advanced skiers and snowboarders. Beginners receive basic instruction to learn to stop, turn, and ride the lifts safely while experienced skiers and riders will advance and master new skills. Students and their families enjoy the benefits of winter sports all season with the school program.
- Program cost is \$120 which include lift ticket and equipment rental.
- Students can pick up application in the Lake Ann Office.
- Parents are responsible for transportation to and from Crystal Mountain
Students can pick up a packet in Lake Ann Office

Return by December 8th



Charater Café

Accepting

Mrs. Nowak– Nora Pomper
Mrs. Norvell– Caleb Bumgardner
Mrs. Noffsinger – Jayla Colling– Derterson
Mrs. Burch – Angel Franklin
Mrs. Lyons – Isaiah Wright
Ms. Dfeuffer – Ben Cox
Mrs. Vanderlinde – Isaac Kobyski
Mrs. Pettengill – Isabelle Mac
Mrs. Slade – Kristina Bott

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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.



Dear Parents,

Even in the cold winter months, we believe outdoor recess is an important and valuable part of the student's day. With that in mind, we ask that you consider the temperature and weather conditions when assisting your child with clothing for the day. There may be times when the weather is deemed too cold for outdoor recess. We make that determination on a daily basis, but please remember that on most days we will have outdoor recess even if it is for an abbreviated time.

All students go outside unless they have a doctor's note stating otherwise. All students go outside for recess unless it is colder than 0 degrees (actual or wind chill).

Every child is required to wear five items of winter gear for recess:

1. Gloves/mittens
2. Winter hat
3. Winter coat
4. Snow pants
5. Snow boots

If students do not have all 5 items they will still be allowed to go outside for the 15 minute recess, but will not be allowed to play on the equipment or in the snow. This is NOT to punish the students for not having all their gear. This is to prevent them from getting their clothes wet and having to sit in cold wet clothes all day. They will stand by the building wall which keeps them out of the wind. They will still be allowed to socialize with their peers. We will obviously not send students out without a coat or hat. We have unclaimed items in the lost and found and donated items that they can borrow.

We do not have enough staff to offer outside and inside recess to students. **Also, this is a DISTRICT WIDE Requirement at all 3 elementary buildings.** It is not something that just happens at Lake Ann. It is a rule at all schools in the district and has been for a number of years.

We realize that temperatures in our buildings may vary, so dressing in layers is a good practice. In addition, **please label coats, gloves, hats, scarves, etc.** as these items of clothing go missing. Take the time to check out the Lost and Found, as we have a large number of items at this time of year.

If you have any comments or concerns about these guidelines, please call the principal to discuss it – rather than posting it on social media. We are a very kind-hearted and passionate team of individuals and we are happy to sit with you at any time to discuss any concerns you may have. Thank you for your attention and continued support and stay warm!

HONOR ROLL - First Marking Period



5th Grade – All A's

Jaxon Abeyta, Adaline Birdsall, Cher'rie Brown, Alyse Cox, Aubrey Gardiner, Dakota Hall, Archer Katt, Quinton Katt, Eli Kuenzer, Alexia Thetford, Carson Vincent

5th Grade – All A's and/or B's

Niall Allen, Haileigh Bergen, Kristina Bott, Ellery Graetz, Hannah Herman, Chloe Hewitt, Luckas Johnson, Kayden Marranca, Meya Rahe, Samuel Richards, Levi Torongo, Everett Zych

4th Grade – All A's

Haydyn Bergen, Wyatt Brown, Caleb Case, Lydia Johnson, Leland Nowak

4th Grade – All A's and/or B's

Katelyn Blouch, Radelle Brown, Declan Downs, Dominic Durga, Walker Durga, Adam Gniposky-Denman, Lydia Hall, Warren Harvey, Isaac Kobylski, Isabelle Mac, Carter Martinson, Lacey McNeil, Milton Rucki, Payson Sanchez, Faith Thetford

3rd Grade – All A's

Benjamin Cox, Alexis Ewing, Maxximus Franklin, Avery Payne, Abbigail Schibelhut, Berlin Zych

3rd Grade – All A's and/or B's

Quinn Allen, Brayden Gauthier, Isaiah Graetz, Liam Hall, Konner Kochis, Jayce Lane, Elijah Miller, Brentley Monroe, Hayden Mullen, Felix Rider



PARENT REMINDER

Please remember that if there is a change in transportation for your child/children please call before 3pm each day and let the office know.



231-275-7730

Free Lunch and Breakfast For All Lake Ann Students

The state is covering the cost of all student lunches for the remainder of the school year. If there is a credit or debit in your child's account, it will carry over to the 2022/2023 school year.

PTA News

We are very excited to bring a NEW fundraising opportunity to LAE! This year we will be having a dance-a-thon! Your student should of received a pledge sheet to obtain pledges from friends and family. For each donation they receive, they will earn a ticket towards the many prizes that are displayed in the school's display case. Important dates to remember. December 10th is the dance-a-thon. December 17th all money and forms are due. You can collect up to this date. December 22nd will be the assembly for the drawing of prizes. Monies raised go towards your student's classroom directly to help with funding field trips and classroom needs, along with helping fund multiple programs in the school like accelerated reader, math and reading programs. Character café, and helping in many other ways. Thank you for your participation and help with supporting our school!

The PTA is seeking persons interested in being part of the LAE PTA Board. There are five positions open as trustee's or board members. These positions are for individuals that are interested in playing an active role in organizing events and volunteering within the school. Along with promoting the social, emotional and education well-being of our students. Individuals that are interested in taking on this role should please attend the PTA meeting held on 12/7/21 at 4:15 in the LAE library. If you are unable to attend, but interested in being on the board please contact Onika Witzke at onika@lakeannpta.com or 231-651-9168. We look forward to growing our board and welcoming new people!



December 1, 2021

Dear Families -

Our thoughts and prayers are with the students, staff, and families in Oxford, Michigan today as their community faced a school shooting yesterday. Violence in school has been a National issue for the past few decades. I want you to know that safety and security is a priority at Benzie Central Schools. We take a number of proactive measures to ensure all students and staff are as safe as possible each day.

We require all students and staff to follow all security procedures at school at all times; use designated doors to enter the school, do not open doors for others, even for people you may know and do not prop open doors. We continue to conduct practice drills, in conjunction with our local law enforcement officers, to ensure everyone understands how to respond during a crisis.

In addition to practicing procedures, we also encourage students to do the following:

We need students to speak up and say something if they see a concern. Their voice is an important resource we use to foster school safety and know about potential situations.

Students can always report a concern to ANY school staff through a face-to-face meeting, email, or a phone call. Our adults are all here to support and we take all reports seriously.

Reports can be made confidentially through OK2SAY (text 652729 or call 8-555-OK2SAY). These reports do come to us and we investigate each one thoroughly.

Students should not make jokes (in person or online) about school violence. Making references to school shootings, mimicking, copycats, and such comments (in person or online) are not tolerated and will face potential disciplinary consequences.

We work closely with our local law enforcement both to ensure our campus is secure and when investigating any potential threats to our community.

We are all living in challenging times. Please know that we are here to support your students' academic, social, and emotional needs. If your child would like to speak to a counselor, please contact your child's school office so they can reach out to your child.

Sincerely,

*Amiee Erfourth
Superintendent*

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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Superintendent
Benzie County Central Schools
231-882-9653
www.benzieschools.net*

All kids in grades K - 5 are welcome to join the:

Husky Youth Wrestling Club

Learn the basic moves of the first Olympic sport!

We will cover: take-downs, basic moves, top & bottom start position,
drills & exercises for success, and of course games!

A great way to stay active and improve strength, balance & athleticism!

Practices will begin on Tuesday, January 4th, 2022

Practices are Held on:

Tuesdays & Thursdays
5:30 - 7:00

Practice Location:

Benzie Central High School wrestling room
(in the balcony above the gym, stairs are by locker rooms)

Sign-Up will be 1/4/22 (first practice) in the hall
outside the gym doors near the locker rooms.

Cost is \$35 and includes a t-shirt

Coaches:

Matt Gillison 231-383-0006 - Benzie
Luke Moeggenberg 231-590-4804 - Glen Lake
Tournament participation is optional and TBA!
Follow us on Facebook: Husky Wrestling club

Sign up forms in the Lake Ann Office