

School News

Principal's Corner:

Crystal Lake Elementary Parents,

What an exciting time to be at Benzie. This month a name for the new elementary school, scheduled to open in the Fall of 2023, was selected: Homestead Hills Elementary. It is important to share how this new elementary school will affect your child. If your child is currently a 4th or 5th grader, s/he will not be impacted by the transition at all. They will be at Middle School before the staff and students at Crystal Lake Elementary move into Homestead Hills Elementary School. For those families with child(ren) in Preschool through 3rd grade right now, we invite you to stay alert for opportunities coming in the coming months to participate in opportunities to learn more about the new school building, including its location, layout, etc. There is still a lot that is unknown, but the groundbreaking and construction will all be taking place very soon.

There is much to do between now and the opening of our new building, and much to accomplish right here at Crystal Lake Elementary. In fact, we have all begun this school year to participate in The Zones of Regulation curriculum, which are lessons and activities designed to help students gain skills in the area of self-regulation (self-control/self-management). The lessons are facilitated by our school counselor Mrs. Carrie Gray and supported by the classroom teacher. Each activity is designed to help the students recognize when they are in the different Zones as well as learn how to use strategies to change or stay in the Zone they are in. In addition to addressing self-regulation, the students will gain an increased vocabulary of emotional terms, skills in reading other people's facial expressions, perspective about how others see and react to their behavior, insight into events that trigger their behavior, calming and alerting strategies, and problem solving skills. You can support your student during this process by using the language (see [ZONES](#) vocabulary sheet) and talking about the concepts of the Zones.

Please know I am available to answer any questions that you may have about this topic or any other. Thank you for choosing Crystal Lake Elementary for your child.

Steve Graetz, Principal

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Upcoming Dates

3/16 Spring Pictures

3/25 Early Dismissal Day

3/28 through 4/1 SPRING BREAK ***See you on April 4, 2022!***

PTC CORNER

Our PTC meets the following dates at 4:15 pm in the library:

March 15th

April 19th

May 17th

Snack/Popcorn Days

Fridays are either Snack or Popcorn Sales. Both are .50 each and limited to 2 per student. There are no sales on ½ days.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP



CRYSTAL LAKE
ELEMENTARY

231-882-4641

April 12th

Call to schedule
your preferred
appointment time

231.882.4641

Important Links:

[Swim Lessons at Crystal Mountain](#)

[Most Recent Covid Quarantine Guidelines](#)

[Ok2say](#)

School Menu [Lunch Menu 2/28/22 through 3/8/22](#)

[Vaccine Info for 5-11 year olds](#)

[Purchasing Husky Gear Online](#)

[District Calendar](#)

Playgroup for kids ages 0-5 at Betsie Valley



OFFICE INFORMATION

Crystal Lake Elementary Office:

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Office Hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Students may not be dropped off until 8:45 am.

Cars may line up for pick up after 3:45pm.

All transportation changes must be called in to the office **no later than 3pm**. Remember that our phone may not be answered between 3:30 and 4:00 pm to allow the secretary to help with dismissal.