



Dear Homestead Hills Elementary School Families,

March holds a special significance for us here at Homestead Hills Elementary as we enthusiastically celebrate Reading Month! Throughout this month, we will embark on a journey to foster a love for reading among our students, igniting their imaginations and broadening their horizons through the power of literacy.

I encourage each family to participate in our Reading Month activities. By fostering a culture of reading at home, we can further enrich the educational experience of our children and reinforce the importance of reading in their lives.

Additionally, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated teachers and staff who continuously go above and beyond to inspire a love for learning in our students. Their passion and commitment to education are truly commendable, and we are grateful for the positive impact they make each day.

As we embark on this month-long celebration of reading, let us come together as a school community to instill a lifelong appreciation for literature in our children. Together, we can empower them to become confident readers and lifelong learners.

Thank you once again for your invaluable support. Your dedication and involvement play a vital role in creating a nurturing environment where our students can thrive academically and socially.

Warm regards,

Steve Gaetz

Homestead Hills Elementary School Principal

MARCH CALENDAR

3/1 Reading Activities
Kick Off (see Calendar)

3/15 Planetarium Visit
@ HHE

3/22 Early Dismissal at
11:50 am

3/23-4/1 Spring Break

4/2 WELCOME BACK!

Commonly Used Links

[Benzie District Website](#)

[Homestead Hills Hand-
book](#)

[Homestead Hills Face-
book Page](#)

[Husky Helpers Face-
book Page](#)

5toONE Neighborhood Center Thompsonville

COOPERATIVE PLAYGROUP

All playgroups are free, child-led,
and include a snack and story!

1st and 3rd Fridays

October 20
November 3 and 17
December 1 and 15
January 5 and 19
February 2 and 16
March 1 and 15
April 5 and 19
May 3 and 17
June 7

All playgroups meet from
10:00am - 11:30am in the
amazing preschool room!



Recommended
for ages 0-6



<http://www.5toonevalley.org>
Register in advance or upon arrival.

5toONE is an innovative project of the Great
Start Collaborative that brings together
families and local partners to ensure that all
children reach their highest potential.



Betsie Valley Elementary School
17936 Cadillac Highway
Thompsonville

For those interested in either SUMMER CAMP or Fall Pre-School Enrollment, Melinda Coger, our early childhood director has provided these two links. Please use the links to indicate interest in the programs.

[Summer Link -](#)

[Fall Enrollment Link -](#)

For more information about Summer Camp, please see the flyer attached to this newsletter.



A tremendous thank you to
RAINS GRAINS AND
SWEETS for the cupcakes
donated to help us kick off
Reading Month and celebrate
Dr. Seuss' birthday!

Coming Soon!

The Husky Helpers
are bringing
Congnition's mobile
planetarium to
Homestead Hills on
March 15th. All classes
will visit!



Please consider joining our current Husky Helpers PTO to provide a fun and activity filled year! If you are interested, please reach out to : huskyhelperspto@gmail.com or [Facebook@huskyhelperspto](https://www.facebook.com/huskyhelperspto).

For sign up links, meeting dates and times, and event information, please see their website at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/huskyhelpers>

Sign up now for

- 4th & 5th Grade GIRLS Volleyball clinics on 3/9 & 3/16 at the Benzie Central MS Gym. See flyer attached
- BENZONIA YOUTH SOFTBALL | BASEBALL Signup Deadline is April 30th Girls Softball Boys Baseball Grade for current school year 2023-2024 Age as of 5/1/2024 Tee-Ball K-2 (2nd graders have option) Tee-Ball 5-7 Coach Pitch 2-4 (2nd graders have option) Coach Pitch 8-9 Junior's 5-6 Minors 10-11 Majors 12-13. See flyer attached

Join us at HOMESTEAD HILLS ELEMENTARY'S

CAMP KINDERGARTEN on Monday, April 8.

Please use [this link](#) to indicate your interest. Mrs. Bishop will call you early in the month of March to set up your appointment at a time convenient for you.

For round up you will need:

- Your child's birth certificate (we will copy it)
- Your child's up to date immunization record
- Your ID
- 2 proofs of residency (utility bills, car insurance, property tax or lease agreement, etc.)
- Your Child



Homestead Hills Elementary Fun Day Wednesday, March 13th

Fun Day!



For your child's sake, you must be prepared.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Publishes recommendations to help parents prepare for and respond to a missing child emergency. It is recommended that parents keep high-quality color photographs and complete physical descriptions of their children readily available.

Photos and physical descriptions are law enforcement's best aid to a safe recovery when a child is missing.

Over 40 backgrounds available when ordering online!

ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

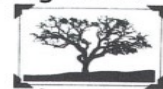
CHECK: Fill out order envelope and insert check made payable to Timeless Image. Return envelope with student on Picture Day.

CASH: Fill out order envelope, insert cash and return with student on Picture Day.

CREDIT CARD: Visit our website: timeless-image.com. On the home page click "Order Pictures", enter the School ID Code found on this flier. Return envelope with student on Picture Day.

The School ID Code is active until Picture Day.

School ID Code:
6924FD



Timeless Image Inc.
Customer Service:
Mon - Fri 9 am to 4 pm
231.929.1010
timeless-image.com
4788 Church Rd.
Traverse City, MI 49685

BACKGROUND OPTIONS

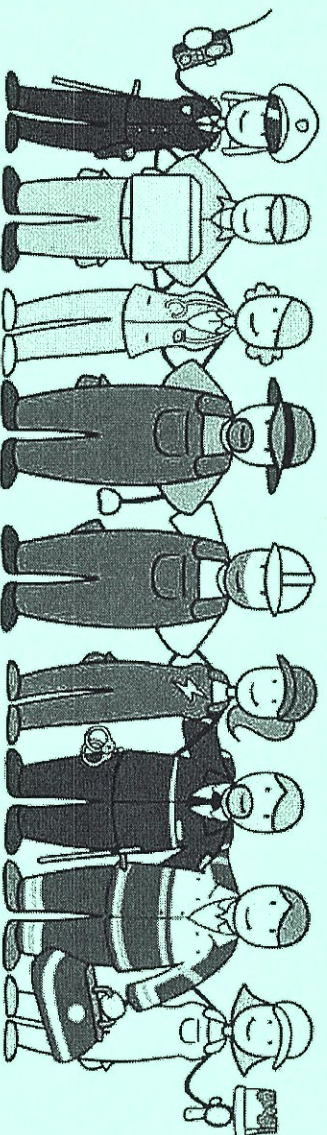



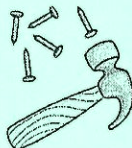

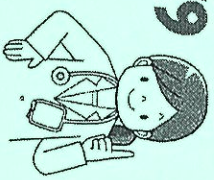
PICK FROM THESE PACKAGE COMBINATIONS AND SPECIAL OPTIONS

Package A	Package B	Package C	Package D	Package E
\$40.00 (2) - 8 x 10 (3) - 5 x 7 (2) - 3.5 x 5 (16) - 2.5 x 3.5 (16) - 1.75 x 2.5 (2) - 2.5 x 3.5 Magnets	\$30.00 (1) - 8 x 10 (2) - 5 x 7 (2) - 3.5 x 5 (8) - 2.5 x 3.5 (8) - 1.75 x 2.5 (2) - 2.5 x 3.5 Magnets	\$25.00 (3) - 5 x 7 (1) - 3.5 x 5 (6) - 2.5 x 3.5 (8) - 1.75 x 2.5	\$22.00 (1) - 5 x 7 (2) - 3.5 x 5 (8) - 2.5 x 3.5 (8) - 1.75 x 2.5	\$15.00 (1) - 5 x 7 (4) - 2.5 x 3.5
Package F	Package G	Package H	Package I	Package J
Fun Pack \$10.00 Laminated with Student Name 1 - Door Hanger 2 - Bookmarks 2 - Bag Tags	\$12.00 (1) - 8 x 10	\$12.00 (2) - 5 x 7	\$12.00 (4) - 3.5 x 5	\$25.00 DIGITAL DOWNLOAD The best way to archive your portrait is a high-resolution, copyright-free digital image..
	Package K	Package L	Package M	Package S
	\$12.00 (8) - 2.5 x 3.5	\$12.00 (2) - 2.5 x .5 Magnets	\$6.00 (1) - Photo Button	\$5.00 (1) - Safety Card Fill out information on Envelope

Payment by check is your express authorization that it may be converted into a one-time Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) from your account, and all returned checks or EFTs may be re-presented electronically along with a separate EFT or demand draft for the maximum returned check fee allowed by state law. For inquiries: 800.460.0124 or www.statecheckfees.com.

EXPLORING THE JOBS PEOPLE DO



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
HOMESTEAD HILLS IS CELEBRATING NATIONAL READING MONTH IN MARCH WITH ACTIVITIES ALL MONTH LONG!						
3 ALL THIS WEEK--Submit a joke to the Joke Jar in your BEST writing.	4 One Fish, Two Fish, Goldfish Snack Day	5 	6 Fox in Socks Day! Wear your wacky socks!	7 Mr. Graetz's Joke Jar Day	7 March Book Bracket Kick-Off! Dr. Suess' B-Day	2 
10 ALL THIS WEEK--Submit a joke to the Joke Jar in your BEST writing.	11 POP! Into a good book! Popcorn Day	12	13 Wear your PJs today! Get Cozy and READ.	14 Mr. Graetz's Joke Jar Day	15 Jobs in the Service Industry Guest Readers	16 
17 ALL THIS WEEK--Submit a joke to the Joke Jar in your BEST writing.	18 We're BANANAS about Books Snack Day!	19 	20 Wild about Words Day! Wear a shirt with words!	21 Mr. Graetz's Joke Jar Day	22 Professional Careers Guest Readers	22 We READ all month long! Wear RED today

BENZONIA YOUTH

SOFTBALL | BASEBALL

Signup Deadline is April 30th

Girls Softball		Boys Baseball	
Grade for current school year 2023-2024		Age as of 5/1/2024	
Tee-Ball	K-2 (2 nd graders have option)	Tee-Ball	5-7
Coach Pitch	2-4 (2 nd graders have option)	Coach Pitch	8-9
Junior's	5-6	Minors	10-11
		Majors	12-13

Games

Games typically begin the first week of June. Game dates will be available for the coach the week prior to the first game. The following teams play on these nights:

Monday: *Girls Juniors, Boys Majors*

Tuesday: *Boys Minors*

Wednesday: *Girls Tee-Ball, Boys Tee-Ball, Girls Coach Pitch, Boys Coach Pitch*

Thursday: *Boys Minors, Boys Majors*

Practice

Practices will begin at each divisions coach discretion and when the weather permits. Players will be contacted by their coach regarding the practice schedule.

Cost

\$30 per player (\$20 for each additional player of the same family). Please make checks payable to Beulah/Benzonia Baseball

Registration & Payment

Send the completed registration & payment to school (Homestead Hills) with your child or mail your child's form and payment (call/email for mailing address). The deadline to signup is April 30th.

Contact Information

Girls Division: Brittany Walton

231-383-1881; brittwalton16@gmail.com

Boys Division: Rich Gottardo

586-565-0200; gottardorichard@gmail.com

We are always looking for coaches and umpires and there is no one better than a player's parent! Please, reach out to both Brittany and Rich via email with your interest. Appropriate paperwork and background checks must be on file for all individuals working with our youth.

BENZONIA YOUTH

GIRLS SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Signup Deadline is April 30TH

ONLY LIST GIRL ATHLETES IN THIS SECTION

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Childs Name:	<u>Age:</u>	Grade (23-24 school year):	Shirt Size:
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BENZONIA YOUTH

BOYS BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Signup Deadline is April 30TH

ONLY LIST BOY ATHLETES IN THIS SECTION

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Childs Name:	<u>Age:</u>	Grade (23-24 school year):	Shirt Size:
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I, the undersigned parent/guardian of the child/children listed above, hereby give my consent for said child to participate in Benzie County Recreational Youth Baseball and Softball League athletic program.

Parent Name:	Email:	Phone:
Parent Signature:	Date:	

Send the completed registration & payment to the school (Homestead Hills) with your child or mail your child's form and payment (text/email for mailing address). Registration and payment are due by **April 30th**.

\$30 per player (\$20 for each additional player of the same family). Please make checks payable to Beulah/Benzonia Baseball

BENZIE CENTRAL VOLLEYBALL

WHEN

**March 9, and 16
8:00 – 9:30 am**

WHERE

**Benzie Central
MS/HS Gym**

March 9 (High School Gym)

March 16 (Middle School Gym)

Fundraiser for Benzie Central Volleyball

Please return to Elementary school office

**4TH/5TH
GRADE GIRLS**

COST

\$10/ session

SEND FORM TO:

**Return to Elementary
school office**

OR

BC Athletic Office

c/o Volleyball

9300 Homestead Rd.

Benzononia, MI 49616

ATTENDING:

March 9

March 16

Name:

Grade:

School:

Parent:

Phone#: