

Welcome to our school newsletter! The intention of this newsletter is to keep families informed on the happenings within our school and to grow our community through productive communication and transparency. Happy reading!

Welcome to Summer 2024!

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

As we bid farewell to another extraordinary academic year, I want to take a moment to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. This year has been filled with triumphs, challenges, and countless moments of growth for all.

To our exceptional students, you have demonstrated incredible determination, creativity, and personal growth throughout the year. Your hard work and enthusiasm have not only enriched our classrooms but have also inspired us all. As you embark on your well-deserved summer break, remember to explore, learn, and cherish every moment.

To our devoted parents and guardians, your partnership and commitment have been instrumental in creating a nurturing and thriving learning environment. Your support and encouragement have helped our students soar to new heights. As we enter the summer months, I encourage you to continue fostering a love for learning and exploration with your children.

After much contemplation and deliberation, I am excited to be transitioning from my role as principal of Lake Ann Elementary to pursue other important administrative endeavors within Benzie School District that will include the role of principal at Benzie Academy. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your principal at Lake Ann, and I am immensely grateful for the time I have spent at Lake Ann Elementary.

While I will miss the daily interactions and cherished moments with the students within our school community, I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to the broader goals and initiatives of the district in my new capacity.

I am committed to ensuring a smooth transition for the benefit of all. I look forward to the continued success and growth of Lake Ann Elementary and remain deeply invested in the bright future of our students and the community we serve.

As we eagerly anticipate the adventures that lie ahead, let us take this opportunity to reflect on the memories we have created and the lessons we have learned. Whether you are traveling to new destinations, spending quality time with loved ones, or simply enjoying moments of relaxation, I hope that this summer brings you joy, laughter, and endless possibilities!

Wishing you all a safe, rejuvenating, and memorable summer break! Your partner in education, Rachel Anderson Principal

Monthly Classroom Lessons with Deputy Maul and Therapy Dog, Briggs

June Lesson Topics:

Safety

K-5: Summer Outdoor Safety and Tech



Family SEL Resources for Social Emotional Growth Practice at Home!

Please remember, you have access to many wonderful resources to help your child learn and grow. This learning revolves around the CASEL 5: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making!

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'Caught you Being Great' Weekly and Monthly winners!





Left/Right: Mrs. Roper and her 4th grade class hand dip their own bees wax candles and hand roll and decorate another bees wax candle





Left: first graders work with adult volunteers to build their own birdhouses to take home!

Right:

Preschool paid a visit to their future kindergarten classrooms this spring. Kindergarteners showed off their reading skills with their preschool buddies!





Left and Right:

The National Lakeshore visited Lake Ann for K-5 classes to enjoy learning about the night sky within their amazing planetarium and also through Indigenous historical stories from our area **Below:** LAE staff and students admires the solar eclipse as a school community









Above: Both Mrs. Roper's 2/3 grades and Ms. Nowak's kindergarten class raised chicks from eggs this spring!



Above: Our wonderful Benzie Rotarians and Lions Club visited Lake Ann to host a walk up book fair for our last Power Book Bags! All students had the opportunity to self-select 2 books to take home for summer reading!



Above: June 2024 'Caught You Being Great' SEL Assembly



Right: Ms. Jenny and her preschool class work on student independence during lunch time. We are so proud of our little Huskies!



Above: 4th grade students from Mrs. Pfeuffer's room created roller coasters as they studied kinetic and stored energy.



Above: Third graders in Mr. Perez's room measure their jumping in coordination with a Math Expressions lesson

