



MS Elementary News

APRIL 2024

MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH

3rd - 5th Grade



BACK ROW: Victoria Dixon, Fisher Vliet, Ashlynn Knorr, Adain Yarrington, Leighton Lynch, Connor Kilbourne and Stella Wing.
MIDDLE ROW: Emmitt Cornell, Keygan Zemaitis, Lakoda Zavitz, Arianna VanOrder, Aiden Jones and Sawyer Quint.
FRONT ROW: Hunter Pantelin, Allison Cassens, Paisley Rinehart, Brynlee Beemer and Andrew McDonald.

Important Dates

APRIL:

- 4/1:** School Resumes
- 4/5:** PTO Popcorn Sales
- 4/9:** PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
- 4/10:** PTO Fund Run Begins
- 4/11:** Kindergarten Round Up 6 PM
- 4/12:** Last day to submit optional Educational Questionnaire
- 4/19:** Last day to sign up for Summer Learning Virtual Program

MAY:

- 5/6: NO SCHOOL** - Staff PD
- 5/7:** Book Fair 8-3 & 4:00-6:00pm
- 5/8:** Book Fair 8-3pm
- 5/10:** PTO Fund Run
- 5/14:** PTO Meeting 6:30 pm

ECSE - 2nd Grade



BACK ROW: Boss Brooks, Parker Cordova, Gia Buckley, Dani Franklin, Carson Dennis, Kyree Ream, Ivory Peacock, Lillian Kemperman and Ruth Cumings.
MIDDLE ROW: Uriah Engelsman, Scarlett Phillips, Emmett Shattuck, Kallen Larson, Joslyn Courtade, Hazel Stevens and Alayna Hitts.
FRONT ROW: Sawyer Houghton, Emily Colbert, Raegan Long, Daniel Ederer, Johnathan Benson and Caroline Whitman.
NOT PICTURED Valentin Torres Capetillo



THURSDAY, APRIL 11th 6:00 PM

Children who will be five years old by Dec. 1st may be eligible to begin a kindergarten program in the fall. We encourage you and your child to attend our Kindergarten Round Up on April 11th at 6:00 pm. Registration packets can be picked up in the school office beginning in April or on April 11th at Kindergarten Round-Up. State certified birth certificate, official immunization record and proof of residency, such as a current utility bill or rental agreement, are required to complete enrollment.

Sign up by 4/19/24 for our Summer Learning Virtual Program

Educational Environment Questionnaire:

As we strive to create balanced classroom environments beneficial to all students, we ask those who desire to make a request for the 2024-2025 school year, to please **fully complete** our **Educational Environment Questionnaire** and return by **April 12th**. The Questionnaire has been emailed to K-4th grade parents. It can also be picked up in the Elementary office. Please note that this is not a guarantee of placement.

M-STEP TEST INFORMATION for 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades:

This will be our ninth year of M-STEP testing. English Language Arts and Math will be assessed in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. 5th grade will also be assessed in Social Studies and Science. This is a multi-day assessment and students **must be present** each day the test is given in order for their score to count. **State assessments are not optional**, and parents do not have the right to opt their child out of an assessment. Without this test information we lose important data that is useful in making instructional decisions for our students. If your child has appointments during a scheduled test date, please make every effort to reschedule on a non-testing day.

The M-Step Test Window is Mid-April to Mid-May. Please watch for more specific dates from your child's teacher. To promote student success:

- Get a good night's rest. -Eat a nutritious breakfast.
 - Be present on test dates (make-ups tend to show decreased scores and students miss out on in-class learning).
- For information regarding M-STEP or if you would like to view sample questions, go to: www.michigan.gov/mstep

READING MONTH ACTIVITIES: Staff and students enjoyed celebrating Reading Month with activities surrounding the theme "Camping with a Good Book". A huge thank you to Marla Estes, Parapros, staff, PTO and many volunteers, for organizing a memorable month for our students.



DONATION REQUESTS

As your children outgrow their clothes, keep in mind we can always use shoes, pants with elastic waistbands and boys winter coats. Also, please be sure to wash and return any clothing your student borrows from the school.

Your generosity has been wonderful and very much appreciated!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT had a record turn out! The people accounted for in attendance as students, guests and volunteers came to 411! Much appreciation to all of those contributing their time and effort in making Family Night successful! What a wonderful community service provided to our students and their families. The families truly enjoyed the experience of Art, Health & Fitness activities along with a delicious meal! The Family Nights could not be possible without the assistance of so many! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Classes with the most participants received a "sweet treat": Kndg- Garza 1st-Biller 2nd- Potrykus 3rd- Nahs 4th- Little 5th-Cain. Many students won a prize and all earned a free book.



CHARACTER TRAITS - At MS Elem, we are working on a new character trait each month.

April is **HONESTY**. "Honesty is being truthful in what you say and do."

Honesty is more than just telling the truth, it includes thinking and acting in a way that feels kind and sincere. It's not always easy to be honest in our words, actions or thoughts with others or with ourselves. Practicing Honesty with ourselves allows for us to identify emotions, be aware of our emotions and manage our emotions. Look for ways we show honesty and discuss how being Honest with ourselves can help us to be more confident, calm or focused.

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