WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEFF KINDERGARTEN

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Mrs. Kelly Smith, Principal

May 25, 2018

Dates to Remember

2017- 2018 Dates

Mon May 28	**No School - Memorial Day**
Fri Jun 1	Field & Water Day
Tue Jun 5	1/2 Day - Last Day!

2018-2019 Dates

Thu Aug 16	Open House 4-6pm
Mon Aug 20	First Day of School
Aug 31 - Sep 3	No School Labor Day

MID MICHIGAN AQUATICS HURRICANES SWIMMING SUMMER SIGN UP

The Mid Michigan Aquatics Hurricanes will hold their Summer initial safety swim for all new swimmers from 5:30-6:30 pm at the Grand Ledge High School Pool June 7 or 8th, 2018. Our Summer season will run from June 11-July 26, 2018. Kids of all ages can come out and experience fun improving their swimming skills and learn about competitive swimming. For more information, registration and forms please see our web site at http://mmahurricanes.com.

PRINCIPAL'S PRIDE

Our BK students took the PELI reading assessment and 97% of the students scored at Benchmark. The Kindergarten and Kindergarten Plus students completed the DIBELS reading assessment and 83% of the students scored at Benchmark. This is wonderful news for the teachers and students at Neff! I am proud of the hard work and effort from everyone.

The students will be participating in Field day and Water day on Friday, June 1st. Please remember to have your child bring a towel, extra set of clothes and an extra pair of shoes that day. Also, please apply sunscreen on your child before sending him/her to school.

Here is number 16 on the list of things we should say to children: I'll help you. I heard you call me, here I am. How can I help you? If we both work together, we can get this done. I know you can do it by yourself, but I'm glad to help since you asked.

Enjoy the long weekend. We look forward to seeing the students on Tuesday, May 29th.

MEDICATION PICK UP

Just a reminder that all medication should be picked up by an adult before the last day school.

Any medication that is not picked up will be discarded on Wednesday, June 6th in a safe manner. Thank you!

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Over the next couple of weeks please stop by the hall in front of the office to see if your child has any clothes that have been left behind.

All of the clothes will be donated on Wednesday, June 6th.

FLIP FLOPS AND HOT WEATHER SHIRTS

Please remember to send your child in clothes that are appropriate for them to wear at school.

Flip Flops are not allowed at school. We have had lots of accidents with Flip Flops out on the playground while climbing on the equipment and with wood chips cutting feet. We recommend tennis shoes or sandals with straps to keep them on their feet.

Please make sure that your child is wearing a shirt that have coverage on their shoulders. No spaghetti straps or narrow shoulder straps. We recommend 3" wide fabric covering their shoulders.

Thank you so much for your help!

LITTLE COMETS PRESCHOOL

Looking for Preschool? The Little Comets Preschool Program at Holbrook and Delta Mills are currently enrolling for the 2018-2019 school year! We are enrolling for two, three and four year olds! We have part time and full day options available. Please call to schedule a tour today (Holbrook's main office-517-925-5640 and Delta Mills' main office-517-925-5600). We look forward to meeting you. you.soon!

Grand Ledge Public Schools
Little Comets Preschool
Come Play, Learn, and Grow with us!

2018 SPARROW MICHIGAN MILE

Come on out for a one-mile run and great day of fun for kids 13 and under! The Sparrow Michigan Mile and KIDSPRINT will be held Saturday, June 2 at Cooley Law School Stadium. All participants get a cool race bag and T-shirt and finishers receive a shiny gold medal! Register at sparrow.org/MichiganMile. The registration is $12.00 from May 12 - 30th and $18 on race day June 2.

CHEERLEADING CLINIC

It's time to Stunt, Cheer, Jump and Tumble with the 2018 Grand Ledge High School Cheerleaders! Then march in the Yankee Doodle Days Parade with us!

Ages: Pre-Kindergarten – 6th Grade

Clinic Location: Sawdon Gym

Clinic date: Wednesday, June 6 – 6 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. – Parent Demo at 8:15 p.m.

Parade date: Saturday, June 23, 11:00 a.m. Meet at Sawdon at 10:30 a.m.

$25 (Includes free t-shirt and small American Flag)

Patriotic Bows will be sold at the Clinic!

Online Deadline: Monday, June 5 – 9 p.m.

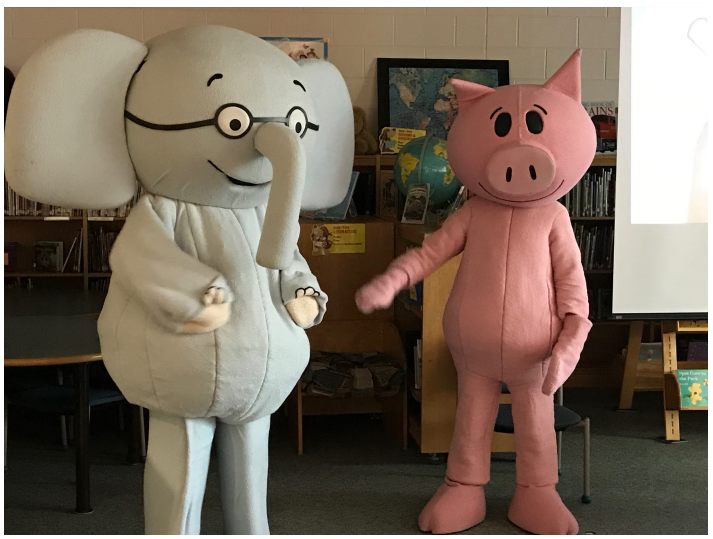
Pre-registration Preferred via Google Form posted on Grand Ledge High School Cheer Facebook Page

SEE THE FLYER LISTED BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION!

SCHOOL BREAKFAST

School breakfast provides one quarter or your child's daily nutrition needs. Breakfast at school is available for all students and if you qualify for free or reduced price lunch, you will also qualify for the free or reduced price breakfast. Food Service is an equal opportunity provider.

Elementary Breakfast Price: $1.50, Free and Reduced Price for families who qualify: Free or $ .30 and the breakfast times at Neff are 8:25 - 8:40 am.



THANK YOU TO THE MEEMIC - FISK INSURANCE AGENCY FOR FUNDING OUR ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE VISIT! IT WAS AMAZING!!!

GRAND LEDGE
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****There is a 3.5% convenience fee when paying by credit card****

Mail Registration Form to:
Grand Ledge Cheer
P.O. Box 82, Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Walk-in/Late Registration will be accepted onsite or online after the June 5 deadline
$30
(cash, check or credit card)

*******ALL Checks payable to: Grand Ledge Cheer Committee*******

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Name: _____ Cell #: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____

T-shirt size

Youth_____ (s, m, l, xl) **Adult _____ (s, m, l, xl)**

My Child attends _____ School

Parental Waiver Agreement: I understand that the Grand Ledge Cheer Parents, Coaches, and Clinicians are in no way responsible for any injury that may be incurred while my child participates in this clinic and agree to hold harmless the above organization for injuries and damages, in return for participation. Photos taken at this clinic may be used in future advertising and on social media.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Relay For Life
of Eaton County

Saturday, May 19
11:00am – 11:00pm
Beagle Elementary, Grand Ledge

Come see
Mr. Austin from **3:00** til **3:20**,
Mrs. Browning from **3:20** til **3:40**,
and **Mr. Stevens** from **5:20** til **6:00**
in the **DUNK TANK**!!!

All are welcome!
Come out to join the fight against cancer.

Relay For Life is a fundraising event for the American Cancer Society that brings communities together to fight cancer. In addition to fun and games for all ages, there will be a silent auction, along with many entertainment acts performing all day long on the main stage. Relay is FREE to the public and we encourage you to come and see what it's all about, especially if you've never been before!

Visit www.relayforlife.org/eatoncountymi for more information.

ZOOKAMBI
SUMMER
CAMP
No other camp
is this WILD!
Potter Park Zoo has the wildest weeks of summer camp available in Michigan!
Students from grades 1-12 will see fantastic animal presentations, learn amazing facts with a variety of hands-on activities and experience adventures that typical zoo visitors can't.
Classes are offered in the morning, afternoon, or all day! Early drop-off and late pick-up is available.
POTTER PARK
Zoo
To register go to
www.potterparkzoo.org/zookambi-summer-camp
Questions? Call 517-342-2713

SEE US IN ACTION AT CAMPINVENTION.ORG

LET'S INVENT THE FUTURE TODAY!

FAST FORWARD to the ALL NEW 2018 Camp Invention program, where children are presented with fun, hands-on activities that encourage creative problem solving, teamwork, entrepreneurship and curiosity.

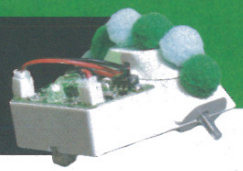
Camp Invention is a program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame®, a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the future of innovation and STEM. Program activities are led by experienced, local educators and inspired by the world-changing inventors that have been Inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Explore the technology behind self-driving cars and invent a vehicle of the future.

Design futuristic dream homes with smart furniture and smart energy.

Build and personalize a robotic dog and compare the inner mechanics to the biology of living animals.

EVERY CHILD TAKES HOME TWO CUSTOM ROBOTS!



SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY & SAVE $15!

Register at campinvention.org or 800.968.4332.
Use promo code ***IDEAS15.*** Offer expires May 4th.

Your local Camp Invention site information:

Price $225 (before discount) | For children entering grades K-6

Delta Center Elementary School | 305 S. Canal Rd, Lansing, MI 48917
June 11 - 15, 2018 from 9:00am - 3:30pm
Directed by Tricia Brentar
brentart@glcomets.net

Exciting news for this location: An Extended Camp experience is being provided to accommodate working families. Extended Camp hours are 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM and will cost an additional $80 per week. To sign up please select the Extended Camp option during checkout.

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit campinvention.org for other locations near you.

"I have seen an improved confidence in her since sending her to camp."
★★★★ **Jim J., Parent**

"That rocked! I can't wait for tomorrow!"
★★★★ **Ryan S., Camper**

"Love the variety of activities and different ways of thinking."
★★★★ **Natalie S., Parent**

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*Does your child love to READ and/or WRITE?

*Does your child need extra reading SUPPORT this summer?

*Do you want to CHALLENGE your reader or writer??
Check this out!!

...by The Literacy Ladies

Katie Davis and Krista Hunsanger are Reading Specialists with Master's Degrees in Reading and Literacy.

The Literacy Camp! 2018

More Camp Information:
www.theliteracyladies.net
and on our Facebook page!

- Meeting children at **all reading and writing levels!**
- Crafts, games, and outside play!
- Fantasy, Fairy Tales, Adventure, oh my!

When:

June 18-22 and July 16-20
8:30 am - 12:00 pm
** New content, stories & activities each week! **

Who:

Incoming 1st-3rd Grade students ☺

Lansing Area Location!

Where:

Riversedge Community Church

Price:

Early Registration:
$125/week – Register by May 1st
$145/week – After May 1st
Check out our website for Sibling and "Refer a Friend" Discounts!

The Literacy Ladies, LLC tm

Register Today!
www.theliteracyladies.net
VISA MasterCard AMERICAN EXPRESS DISCOVER
Email:
theliteracyladies@gmail.com

"Our son was so mad that he had to attend a reading camp during summer break. The third day in, he asked if he could go for another week! For the first time, he's excited to read and write! Thanks Ladies!!"
-Literacy Camp Parent

2018-2019 Kindergarten Registration & Round-Up

Do you have a child ready to start Kindergarten in the fall?
Now is the time to pre-register!

Your child must be five years old on or before September 1, 2018*
to be eligible to enter Kindergarten.

For information and to pre-register your child,
visit our website at **www.glcomets.net**
and click on

Kindergarten Round Up

At the conclusion of your online pre-registration, you will schedule an appointment to bring the required documents to:

Student Enrollment
220 Lamson Street
Room 206
Grand Ledge
(517) 925-5447

Kindergarten Round-Up

Wednesday,

August 8, 2018

Two Sessions Each Date
4:30 pm
or
6:00 pm

Grand Ledge Public Schools
A Community Committed to Excellence

*In accordance with State Law, parents may complete a waiver for their student(s) with birthdays between September 2 and December 1.

THIRD GRADE READING LAW

A Parent Guide to Public Act 306

EATON REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY

1 What Is The Law All About?

- In an effort to boost reading achievement, Michigan lawmakers passed Public Act 306 in October 2016.
- To help more students be proficient by the end of third grade, the law requires extra support for K-3 students who are not reading at grade level.
- The law also states that a child may be retained in third grade if they are one or more grade levels behind in reading at the end of third grade.

2 What Do I Need To Know As Parent?

- Your child's reading progress will be closely monitored beginning in kindergarten.
- If your child is not reading where expected, a plan to improve reading will be created. This means your child's teacher and school will work with your child to find where your child needs support in his/her reading development and create a plan to support him or her. This plan includes:
  - Extra instruction or support in areas of need.
  - Ongoing checks on reading progress
  - A Read-at-Home plan that encourages you and your child to read and write outside of the school day.
  - Your child may be encouraged to participate in summer reading programs.
- The extra supports in your child's reading improvement plan will occur in small groups during the school day. Your child will not miss regular reading instruction.
- Starting in 2019-2020 school year, in order to be promoted from third to forth grade, your child must score less than one year behind on the state reading assessment, or demonstrate a third grade reading level through an alternate test or portfolio of student work.
- If you are notified your child may be retained, you have the right to meet with school officials and to request, within 30 days, an exemption if in the best interest of your child. The district superintendent will make the final decision.

3 What Can I Do To Support My Child?

Read at home with your child daily with books they enjoy, even in the summer. Some ways to do this:

- Read out loud to your child.
- Listen to your child read.
- Echo read (You read a line, then they repeat) .
- Read together at the same time.
- Reread or retell favorite stories.
- Talk to your child about the reading.

As you read:

- Ask your child to share what they remember.
- Ask questions about the reading.
- Talk about your favorite parts, what you've learned, or who is in the book and what they do.
- Talk about the pictures in the book how they connect to the words on the page.

- Talk to and with your kids a lot: Knowing more words helps kids to understand the words they read better.
- Encourage writing: Let children write the sounds they hear, spelling is developmental and a work in progress.
- Be involved in your child's education and support the reading plan if your child has one.

Eaton RESA Contacts:
Jennifer Eaglin, Early Literacy Specialist, jeaglin@eatonresa.org
Kaytie Palmiter, Early Literacy Specialist, kpalmiter@eatonresa.org

WONDERING ABOUT PRESCHOOL OPTIONS?

GSRP Preschool Offers:

- Low student/adult ratios (Max 8:1)
- Highly qualified & certified staff
- School-day programming (Monday-Thursday)
- Creative Curriculum focusing on:

  Language development, Literacy, Math, Social Emotional Development, Physical development, Science, Social Studies, Creative Arts

- Licensed by the State of Michigan

Classrooms are located in:

SPACES AVAILABLE IN YOUR DISTRICT!

Charlotte

Eaton Rapids

Grand Ledge

Maple Valley

Potterville

HOW DO I ENROLL?

GSRP is a state funded preschool program for 4 year olds. It specifically serves children from middle income households. It is administered by the State of Michigan.

To enroll, a child must be
4 years old on September 1st.

Decisions for enrollment into GSRP are based on individual family experiences.

- Family income
- Concerns about your child's development
- Challenging behavior
- English as a second language
- Family school difficulties
- Environmental risk
- Single parent home due to divorce, deployment, incarceration, illness.
- Change in guardianship

Learn more and apply at

www.eatonpreschool.org

517.541.8724

EDUStaff

OUR DISTRICT NEEDS YOU!

EDUStaff is an educational staffing company who specializes in providing guest teachers and other employment classes to our partnering school districts. Founded in 2010, EDUStaff has quickly become known in the educational community as providing outstanding customer service to both our partnering districts and our external employees; the guest teacher.

BENEFITS OF BEING A GUEST TEACHER

Becoming a guest teacher provides a number of benefits for those who are interested including:

- ✓ Flexible schedule to accept assignments when you want.
- ✓ Work in your child or grandchild's school.
- ✓ Make a positive difference in your community.

GUEST TEACHER REQUIREMENTS

Per State of Michigan law, the below requirements outline how to become a guest teacher:

- ✓ Current Michigan Teaching Certificate
- ✓ Expired Michigan Teaching Certificate
- ✓ 90-credit hours from a college, university or accredited community college

HOW TO APPLY

Log on to www.EDUStaff.org

For more information contact our customer service department.

www.EDUStaff.org | 877.974.6338