WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

# NEFF KINDERGARTEN

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April 9, 2021

## NEFF NEWS AT A GLANCE

Apr 13 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
May 4 Picture Day - more info to follow!
May 11 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm

**Virtual Students Food Pick Up**
at Hayes Middle School - see the GL Food Service Website for more info! All students qualify to receive food.

**In Person Students**
Please see the menu below for Hot Lunch Choices. Free Hot lunch for all students. instruction with virtual students

## NEFF OFFICE STAFF

Nola Cockroft - Technology Support and Librarian

Michelle LeBlanc - Secretary

Teresa Miller - Secretary

Melissa Neff - Custodian

Annie Reik - Counselor

Kelly Smith - Principal

Scott Millbrook - Assistant Principal

## PRINCIPAL'S PRIDE

We did it! We all completed another first week of school with a new schedule. Your children have learned to accept things the way that they are and just live in the moment! It is wonderful to see your children skipping and greeting us on their way into school. The students learning from home continue to smile when they see their teacher's face and show their excitement for learning. We are thankful for all of your support, patience and understanding during this unique time. Enjoy the weekend!

## FREE COVID TESTING IN GRAND LEDGE

GLPS is hosting another FREE Drive-Through Rapid COVID-19 Testing Event next Wednesday & Thursday (April 14 & 15) from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Sawdon Administration Building.

This is a FREE event open to students, staff, and anyone in the community who wants to get a rapid antigen test -- all are welcome! Results will be available in 15-30 minutes and eMailed or texted to the tested. More information at GLcomets.net/COVIDtesting.

**Pre-register for testing at honumg.info/GrandLedge** ... it will make things move more quickly at the drive-through testing! This will make sure all the information is in the system, then all you will have to do is arrive and be tested.

If a positive result is received from the rapid testing, you'll get further instructions that direct the person to a facility that provides a more accurate confirmation test.

## BEST COMMUNITY FOR MUSIC EDUCATION

**Grand Ledge Public Schools has been named a 2021 Best Community for Music Education!** In fact, only 14 school districts in Michigan earned this distinction... and we are one of them! Congratulations to all our music educators... and thank you to all the staff who support the efforts of our music educators. The NAMM Foundation recognized our community for the outstanding efforts of teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community leaders who are making music part of a well-rounded education for every child in our community. The NAMM Foundation salutes the commitment of our community, so every child can learn and grow with music.

**PLEASE RETURN SIGNED SCREENER FORM**

Hello Neff Families! This is a message for the In Person Students and their families. Please sign the Covid Screener Form and return it to school with your child. It was sent home this week with your child if we did not already have one on file here at Neff. If you need a new copy please call the office at 517-925-5740 and we will get you another copy. Thank you so much!

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

The online registration / pre-enrollment process for the NEXT SCHOOL YEAR (2021-2022) is now open IF the student you are enrolling lives within the boundaries of Grand Ledge Public Schools. So, if you want to send your child to kindergarten next year, visit GLcomets.net/Enroll.

To be eligible to enter kindergarten, your child must be five years old on or before September 1, 2021. However, in accordance with State Law, parents may complete a waiver for any student who will turn five between September 2 and December 1; the waiver is included as part of the online registration / pre-enrollment process.

The State of Michigan also requires your child's eyes to be examined at least once after the age of three and before starting school by a licensed eye care practitioner, a medical/ osteopathic physician, or the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Once you have completed the online registration / pre-enrollment process, please scan or email the student(s) birth certificate with the raised seal, up-to-date immunization records, and proof of residency (your property tax statement if you own your home, or two (2) of the following: 1. lease; 2. utility bill; or 3. checkbook — all of which must have your name and address on them) to D'Anne Golub at golubd@glcomets.net. Upon receipt of all required documentation, you will receive a telephone call to verify the information provided in Registration Gateway during the online registration / pre-enrollment process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call D'Anne at 517.925.5447.

**GRAND LEDGE IS HIRING**

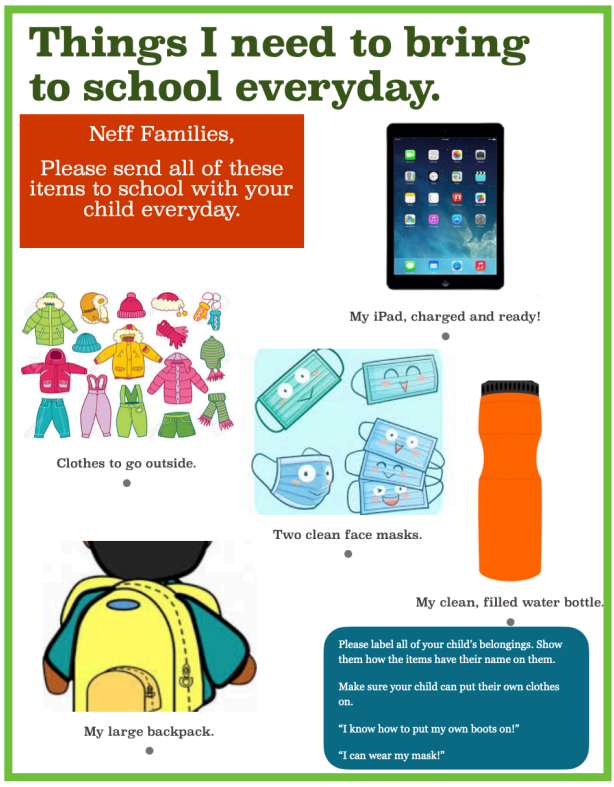
Teacher Assistant jobs open district-wide ... HIRING IMMEDIATELY!

* Starts at $10.75/hr. with step increases after the probationary period

* Paid Time Off, 10 days/year after probationary period

* Paid Holidays

Call Human Resources at 517-925-5406 or apply at GLcomets.net/Jobs




**MEDICATION AT SCHOOL**

If your child needs to have emergency medication in school (Epi Pen, Rescue Inhalers, etc) please make sure to follow these guidelines:

1. Please provide signed and dated medical forms. Theses can be found at **https://www.glcomets.net/parentcommunityresources/** Under School Health Information & Forms.
2. An adult must always transport the medication to and from school.
3. Please call the office at 517-925-5740 to set up a time to drop the medication off.

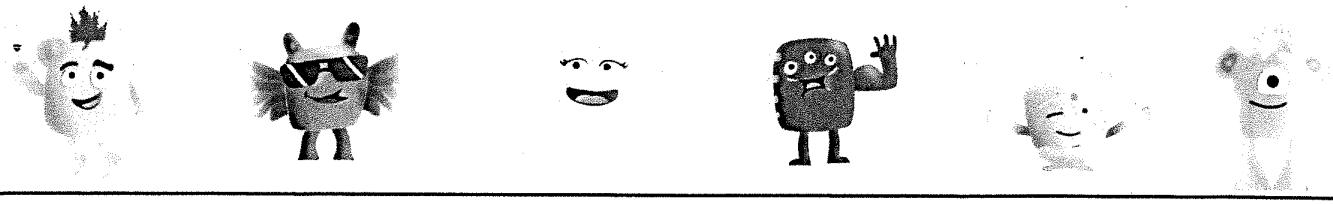
Thank you so much for your help with this important matter.

**DRESS FOR THE WEATHER**

At this time of year, we can have cooler temperatures in the morning and warmer temperatures in the afternoon. Movement and recess time are very important components of a Kindergarten day. Therefore, your child will be going outside in all types of temperatures. Please be sure to send a jacket with your child for those morning recess breaks. Also, we ask that your child wear shoes that protect their feet. Sandals and flip flops are not the best shoes for gym or playing/running on the playground. In addition, we could still see some snow! Please listen for the weather reports and help your child dress appropriately.

A KILLER PARTY
A MURDER MYSTERY MUSICAL
GRAND LEDGE
MUSICAL THEATRE
GRAND LEDGE
MUSICAL THEATRE
STREAMING ONLINE
APRIL 9-11, 2021
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT GLMUSICALS.NET
Also available ON DEMAND through April 18

2021 GRAND LEDGE PARKS SURVEY
Love OUR PARKS?
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM you!
GrandLedgeParkSurvey.com



# GLPS Neff Menu - April 2021 Lunch

The USDA has extended a waiver through the entire 2020-21 school year that allows all student meals to be free. All meals include milk.

| 5-Apr | 6-Apr | 7-Apr | 8-Apr | 9-Apr |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cheese Pizza Bites<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Seasoned Green Beans<br>White Milk | Chicken Nuggets<br>Dinner Roll<br>Pears<br>Seasoned Corn<br>White Milk | French Toast Sticks<br>Sausage Patty / Syrup<br>Pineapple Tidbits<br>Potato Smiles<br>White Milk | Hamburger<br>Diced Peaches<br>Seasoned Carrots<br>White Milk | |
| **12-Apr** | **13-Apr** | **14-Apr** | **15-Apr** | **16-Apr** |
| Soft Beef Taco<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Seasoned Corn<br>White Milk | Galaxy Cheese Pizza<br>Diced Peaches<br>Seasoned Green Beans<br>White Milk | Boneless Chicken Wings<br>Goldfish Crackers<br>Diced Pears<br>Seasoned Carrots<br>White Milk | Maple Waffles<br>2 sausage links<br>Fresh Apple Slices<br>Hash browns<br>White Milk | |
| **19-Apr** | **20-Apr** | **21-Apr** | **22-Apr** | **23-Apr** |
| French Toast Sticks<br>Egg Patty<br>Fresh Apple Slices<br>Tator Tots<br>White Milk | Ham & Cheese Chef Salad<br>Roll & Butter<br>Diced Peaches<br>Fresh Celery<br>White Milk | Crispy Chicken Patty<br>Sandwich<br>Diced Pears<br>Seasoned Carrots<br>White Milk | Cheese Pizza Bites<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Seasoned Green beans<br>White Milk | |
| **26-Apr** | **27-Apr** | **28-Apr** | **29-Apr** | **30-Apr** |
| Cheeseburger<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Seasoned Green Beans<br>**Turkey, Cheese, Cracker Lunch Kit**<br>Carrot Sticks<br>Diced Pears | Mini Confetti Pancakes<br>2 sausage links<br>Fresh Apple Slices<br>Potato Smiles<br>**Turkey, Cheese, Cracker Lunch Kit**<br>Carrot Sticks<br>Diced Pears | Galaxy Cheese Pizza<br>Applesauce<br>Seasoned Green Peas<br>**Turkey, Cheese, Cracker Lunch Kit**<br>Carrot Sticks<br>Diced Pears | Chicken Tenders<br>Dinner Roll<br>Pears<br>Seasoned Corn<br>**Turkey, Cheese, Cracker Lunch Kit**<br>Carrot Sticks<br>Diced Pears | |

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**GLPS HEALTH HOTLINE FOR COVID REPORTING**

**(517) 925-5725** *Call to report COVID-19 test results &/or exposures. Call your school too.*

# Grand Ledge Public Schools

*A Community Committed to Excellence*

# Family COVID-19 Screener

***Families are expected to check children daily. Children must stay home if they are experiencing one or more of the following symptoms*** *(if symptoms are not related to other known or diagnosed medical conditions):*

**Fever.** *Fever of 100.4 degrees or above or signs of a fever (chills/sweating).*

**Vomiting, Diarrhea, or Abdominal Pain.**

**Sore Throat.**

**Cough.** *New uncontrolled cough.*

**Headache.** *New onset of severe headache.*

**Difficulty Breathing.**
*For students with asthma, a change from their baseline breathing.*

***Children should stay home if they are in quarantine due to exposure to an individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19.***

*Thank You! Your help keeping everyone safe is appreciated!*

*Family COVID-19 Screener follows the guidance of the Barry-Eaton District Health Department. Version 1.26.2021.*

RED CEDAR WRITING PROJECT

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

# Spartan Writing Camp 2021

**FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

## CAMPS INCLUDE:

- Royalty
- Wizarding World of Harry Potter
- Journaling
- Exercising our Imaginations
- Storybook STEAM
- Postcards from My Imagination
- Unplugged Coding Through Storytelling
- Writing Sense-Sations
- Writing Responses to *Seedfolk*
- Exploring the Circus
- Take Action Through Writing
- It's all about Perspective
- Writing in the Wild

## DATES & TIMES:

Week of June 21
Week of June 28
Week of July 12
Week of July 19

One Hour
Two Hour &
Three Hour Camps Available

FOR FULL SCHEDULE & PRICING VISIT RCWP.MSU.EDU

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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

# Greenrock Writers Retreat 2021

## HIGH SCHOOL WRITING WORKSHOP

## ABOUT GREENROCK

Greenrock Writers Retreat is a virtual four-day camp for high school students with a passion for writing. Workshops are designed to encourage participants to view writing as both personally meaningful and pleasurable, as well as to improve student writing ability.

Participants are immersed in a community of writers, spending four days writing and working with National Writing Project Teacher-Consultants.

## DATES & TIMES

Virtually
July 12th -16th

Author Celebration:
Sunday @ 6pm
July 16th

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# Grand Ledge Area District Library

## - APRIL 2021 -

**We offer several ways to get library materials — Curb Service, Outdoor Locker Pickup, and In-Library Access. Not sure what you would like? Call us at 517-627-7014 for assistance.**

**While visiting the library, masks and safe social distancing are required. We thank you for your understanding and for helping us stay open to serve our community! For more info visit our website at gladl.org**

## CELEBRATE NATIONAL POETRY MONTH | APRIL 1 - 30

**Featured Poets**
Hear original poetry read by the poets themselves. Premieres on our **Facebook page**, like and follow us so you don't miss out!

**Voices of Michigan Poets & Friends LIVE on Zoom!**
**Thursday April 29 | 6pm – 8pm**
Virtually meet poets, hear exciting poems, and interact with the poets at a Q&A. Hosted by Lansing Poet Laureate Dr. Laura Apol.

**Write a Poem for our "Poet-Tree"!** Spring is "leafing-out" with Poems! Visit GLADL all month long to read the poems on display and contribute one of your own. Writing supplies available, or bring your completed poem. G rated content, please.

**Poetry from Our Shelves, Sundays | 3pm**
Join us on our Facebook page each week as we share a timely poem selected from our shelves!

## $MART MONEY MI KIDS READ EVENTS | APRIL 1 - 30

**$mart Money MI Kids Read Storytimes**
**April 6 @ 11am (In-Person) & April 9 @ 11am (Virtual)---** Kids have fun and learn with Chummy the Bunny in the story "Give It"! Enjoy these special in person virtual & storytimes, take home a FREE book from the storytime!

**$mart Money MI Kids Read Book Giveaway | April 6 @ 12pm**
Take home a free Storytime kit with the book "Give It" and fun activities. 1 kit per family, while supplies last.

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK EVENTS | APRIL 4 - 10

**Your Photo on a READ Poster**
**April 7 | 6pm - 7:30pm**
Celebrate reading by getting you or your young reader's photo taken for a READ poster. We'll create a special 8.5x11 or 11x17 READ Poster while you browse in the library. Digital images are free, and for a $3/$5 donation to the Friends of the Library you can have your own printed copy to keep!

## "D.E.A.R" -- DROP EVERYTHING AND READ EVENTS

**"Bookworms" for Bookworms! April 1 - 12**
When you checkout a book, get a treat to enjoy while you read! Kids get gummy "bookworms", adults get a special tea to enjoy!

**D.E.A.R.: Drop Everything and Read | April 12 @ 12pm**
Live on **GLADL's Facebook Page**, join us to wish Beverly Cleary a happy 105th birthday, and see if Beezus and Ramona make a surprise visit!

**"April Showers" Umbrella Hunt Game**
**April 1 - April 30**
Can you find the "umbrella" hidden somewhere in the library? Let a librarian know where it is and get a treat!

**Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt**
**Thursday April 1 | 7pm - 8:30pm**
Children may find up to 3 eggs each in our Children's Department and keep the eggs & the treats inside!

**Make A Silly Story with GLAD-Libs!**
**New story available each month**
Pick up (or download on gladl.org/curiousgladl) our "GLAD-Libs Silly Story Sheet" & be super silly and creative! Bring it in or send a photo to gladlprogramming@gmail.com so we can share!

**GLADL Book Features**
**Mondays | 3pm**
Hear about exciting new releases, books by theme and more—some favorites from our staff! New content posted every Monday on our Facebook page & on gladl.org

***In-Person* Preschool Storytime Returns!**
**Tuesdays | 11 am**
Preschool Storytime for 3-6 year-olds with their young siblings, parents or caregivers. Stories, songs, and literacy enhancing activities include: read stories and talk about them, sing, learn rhymes and fingerplays. We'll be following all current safety guidelines for masks & social distancing – we'd love to see you!

**Virtual Preschool Storytime**
**Fridays | 11am**
Hard to get out to a Library Storytime? Families and young children can join Ms. Carol and Ms. Danielle virtually each week for fun stories, puppets, songs and activities at gladl.org/earlyliteracy

***In-Person* Switch Gaming**
**Tuesday April 6 | 6 - 8 pm**
Grab your Nintendo Switch, or come play ours! We'll choose from our selection of Switch Games, including Mario Kart, Splatoon 2, Super Smash Bros Ultimate, Luigi's Mansion 3 and more!

**Virtual Trivia Challenge on Kahoot!**
**Friday April 9 & 23**
Do you love trivia? Play our fun games! Needs NO APP! Go to our Event Calendar and click "Start the Challenge!"

**Community Care & Share April 21 | 7 - 7:45 pm**
**Care & Share items accepted April 5 - 24**
Join us on Zoom for the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting as we showcase the creativity of our community! **We are collecting cards, posters, and goodies created by you!** The Friends will be delivering them to essential workers & seniors in our community to show that Grand Ledge and the Library cares! Learn more about the Friends at gladl.org/friends -- Special bonus for those in attendance, a drawing for a Meijer Gift Card!

## Take-Home Crafts

Make a fun craft with our kits! Or flex your science muscles! Check out our online instructions at **gladl.org/curiousgladl** to craft and explore along with us!

**Spring Wreath** -- Kit available April 9
**Spring Seeds STEM Craft** -- Kit available April 16
**Black-out Poetry (For Teens/Adults)** -- Kit available April 23

**Be sure to check our website gladl.org and our Event Calendar for more information!**

*Thank You*

# FRONTLINE WORKERS

**Community Care & Share April 21 | 7 - 7:45 pm**

Make a card to show you care!
Join us on Zoom as we showcase the creativity in our community!
**See gladl.org for more details!**

## TALK Make any time learning time!

**TALK:** about letter sounds while you wait. How many things can your child see that start with the p sound? People, paper, purple.

# Text TALK to 75547

Get messages with fun activities to help prepare your little one for school success. For more information visit texttolearn.com.

Grand Ledge Area District Library
131 E. Jefferson St. Grand Ledge, MI | 517-627-7014 | gladl.org

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# HELPFUL TIPS & INFO ON iPADS, APPS & LINKS FOR NEFF STUDENTS

## PRIMARY APPS USED AT NEFF

### BUZZ

If you are getting an error message such as “cookies need to be authenticated” when you click on links in Buzz, make sure you have turned off both “Prevent Cross-Site Tracking” and “Block Pop-ups” in Safari. Click here for a “how-to” video.

If you get a “403 Error” message in Buzz click here for video instructions on fixing that error.

### IXL

You can now sign in using your students Google Account. Click the green “Sign in” rectangle and from there use blue “Sign in with Google” to use your student’s Google email and password. Click here for video instructions on how to sign in to IXL.

### SEESAW CLASS

You should be able to access Seesaw through Buzz. If not, use the Seesaw App and select “I’m a Student” and click the blue box that says “Google/Email Sign In” at the bottom, then choose the white Sign in with Google box at the top. Click here for a “How to log into Seesaw” video.

### ZOOM

Teachers will share Zoom links with families, usually through Buzz.

If your **student’s name** is not appearing during their Zoom session, click here for how-to video to permanently change it.
If your camera isn’t working in Zoom, close out of all windows and apps.

## ADDITIONAL APPS USED AT NEFF

### ABC MOUSE

Teachers will share the student's login and unique 2 picture passcode with you.
Video link on how to login:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_J6FYYE-bV2flDZyLI5d_ChHqxoV6O75/view?usp=sharing

### ConnectED

This app uses your student’s GL Google Account Email and password.

### EPIC

Access using EPIC Class Codes shared by your teacher. Epic is free from 7 am to 4 pm.
Here’s a how-to-use video:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Xdgf7JfSnt8HQcpeGVXN4YG-WTyStA36/view?usp=sharing

### SEESAW FAMILY

To get into the parent side of Seesaw, families need to download the Seesaw Family App on their personal device and then enter Family Codes shared by your classroom teacher.

### STARFALL

Click on Authorize Device in upper left, answer the math?, enter the Login info and click Authorize Device. This information is saved after the first login. Starfall Email: cockroftn@glcomets.net
Password: NE950

### LIBRARY APPS & ACCESS

Three apps have been added to a folder called Library on your student’s iPad.

Using their Grand Ledge Area District Library card, students can check out books online through either Hoopla or Overdrive.

Using their GLADL library card number, students can access Bookflix giving students immediate and unlimited access to read books or watch stories published by Scholastic.

# iPAD or APP Issues?

Following the “Five Step Fix” resolves most issues on iPads.

## Video link to view the Five Step Fix:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mKqgoiAAj1QJeHrCu4lz4qkh95ffs3fl/view?usp=sharing

## “FIVE STEP FIX” INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Close out of all apps and windows by pressing the home button twice and swipe up on each icon one at a time until all windows are closed and you return to the main screen.
2. In the Apple Apps folder go to Settings, check to make sure that **both** the *Prevent Cross-Site Tracking* and *Block Pop-Ups* settings in the Safari App are turned **OFF** and the slider is gray. You may also want to do Steps 3 & 4 before you leave the Settings App.
3. Clear History and cached Data. While still in the Settings App under Safari, choose the blue words Clear History and Website Data. You will get a prompt that confirms you want to clear data, click the red words to confirm. You will need to re-enter your student’s Google Login info after clearing history and data. This often helps resolve Buzz and Zoom issues.
4. Turning the Wifi Off and On again will also often help resolve some issues. In Settings App click Wi-Fi and to the right side at top, click on slider to turn WiFi Off and then slide it back On again. Wait until the iPad has reconnected to your WiFi before exiting Settings.
5. After doing the above 4 steps, Power the iPad Off and then power it back On again.
   (The Power button is on top right, hold until you get the option at the top to “Slide to Power Off.” After a minute or so press the and hold the power button to start the device again.

# Battery Problems?

To preserve battery life go to Settings go to General and to the right click on Background App Refresh and turn it off (gray button). **Video link to turn off Background App Refresh**

**https://drive.google.com/file/d/18eulL3Kg976940qqDNkn_dOoDSHkMh4W/view?usp=sharing**

# Need Additional Assistance?

## *Neff & Holbrook Help Desk Ticket Form*

Click on the following link to access the Neff Help Desk Form
https://forms.gle/sSSpyhwbNUqDPfQ7A
Email: cockroftn@glcomets.net
Call: (517) 925-5625

## Hotspot Connection Information:

T-Mobile Configuration: Connection SSID: GLPS#### Connection Password: GLComets!

## Hotspot Issues or Problems:

For issues or problems with T-Mobile Hotspots issued by the District.
**Call T-Mobile Customer Support at 844-341-4834 (Families/Students/Parents)**
Or Email: hotspot@glcomets.net

**General Hotspot troubleshooting steps:**

- Place the Hotspot near an outside wall/window of the home away from appliances (TVs, Microwaves, etc.).
- Pull out the battery to do a hard reset to see if it solves connectivity issues. Leave the battery out for about two minutes before putting it back in and reconnecting it with the device.

## Internet/Hotspot Requests:

Please request Internet assistance for your student at: https://www.glcomets.net/techrequest

**Mulliken District Library**
135 Main St. Mulliken MI
517.649.8611
mulldistlib@gmail.com
Monday & Friday 1pm - 6pm
Tuesday & Thursday 3pm - 8pm

# April 2021 Library News

FOLLOW

***Sewing Camp April 5th, 6th & 8th has been canceled due to the high COVID numbers. We hope to be able to do this event again this Summer.***

**April 5th, our April Reading Challenge Begins. You can download the challenge on our website or grab a copy at the library. The reading challenge ends April 30th. Anyone is welcome to join throughout the month.**

**April 15th is Take a Wild Guess Day! Stop in and look at our "Wild Guess" station, but only if you are feeling super brave and want to test your "intuitive knowledge."**

**April 22nd Earth Day. Together let's save our beautiful planet. Plant a tree or flowers, or pick up trash from the side of the road. Do anything that helps save planet Earth. Sharing is caring, so share a picture with us of your Earth Day activity.**

**What's poppin'?! Popcorn is back at the library! Stop in on Thursdays for freshly popped popcorn.**

HTTPS://THELITERACYLADIES.NET/SUMMER-READING-CAMP