WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEFF KINDERGARTEN

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Mrs. Kelly Smith, Principal

November 22, 2019

Dates to Remember

Nov 25-29 Thanksgiving Break No School

Dec 2 School Starts

Dec 10 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm

Dec 23 - Jan 3 No School Winter Break

Jan 6 School Starts

Jan 14 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm

Jan 17 No school in afternoon

Jan 20 No School - MLK Day

Feb 11 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm

Feb 12 Count Day

Feb 17 No School President's Day

Feb 21 No School PM

Feb 25 Conferences 5:00-8:00

Feb 27 Conferences 5:00-8:00

Feb 28 No School PM Conference 12:30-3:30

Mar 10 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm

Mar 27 to Apr 3 Spring Break

Apr 6 Classes Resume

Apr 14 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm

May 12 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm

Jun 3 1/2 Day - Last Day

School District Calendar online at www.glcomets.net

PRINCIPAL'S PRIDE

Happy Thanksgiving! I hope everyone will have a restful and fun week with family and friends. This is a time for us to reflect and think about the things for which we are thankful! I am so very thankful for the entire staff, the students, and parents of Neff. We all work together to create the best teaching and learning environment possible!

The teachers and students have been working very hard to develop a routine here at school. We are now going to have a week off, so this will be a disruption to everyone's routine. This change in routine can impact moods and behaviors of your child. Keeping a child's sleeping and eating patterns as consistent as possible will be very helpful. I also encourage you to continue to read books and practice counting with your child during the break.

In addition, I hope you have time to do some of the following: play games, build with blocks, play outside, take walks, dance, sing a song, make a healthy snack, do a puzzle, draw/paint/color pictures, and/or make a craft. Have fun spending this special time with your child!

School will resume on Monday, December 2. Let's all wear our ABC shirts that day!

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN AFTER AN ILLNESS?

Many families wonder when can their child return after an illness. Certainly keep them home if they are lethargic or not acting like "normal". Here are a few guidelines that will help:

Fever - Your child can come back to school once they are fever free - without the aid of medicine - for 24 hours.

Vomiting or Diarrhea - Please keep your child home until they are symptom free for at least 24 hours.

If your child goes to the doctor please ask them to give you a note with their return date listed.

GLEAP DONORS

The Grand Ledge Emergency Assistance Program (GLEAP) is currently looking for additional donors to assist in providing a Christmas Food Basket for someone in our Grand Ledge School District community. If you, your family, or organization/group are interested in providing a basket to someone in need, please contact Mary at 626-2280 for information.

GRAND LEDGE ROBOTICS

Come watch the Grand Ledge Robotics Club for FREE! The GL Robotics Club -- made up of 50+ students from our elementary schools and middle school -- will be hosting our own tournament on December 7th at Beagle Elementary. The public is encouraged to come for FREE and see this fun competition. Learn more about the Grand Ledge Robotics Club or join our mailing list by emailing GrandLedgeRobotics@gmail.com.

GL Robotics Club

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

"Children's fear of the unknown includes everything from a suspicious new vegetable to a major change in their life. When children feel safe, they will be ready to take on new challenges. While this is reason enough to provide children with a routine, it also has another important developmental role. Structure and routine teach children how to regulate themselves" - Your Partner In Education, Nonprofit

Hello Neff Families!

As we begin the holiday season, I wanted to spend the next four weeks looking at the importance of routines and structure for kids both at school and at home. Breaks from school can be a fun, busy and exciting time for us all! The transition back and forth can be difficult for many of our students though. Keeping a consistent routine both at school and at home can help make that transition easier. For the next four weeks, we will be looking at ways that having routines helps our kids.

*Routines help eliminate power struggles and help kids cooperate more- Routines help reduce the anxiety and stress of everyone. Kids know what to expect. When warnings are given to signal the transitions into whatever that next thing is, that helps them even more. Routines also eliminate room for power struggles. When everyone knows that at this time, we brush teeth, get into our PJ's and read a book or that after lunch we do writing workshop, there isn't room for negotiating and bartering- this is just what we do!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We love your help! If you want to chaperone a field trip or volunteer in a class, you need approval prior to helping. It's very easy! Fill out the online form, and show your driver's license to your school secretary. Submit the form now & stop by soon. Visit GLcomets.net/volunteer

PTO LABEL FUNDRAISER

Keep all their gear organized and out of the Lost & Found! We've partnered with Emily Press Labels to help identify belongings so they return home.

Their personalized name labels are super durable, dishwasher and laundry safe.

- Slim labels for lunch boxes, water bottles and school supplies
- Shoe labels for runners, boots and sandals
- Clothing labels for jackets, uniforms, gym clothes and hats
- Lots of designs and labels to choose from online

Support our fundraiser! You must order through our special shopping link so we get the commission and help our fundraiser. Click here to shop >> www.emilypress.com/neff There is a flyer further down in this newsletter with information also.

Contact Amy at arnolda@glcomets.net if anyone has any questions about this fundraiser.

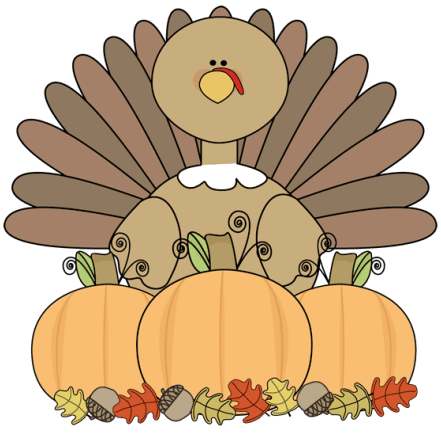
PUMPKIN SMOOTHIE RECIPE

Food Services at Grand Ledge Public Schools sampled pumpkin smoothies Tuesday, and many students loved them... and asked for the recipe so they could make their own pumpkin smoothie over Thanksgiving break. So here it is...

PUMPKIN SMOOTHIE
makes 3 - 8 oz. cups
1 cup apple juice
1 cup canned pumpkin
2 tbsp honey
1/8 tsp cinnamon
1/8 tsp ginger
1/8 tsp nutmeg
8 ounces vanilla yogurt
Whisk all ingredients together and serve.

NEFF PARKING LOT

The parking lot behind the Neff building is for staff parking only. Please do not use that lot for morning drop off or pick up of students. If you are transporting your child to school please park across Jenne St in the big parking lot and cross with the crossing guard. Our staff lot has only enough spots for the Neff staff and the extra added vehicles make it difficult for the staff to find a spot. Thank you for your help in the parking lot!



Come join us for the

Wacousta Elementary PTIA Holiday Craft Show

When: Saturday, December 14, 2019
from 10am-2pm

Where: 9135 Herbison Road, Eagle, MI 48822

The proceeds from the craft show will go towards assisting Wacousta teachers and students with additional learning materials and field trip funds.

There will be crafts, independent vendors, concessions, and raffle items!

Lots of *Great Gift* options!

Come support the school and local artists & vendors!

For more information:
Contact Tara Kopietz
tarakopietz@gmail.com

K9 Fundraiser

Help us meet the $15,000 goal and bring a K9 to GL!

BYE FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC

Online
GoFundMe
www.tinyurl.com/GLPDK9Support

In Person | By Mail

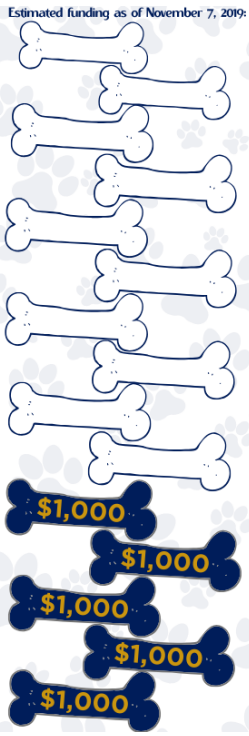
Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

CITY HALL
310 Greenwood Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

BYE FINANCIAL GROUP
1093 Charlevoix Drive
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Checks made payable to:
"Grand Ledge Police Department"

Estimated funding as of November 7, 2019:



COME ONE COME ALL!
LET'S CELEBRATE FALL AT

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

NOVEMBER 22, 2019 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
311 W 1ST ST, CHARLOTTE, MI 48813

WE WILL BE SCREENING BRENE BROWN: THE CALL TO COURAGE FOR PARENTS, FOLLOWED BY A FACILITATED DISCUSSION.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT THAT INCLUDES DINNER AND CHILDCARE. CHILDREN WILL BE ALSO BE MAKING HOLIDAY CRAFTS.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
http://bit.ly/RAISEpno

PRESENTED BY RAISE EATON REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY

Welcome to our Lost & Found!

Still searching for that sweater
or missing lunch container?

Label their gear so it doesn't end up here!

We've partnered with Emily Press Labels
to help identify belongings so they all return home.
These personalized name labels are super durable,
dishwasher, microwave and laundry safe.

Available in lots of cool designs and colors too!

- Slim labels
  - for lunches boxes, water bottles, school supplies
- Shoe labels
  - for runners, boots, sandals
- Iron-on & Tag-a-Tag™ labels
  - for clothing, jackets, uniforms

Keep all their gear organized with Emily Press Labels

emily press labels™
{stick with style}™

Order through our special fundraising link:
www.emilypress.com/neff

SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER

Shop small on November 30

This year, to support local businesses in Delta Township, the Delta Township District Library invites you to shop local for great prizes. On Saturday, November 30, 2019, shop at area businesses and look for entry forms provided by the library. Return the entry form to the library by Sunday, December 8, and you will be entered in a drawing for a $25 gift certificate from a participating business.

For more details, visit dtdl.org

Reading with the Animals

Sat, Dec 14 **10:30 a.m.**

All ages. Potter Park Zoo is bringing live animals to the library! Meet and learn about some of the zoo's animals and listen to animal stories. Each child will also receive a free book.

Winter Teen Volunteers

DTDL is looking for teen volunteers to assist with youth programs and around the library. Volunteering at the library is fun, great experience for future jobs, and can be counted as community service hours. Teens must be age 12-18 to volunteer. Applications will be available starting December 2 for the winter session; stop by the Youth Desk at the library to pick one up or go online at dtdl.org. The deadline to apply is December 29.

Call 517-321-4014 x3 for more information.

Library Hours

Monday – Thursday
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday
12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

517-321-4014
dtdl.org
@deltatwplibrary

Holiday Hours

Thanksgiving	
Wed, Nov 27	close at 4:00 p.m.
Thu, Nov 28	closed
Fri, Nov 29	closed
Christmas	
Tue, Dec 24	closed
Wed, Dec 25	closed
New Year	
Tue, Dec 31	close at 4:00 p.m.
Wed, Jan 1	closed

Toys for Tots

Mon, Nov 11 – Sun, Dec 1

The library will be a drop off location for a new, unwrapped toy through December 1.

For more information on library events, visit dtdl.org.

Upcoming Events:

Escape Room: November 21st -22nd and 25th and 26th

On November 21st – 26th, our next Escape Room, *Thanksgiving Dinner Dilemma*, will be available. It's almost time for Thanksgiving, and Grandma has misplaced the key to the super-secret recipe box. Can you find the key so the cooking and feasting can go on as scheduled? Sign-up is available online or at the library. You MUST sign-up to reserve your spot, the event is FREE!

November 14th Book Talk and Signing with Lara Alspaugh at 6pm

We are welcoming local author Lara Alspaugh for a book talk & signing on November 14th at 6pm. We have all of her books in our collection available for check out. Lara will also have a limited number of books available for purchase. Sign-up at the library or online. Hope to see you there!

Christmas In Mulliken: December 7th 10am – 4pm

It is the most wonderful time of the year to buy gifts from your local small business owners and crafters. On December 7th from 10am – 4pm, come to the Masonic Temple for our 2nd Annual Christmas in Mulliken. Sign-up to be a vendor online or at the library. Save the date!

Gingerbread House Decorating Party December 19th at 6pm

Join us on December 19th at 6:00pm for our Gingerbread House party. Please, sign-up online or at the library. There is a small fee of $5 per gingerbread house.

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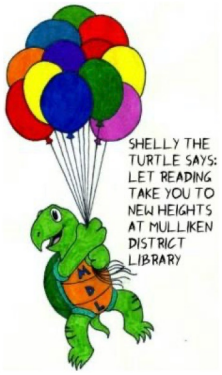

Contact Information:
135 Main St. Mulliken MI 48861
Director: Dawn Hufnagel | Assistant Director: Bryonna Barton
Phone: (517)649-8611 | Website: www.mullikendistrictlibrary.org | Email: mulldistlib@gmail.com

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Hosted by:
MSU Women in Engineering Recruitment and K-12 Outreach

This event is FREE!

Who: Kindergarten-4th graders
What: Hands-on STEM activities
When: November 23, 2019 1:00-4:00pm
Check-in 12:30-1:00pm
Where: MSU Engineering Building & Anthony Hall
Why: To have fun learning about
Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math!

Register Online at:
www.egr.msu.edu/wie/k-12/programs-outreach

Registration is required and students must be chaperoned.
Chaperones may bring up to three students.
Registration deadline is November 8, 2019
OR until maximum capacity is reached.

Questions? Contact us at wie-outreach@egr.msu.edu
or 517-432-1273

Sponsored by: Fisher Scientific, Sparrow Health System, Eaton, MSU IT Services

In achieving its goals, the Women in Engineering program does not unlawfully discriminate. All events and programs are open to students of all genders.

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School Closing Protocol

Regular attendance is important to a student's ongoing success in school and we expect that, when school is in session, students will be actively engaged in learning. However, because we live in Michigan, and our winter weather is sometimes unpredictable, Grand Ledge Public Schools has established the following guidelines for decisions related to inclement weather. You may refer to these guidelines when you have questions about possible school closings/delays.

The decision to close or delay school due to inclement weather is a very difficult and serious undertaking. Decisions to close school for any reason are made in a thoughtful and deliberative process and, specifically, these decisions are made in response to the safety of students and staff members.

If the weather predictions are severe, we attempt to announce a school closing the night before. However, more likely a school closing decision won't be made until the middle of the night - usually no later than 5:30 a.m.

Factors taken into consideration when deciding whether to close/delay schools include:

- Information from the National Weather Service (NOAA);
- Amount and type of projected precipitation;
- Local weather forecasts, including start and stop times;
- Ability to clear parking lots and sidewalks around school buildings;
- Street (highway, residential and rural roads), and bus stop conditions;
- Freezing rain and the effect on roads, power lines and tree limbs;
- Wind and wind chill; along with overall temperature;
- Bus capability to start/run due to extreme cold or unplowed streets;
- Driving conditions; are they hazardous for buses, students, staff;
- Poor visibility due to fog, or blowing snow
- Water, power or phone outages within the district

Leaders in the Grand Ledge Public Schools Administrative team closely monitor national, state, and local weather forecasts. At all times, the safety of our students and staff is the foundation for this team's conversations and decisions. The district's administrators are routinely out driving the roads beginning as early as 3:00 a.m. to assess road conditions within the Grand Ledge Public Schools' community. It is important to remember, the Grand Ledge School District covers almost 120 square miles, many of these are rural areas.

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The Administrative team also maintains regular communication with neighboring districts. Area superintendents remain in close contact beginning with the first prediction of inclement weather, often having conversations the day before and again in the middle of the night when foul weather seems certain. While there is an effort to keep decisions consistent across the region, each district must weigh many factors unique to their district. Therefore, there may be times Grand Ledge Public Schools is closed, while another district remains open. Finally, decisions concerning the cancellation of athletic or other extra-curricular events will be made with input from the appropriate school administrators/directors.

Early Dismissal

Grand Ledge Public Schools will generally not close once school is in session due to supervision concerns. Specifically, the district would not want to endanger a student by transporting a student by bus to his/her home, in the middle of a snowstorm, when there is no guarantee a parent received notification of the early dismissal and/or that the parent or other adult is home to let that child in out of the cold.

However, on an extremely rare occasion, it may be necessary to close a school during the day due to loss of power, loss of water or other non-weather emergency situation. Parents are reminded to provide the school office with up-to-date emergency telephone numbers to ensure our ability to notify them if this should be necessary.

Communication

An automated phone call to all Grand Ledge students and staff is typically the preferred method of communication. However, notification of school closings because of inclement weather will also be posted on the district's website, as well as published on Twitter and Facebook. Additionally, local TV or radio stations may also post or announce closings/delays. If we have an SMS text phone number for you on file and you desire to receive SMS text messages from your child's school – including, but not limited to, notifications about school closings – please text "yes" to 67587.

School closing, school delays, and early release decisions are not easy. Your child's education is important and we want to provide learning opportunities on as many days as possible. Almost always, some people will agree with the decision that is made, and others will not.

Please know these decisions are not made lightly. Rather, the decision to close school, for any reason, is made through a thoughtful and deliberative process. And, most importantly, these decisions are made with concern for the safety of students and staff.

updated Nov. 5, 2019

Popcorn Days

Minimum 25 cent donation
1 bag per child

All money sent in with your child stays directly
in your child's classroom!
Popcorn supplies provided by Neff PTO

Popcorn Dates:

September 19
October 17
November 14
December 12
January 16
February 20
March 19
April 16

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Ken Clark's Coat Closet

501 S. Clinton St. · Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Ken's Coat Closet has been serving many years as a clothing bank for the Grand Ledge community. Our mission has been twofold: 1. Providing free clothing, personal care items, and other items to the Grand Ledge Community. 2. Provide a work-based learning environment for special education students in our Giving Eaton County Kids Opportunities (GECKO) program.

Ken's Coat Closet is open to all members of the community for picking up things or dropping off donations:

Monday:	*10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*
Tuesday:	*10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*
Wednesday:	*10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*
Thursday:	*10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*
Friday:	*10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

If these times are not convenient please email us to schedule a time that will work: kenscoatcloset@gmail.com.

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