WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEFF KINDERGARTEN

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Mrs. Kelly Smith, Principal

December 13, 2019

Dates to Remember

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

We would like to thank you for your help in keeping the students and staff healthy at Neff. We appreciate the fact you have kept your children home when they were sick or not yet fever or symptom free for 24 hours. In addition, we have practiced and continued to teach the importance of good hand washing.

All of the students will have an opportunity to visit Santa on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. We would like to thank the PTO for helping to make this possible. Please be sure to read your child's newsletter for the days and times of the special visit and classroom party.

In addition, the staff and students are going to have a sing-a-long Friday afternoon. This will be a special time for all of us to be together and celebrate the holiday season. Due to time constraints and for safety purposes, we will not be able to have parents attend! Thank you for understanding.

Friday, December 20th will be the last day of school before the holiday break. School will resume on Monday, January 6th.

Enjoy the weekend!

LIBRARY AND BOOKS

As you know our school recently experienced an unusually high number of absences due to illness. On Thursday and Friday our school was thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. However, with over 10,000 books in our library we cannot be reasonably assured that every book is disinfected.

Therefore in order to minimize any continuing health risk, students will not be checking out library books for the next two weeks. We will continue to have library and story time together each week! So please be aware that your students will not be bringing home library books even if they have returned their book.

We appreciate your support and understanding. If you have any questions about this or other Library matters, please call me at (517) 925-5625 or send me an email at cockroftn@glcomets.net.

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.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

As the Neff School Counselor, part of my job is small group counseling for students. The first round of groups are coming to an end and I will be starting new rounds after winter break.
Small groups have six or sevens sessions depending on the group. Each session is 30 minutes with 4-5 kids from various classes.
We work on learning skills, applying them and being able to communicate our thoughts and feelings.
For the round of groups that will start after winter break, you can refer you child. I run emotional self-regulation, problem solving, family changes, grief/loss, social skills, and school skills groups. I can also run other groups if you see a different need in your child. Referral doesn't guarantee that they will be placed in a group but I do try my best to make room for all students.
You can refer your student by:
Filling out this form: https://forms.gle/PvMSYYb6xmvzRQFV6
Calling me at: 517-925-5331
Emailing me at: reika@glcomets.net

Here is our weekly Counselor's Corner article:
"One of the best ways we can enhance self-esteem in a child is by setting up predictable routines. When a child knows what to expect, they will eventually have the confidence to take the initiative to do things for themselves. Confidence is built when expectations are known."
Hello Neff Families! Hopefully this newsletter is finding you all healthy. This week we will continue talking about how routines and structure at school and home help our kids.
*Routines help kids take charge and increase confidence- Kids love being in charge of themselves, making choices for themselves and feeling accomplished. When they have a routine that they know, they are eventually able to carry it out with less and less help from others or reminders needed. This helps them feel independent, increases their feelings of competence, and encourages them to try new and difficult things.

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.

SEEKING ARTISTIC STUDENTS

Love to draw? See your design on a Grand Ledge team teeshirt!
Grand Ledge's Destination Imagination program, the Clever Comets, is seeking designs for its team shirts they wear at competition. Send us a drawing that YOU designed! If your design is selected, you will receive a $25 gift card AND a t-shirt with your design for you to wear!
DI promotes students using their creativity in science, technology, art, engineering and math, so we want a shirt that reflects exactly that.
Here are the requirements for the design:
• A clean, simple, bold design – get creative!
• Use maximum THREE colors – two for ink, one would be the t-shirt color
• Include the name Clever Comets
• Can be in electronic or hard copy format
Do NOT use the words Destination Imagination anywhere in the shirt design.
Adults - We want this to be a student design, so please refrain from "helping." Once the design is selected, Clever Comets members and organizers will work with the artist to finalize the design.
Submit designs to Pakkala@comcast.net by Monday, January 6. Include the student's name and their contact parent's name, phone number and email address.

SANTA AT WILLOW TREE FAMILY CENTER

Please join the Willow Tree Family Center (located at 3333 S Pennsylvania, Lansing) at a special event designed to heighten diversity awareness this Christmas season. This event is also sponsored by Blue Cross Complete of Michigan.
Please check out their Facebook page for more information at
https://www.facebook.com/events/450888598876073/
It is important for children to see a Santa who reflects their ethnicity, or who can challenge their notions of what Santa should look like. This event will encourage inclusivity and provide an opening for you to talk to your child about racial harmony.
Take a picture with Santa with A McCabe Photography, do fun crafts, write a letter to Santa and enjoy balloon art by Chris. Cookies and beverages provided. Each child gets a ticket to our raffle for prizes, more tickets at be purchased at the event.
This is a free event for the whole family but Willow Tree Family Center will take donations if you are able.

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

Stop Germs! Stay Healthy! Wash Your Hands

WHEN?

- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone who is sick
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the toilet
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- After handling pet food or pet treats
- After touching garbage

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important things we can do to stop the spread of germs and stay healthy.

HOW?

- **Wet** your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
- **Lather** your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
- **Scrub** your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
- **Rinse** hands well under clean, running water.
- **Dry** hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

For more details on handwashing, visit CDC's Handwashing Website at www.cdc.gov/handwashing

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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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

Winter Break @ the Library

December 23, 26-31 & January 2-5

All ages. Looking for something to do during school break? We'll have drop-in crafty activities for families each day, Minecraft is available on all of our computers, and our play area is always open.

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

Christmas	
Tue, Dec 24	closed
Wed, Dec 25	closed
New Year	
Tue, Dec 31	close at 4:00 p.m.
Wed, Jan 1	closed

Musical Theatre Workshop

What is It?

Modeled after the world-famous Young Americans' workshop, this event offers students in 3rd -8th grades a chance to meet, rehearse and perform with Grand Ledge High School musical theatre students.

The students who participate in the workshop will learn fun musical pieces complete with choreography, have a chance to take part in real auditions, immerse themselves in a special workshop of their choice and hang out with the top performing artists at the high school. Also, at the conclusion of the event, students will demonstrate what they have learned and perform along with the high school directors in an amazing show for family and friends.

Special Workshops

Each student will participate in one special workshop of their choice. Options include Dance, Acting, Stage Combat, Tumbling and Vocal Technique. Please list your students first, second and third choice on their registration form. Although we do our best to accommodate your choice, due to space limitations, we cannot guarantee every student will get his or her first-choice workshop. We will fill workshop spots based on when your registration is received.

Cost to Participate: $70

The cost to participate includes high quality instruction by the high school performers throughout the two-day event, snacks both days, dinner on Saturday, a T-shirt and free admission for family and friends to the Saturday night performance! Please email with any questions you may have to clarkt@glcomets.net

Please visit our website to register!

www.GLMusicals.net

Schedule and What to Bring

Friday January 24

5:00 pm – Check in at the GLHS Auditorium Lobby

9:00 pm – First day over. Pick up students at the GLHS Auditorium Lobby

Wear comfy clothes for dancing. Bring a labeled water bottle. A snack will be provided

Saturday January 25

9:00 am – Check in at the GLHS Auditorium Lobby
Note: students who sign up on Friday for a vocal solo audition will need to arrive at 8am

Wear comfy clothes and shoes for dancing. Bring a sack lunch and a labeled water bottle. A snack and dinner will be provided. Students should bring black pants/shorts for the final performance.

7:30 pm – The Workshop Performance.
FREE Admission!

Upcoming Events:

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. Money and sign-up are due by December 16th.

Winter Reading Program December 23rd – March 19, 2020

Winter Reading will begin December 23rd and run through March 19th. Read books, win cool prizes, and watch our paper chain grow around the library. Don't let those pesky winter blues ruin your fun, brighten up your winter at the library. The snowflakes are falling, and the books are calling!

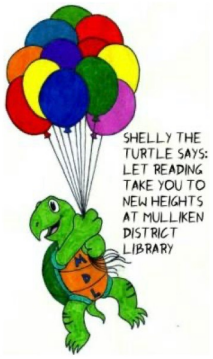
Winter Break Movie Nights December 27th and 30th at 3:30pm

December 27th: Movie – Elf | Rating – PG | Runtime – 95 minutes
December 30th: Movie- Abominable | Runtime- 92min | Rating: PG

Library Holiday Closure Dates:

December 24th – 26th
December 31st – January 2nd

Happy Holiday's



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

Follow us on social media: facebook Instagram

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

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

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YOUR SUMMER STARTS HERE

Camp Invention® is a nationally acclaimed summer program where STEM concepts come to life. Children entering grades K-6 **gain confidence** as they participate in **hands-on activities** inspired by world-changing National Inventors Hall of Fame® Inductees! Our 2020 program activities are ALL NEW, **led by experienced local educators** and grouped by grade level.

CREATE

Become a confident entrepreneur as you sketch, prototype, protect and pitch the next great invention.

COLLABORATE

Team up to play hybrid hover ball games, trade inventor playing cards and design the ultimate sports complex.

PROBLEM SOLVE

Tackle environmental challenges while you compete in zipline races and build parachutes to airdrop animals.

TAKE-HOME FUN

After experimenting with rockets and planes, bring home your own customizable LINK robot!

SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Register at INVENT.ORG/CAMP or 800-968-4332

Camp Invention® is for children entering grades K-6th.

Location: Delta Center Elementary School
305 S. Canal Rd, Lansing, MI 48917

Date: June 8 - 12, 2020

Time & Cost: 9:00AM - 3:30PM | $235 (before discount)

Extended Day Hours Available: 7:30AM to 5:30PM | Additional $80

Camp Director: Tricia Brentar | triciabrentar@gmail.com

Exciting news for this location: We are offering an Extended Day experience, making our program schedule more convenient for busy families. With Extended Day, your program will run from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM with an additional cost of $80 per week. To sign up for this program schedule, please select the Extended Day option during the second step of registration.

SAVE $25!

WITH PROMO CODE

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Offer expires March 31st.

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

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DECEMBER 14, 2019 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

BARNES & NOBLE IN THE LANSING MALL

Make a purchase in store or at the Cafe and tell them you want to support Eaton County Farm Bureau. Can't make it to the store? Order online between December 14 - 19 and use Bookfair code # 12548194. A percentage of your purchase will help us give Agriculture Accurate books to the Elementary School Libraries of Eaton county.

LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR PRESCHOOLERS, CHILDREN & TEENS

Our weekly language classes for preschoolers (ages 3-6), kids (ages 6-9) and teens (ages 13+) provide practice for speaking and listening while incorporating some reading and writing. Children are grouped by age and proficiency;

Classes are held in Wells Hall at MSU starting the week of January 13, 2020 until the week of March 23, 2020. All classes meet for 10 sessions.

Multiple-child/-program discounts (10%) and need-based scholarships are available. Classes will be cancelled if fewer than 5 students enroll. There will be no classes during MSU's spring break (March 2-6, 2020).

TUESDAYS

Spanish for Preschoolers:	5:00-6:00pm
French for Kids:	5:30-6:30pm
Spanish for Kids:	5:30-6:30pm

THURSDAYS

Spanish for Preschoolers:	5:00-6:00pm
Chinese for Kids:	5:00-6:00pm

WEDNESDAYS

German for Preschoolers:	4:45-5:45pm
German for Kids:	4:45-5:45pm

FRIDAYS

Chinese for Preschoolers:	5:00-6:00pm
Japanese for Kids:	5:30-6:30pm
Japanese for Teens:	5:30-6:30pm

Early registration rate (December 13 deadline): $135; after December 13: $150

For details: cls.celta.msu.edu; To register: camps.cal.msu.edu
For more information or questions, call 517-353-7587 or email cls@celta.msu.edu

Community Language School
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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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