WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEFF KINDERGARTEN

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Mrs. Kelly Smith, Principal

March 2, 2018

Dates to Remember

MARCH IS READING MONTH

Tue Mar 6	Conferences 5:00 - 8:00 pm Book Fair Open
Wed Mar 7	Little Caesar's Order/Money Due
Thu Mar 8	Conferences 5:00 - 8:00 pm Book Fair Open
Fri Mar 9	**School release 11:40 dismissal** Conferences 12:30 - 3:30 pm
Thu Mar 15	Popcorn Sale - Laugal & Jarrard
Thu Mar 15	Little Caesar's Pizza Order Pick Up Day
Thu Mar 15	PTO Meeting 6:30
Fri Mar 30	No School
Apr 2-6	No School Spring Break
Sat May 19	Relay for Life - Eaton County
Mon May 28	No School - Memorial Day
Wed Jun 5	1/2 Day - Last Day!

PRINCIPAL'S PRIDE

The Family Dance and Silent Auction that was held last Friday was such a success. I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this dance so special and fun for Neff families!

We will be having parent/teacher conferences Tuesday, March 6 and Thursday, March 8 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Friday, March 9 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. We are looking forward to having this opportunity to talk to you about your child's academic, behavioral, and social growth. This means the students have a half day of school on Friday, March 9.

Please be sure to visit the book fair next week. Reading to your child is so important. It helps to instill a love of reading!

In celebration of March is Reading Month and Dr. Seuss, we are encouraging the students to participate in the following days:

Monday: Wear Crazy Socks (Fox in Socks)
Tuesday: Bring a Small Item in your Pocket to Share (There's a Wocket in my Pocket)
Wednesday: Dress Wacky (Wacky Wednesday)
Thursday: Wear a Shirt with Words (I Can Read with My Eyes Shut)
Friday: Gold Stars for Everyone (Provided by Mrs. Cockroft) (The Sneetches)

Here is number five on the list of things we should say to children: You did the right thing! That was scary or hard. Even though it wasn't easy, you did it. I am proud of you; you should be, too.

Have a wonderful weekend!

OUR SPRING BOOK FAIR IS COMING SOON!

The Follett Book Fair will be in the Neff Library Monday, March 5 through Thursday, March 9!

Students will come down during their special class library time on either Monday or Tuesday to make their own "wish list". Their wish list sheet will come home with them on that day in their backpack.

If you want your student to purchase books, they may do so during school or they may accompany you at night during evening parent-teacher conferences on Tuesday, March 6 or Thursday, March 9. We will be open both evenings from 5:00-8:00 pm. (Please note: We will not be open during Friday conferences.)

A flyer with more information is attached to this electronic newsletter. If you have any questions, please email me at cockroftn@glcomets.net or call me at 925-5625.

"Books don't just go with you,
they take you places you've never been!"

FUEL UP TO PLAY 60 SMOOTHIES!

Neff Kindergarten has been granted funds through Fuel Up to Play 60. Fuel Up is a great organization dedicated to encouraging healthy eating and exercise in schools. The grant and our wonderful PTO have provided Neff with a rock wall, smoothie making exercise bike, smoothie blenders and a traveling exercise station. Your child will be offered a smoothie for snack once per month for the remainder of the school year. Smoothies include mixed berries, vanilla yogurt, apple sauce and apple juice. We are asking that you donate $1.50 by March 5th to help cover the cost of this healthy snack. Please send donations to your child's classroom teacher in an envelope labeled "smoothies" plus your child's name.

DOMINO'S FUNDRAISING BUCKS

Domino's Pizza is helping us raise some extra funds at their Grand Ledge location. Each time you order from the GL Domino's please use one of the $1 Fundraising Bucks when paying for your order. Each time we use one of the "Bucks" our school will receive $1 from Domino's. The Bucks were sent home with your child in the past few days. Thank you Neff families for helping support Neff.

LITTLE CAESAR'S PIZZA TIME!

We will be selling these Little Caesar pizza kits **until March 7th**. These pizza kits are a wonderful option to keep in your freezer for those busy nights. Our goal is for each person to sell 10 items. For each 10 items a child sells, they will have their name entered into a drawing for a $25 gift card to Target. The top seller in each class will get a pizza party lunch with Mrs. Smith, and the top selling classroom gets a pizza party for their class and the teacher will receive $50 in gift certificates. The money we earn from this fundraiser goes to support our PTA and enables us to bring in authors, buy subscriptions to our iXL program for the iPads, and more. You may place orders online or use the pizza brochure. Please do not include online orders on your brochure! More information is included in the letter attached to the flier.

To make this fundraiser even more fun, we are going to hide Little Caesar in a different classroom each day. Whoever finds him will be able to go to the office and collect a prize. Have fun looking!

MILEAGE CLUB SIGN UP

Don't forget to sign your child up for the Sparrow Feelin' Good Mileage Club. If you still need to sign them up please go to www.sparrowmilesclub.com. It only takes a few minutes to do the sign up and your child will be eligible for lots of fun prizes while learning to exercise their bodies!

4TH ANNUAL SEWING FOR THEIR SENSES

Many of our children struggle with managing their sensory systems throughout the school day, which can cause discomfort, frustration, meltdowns, and behavior issues. This can affect student learning (individual and peer), social interactions, and the child's self-esteem.

Whether you are a talented sewer or someone who can cut fabric or hand stitch, please JOIN US! Bring your own sewing machines, cutting boards/mats, and scissors/rotary cutters to help sew adaptive equipment for our Grand Ledge Public Schools' students. This equipment can help them manage their sensory input and be more successful in the school setting.

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

WHO: School Staff, Support Staff, Family and Friends of Grand Ledge Public Schools

WHAT: Sewing adaptive equipment for our GLPS' students

WHEN: Saturday April 21, 2018 - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

WHERE: Delta Center Elementary 305 S Canal, Lansing

Donations are welcome too! You can sign up to donate items listed below, or a food item at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/9040D45AFAA2FAB9-sewing3: Monetary donations to purchase weighted pellets, fabric in 3yd pieces of broadcloth or denim for inner blanket, fabric in 3yd pieces of fabric for the outer blanket, shipping/strapping tape, spool thread and bobbin thread (white or beige). Donations may be dropped off in advance to the offices at Delta Center or Beagle Elementary Schools. Questions: Contact Shari Burg burgs@glcomets.net or Gerri Guild gguild@eatonresa.org

AUTISM AWARENESS SPIRIT WEAR

April is Autism Awareness Month and Spirit Wear t-shirts, sweatshirts and socks are available for purchase.This is a fundraiser and proceeds will be used within GL's ASD program.Deadline is March 18.To place an order, please visit https://grandledgeautismawareness.itemorder.com/sale?read_message=true . See the flyer below on page 7.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES FOR DONATING ITEMS FOR OUR PTO SILENT AUCTION!!!

A & W Restaurant
Angie's Simply Sweet Confections
Avalanche Bay Indoor Waterpark
Baryames Cleaners
Biggby Coffee
Bob Evans
Brad's Hair Studio
Chick-fil-A
City Buffet
Cugino's
Culver's
Detroit Tigers Foundation
Fast Eddie's (Letavis Enterprises)
Finley's American Grill
Frank's Press Box
Girl Scout Troop #30164
Hippie Hustle/doTERRA
The Home Depot Okemos
Impression 5 Museum
Jersey Giants Submarine
Jumpin' Jax
Juneberries Pottery
Lansing Symphony Orchestra
Ledge Craft Lane
LuLa Roe
Lugnuts
McDonald's
MacDowell's
Mancino's
Mary Kay
Meijer Grand Ledge
Michigan Historical Center
Michigan State University
Mrs. Jan McCubbin - Quilter
Outback Restaurants
Pennzoil One Stop Grand Ledge
Pizza Hut
Potter Park Zoo
Preuss Pets
Red Robin
Sawyer's Chevrolet
Sophia's House of Pancakes
Ukai Hibachi Grill & Sushi Bar W Lansing
University of Michigan Athletics
Zaytoon

Thank you also to all of the families who donated items and bid on our Auction items! It was so much fun and so exciting to see our kids and their families as the auction was coming to an end!

Because of your generosity our PTO was able to raise about $5000 at this auction.

Thank you everyone for your support!!!

Follett Book Fairs

Dear Parents & Families,

Neff is hosting a Book Fair!

Supporting your child's love of reading is critical to their success. Supporting their school tells your child that school and learning are important. When you open a book with your child, you are opening the world to them—they wonder, think, imagine, and want to know more! The Book Fair encourages your child's reading habits, builds their personal library and raises funds for the school -- all at the same time! We would love to have you visit the Book Fair with your child.

Neff Book Fair Dates & Times:

Monday, March 5 & Tuesday, March 6:
Students only will visit during school hours 9 AM-3 PM*, We are also open from 3:00 4:00 PM for anyone to shop.

Wednesday, March 7 & Thursday, March 8:
Friends & Family Days! Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Friends, one & all may shop from 8:45-11:45 am, AND from 1:00-4:00 pm

EVENING HOURS: Shop on Tuesday & Thursday nights from 5:00-8:00 PM during Parent-Teacher Conferences. (Reminder: Book Fair Closes at 8 PM on Thursday night.)

Students will make their own wish list during their classroom visits to the Book Fair on Monday & Tuesday. They will write down 3 books that they "wish" to add to their home library. You are under no obligation to purchase, and of course it is up to you how many to buy! If you do choose to buy books, it is helpful to bring your child/ren's wish list with you when you come to shop. (We must add Michigan sales tax of 6% to the price, so please adjust payments to include the tax.)

We want your children to be readers for life. Support the avid readers in your family by visiting the Book Fair! We hope to see you there! Questions? Email me at cockroftn@glcomets.net or phone 517/925-5625. Thank you for supporting the Neff Library!

Yours in Reading,
Mrs. Nola Cockroft, Neff Library

*Classroom visit schedules are on back of this letter.

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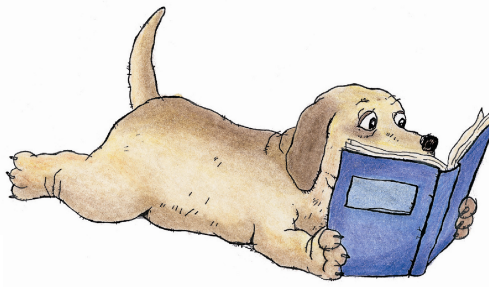

Neff Elementary

Presents…

Our Little Caesars® Pizza Kit Fundraiser!

It's ***Pizza!Pizza!®*** *time!* Time for you, your friends, and your family to get your Little Caesars® Pizza Kits! Have them on hand for quick dinners, parties or entertaining! Buy several Kits and stock your freezers! We are asking everyone to sell 10 Kits to reach our goal. Thanks!

- ***Every 10 items sold, gets the child's name in a drawing for a $25 gift card to Target***
- ***Top seller in each class gets a pizza party with Mrs. Smith***
- ***Top selling class gets a pizza party and the teacher gets $50 in gift cards! ******

There are 2 ways to submit your order.

1. **Turn in your completed order form and payment to your fundraising chairperson**: Collect payment at the time you take orders. Please make checks payable to Neff PTO. Fill out the top portion of your order form with your name and the best contact phone number (cell phones preferred).

OR

2. **Pay for your order at PizzaKit.com.** You will have the option to pay via credit card for your entire brochure order, or just for your personal purchase.

Place your orders online and pay by credit card.

- ♣ Go to PizzaKit.com
- ♣ Click on ***Products, then Order Pizza Kits***
- ♣ Select ***Ship My Order to the Group***
- ♣ Enter ***Fundraiser ID # 346205***
- ♣ Select **"Seller"** to pay for your entire brochure order or select **"Supporter"** to only pay for the Kits you personally wish to purchase.
- ♣ **Do not submit these orders on any Order Form you turn in to your chairperson.**

When: **March 7, 2018** — Order form and payment due.
Be sure your order form is correctly tallied!
Double check all rows and columns.
Late orders will **NOT** be accepted.

March 15, 2018 — **3:00-6:00pm** Pick Up of Pizza Kits.

Where: Pickup will be at: **Neff Kindergarten Gymnasium** on March 15th. Pick up your Pizza Kits as soon as possible.
We will not be responsible for any Kits remaining as we do not have storage! Remember, if the products thaw they can be refrozen.

Questions: Please feel free to call Kristy at (517) 897-0270 or email at kmerignac@gmail.comwith any questions.

Thank you for your support and participation!

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

Monday, March 19, 2018
&
Wednesday, March 21, 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.

Grand Ledge Community Recreation Presents:

MOTHER SON

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Grand Ledge Opera House

121 South Bridge St.

$10/Person

Limited Space Available

Register Online

www.glathletics.com

Click on the "More" tab (Community Rec)

For Questions Contact:

Jen Daly

Community Rec Coordinator
dalyj@glcomets.net
(517) 925-5440

Don't forget to wear something GREEN!

Professional Photo - Hoffman Photography

Music/Dancing - R & S DJ'z

Special Irish Gift - For Each Boy

Refreshments - Cookies, Juice/Water

Johnny Mac's
SPORTING GOODS
YOUR "HOME TEAM" STORE

Grand Ledge Autism Awareness 2018

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Go to the online store at **https://grandledgeautismawareness.itemorder.com**
2. **Choose your items and add them to your cart**
3. **Securely checkout with your credit card**

Online Store Deadline: **Sunday March 18th, 2018 (11:59pm EDT)**

Grand Ledge Autism Awareness Youth S/S Cotton Tee

$12.00

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$12.00

Grand Ledge Autism Awareness L/S Youth Cotton Tee

$16.95

Grand Ledge Autism Awareness Cotton L/S Tee

$16.95

Grand Ledge Autism Awareness Hoodie

$27.00

Grand Ledge Autism Awareness Youth Hoodie

$25.00

Grand Ledge Autism Awareness Tri-Blend L/S Tee

$18.00

Grand Ledge Autism Awareness Tri-Blend Tee

$15.00

Grand Ledge Autism Awareness Ladies Tri-Blend Tee

$15.00

Twin City Autism Awareness Socks

$15.00

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Questions?
Garrett Brown
(517) 393-2221
webstores@johnnymacs.com
http://www.johnnymacs.com/

Lego-a-Palooza

Wednesday
March 14
5 - 7 p.m.

Love to build and create?

Build a marble maze, light up with Snap Circuits; create with Legos, TinkerToys, and more!

Snacks and a movie too.

Grand Ledge Area District Library
517.627.7014 grandledge.lib.mi.us

RAINBOW FISH STORYTIME

AND MEET & GREET

Saturday, March 10 at 11 a.m. Rainbow Fish will join the Grand Ledge Area District Library's Saturday Storytime.

Great photo op - bring a camera!

St. Patrick's Day Parade with Meet & Greet @ the library

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

Parade 2 p.m.
Meet & Greet 3 p.m.

Peter Rabbit will march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, then head over to the library for stories from our own 'Beatrix Potter' (Cindy Langenberg).

Great photo op - bring a camera!

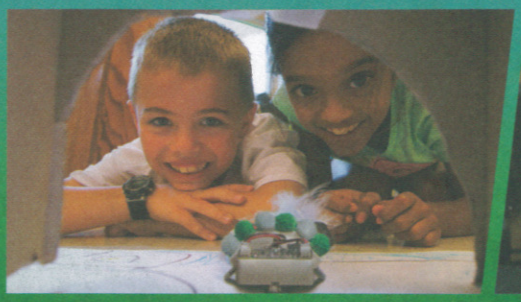
Grand Ledge Area District Library
517.627.7014 grandledge.lib.mi.us

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.

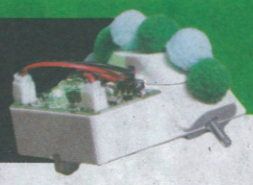


Explore the technology behind self-driving cars and invent a vehicle of the future.

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 $25!

Register at campinvention.org or 800.968.4332.
Use promo code ***IDEAS25.*** Offer expires March 23rd.

Your local Camp Invention site information:

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

Grand Ledge Schools TBD | 220 Lamson Street, Grand Ledge, MI 48837
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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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:
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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