WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEFF KINDERGARTEN

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Mrs. Kelly Smith, Principal

August 29, 2019

Dates to Remember

Aug 30	**No School! Labor Day Weekend**
Sep 3	School Resumes
Sep 19	PTO Meeting - 6:30 pm
Oct 2	Count Day
Oct 4	No school in afternoon
Oct 11	Picture Day
Oct 17	PTO Meeting - 6:30 pm
Nov 1	No school in afternoon

GRAND LEDGE MEDICATION POLICY INFORMATION

Here are some helpful hints about medication for your student at school!

School policy regarding drugs and medications taken at school is designed for the safety of all students. When a student is required to take drugs or medications at school all medications must be delivered to the school office by an adult - NOT BY STUDENTS.

If possible, please arrange to have medication given at home.

Students with respiratory or highly allergic conditions will be allowed to carry inhalers and/or emergency medical kits with them while at school, as long as the authorization form is on file at the school.

Consent forms for medication at school are also available in the school office.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Wow! Your children are amazing! They have shown so much growth this week. It is wonderful to see them trying and giving their best effort when packing and unpacking their backpacks, opening their lunch boxes, putting the straws in their juice boxes, walking in a line in the hallway, using whole body listening, sharing toys, taking turns, and following directions. Please continue to encourage our ABCs of good behavior: Always do your best, Be safe, and Care for others!

School starts at 8:35 a.m. and ends at 3:40 p.m. Please do your best to have your child at school between 8:25 and 8:35 a.m. It helps us all so much when the students are at school on time. If your child does arrive after 8:35, we will need you to sign your child in and he/she will be marked tardy. In addition, please do your best to be at school by 3:40 to take your child home for the day. We appreciate your punctuality.

The students do not have school on Friday, August 30 and Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day. Enjoy the long weekend!

ENTERING AND EXITING THE BUILDING

Just a reminder that when you are coming in to the building or exiting the building please use the front door near the office. At the beginning and end of the day we have students moving in the building and this will help us keep our students safe.

Please park across the street from the front of the school for parking at the beginning and end of the day for drop off and pick up. If your child is ill please feel free to use the lane in front of the school to pick up during the school day. Before and after school the lane is for Child Care buses only.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law, requires that Grand Ledge Public Schools (GLPS), with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's educational records.

However, GLPS may disclose appropriately designated student directory information without written consent for yearbooks, honor roll, sports activities, drama playbills and for publications and other media.

If you do not want us to disclose your child's directory information, you must provide written notice to Grand Ledge Public Schools, Attention: D'Anne Golub, 220 Lamson Street, Grand Ledge, MI 48837 or via email to GolubD@GLcomets.net prior to 4:00

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

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Managing our emotions is an important skill. It is hard for us as adults at times and it's a skill that is hard for many kids. As the School Counselor, it is my goal to help your student learn to recognize their emotions and to be able to cope with them. Before we can get to coping with emotions, we need to help them recognize their emotions. We want to help them have words to describe their feelings, to understand how those emotions feel in their body, recognize those feelings in others, etc. Each week for the next 8 weeks, I will be sharing ways that you can work on these skills at home. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. My email is reika@glcomets.net or you can also call the office and leave a message for me.

Play Doh Feelings- Draw a blank head and have your child make a face to match different feelings. What would a mad face look like? A sad face? Have them make the face for how they would feel in different situations. Make a face and have them guess the feeling.

LABEL YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHES

Please remember to label your child's jackets, sweatshirts and more with their names. Families would be surprised how many red fleece jackets we have already accumulated in our lost and found.
We have markers in the office if you would like to label your child's items once you get to school.
Thank you so much for helping us keep the items with the correct students!

FOOD SERVICE NEWS

Please visit the GLPS Food Service page at GLcomets.net/FoodService That webpage has lots information for families about: lunch menus, breakfast information, free & reduced breakfast/lunch applications, student account balances & payments, the district wellness policy, & more.

THE GRAND LEDGE INSIDER

The INSIDER was published in mid-August, and if you didn't get a print copy, you can always get it online at GLcomets.net/INSIDER. It has information from Grand Ledge Public Schools, Grand Ledge Community Recreation, the City of Grand Ledge, Delta Township, Grand Ledge Area District Library, & Delta Township District Library. Take a look at GLcomets.net/INSIDER.

MID MICHIGAN AQUATIC SWIMMING SIGN UP

Hey Congratulations on completing another session of swimming lessons.
Our local swim club, Mid Michigan Aquatics Hurricanes would love to have you as a part of our family of swimmers to help you take your swimming beyond lessons. The Mid Michigan Aquatics Hurricanes will hold their winter initial safety swim for all new swimmers September 4th or 5th at 5:45 pm at the Grand Ledge High School Pool. 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.

MY CHILD IS SICK...

If your child will not be in school please call the Attendance Line at 517-925-5333 to report the reason for their absence. If they are ill please give us some information about the type of illness (fever, vomiting, diarrhea, cough, etc). The District policy is 24 hours symptom and medicine free before they come back to school. We do report our illnesses to the Eaton County Health Department to watch for trends in situations in our county. Thank you so much for helping us keep our building healthy!

HOW DO I CHANGE MY CHILD'S AFTERNOON PICKUP/ BUSSING ARRANGEMENTS?

Please call our office 517-925-5740 no later than 2:30 so that we can get a note or transportation change slip to your child's teacher. Due to the large numbers of students using the buses this year the Transportation Dept is asking that bus changes are for emergency situations only. Permanent bussing changes need to be directed to the district's transportation department.

HOW CAN MY CHILD ORDER HOT LUNCH?

Your child can order a hot lunch with their teacher each morning. To pay for lunch, please send a check (payable to GLPS Food Service) or cash in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name, teacher and amount you are sending. Please do not send loose change with your student. You can also set up online payments by visiting: www.sendmoneytoschool.com or there is more information on the GLPS website Food Service. To set up Send Money to School you will need your child's student id number and you can get that by calling the Neff office at 517-925-5740.

SCHOOL DELAYS/CLOSINGS

As the seasons change, foggy weather occurs more frequently. If we have a school delay or closing the district will send out an School Messenger phone call. For a delay school will begin at 10:35 am. The buses should pick up your child approximately two hours later than usual on a regular school day. (For example my pick up time is 7:55 am - it will be at 9:55 am)

LANE IN FRONT OF NEFF

The small lane in front of the building is for Child Care buses before and after school to do their drop off and pick up each day.

If your child becomes ill at school or needs to picked up during the school day your are welcome to park in the lane while running in to pick up your child.

VISITING THE BUILDING

One our of main concerns in GL schools is the safety of our students and here at Neff you can help! When you bring your child to school between 8:25 and 8:35 am please make sure they go to the gym to meet their teacher. Please do not go down the hall to your child's locker. If you arrive after 8:35 please ring the front door bell and we will buzz you in to the building. Please make your way to the office, sign your child in and we will take your child to their classroom. If you come to work in the building or have a meeting we ask that you ring the front door bell, we will buzz you in. Please stay in view of the camera on the doorbell so we can see you outside. Stop in the office to sign in and sign out when you are leaving. Thank you for helping!

I NEED TO PICK UP MY CHILD EARLY. HOW DO I MAKE THOSE ARRANGEMENTS?

Please call our office at 517-925-5740 or send a note with your child to give their teacher. Check in at the office to sign out your child. A staff member will bring your child to the office to meet you.

Please keep in mind that we do not open the doors between 3:15 and 3:40 for student pick up. During that time our students are in the halls getting packed up, moving to the buses and the gym. Please let the people that come to pick up your child up that the doors will open at 3:40 pm for dismissal. Thank you for helping our students with their end of the day routine.

LATEX ALLERGY ALERT

Please note that we are a latex free building due to several latex allergies. Please do not bring in latex balloons for celebrations.

OH NO! MY CLOTHES ARE WET!

Many times in Kindergarten your child will need a change of clothes. Please make sure that your child has extra clothes in a large zip top bag to store in their locker for emergencies. We accept donations of clothes here also to keep on hand for those emergencies. We love sweatpants, t-shirts, socks and underwear for girls and boys in sizes 5 - 10. Thank you so much!

SHOES AT SCHOOL

Please make sure that your child has appropriate shoes for being safe at school. On gym days please make sure they are wearing tennis shoes. They will be running around and climbing most everyday in gym.

We also ask that your child only wear sandals with straps on the back. No flip flops please! We have already have had a couple accidents while wearing flip flops on the playground.

Grand Ledge Public Schools
2019-2020 Student Calendar

August 15, 2019	**Open Houses**
	Kindergarten (4:00 - 6:00 PM)
	Elementary (5:00 - 7:00 PM)
	NO Open Houses for 7-12
August 19, 2019	**Students Begin School - ½ Day**
August 30 - September 2, 2019	**No Students** - Labor Day Weekend
October 1, 2019	High School Conferences (4:30 - 7:30 PM)
October 2, 2019	**STUDENT COUNT DAY**
October 3, 2019	High School Conferences (4:30 - 7:30 PM)
October 4, 2019	**½ Day for Students**
November 1, 2019	**½ Day for Students**
	End First Trimester (K-8)
November 4, 2019	**Begin Second Trimester (K-8)**
November 5, 2019	Middle School Conferences (4:00- 7:00PM)
	Kdg & Elementary Conferences (5:00 - 8:00 PM)
November 6, 2019	Kindergarten Conferences (5:00 - 8:00 PM)
November 7, 2019	Middle School Conferences (4:00 - 7:00 PM)
	Elementary Conferences (5:00 - 8:00 PM)
November 8, 2019	**½ Day for Students**
	Kdg, Elem & Middle School Afternoon Conferences - After Lunch 3 hrs.
	End of First Trimester (9-12)
November 11, 2019	**No Students**
November 12, 2019	**Begin Second Trimester (9-12)**
November 25-29, 2019	**No Students - Thanksgiving Break**
December 2, 2019	Classes Resume
December 23, 2019 - January 3, 2020	**No Students** - Winter Break
January 6, 2020	Classes resume
January 14, 2020	High School Conferences (4:30 - 7:30 PM)
January 16, 2020	High School Conferences (4:30 - 7:30 PM)
January 17, 2020	**½ Day for Students**
January 20, 20202	**No Students** - MLK Day
February 12, 2020	**STUDENT COUNT DAY**
February 17, 2020	**No Students** - Presidents' Day
February 21, 2020	**½ Day for Students**
	End Second Trimester (K-8)
February 24, 2020	**Begin Third Trimester (K-8)**
February 25, 2020	Middle School Conferences (4:00 - 7:00 PM)
	Kdg & Elementary Conferences (5:00 - 8:00 PM)
February 26, 2020	Middle School Conferences (4:00 - 7:00 PM)
	Elementary Conferences (5:00 - 8:00 PM)
February 27, 2020	Kindergarten Conferences (5:00 - 8:00 PM)
February 28, 2020	**½ Day for Students**
	Kdg, Elem & Middle School Afternoon Conferences - After Lunch 3 hrs.
	End of Second Trimester (9-12)
March 2, 2020	**Begin 3rd Trimester (9-12)**
March 27 - April 3, 2020	**No Students** - Spring Break
April 6, 2020	Classes Resume
April 10, 2020	**No Students -** Good Friday
April 21, 2020	High School Conferences (4:30 - 7:30 PM)
April 23, 2020	High School Conferences (4:30 - 7:30 PM)
May 22, 2020	**Last Day of School for Class of 2020**
May 25, 2020	**No Students** - Memorial Day
June 3, 2020	**½ Day for Students / Last Student Day**
	End of Third Trimester
June 5, 2020	**GLHS Class of 2020 Graduation @ MSU Breslin Center**

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Upcoming Events

Pet Adopt-a-Thon
Sept. 7th 11am - 4pm

Creating a Poem: A Poetry Workshop in Two Parts (Registration Required)
Part 1 - Sept. 14 / Part 2 - Sept. 21 1pm - 3pm

Break-It, Make-It Tech Teardown! (Registration Required)
Sept. 16 6pm - 7pm

The Great Costume Swap!
Drop Off: Sept 21 - Oct. 10th
Swap: Oct 12 1pm - 3pm
Shop: Oct 12 3pm - 4pm

KidsCreate - SlimeTime! (Registration Required)
Sept 25. 6-7 pm (Two 30 minute sessions)

LifeSkills - Medicare Enrollment Workshop (Registration Required)
Sept. 26 6pm - 7:30pm

LifeSkills - Basic Finances & Cops 101: A Workshop for Teens and Young Adults (Registration Required)
Sept 28 11am - 1pm

Harry Potter Quidditch Party (Registration Required)
Sept. 28 2pm - 4pm

1/2 Day Game Play
Oct. 4 1pm - 4pm

KidsCreate - Clay Play (Registration Required)
Oct. 7 6pm - 7pm

Haunted Lansing Book Talk
October 10th 6pm - 8pm

True Crime in the Civil War
Oct. 14 6:30pm - 8pm

KidsCreate - Pumpkin Decorating (Registration Required)
Oct. 24 6pm - 8pm (2 One Hour Sessions)

LifeSkills - Babysitting Workshop (Registration Required)
October 19 10am - 4pm

Bridge Street "Trick-or-Treat" at GLADL
October 25 5pm to 7pm

1/2 Day Movie Day
Nov. 1 1pm - 3pm

"Game On!" Celebrate International Games Week
Nov. 2 11am - 1pm

LifeSkills - Senior Services from the Tri-County Office on Aging (Registration Required)
Nov. 4 6pm - 7:30pm

KidsCreate - Lego-Palooza
Nov 6 6pm - 7:30pm

Michigan in WWI - Stories of the Home Front
Nov. 7 6:30pm - 8pm

KidsCreate - Perler Beads (Registration Required)
Nov. 14 6pm - 7pm

LifeSkills - College, $$ and Career Choices: A Workshop for Teens and Young Adults (Registration Required)
Nov. 16 11am - 1pm

Shop Small Saturday: Biggby Coffee Break!
Nov. 30 11am - 4pm

Ongoing Events

Paws for Reading (Registration Required)
1st and 3rd Tues. 6pm - 7pm

Crafting for a Cause
1st and 3rd Thurs. 4pm - 5:30pm

Homeschool Study Group
Mondays Sept. 9 - Apr. 27 1pm - 4pm

Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays Sept. 10 - Apr. 28 11am - 12pm

Sing, Dance, and Move Storytime
2nd Saturdays 3:30pm - 4pm

PJ Storytime (Sensory Friendly)
1st and 3rd Thurs. 6:30pm - 7pm

LifeSkills - RAISE Them Up: Parenting Empowerment Workshop
Wednesdays Oct. 9 to Oct. 30
5:30pm - 7:30pm

LifeSkills - Learn More About Medicare Advantage from the Sparrow / PHP Team
Wednesdays Oct. 16 - Dec. 4
11am - 12:30pm & 2pm - 3:30pm

Create, Play, and Learn Saturday Storytime (Wacousta)
1st Saturdays 3:30pm - 4pm

Book on Every Bed
November 12 - December 6

For more event information visit grandledge.lib.mi.us and click on our "Events" calendar. Registration is required for many events - To register click on our events page, visit us in-person at the library, or call 517-627-7014.

* For our Facebook friends - please remember selecting "Going" on our Facebook events only adds it to your personal FB calendar. It does not register you for the library program. *

Grand Ledge Area District Library
517.627.7014 grandledgelib.mi.us

Delta Township District Library
Delta Township District Library
5130 Davenport Drive
Lansing, MI 48917
517.321.4014 | dtdl.org

Library news

August 2019

Hours are changing for Delta Township District Library

School has started and summer reading has ended, but the Delta Township District Library is always here for the community. Starting September 8, and continuing until May, the library will add additional hours on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

"We hope the addition of Sunday hours will aid in students with homework, parents who work, and people of all ages with otherwise busy schedules," said Rebecca Campbell, the Community Relations Coordinator at the library.

The library will be open to accommodate computer users and book lovers alike. Stop in and see what programs and services the library has to offer – now seven days a week!

Game On!

Tuesdays **3 – 5 p.m.**

Begins Sep 10. Ages 8-18. Visit us at the library after school for game time and more! We'll have a variety of board games and video games on hand to play plus Legos and additional activities each week. No registration; kids can drop in any time from 3 – 5 p.m.

Big Playdate: All About Animals

Sat, Sep 21 **10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

All ages. Join other animal-loving kids at our Big Playdate! Play veterinarian like Doc McStuffins, be an animal trainer, explore underwater creatures, and more.

Volunteer Fair

Wed, Sep 25 **6 p.m.**

Find out about volunteer opportunities from over 30 Lansing area organizations. Visit dtdl.org/vol-fair for a list of participating organizations.

Tweens: Bad Art

Thu, Sep 26 **6 – 7:30 p.m.**

Ages 9-12. We'll provide the art supplies, you create something terrible. Use your imagination and creativity to draw, paint, or sculpt without worrying what it looks like – the tackier the better! Pre-register by September 25.

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

Weekly Programs

Stories & Crafts *Begins Sep 10*		
Tue	10:30 a.m.	Ages 3-5
Baby Time *Begins Sep 11*		
Wed	10:30 a.m.	Birth-24 mo.
Toddler Storytime *Begins Sep 12*		
Thu	10:30 a.m.	18-36 mo.
Music & Movement Storytime *Begins Sep 13*		
Fri	10:30 a.m.	All ages
PJ Storytime		
Thu, Sep 12	6 p.m.	All ages
Paws for Reading *Registration required*		
Mon, Sep 9	4 – 5 p.m.	All ages
Sat, Sep 14	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	All ages
Thu, Sep 19	6 – 7 p.m.	All ages
Sensory Storytime *Registration required*		
Wed, Sep 18	6 – 7 p.m.	All ages

LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR PRESCHOOLERS, CHILDREN, PRE-TEENS & TEENS

Our weekly language classes for preschoolers (ages 3-6), kids (ages 6-9), pre-teens (10-12) 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 September 9, 2019. 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.

TUESDAYS

Spanish for Preschoolers:	5:00-6:00pm
French for Kids:	5:30-6:30pm
Spanish for Kids:	6:15-7:15pm

THURSDAYS

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

*There will be no class on Thursday, Oct 31(Halloween)

WEDNESDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

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

Early registration rate (August 30 deadline): $135; after August 30: $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
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Used motor oil can be recycled.

Never dump it on the ground or into a storm drain!

Use kitty litter to soak up oil leaks and spills. Then sweep it, double bag it, and put it in the trash.

Never hose down!

Use the least toxic products and follow directions carefully.

Never apply garden products when rain is on the way!

At Home, School, and on the Road...

Kids can make a difference!

Please share these cleaner streams tips with your parents and help them however you can!

Our Cleaner Streams Mascot *DOT the Drop* Reminds Us...

ONLY RAIN IN THE DRAIN!

www.michigan.gov/stormwatermgt

Carpool, take the bus or ride a bike.

When it rains, air pollution turn into water pollution!

Scoop pet waste into a bag and put it in the trash.

Pet waste left on the lawn or pavement ends up in the water – yuck!

Sweep sidewalks.

Don't hose trash, dirt, or chemicals into the street!