



MacDonald Elementary School

<http://www.anchorbay.misd.net/>

School Hours: 9:06 a.m.—4:02 p.m.
A.M. ECDD 9:06 a.m.—11:39 a.m.
P.M. ECDD 1:29p.m.-4:02 p.m.
Half Day dismissal time: 12:36 p.m.

Sherril Milton-Hoffman, Principal

September 29, 2009

Mission Statement

MacDonald Elementary School will create an environment for life-long learning by building character, delivering quality instruction and involving the community.

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We're off to a great school year! Our Open House was well attended. The continued support of the staff and parents of MacDonald Elementary provide wonderful opportunities for our students. We couldn't do it without you!

Power School: Our school district has begun using a new student accounting software system. This change was made county-wide. As with all new software systems, we are still working out the "bugs" and learning new things. We want to say thank you to all of our MacDonald families if this has impacted you in any way. Whether it was class lists, contact numbers or food service applications, we really appreciate your patience during this transition. The good news is that over time this program will improve the communication opportunities available for home and school. We will continue to keep you up to date.

PBS update: Many of you have seen the Positive Behavior Support (PBS) expectations around the school and within the classrooms. The MacDonald students will continue to work on Pride, Respect, Responsibility and Safety!

SCHOOL VISITORS

- * For the safety of the staff and children of MacDonald Elementary, please stop in the office and receive a visitor's badge. All volunteers must complete a district volunteer form. Contact the office for a form.
- * If you are signing out your child during the school day, please come to the office. The office staff will call into the classroom and your child will meet you in the office. This will eliminate distraction to the other students while the teaching staff is giving instruction.
- * At the end of the day, please wait in the entrance hallway near the office or outside, until dismissal time at 4:02 p.m. Students will be escorted to their exit doors by their teachers.

For other Important Calendar Dates and Events, Visit the website

<http://www.anchorbay.misd.net/>
Quick links: Calendars and select My view. Select as many schools as you would like to view. Click Submit. Click on event for more info.

EARLY ARRIVALS

Students who arrive before 8:56 a.m. have no supervision and are not allowed inside the building prior to this time. School begins at 9:06 a.m., we have had students arriving too early.

AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

After School arrangements for your child, such as: going to a classmate's house, leaving with someone else, staying after for school activities, must be taken care of IN ADVANCE. Permission slips are required to stay after school, ride another bus, or be dropped off at another stop from the bus. Please discuss after school arrangements with your child in advance. Try not to call the office to give children directions. This can be very confusing to your child, especially younger students. Safety is always first.



Remember—There is "No Parking" in the drop off area in front of the school. Please use the parking lot spaces available in the front and side lots. Thank you.

MCHD Hearing Screening

Friday, October 2nd & Monday, October 5th, 2009

ECDD, Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grade students.

Student Attendance

If your child is going to be late or absent, please contact the school office prior to 9:30 a.m. For your convenience, a voice mail service is available when the school office is closed. Please submit medical notes to the school office, if your child has seen a doctor or dentist

Thank You!



Announcing Tiger Bank & Trust Employees 2009-2010

Matthew Stros
Katie Trombly
Kayla Wolbert
Erich Reichenbach
Alexandra Light
Emily Gorde
Ashley Gietzen
Jaclyn Bommarito
Alex Kretchman
Daniel Schwink
Bailey Heyza
Christian Presley



Congratulations!

October Birthdays

10/1 Brandon Stephens	10/28 Billie Halcomb Allissa Salvatore
10/2 Roy Hofer	10/31 Josiah Brown
10/3 Ana Huante	10/31 Romello Thomas
10/4 Joshua Macey	
10/6 Taylor Beagle	
10/12 Jose Carlton Cailyn Foster	
10/16 Aiden Nelson	
10/17 Payten Arnold	
10/18 Elizabeth Fair- lamb	
	Isabella Williams
10/20 Tristan Arnold Hailey Coucke Alyssa Taulbee	
10/21 Ma'Kayla Fletcher	
10/22 Anita Carlton	
10/24 Alex Cushard	



Celebrate

Homework Tips for Parents

Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do homework. Avoid having your child do homework with the television on or in places with other distractions, such as people coming and going.

Make sure the materials your child needs, such as paper, pencils, and a dictionary, are available. Ask your child if special materials will be needed for some projects and get them in advance.

Help your child with time management. Establish a set time each day for doing homework. Don't let your child leave homework until just before bedtime. Think about using a weekend morning or afternoon for working on big projects, especially if the project involves getting together with classmates.

Be positive about homework. Tell your child how important school is. The attitude you express about homework will be the attitude your child acquires.

When your child does homework, you do homework. Show your child that the skills he or she is learning are related to things you do as an adult. If your child is reading, you read too. If your child is doing math, balance your checkbook.

When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers. Giving answers means your child will not learn the material. Too much help teaches your child that when the going gets rough, someone will do the work for him or her.

When the teacher asks that you play a role in homework, do it. Cooperate with the teacher. It shows your child that the school and home are a team. Follow the directions given by the teacher.

If homework is meant to be done by your child alone, stay away. Too much parent involvement can prevent homework from having some positive effects. Homework is a great way for kids to develop independent, lifelong learning skills.

Stay informed. Talk with your child's teacher. Make sure you know the purpose of homework and what your child's class rules are.

Watch your child for signs of failure and frustration. Let your child take a short break if he or she is having trouble keeping his or her mind on an assignment.

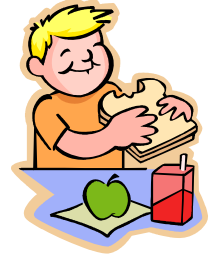
Reward progress in homework. If your child has been successful in homework completion and is working hard, celebrate that success with a special event.

“PAWS”itive Behavior

Please continue to go over the Student Handbook with your child. Review school bus safety, lunchroom, hallway and assembly guidelines. Students are very proud to receive “PAWS”itive behavior tickets.

Lunchroom Expectations

- Students follow hallway expectations until seated (Posted on PAWS charts)
- Once seated, they may talk quietly to the students in their immediate area
- Students stay in their seats unless given permission to move
 - All students will:
 1. Keep hands to themselves
 2. Walk at all times
 3. Use an inside voice
- Students stay seated until an adult walks to the table, and/or gives the signal to line up
- When students are coming in from recess or returning to class, they are to maintain hallway expectations

**Hallway Expectations**

- Students will stand in a straight line (single or double line)
- Eyes are forward
- Hands are at their side
- Voices are silent
- Walk on the right side of the hallway

Cafeteria Guidelines

- Snacks will be sold when we are done checking in all students for lunch
- Students are only allowed 2 items from the snack cart per day
- Snack cart will be closed 5 minutes before dismissal
- No open food or drink will be allowed to leave the lunchroom
- Students are not allowed to share food or borrow money

School Breakfast Program: Breakfast is available in every classroom each morning. Choices vary daily, they can choose from bagels and cream cheese, pop tarts, cereal, breakfast bars, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice and milk. If you have questions about the breakfast program at MacDonald Elementary, please call Lisa at 586-648-2522 Ext. 1331.



Students will begin
MEAP testing
October 13th in grades 3, 4 and 5.

**ATTENDANCE IS VERY IMPORTANT ON
THESE TESTING DATES.**

Parents who have any questions regarding MEAP testing are welcome to stop in and see Mrs. Milton-Hoffman



Family Night at McDonalds Restaurant

Green Street, New Baltimore

Join us from 4:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 13th

Dine inside or Drive Thru

MacDonald PTG will earn 10%
of the evening's profits

Future Dates:

December 8th

February 9th

March 23th

May 11h

**PTG MEETING:
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
4:10 P.M.
LIBRARY**

Please continue to send in your VG's receipts Campbell's Soup Labels "Box Tops for Education".

Fundraiser Order Pickup is Tuesday, October 16th. Thank you for your support!

Join local storyteller Mrs. Beth (Bagley-Stanton) for a special series of stories, songs and fun on Saturdays. These family story times are being brought to the community through the kind sponsorship of the Anchor Bay Community Foundation in cooperation with Anchor Bay School District.

Every Saturday 10am
Sept. 19 - Oct. 24
at the Big Stone
Schoolhouse
(corner of Washington &
Will Lee in New Baltimore)



Parents Are Powerful Role Models for Children

Adapted from an article in Parent Exchange, May 2004
Written by Karen Stephens

"A chip off the old block." "Flip side of the same coin." "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree." "Like father, like son." "She lives up to the family name." These folk phrases sum up family characteristics... some positive and some not.

According to researchers, children, in general, do tend to grow up to be a lot like their parents. Social scientists and genetic researchers have identified many cycles that loop from one generation to the next. So, a lot of people, those with folk wisdom and those with professional degrees, believe parents play a major role in how our children turn out. Parents give kids their genes at conception, and then through childrearing, we give them our act to follow, too.

<http://www.oh-pin.org/articles/pex-01-parents-are-powerful-role.pdf>

Comments from the Principal...

At MacDonald Elementary, we are working hard to teach children all about respect, responsibility and following directions. Please serve as a positive role model for your children. Often, children feel that rules don't apply to them. Talk about school rules and positive expectations with your child. Remind students to wear their seatbelt, follow dismissal procedures, walk on the designated sidewalks, as they enter or exit the building, listen and follow directions of the teacher. Actions do speak louder than words, as parents, you can model school rules by wearing your seatbelt, following arrival and dismissal procedures, using positive language when speaking to other adults, and parking only in designated parking spaces (not the bus loop or parent pick-up loop). Remind your children of the rules and how they make our school a positive and safe learning environment for everyone.

MacDonald Elementary School
"Says No to Drugs"
Red Ribbon Week



WHAT IS RED RIBBON WEEK?

It is an ideal way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against substance abuse. Show your personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle through the symbol of the Red Ribbon, Oct 17th-25th.

FRIDAY, October 16th - "Hat Day"
Red Ribbon Kick-Off, "Put a Lid on Drugs- Just Say No!" Wear a Hat to School.

MONDAY, October 19th- "Red Sock Day"
"Put a Sock in It- Say No to Drugs!" Wear Red Socks to School.

TUESDAY, October 20th- "Sneaker Day"
"Be Aware, Don't Let Drugs Sneak Up on You!" Wear Sneakers to School.

WEDNESDAY, October 21st-"Shades Day"
"Protect Yourself, Shade out Drugs. They can Burn You!" Wear Sunglasses to School.

THURSDAY, October 23th-"Red Shirt Day"
Show your personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle. Wear a Red Shirt to School.

Introducing The 2009-2010

MacDonald Elementary Choir:

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| Christian Robinson | Eliza Fletcher |
| Isabella Curnow | Karla Martinez |
| Tina Edwards | Amanda Costales |
| Connor Foster | |
| Matthew Coleman-Dunson | |
| Jordan Gresh | Destiny Hubbard |
| Brianna Knight | Dominic Bastian |
| Symone Simon | Kayla Reed |
| Nick Collins | Alexandria Boydon |
| Taylor Beagle | Dante Wright |
| Cierra Green | Kyle Halcomb |
| Hannah Rushing | Jenny Evola |
| Annalise Sbraccia | Emily Gorde |
| Katelyn Laethem | Alexandra Light |
| Daniel-Chase Parker | Erich Reichenbach |
| Mackenzie Uppleger | Dominic Weakland |

*Students must return the parent permission slip to participate.



MEDICATION

Under no circumstances can the staff of MacDonald Elementary give medication to a student without parent and physician authorization. Anchor Bay School District Medication forms are available in the school office. Students cannot bring medications to school. Please contact the school office with your questions.

