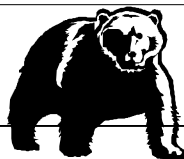


THE MACONCE MESSENGER

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

October was busy! We had picture day, the upper grades took the MEAP, everyone practiced fire drills, had our fall bookfair and we celebrated Halloween. Currently we have a special reading contest

going on. If students read 400 books during the next month, I will get pie in the face! Look for the forms that need to be completed. Let's see what will happen?! In November we will have parent teacher conferences on Novem-

ber 18 - 20th. If you haven't set up a time to meet with your child's teacher, please call as soon as possible. Thanksgiving is coming! Be sure to look around and celebrate the many things we all have to be thankful for.

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, November 3rd, due to a Professional Development Day for staff

Friday, November 20th is a 1/2 day for students. Dismissal time is 12:06 pm

CONFERENCES:



With conferences coming up soon, we'd like to remind you that when parents and teachers work together your child gains the most. Please look at and discuss your child's work daily, then raise questions or concerns with the classroom

teacher. It is also helpful to share information about your child's interests and habits at home during conference time.

Don't forget, your students also have "Specials Teachers" that are available for conferences.

Conference Schedule:

Wednesday, 11/18/09 @ 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Thursday, 11/19/09 @ 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Friday, 11/20/09 @ 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

Please call if you are unable to attend at your scheduled time.

THANKSGIVING

BREAK:

BREAK WILL BEGIN AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH. STUDENTS RETURN ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH.



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INFORMATION

The **Macomb County Health Department** has cancelled the school vaccination clinic. For further information please visit the Macomb County Health Department website at:

www.macombcountymi.gov/PUBLICHEALTH/

Take Action to Avoid Getting the Flu

Cover your nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing. Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue, not your hand.

Wash your hands often. Your hands touch many things during the day. Keeping them clean will help avoid getting germs into you body.

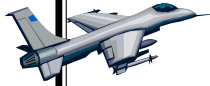
Stay home when sick. Be sure sick family members stay home and do not have contact with other people. They should stay home until their fever has been gone for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.

REPORT CARDS



Report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, November 17th. Please review the report card with your child, sign the envelope and return the envelope to your child's teacher.

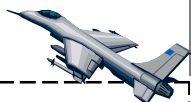
MACONCE FLYING ACES



October was another positive experience for many of our students during lunch and recess. These students earned lunch with Mrs.

Selby: Leo Biskner, Miranda Cejmer, Trevor Craven, Mason Finch, Matthew Finch, Trentyn Gallion, Cory Green, Shannon Green, Maria Harbin, Thomas Hunt, Konner Kallek, Shelby Kallek, Trent Laethem, Inez Latshaw-Carr, Tyler Mack, Sophia Montenegro, Jonathan Nagy, Diamond Orr, Tessa Reynolds, Ethan Sanders, Tyler Silagi, Madison Smiscik, Joshua Smith, Jordon Wagner, and Alex Watts.

Here are the winners of this months Flying Aces Award: Jillian Aggas, *Erin Amato, *Veronica Bartnik, Leo Biskner, Madalyn Bradd, Sean Brown, Brittany Burns, Grant Caston, Miranda Cejmer, Ashley Columbia, Kati Cornelius, *Trevor Craven, Larry DeFrance, Mason Finch, Matthew Finch, Andrew Gagnon, Trentyn Gallion, James Grabowski, Cory Green, Shannon Green, Maria Harbin, Thomas Hunt, Addroina Husted-Pope, Victor Husted-Pope, Konner Kallek, Shelby Kallek, Jasa Kowalewski, Trent Laethem, Inez Latshaw-Carr, Brett LeFleur, James Lewis, Olivia Lewis, Brendon Lupo, Tyler Mack, Sophia Montenegro, Nate Murphy, Jonathan Nagy, Haven Noll, Angel Nowlen, Diamond Orr, Ashley Ortenburg, Mackenzi Raines-Mitchell, Scott Rawson, *Rick Reaume, *Tessa Reynolds, Catherine Rhodes, Summer Rose Robling, Shamiya Rodgers, Alex Rybinski, Ethan Sanders, Tyler Silagi, Madison Smiscik, Joshua Smith, Codi Tinney, Elizabeth Taormina, Hannah Trombino, Jordan Wagner, Alex Watts, and Rozalyn Wild. Congratulations to you all! Those students with an (*) in front of their name has received more than one JETS Reward.



Vote!

- | Vote because one voice, one vote really does count
- | Vote to set a great example for your children
- | Vote because it's a great way to speak your mind
- | Vote because it's the only way democracy works
- | Vote to show pride in the American way
- | Vote to effect change in your community
- | Vote because you can



TITLE I INFORMATION

October 26, 2009

Dear Parents or Guardian of Francios Maconce Elementary,

As you are aware, Maconce Elementary School receives funds from the Title I, Part A program. In receiving funds from this program, the district has a requirement to inform you of your right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s) and paraprofessional(s). Please contact Rob Tidd, Director of Personnel at (586) 725-2861. Information will be provided to you upon request in a timely manner.

Michigan uses the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) to determine levels of achievement. You may request additional information on the level of achievement of your child in each of Michigan's assessments in the third, fourth and the fifth grades. MEAP parent reports will be sent home in early winter.

You will also receive timely notice if your child is, for whatever reason, assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who is not highly qualified. **Currently, all teachers at Maconce Elementary are considered highly qualified by state standards and requirements.**

An informational parent meeting was held at Open House on **Tuesday, September 15th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Maconce Cafeteria to discuss the Title I services, funding and programs available for your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely, Mrs. Carol S. Selby, Principal

Parent support and involvement is always valued here at Maconce. Please contact the office if you are interested in volunteering in our building, your child's classroom, or a PTC event! Maconce is a great place to be! Our phone number is 586-725-0284. We look forward to working with you!

A WALK A DAY

A daily family walk is a great way to get your child - and you - moving. Some families take a walk after dinner. Others plan a morning walk on the weekends. For parents who are home after school, that's often a great time to walk.

Figure out the best time for your family's schedule, and use the time to walk and talk - you'll be helping everyone get healthy and you'll be spending special time together. Make the walk more fun by mixing it up: walk one block and skip for the next, or alternate walking fast and slow. You could even sneak in some learning time on your walk. For example, have your child count how many trees you pass or read the signs along the way.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY



Mark your calendar! Monday, November 16, 2009 is picture re-take day. Please call the office @ 586-725-0284 if you need a new packet. This is also your last chance to order a yearbook. These forms can also be picked up in the office. The price for a yearbook is \$9.00. Purchases will NOT be available at the end of the school year. This is a pre-purchase only.



NEW BALTIMORE GOODFELLOWS

The New Baltimore Goodfellows would like to inform families in need from the New Baltimore area how to apply for assistance. Christmas packets are provided to children ages' birth through 15 years of age. Applications can be obtained from the Anchor Bay elementary schools, middle schools, New Baltimore city offices and the Voice Newspaper office. Completed applications must be signed and returned to the place of origin **no later than Monday, November 16, 2009**. No phone calls or referrals will be accepted. Applications turned in past the due date will only be considered on an emergency basis. Forms can be found in the school office.

STUDENT COUNCIL

November will be the beginning of our Annual Harvest Food Drive for St. Mary's Pantry. November 2nd - December 11th are the dates to remember. Nonperishable canned items will be collected.

Future projects:

December: Winter Clothing Tree to benefit FME students

January: Winter Pencil Sale to benefit Student Council. Students who buy pencils will be put into a drawing for "Principal for the Day"



February: Pennies for Patients to benefit the Children's Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

March: Hoops For Heart to benefit the American Heart Association

April & May: Relay for Life and "Bear Hug the Relay for Life" to benefit the American Cancer Society. Mini Relay for Life.



MORLEY PICK UP: 11/17/09 @ 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

HOMework CLUB



We are once again offering Homework Club for students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. If you are interested in this free after school program, please contact the school office. Homework Club will take place on Tuesdays from 3:40 pm - 4:30 pm beginning on December 1st.

"Giving Tree"

Fundraiser

Pancake Breakfast with Santa
@ The New Baltimore Fire Department

36535 Green St.

New Baltimore

586-725-0990

Sunday, December 6th,

From 7 am - 12 pm

By donation

To Benefit "The Anchor Bay Giving Tree Holiday Charity Program"

Includes pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee and milk



Mom 2 Mom Sale

Sponsored by Maconce Elementary PTC:

Location: Francois Maconce Elementary
@ 6300 Church Rd, Ira

Date: Saturday, November 14, 2009

Time: 9 am - 1 pm

Admission: \$1.00

Strollers allowed after 10:00 am,

Table Rental: \$15 / 6 ft. & Large Item at additional fee

For Vendors: Doors open at 7:00 am

For more information or table rental contact Sherry Zdziepko @ 586-716-9616

MACOMB COUNTY WATERSHED

Remember, You're not just washing your car!

Did you know there are over four million vehicles in Southeast Michigan? With that many cars and trucks, we all need to practice good car care to protect our lakes and streams.

How does caring for your car affect our waterways? Storm drains found in our streets and roadside ditches lead directly to our lakes and streams. If dirty water from washing our cars gets into the storm drain, it

pollutes our local waterways. This "dirty" water contains pollutants such as grease and dirt, and the soap itself contains phosphorus, which can lead to excessive algae growth in our lakes.

What can you do? Simple.

Make a date. Car-wash facilities treat their dirty water before discharging it to our lakes and streams. So, make a date to take your car to a car wash.



Wash it-on the grass. If you wash your car at home, consider washing it on the lawn. The lawn will gladly soak up the soapy, dirty water preventing it from entering storm drains or roadside ditches. If you can't use the lawn, try to direct the dirty water towards the lawn and away from the storm drain.

Minimize it. Reduce the amount of soap you use or wash your car with plain water.



A-peeling Exam: Nearly 40% of Americans stock up on fresh produce when shopping at warehouse club stores. While most people remember to wash ready-to-eat fruits such as apples, grapes and pears before eating them, more than 1/2 of us skip washing peel-and-eat fruits such as oranges, bananas and lemons - a home food safety "don't". Fruit peels might carry bacteria that can spread during eating, cutting or peeling, so always be sure to rinse them first.



Anchor Bay Community Foundation presents: **The 5th Annual Singing Christmas Tree Concert** featuring the New Baltimore Interfaith Choir and the premier of an original production "**T'was Sort of The Night Before Christmas**": Saturday, November 28, 2009 @ 7 p.m. Located at the Anchor Bay High School Performing Arts Center on County Line Rd south of 26 Mile Rd. Doors open at 6:30. **Admission is Free.** Donations will be gratefully accepted. Be prepared to be wowed. This evening of music and family-friendly fun promises to be memorable. The 20 foot Singing Christmas Tree is truly an amazing sight!



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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| November 2, 2009 | Pick up Little Caesar's Pizza Orders |
| November 3, 2009 | NO SCHOOL - Professional Development |
| November 14, 2009 | PTC Mom 2 Mom Sale: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm |
| November 16, 2009 | School Picture Re-Takes |
| November 17, 2009 | Report Cards are sent home |
| November 17, 2009 | Pick up Morley Orders 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm |
| November 18, 2009 | *Parent Teacher Conferences: 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm |
| November 19, 2009 | *Parent Teacher Conferences: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm |
| November 20, 2009 | 1/2 DAY, DISMISSAL @ 12:06 pm |
| November 20, 2009 | *Parent Teacher Conferences: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm |
| November 20, 2009 | Banking Day: 9:00 am |
| November 20, 2009 | PTC Treat Sale: Turkey Suckers and JETS Reward Day |
| November 20, 2009 | Spirit Day: Wear Plaid |
| November 24, 2009 | Paws for a Cause: ECP - 2nd @ 9:00 am & 2/3 - 5th @ 9:40 am |
| November 25, 2009 | NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK |
| November 30, 2009 | School Resumes |
| December 1, 2009 | Homework Club begins @ 3:40 pm |
| December 1, 2009 | PTC McDonald Night: 4 pm - 7 pm |

