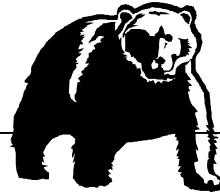


# THE MACONCE MESSENGER

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We had a good turnout for our Open House. It was great to see so many parents and community members. This month we will have our annual MEAP testing for students in grades 3 -5. We will also have our fall Scholastic Bookfair, and celebrate Halloween with the Boo Bash on October 30. Please call our office if you have any questions about articles in this newsletter.



**NO SCHOOL**

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

**NO SCHOOL**

**MEAP Testing:** ◇ The MEAP Testing begins on October 13th this year and ends the week of October 26th. ◇ All students must be tested at the same time and date as directed by the State of Michigan. The ELA #1 test will be given on Tuesday, Oct. 13, the ELA #2 will be on Thursday, Oct. 15, Math will be on Tuesday, Oct. 20. 5th graders will take Science on Thursday, Oct. 22. The 4th grade will take the Writing portion also on Thursday, Oct. 22. ◇ Please make sure your 3rd thru 5th grader is well rested and prepared for school. ◇ Please try to keep all absences and tardies to a minimum. ◇ Thank you for your help!

## 8 WAYS TO BE A TEST-TAKING STAR



1. Get plenty of sleep the night before the test.
2. Eat a healthy breakfast and wear clothes that are comfortable.
3. Pay close attention to test directions.
4. Answer the easy questions first.
5. Read every answer before you choose one.
6. If you're not sure of the answer, rule out the choices that you know are wrong. Then pick
7. If you have time, check over your answers before you turn in the test.
8. If you start to feel stressed, take some deep breaths to relax.

Again this year we turned to **Morley's Candy Makers** for our annual fall fundraiser. The orders and money are due to the school office by Monday, October 12. **Please make checks and money orders payable to Maconce Elementary. Cash is preferred.** Funds raised from this sale along with the support of the PTC, will be used to help pay for assemblies and school supplies. Thank you for your continued support. Pick up information to follow.

## OPEN HOUSE

Thanks to all families who attended our Open House on September 15th. The teachers and principal enjoyed meeting each and every one who attended. The Parent Teacher Club added new members as did the Family Book Club, Bible Blitz and Boy Scouts. If you have any questions about any of the many tables that had displays that evening, please call the office, we would be more than happy to help. Thank you for taking the time to visit our school!



**Halloween parties** are scheduled for October 30th with a parade at 2:00 pm. The students will bring home additional information with regards to this event. Halloween costumes will be permitted. Please wear school clothing with the costume in a bag for the parade and parties only. No masks, make-up, hair color or weapons, please. District dress code still applies.

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## STUDENT COUNCIL



We are proud to announce the new 2009 Student Council: Mrs. Jenkins - Mackenzi Raines-Mitchell & Erin Amato; Ms. Thompson - Damian Halt & Jessica Rohrig; Mrs. DiGiorgio - Trent Laethem & Timberlynn Kincaid; Mrs. Van Dam - Kiara Davis & Maleah Zdziepko; Mr. Nitterhouse - Kyleigh Gallion & Kate Pattenaude. Maleah Zdziepko is the building representative.

## ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW



Sponsored by the Anchor Bay High School Vocal Boosters, S.A.D.D and Close-Up Washington Clubs

**Crafters Needed:** November 7, 2009 Craft Show @ A.B.H.S.

**Please Contact:** Jan @ 586-725-8951



Stay tuned for further information.

## BOY SCOUTS



We have a lunch program for boys in grades 1 - 5. This pack meets every Tuesday at no cost to the boys. Ranger Jerry is the pack leader and plans weekly activities. Applications to join are available in our office.

It's important to know how to improve your family's health. On average, children in the U.S. will spend more time in front of the TV (1,023 hours) than in school (900 hours) this year. One step you can take towards reversing this trend and developing a healthier lifestyle is to limit screen time to 1-2 hours. Instead, your family can spend this time playing outdoors together, walking, or practicing sports. Eat healthy snacks and drink plenty of water during these activities to maintain your energy.



**MOM 2 MOM SALE  
AT LOTTIE**  
33700 Hooker Rd.  
Chesterfield, MI  
Saturday, October 17, 2009  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
It's a great time!

## NOTE WORTHY INFORMATION

### Are You Moving?:

Please make sure the Maconce Office (725-0284) knows if you are moving. We need to inform many different departments within our building and contact the new school. Any advanced notice is VERY helpful.

**Weather:** With colder weather coming, I would like to remind parents to dress your children for the weather. We still try to take the children outside for recess and gym classes when the weather permits.

### Call in Absence:

Please call in your child if they are sick to the Maconce Office @ 725-0284. If your child is seen by a Doctor, Dentist or Eye Doctor, please bring in a Doctor's note, as this will help with their attendance. Please review our absence policy in the Student Handbook.

### Progress Reports:

Progress reports will be distributed on October 16th. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's teacher.

## Scholastic Bookfair



October 27 - 30, 2009

Students will view books on October 26th. Purchases can be made October 27 - 30. We will be open Friday afternoon during the Halloween Parade!

## BIBLE BLITZ

Is a nondenominational Bible Club that meets on Thursday afternoon from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Students in grades 2 - 5 are welcome to join. Miss Jen is the club leader and provides a weekly lesson, activity and snack for all participants. There is no cost to join, however, **transportation is not provided.**

Applications to join are available in the office.



## TITLE I COMPACT

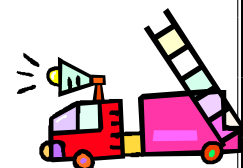
Student/Teacher/Parent Compacts - We know the importance of working together in order for every child to get the most from their educational experience. Attached to this newsletter is an example of a compact you will be asked to sign at the Parent-Teacher Conferences in November. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any question. We look forward to working with you and your child this school year.



Through Title I funding, we are fortunate to have two additional teaching staff members- Karin DeLeeuw and Nicole Fahey, two para-professional staff members- Tina Hart and Rebecca Rudnick and a full time Social Worker - Ms. Shannon Glancy. These five additional staff personnel work with the classroom teachers and assist with small group activities. Please be assured that the staff at Francois Maconce Elementary are "highly qualified" and are working toward meeting the needs of all children.

## TITLE I MESSAGE

**SMILE: IT MAKES YOUR DAY SEEM BRIGHTER**



## THE ABC'S OF FIRE SAFETY

**Always** follow fire safety rule.

**Be** smart about fire safety. Learn how to prevent fires and how to escape from them.

**Count** the number of smoke detectors in your home.

**Detectors** save lives! Learn the sound of your family's smoke detectors.

**Exits** are a way out. Know 2 ways out of every room in your home.

**Fire** escape plans show you the exits from every room in your home.

**Get** out fast in a fire and stay out!

**Have** a family meeting place outside in case of fire.

**Inspect** your home for fire hazards. Join others in helping to prevent fires.

**Keep** away from things that are hot. Learn how to call 9-1-1 to report a fire.

**Matches** are not toys.

**Never** be afraid of firefighters or hide from them.

**Obey** all fire safety rules.

**Pumper** trucks pump water to put out fires. Keep safely away from them when they are in action.

**Quiz** yourself to make sure that you know what to do in case of a fire.

**Remember** to practice your family fire escape plan often

**Stop**, drop and roll if you're on fire.

**Test** smoke detectors once a month.

**Unplug** small appliances when not in use, ask your parents to do this.

**Visit** the fire stations

**Warn** adults about fire hazards

Be an eXample for others

You can make a difference.

It's e-Z to be fire safe!

### 5TH ANNUAL PTC

#### BOO BASH

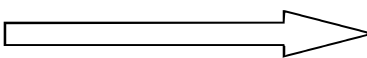
GET READY TO WEAR YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME AND TRICK OR TREAT THROUGH THE SCHOOL HALLS. ENJOY DONUTS & CIDER IN THE CAFETERIA AFTERWARDS.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30,**

**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

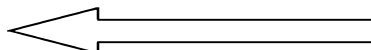
**\$1.00 PER PERSON**

**NO PETS PLEASE**



Keep watching for the next Box Tops For Education contest. It's sure to be fun and exciting!

Don't forget to save those Campbell's Soup labels and V.G.'s receipts. There are bins in front of the office for your convenience.



### 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

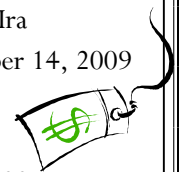
**Admission:** \$1.00

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



## JET SET



Our school follows a PBS system. PBS stands for Positive Behavior Support. Our system is call the JET SET. This means that all students Just Care, Everyone is responsible and respectful, To be safe. In every classroom, students review what it means to be a Jet Setter in their classroom and a classroom poster is created. As students demonstrate good choices and appropriate behaviors, they are rewarded with coins. These coins can then be turned in for prizes monthly when

the JET cart is taken to all classrooms. During lunch, the Paras also reward students with coupons and twice monthly there is a drawing for students to participate in lunch with the principal. We look for students demonstrating good JET SET behaviors. The first lunch with Mrs. Selby will be held on Friday, October 9th and again on Friday, October 23rd.

### Maconce Flying Aces:

September was a great month for good behavior in the cafeteria/recess! The following students have received

our first flying aces awards for this school year: Ryan Amato, Miranda Cejmer, Gavyn Geck, Shannon Green, Antonio Grandos, Jacqueline Guerrero, Paige Hannum, Thomas Hunt, Madison Johnson, Amanda Kast, Shelby Kallek, Tyler Mack, Stryker McGhie, Sophia Montenegro, Jonathan Nagy, Diamond Orr, Franklin Pankewicz, Tyler Silagi, Madison Smiscik, Joshua Smith, Brendon Tank, Alex Watts\*, Lexi Welch. \*Denotes more than 1 JET reward. Congratulations on a job well done!



## 14TH ANNUAL NEW BALTIMORE MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Saturday, October 3, 2009

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

New Baltimore Recreation Center

Sponsored by: City of New Baltimore, Macomb County Health Department and New Baltimore Lions Club

\*Free Childhood Vaccine (bring shot record) \*Free Flu &

Pneumonia Vaccine \*Free Audio Testing \*Free Blood Pressure \*Free Diabetic Screening \*Free Hot Dogs, Chips & Beverage \*Free Face Painting & Candy \*Free Pumpkins \*Free Crafts \*Free Raffle for Children \*Clown and Free Balloons \*New Baltimore Police Dept. \*Macomb County Sheriff Dept. K-9 Dog \*Halloween Costumes are Welcome

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 1, 2009	Bible Blitz begins @ 3:40 pm in room 7
October 7, 2009	School Picture Day, provided by LifeTouch
October 12, 2009	Morley Fundraiser Orders and Money Due
October 12, 2009	Little Caesar's Pizza Pizza Kit Sale begins
October 13, 2009	MEAP Testing begins
October 13, 2009	Poison Prevention Assembly for Kindergarten @ 9:30 am
October 14, 2009	PTC Stevie B's Night: 3 pm - 7 pm
October 16, 2009	Progress Reports are sent home
October 16, 2009	Mobile Dentist Restorative Truck
October 16, 2009	Banking Day
October 21, 2009	Kindergarten to Blake's Cider Mill: 9:15 am - 2:00 pm
October 23, 2009	1st grade to Middle School South for a Fairy Tale Show: 1 pm- 2:30 pm
October 26, 2009	Scholastic Bookfair begins
October 27, 2009	PTC McDonald Night 4 pm - 7 pm
October 30, 2009	JET Reward Day
October 30, 2009	PTC Boo Bash: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
October 30, 2009	Spirit Day: Wear black and orange
October 30, 2009	PTC Treat Sale: Popcorn
October 30, 2009	Halloween Parties
October 31, 2008	End of Marking Period



Francois Maconce Elementary School

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2009-2010

STUDENT/TEACHER/PARENT COMPACT

**SAMPLE  
DO NOT  
SIGN**

**STUDENT AGREEMENT**

It is important that I work to the best of my ability. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

- Come to school ready to learn.
- Finish my school work and participate in classroom activities.
- Follow all school rules. Jet Rules – Just Care
  - Everyone is responsible & respectful
  - To be safe
- Do my part in keeping my school clean and safe.
- Talk with my family about daily experiences and/or homework.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**TEACHER AGREEMENT**

It is important that students achieve. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

- Provide teaching and leadership.
- Demonstrate care and concern for each student.
- Make efficient use of academic learning time.
- Provide an environment that allows for positive communication between myself, parents, and student.
- Encourage students and parents by providing information about student progress.
- Give students strategies to increase competence.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT**

I want \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve. Therefore, I shall encourage him/her by doing the following:

- See that my child is punctual and attends school regularly.
- Support the school in its efforts to maintain proper discipline.
- Encourage my child's efforts to do his/her best.
- Stay aware of what my child is learning.
- Encourage positive attitudes about school.
- Attend parent-teacher conferences and other school functions.
- Communicate with teachers and/or school officials.
- Establish a time for sharing daily school experiences and/or completing homework.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Carol S. Selby**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_