

# THE MACONCE MESSENGER

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back! I hope you enjoyed your summer! The staff at Maconce is ready and anxious for the school year to begin. Be sure to check our calendar and join us for upcoming events.



**OPEN HOUSE:** Please plan to attend Open House on Tuesday, September 15th. The night will begin in the cafeteria promptly at 6:00 p.m. Come meet the staff and visit your child's classroom.

### SCHOOL RULES

- Use appropriate language
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself
- Follow directions
- Ask for permission before leaving a classroom
- Name calling, bullying and teasing are unacceptable

Failure to follow these building rules may result in a minor behavior form or in more severe cases a major behavior form will be used. Parents will receive a copy of a minor form after 3 incidents have taken place. Major forms will be sent to parents immediately.

### EMERGENCY CARDS:

Please complete the student emergency card on both sides and return as soon as possible. A signature is needed on the card in the event that your child requires emergency treatment. All cards must be returned to your child's teacher no later than Monday, September 14. **Please keep the information on this card updated. WE MUST BE ABLE TO CONTACT YOU IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY.** A phone call or a brief note to the office alerting us of any changes will be greatly appreciated. 586-725-0284

### SCHOOL TIMES

Students will be attending school between the hours of 8:36 am and 3:32 pm. Half day dismissal time is 12:06.

Did you know?

Maconce Elementary is considered a Title I building. This federal classification provides additional funding and programs to benefit our students. Title I provides assistance to improve the teaching and learning of children to meet challenging State academic content and performance standards (MEAP).

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### DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURE:



The drive closest to the school is the student drop off lane. Please, do not use the bus loop, this is for buses only. Please do not park in the crosswalk or block the driveway. This way traffic will not become congested. Children should not arrive at school before 8:25 am and they must be picked up at 3:32 pm.

Parents are welcome to pick up their children after school. **A procedure has been established in order to ensure the safety of all children.** Parents who wish to remain in their vehicles are asked to park in the drive nearest the school. Students will line up at the crosswalk near the office. As vehicles move forward, a staff

member will assist students into your vehicle. If you wish to walk your child to your vehicle, please park in the front parking lot and then wait for your child outside of the front office. (This is not the time to walk down the hall to see your child's teacher. An appointment is necessary to speak with the teacher.)



## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY RULES

The Anchor Bay School District insures students and their parents that school bus safety is a high priority. Misbehavior will not be tolerated on school busses or at bus stops, and consequences will be assigned to students who do not behave properly. Riding a school bus to and from school is a privilege. Elementary students who abuse this privilege will be subjected to the discipline outlined in the following steps.

**These are the levels of progressive discipline bus elementary students may be subject to:**

1. **Warning-a warning is issued by the driver. This communication is the driver's notification of a problem with the student's behavior and notification to the parent/guardians. Depending on the severity of the first incident, a recommendation for bus suspension is still possible at this level.**
2. **One (1) day suspension from the bus.**
3. **Two (2) days suspension from the bus.**
4. **Three (3) days suspension from the bus.**
5. **Five (5) days suspension from the bus.**
6. **Ten (10) days suspension from the bus.**
7. **Suspension from the bus for the remainder of the school year.**

The administrator may determine that the severity of the infraction may warrant an accelerated consequence. The consequence may include the suspension out of school in addition to suspension from the school bus.

When an assault by a student occurs on a school bus, the student who commits the assault will be subject to be suspended or expelled from the school district for up to 180 school days. An assault shall mean intentionally causing or attempting to cause severe injury or harm to another through force or violence.

Your child's school handbook and the Transportation Department handbook contain further information about bus behavior. The Transportation handbook can be found on-line. If you would like a hard copy please contact Maconce or Transportation. Any questions about this can be answered by Transportation personnel by calling (586) 725-4220 or your school administrator.



## APPLICATION FOR FREE/REDUCED MEALS

Please be aware that applications for free and reduced meals were mailed home in August. Only one application needs to be completed per family. Parents/guardians may download information and the family application on the Anchor Bay Foodservice website as follows:

Free/Reduced Information letter:

<http://www.anchorbay.misd.net/departments/foodservice/docs/Application-Info.pdf>

Application:

<http://www.anchorbay.misd.net/departments/foodservice/docs/Application.pdf>

Spanish version:

<http://www.anchorbay.misd.net/departments/foodservice/docs/spanishapplication.pdf>

If you have any questions, please contact the Food Service Office at 598-7663. Thank you.

## ANCHOR BAY PESTICIDE PROGRAM NOTICE

In accordance with Public Act 131, school administration must advise parents or guardians of their right to be notified prior to the application of pesticide at their child's school. As a result of this regulation, you are being advised that a routine application of pesticide will take

place the last Friday of the month in each school. These applications will take place after school hours in the cafeteria, kitchen, multi-purpose room and the kitchen storage areas. If more specific information is needed, please send a

note to: Supervisor of Maintenance, indicating students name, school and if you wish prior notification of pesticide treatment inside and/or outside of school.



**Information Channel:** Channel 6 and Channel 902 are the Anchor Bay School District educational and informational channel on cable TV. This channel provides news, special events in district, videos of the children's different programs during the school day, a daily menu and many other interesting things that occur throughout the school year.

**Building Use:** Maconce Elementary Gym and Cafeteria are available for public use through a group. Four groups are permitted to use our facility: Group 1: School affiliated organizations; Group 2: Parent/Student affiliated organizations; Group 3: Community Organizations; Group 4: Non-Community Organization. A Building Use form **MUST** be filled out at least two weeks prior to the activity, along with a signature on the Building/Grounds Use Guidelines sheet. See Mrs. Leech for details and a form.



**VOLUNTEERS:**

Anchor Bay Schools requires that **ALL** volunteers for any activity must have an approved volunteer form including a background check on file at the Central Administration Office prior to participating in **ANY** school activity. School activities include classroom helpers, parent volunteers, chaperones for field trips and field day, etc. **This application must be renewed every year.**

**MEDICATION**



**Absolutely no medication** will be given to any student except with a special medication form from the school district and it must be completed by your child's doctor, this also includes inhalers. **School personnel can not administer any nonprescription medication or liquid medication.**



**5TH GRADE BAND**



**Attention all 5th graders.** The new band season is upon us. On Wednesday, September 23rd, Port Huron Music will be at Anchor Bay High School to fit and set up instrument rentals. This is a district wide process and only offered on this **one** night. The time for Maconce students is 7:00 p.m. Ms. Dee will be our band instructor again this year. 5th grade Band at Maconce will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:35 am to 8:30 am. Band begins on Thursday, Sept.24. Parents must provide transportation to school in the morning.

**September 24 and 25:** We have invited **Mobile Dentist/Smile Program** to bring it's on-site preventive dental care services to our school because we know how important good oral health is to our children's overall general health.

"We know that tooth decay is the most common chronic and infectious disease among children" explained Margo Woll, D.D.S. and Marcy Borofsky, D.D.S., co-directors of Mobile Dentists/Smile Programs. "We also know poor oral health causes other problems in children, such as diminished growth in toddlers, poor nutrition due to difficulty eating and an increase in bacteria in the blood and respiratory systems."

The M.D./S.P. team will set up a mini-dental office in our building and can provide *dental examinations, cleanings, fluoride treatments, x-rays and sealants (if necessary)* for children who return completed forms.

M.D./S.P can provide these services to families who need financial assistance and it has *subsidized fees* for those who choose to pay for the preventive care. No child is ever turned away from M.D./S.P. because of financial need.

**Spirit Day**

Is celebrated each month by wearing the theme clothing for that month. The classes with the most participation in both the lower and upper elementary grades will have the honor of displaying the "Maconce Spirit" flag. Have fun with this activity!

**SEPTEMBER CALENDAR**

- September 8, 2009 First day of school, 1/2 day dismissal @ 12:06 pm
- September 9, 2009 First full day of school 8:36 am—3:32 pm
- September 15, 2009 Open House: 6:00 pm—7:00 pm
- September 16, 2009 Hearing Screening for ECDD, K, 2nd, 4th grades
- September 17, 2009 Constitution Day and Spirit Day wear red, white and blue
- September 18, 2009 ABHS Marching Band Tour: 12:45 pm
- September 21, 2009 Morley's Fundraiser begins
- September 23, 2009 District wide Instrument rental, AB High School @ 7:00 pm
- September 24, 2009 5th grade band begins: 7:35 am—8:30 am
- September 24, 2009 Mobile Dentist: Cleanings
- September 25, 2009 Spirit Day: Wear Maconce Clothing or Red and White
- September 28, 2009 "BAND Together - No Bullies Allowed" Assembly K—5th gr @ 9:30 am
- October 7, 2009 School Pictures: Provided by Life Touch

