



Great Oaks Gazette

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 6 Market Day pick up 4:30-5:30
- Oct. 7 Picture Day—
Lifetouch Photography
- Oct. 9 3rd & 4th gr. field trip-
Gibraltar trade center
- Oct.10 Mom to Mom sale 9am-1pm
- Oct. 13,15,20 & 22
MEAP testing
- Oct. 15 PTO meeting-4:15
- Oct. 16 Progress Reports Sent Home
- Oct. 23 Harvest Festival

Emergency Closings:

In the event of an emergency closing (boiler trouble, power failure, weather, etc.) and we must bus your child home early, it is essential your child knows where to go in case you are not home. Please establish an emergency plan for your children in case of unforeseen circumstances.

Dear Great Oaks Families,

We are off to a great start to our school year! I have enjoyed meeting all the new students and look forward to seeing the progress of all students throughout the year.

In mid October the MEAP tests will be given to students in grades 3, 4 and 5. These state assessments provide us with information on how well our students understand the state standards for Math and Language Arts. Results are analyzed by our staff to determine areas of weakness and make necessary instructional changes. I am very proud of how well the students at Great Oaks have done on these assessments in past years and am confident we will do the same this year.

Our PTO had its first meeting and it was wonderful to see the nice turnout. The PTO does a fantastic job planning events and activities and raising money to support the students and teachers at Great Oaks. Our Health Team at Great Oaks has also had its first meeting. This group consists of five parents who work with Ms. Stoppa and myself to plan programs to educate the children on healthy lifestyles. I want to thank the parents who volunteer for both these groups as the service they provide is valuable to creating a positive school environment. Of course, October will wrap up with Halloween celebrations, beginning with our Harvest festival on October 23rd. This is a favorite event of many families so I hope to see you all there!

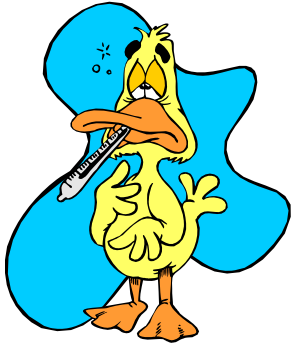
Kathy Elias

BUS GUIDELINES

Children will not be allowed to ride a different bus home from school unless they have a signed, dated note from their parent/guardian specifying the drop-off location. The note must be brought to the office in the MORNING by the child and stamped for approval.

MEAP testing dates: October 13, 15, 20, & 22

MEAP testing will be held October 13, 15, 20 & 22 . Please make sure your child is present and on time for school on these dates. Also, please make sure they are in school for the entire day as testing takes place in both the morning and afternoon.



Mary had a little cold, but didn't stay at home.
And everywhere that Mary went the cold was sure
to roam.

It wandered into Molly's eyes and filled them full
of tears. It jumped from there to Bobby's nose, and
then to Jimmy's ears.

It painted Annie's throat bright red, and swelled
poor Jenny's head. Dora had a fever, and a cough
put Jack to bed.

The moral of this little tale is very quickly said.

Mary could have saved a lot of pain with just one day in bed!

Doctor's recommend your child be fever free for 24 hours or on an antibiotic
for 24 hours before returning to school.

MEAP Water....

We are in need of
water before the MEAP test-
ing begins October 13th. If
you would like to donate bot-
tled water, you may bring it
to the office.



**Halloween costumes and parties.... Information from your child's teacher regarding Halloween parties
will be sent home as this day approaches. We do ask for two general rules to be followed by all
students on Halloween regarding costumes.**



1. **No costumes should be worn to school. If a party is planned in the Classroom, student's will be allowed to change at a designated time.**
2. **Costumes should not include masks or any accessories that are considered weapons (swords, guns, etc). Select costumes that are appropriate for school and convey a positive message.**

ART NEWS.....Art shirts are required for all classes.

Please make sure your child has an art shirt and that it's kept in his/her locker. All students are expected to have their own art shirt. This is much more sanitary and it saves art time if they come prepared. An art shirt is just an old t-shirt, something that is easy to put on. Art shirts will be stored in their lockers. I'm also accepting donations of extra t-shirts. Lets get messy!

I am also looking for some adult volunteers to help hang art-work & other art needs during the school day. Please email me at mhayes@abs.misd.net if you can help out

Thank you,



MEIJER COMMUNITY REWARDS PRO-GRAM:

Shop, Earn, Share. Just by using your Meijer Community Rewards card, your school earns cash. You can join in one of three ways:

- *Internet- join online at Meijer.com/rewards, your card will arrive in 2 weeks.
- *Paper applications are available in the office at school
- *In store- just go to the customer service counter and they can help you.

**If you have an existing card simply call:
1-800-962-7011.**

INFORMATION CHANNEL: Channel 6 is 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.

*This years Service Squad members are:
Rose Lull, Izzabella Mocerri, Evan Sinelli &
Evan Victor.*

*These students help out during all lunches.
They do a great job and are very responsible
and appreciated. Thank you students!*



14th Annual City of New Baltimore
Make A Difference Day Saturday, October 3rd, 2009
10:00am – 2:00pm
 New Baltimore Recreation Center
50976 Washington Street
Downtown New Baltimore



Free Childhood & Flu Vaccine-**BRING CHILD'S SHOT RECORD**
 Flu & Pneumonia Vaccine-**BRING MEDICARE CARD**
 Free Vision Screening
 Free Blood Pressure
 Free Diabetes Screening
 Free Hot Dogs, Chips & Beverage
 Free Face Painting & Candy
 Free Pumpkins
 Free Petting Farm
 Free Crafts
 Free Raffle for Children
 Clowns & Balloons
 New Baltimore Fire Department
 New Baltimore Police Department
 Macomb County Sheriff Dept. K-9 Dog

If you have questions, please call: **Flo Hayman: 586.725.4690** or **Marcia Shinska: 586.725.21**

GREAT OAKS SAFETY PATROL



You may have noticed our Safety Patrol students with the bright colored safety belts. These fifth graders volunteer their time before and after school to help direct students safely across sidewalks and crossroads. They play a very important roll in keeping all our students here at Great Oaks Elementary safe. Keep up the great work!!

Here are this years Safety Patrol students...

Lexus Arducan, Kaitlin Arena, Grace Bade, Colin Baker, Joey Blackaby, Jacob Bluemer, Alex Borough, Collin Bowen, Brendan Bunyak, Courtney Cameron, Nicole Cameron, Savannah Carr, Payton Carter, Sydney Cooper, Logan Dill, Jacob Ellis, Hannah Fleck, Chloe Fournier, Rachel Gann, Megan Girard, Samantha Greco, Brynn Hadden, Makenzie Holzman, Adriana John, Matthew Karas, Joey Kelly, Jordyn Kelly, Jacob Lentini, Nathan Marr, Christian Maxwell, Samantha McCann, Hannah Medley, Jack Medley, Madison Pickard, Rachel Rosol, Jacob Sicken, Patrick Smith, Megan Staten, Charlotte Stone, Emma Strevler, Cameron Vecellio, Alexandra Wayne, Hannah Wellman, Gabrielle Woodside, Katharine Workman.

Parent Teacher Conferences with Specials Teachers:

This years parent teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 18 from 4:30pm-6:30pm, Thursday, Nov. 19 from 5pm-7pm, and Friday, Nov. 20 from 1pm-3pm.

Conferences with specials teachers will be by appointment this year. Please email the teacher that you would like to have a conference with or call Great Oaks and leave a message.

Below are the specials times/days/availability to help you plan.

MUSIC:

Mrs. Rodgers: Thursday 6-7pm & Friday 1-3pm

Mrs. Sheldrick: Wednesday 4:30-6:30pm & Thursday 5pm-6pm

TECHNOLOGY:

Mrs. Hann: Friday 1:00-3:00pm

Mrs. Gaedcke: Wednesday 4:30-6:30pm &
Thursday 5:00pm-7:00pm

ART:

Mrs. Hayes: Wednesday 4:30-6:30pm, Thursday 5:00-7:00pm,
& Friday 1:00-3:00pm

Mr. Latosz: He will be at Naldrett Elementary. If you'd like to meet with him please call Naldrett Elementary School to set up an appointment.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

Ms. Stoppa: Wednesday 4:30-6:30pm, Thursday 5:00-7:00pm,
& Friday 1:00-3:00pm

Stories, Songs and Fun for Families- with Storyteller Mrs. Beth Stanton
Every Saturday 10am
Sept. 19 - Oct. 24
at the Big Stone Schoolhouse
(corner of Washington & Will Lee in New Baltimore)
This 6-week series is made possible
through a grant from
the Anchor Bay Community Foundation

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.

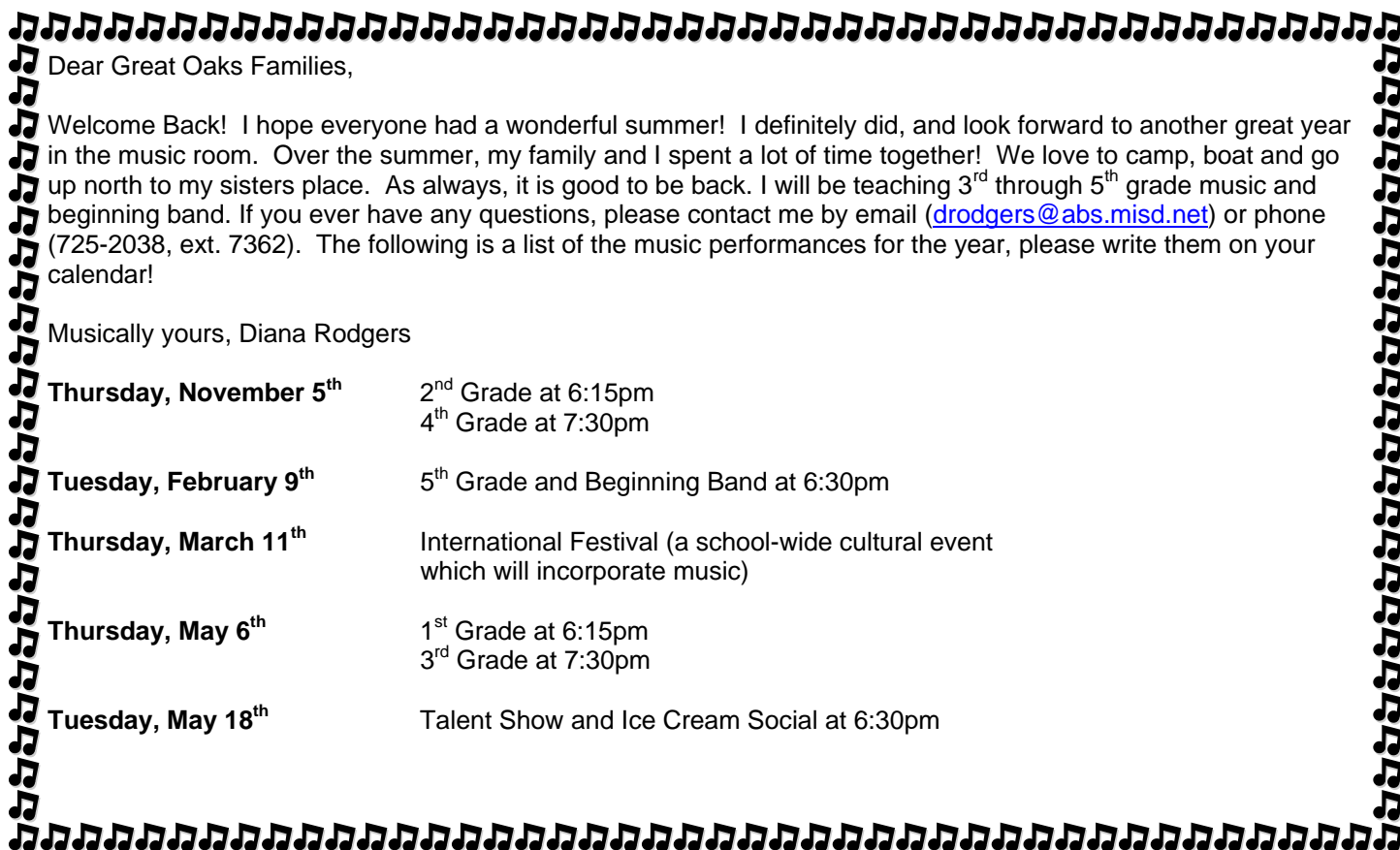
How does caring for your car affect our waterways? Storm drains found in our streets and roadside ditches lead directly to our lakes and streams. If dirty water from washing our cars gets into the storm drain, it pollutes our local waterways. This "dirty" water contains pollutants such as grease as dirt, 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 soap 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.



Dear Great Oaks Families,

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! I definitely did, and look forward to another great year in the music room. Over the summer, my family and I spent a lot of time together! We love to camp, boat and go up north to my sisters place. As always, it is good to be back. I will be teaching 3rd through 5th grade music and beginning band. If you ever have any questions, please contact me by email (drodgers@abs.misd.net) or phone (725-2038, ext. 7362). The following is a list of the music performances for the year, please write them on your calendar!

Musically yours, Diana Rodgers

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| Thursday, November 5 th | 2 nd Grade at 6:15pm
4 th Grade at 7:30pm |
| Tuesday, February 9 th | 5 th Grade and Beginning Band at 6:30pm |
| Thursday, March 11 th | International Festival (a school-wide cultural event which will incorporate music) |
| Thursday, May 6 th | 1 st Grade at 6:15pm
3 rd Grade at 7:30pm |
| Tuesday, May 18 th | Talent Show and Ice Cream Social at 6:30pm |

Bicycles, Skateboards, and Shoes with Wheels

Bike riders should observe all rules and regulations of the road. Bicycles are to be walked on school property and while crossing the street. Riders are to park and secure their bicycles with a lock in the designated location at the school. For safety reasons, skateboards, in-line skates, motorized scooters, and shoes with wheels are not permitted at school. The school is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen bikes.

Dressing for School / Dressing for Recess

Your child's clothing should not distract from the educational process. Reasonable standards for student dress and personal appearance are an essential requirement in the maintenance of an acceptable climate for effective conduct of instruction. Being neat and clean (good hygiene) is important to health as well as appearance. The following dress guidelines should be followed:

1. Clothing should be non-offensive and decent. Bare chests/midriffs, tank tops with spaghetti straps, clothing with obscene language or symbols, and open-armed shirts are examples of inappropriate attire for school.
2. Sunglasses, sweatbands, and hats are inappropriate attire in school.
3. Appropriate footwear shall be worn at all times. (example: gym shoes for Physical Education)
4. Shorts and skirts should be mid-thigh in length or longer.
5. Jewelry should be limited and may not be worn in Physical Education class. Expensive pieces of jewelry should not be worn to school.

Recess outdoors- Participating in recess can be an invigorating part of school. Fresh air and exercise are important. Students should wear warm clothes in winter months: coats, gloves, hats, and boots. Please be sure your child is dressed to enjoy recess. Children will go outside for recess unless the temperature (including the wind chill) is below 16 degrees. In addition, children will remain indoors for recess if the wind speed is above 26 MPH. If a child is well enough to attend school, he/she is well enough to go outside. A doctor's note is necessary to excuse your child from outdoor recess.

Medications/Medical Information

School personnel, as restricted by the State of Michigan, are not allowed to administer ANY medication unless it is under a doctor's order. When a student is in need of medication during the school day, the following procedure **MUST** be followed:

1. Medication must be accompanied by a doctor's written order and written authorization of the parent or guardian (forms available in the office).
2. The medication must be in the original container. The student's name, the physician's name, current date, the name and strength of the medication, and the specific directions as to the administration of the medication must be listed. The office staff cannot split pills that are in the container.
3. All medications must be delivered directly to the school office by a parent or guardian.
4. Liquid medication must be in a pre-measured form for each dosage that will be administered.
5. Any unused medication unclaimed by the parent will be destroyed by school personnel when a prescription is no longer to be administered or at the end of the school year.
6. A log for each prescribed medication shall be maintained which will note the personnel giving the medication, the date, and the time of day. This log will be maintained along with the physician's written instructions and the parent's written permission release. Under NO circumstances are children to bring ANY medication to school or on the bus. This includes aspirin, cough syrup, and all over-the-counter medications.

Students, with appropriate written permission from the physician and parent, may possess and use a metered dose inhaler or dry powder to alleviate asthmatic symptoms. ***Epinephrine (Epipen) is administered only in accordance with a written medication administration plan developed by the school principal and updated annually.***

Personal Belongings

Students may not bring items of value to school. Items such as jewelry, electronic equipment (CD players, radios, and hand-held video games), and large amounts of money need to remain at home. The school cannot be responsible for their safekeeping and will not be liable for loss or damage to personal valuables. Students should not bring any personal items to school that would cause them to be upset if it should be lost or broken. If valuable items are needed for a special event, the parents/guardians can make arrangements to deliver and return the items to and from school. Please make certain that you place your youngster's name on all of his/her personal property, such as outdoor garments and lunch boxes. This will assist us greatly in returning misplaced items.

Wednesday, October 21st
Start of the Jose Madrid Salsa Fundraiser
Sponsored by Great Oaks PTO

A sample table in the cafeteria will be set up at this year's Harvest Festival to taste all the different flavors this company has to offer. Sample over 12 different salsas including Roasted Garlic & Olives, Chipolte' Con Queso Medium, and Original Mild

Individual jars will be available for purchase at \$6 a piece. Discounts on multiple jar purchases! Be sure to stop in and grab a jar or two in time for Halloween night!



CRAFTERS NEEDED: Nov. 7, 2009 Craft Show at A.B.H.S.

PLEASE CONTACT: Jan @ 586-725-8951

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PE POINTERS:

By: Ms. Stoppa

Congratulations to the following students as the new members of Great Oaks Student Health Team Rachel Gann, Sydney Cooper, Emma Streveler, Cindy Nguyen, Jordan Kelly, and Chloe Fournier. These students are looking forward to representing Great Oaks Elementary.

Thank you to all who came out for our Walk to School Day. It was a wonderful way to begin the year and an awesome way to start the day.

How Much Sleep????

Is your child getting enough sleep? Children between the ages of 6 and 9 need about 10 hours of sleep each night. Children ages 10-12 should have about 9 hours of sleep each night. Their body and brain need the rest to refuel for the next day and all of their activities. Not enough sleep can result in mood changes, poor appetite, aggression, bad food choices and more.

Did you know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day??? It kickstarts the body, brain, metabolism, and even affects your mood. Also, breakfast is vital for learning because it helps to maintain focus and concentration. If your child is already getting breakfast...GOOD JOB! But, now try to incorporate some protein with breakfast such as: ham, peanut butter, eggs, cheese, yogurt(low sugar), and even high protein milk will suffice. Protein will help to maintain balanced glucose levels, energy, and help the children to not feel hungry shortly after eating.

Do you "play" with your children??? Statistics have shown that parents who exercise or are active with their children have kids who grow up being active themselves and make healthier and safe choices as compared to their counter parts.

Let's KICK off the new year making healthy choices and being fit.

**GREAT OAKS ELEMENTARY
CALENDAR
2009-10**

	Oct. 6	Market Day pick up 4:30-5:30
	Oct. 7	Picture Day—Lifetouch Photography
	Oct. 9	3 rd & 4 th gr. field trip- Gibraltar trade center
	Oct. 10	Mom to Mom sale 9am-1pm
Creek	Oct. 13	1st gr (Mrs Smith & Mrs. Studley) field trip to Stoney
	Oct. 13,15,20 & 22	MEAP testing
	Oct. 16	Progress Reports Sent Home
Creek	Oct. 22	1st gr (Mrs. Gennrich & Mrs. Schulte) field trip to Stoney
	Oct. 23	Harvest Festival
	Nov. 3	NO SCHOOL- Prof.Devel.Day/Election Day
	Nov. 3	Market Day pick up
	Nov. 5	2 nd gr music concert -6:15pm
	Nov. 5	4 th gr music concert- 7:30pm
	Nov. 6	End of 1st Marking Period
	Nov. 13	Assembly-Gratitude Steel Band/ 1:45pm & 2:45pm
	Nov. 17	Report Cards sent home
	Nov. 18	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30pm-6:30pm
	Nov. 19	Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:00pm-7:00pm
	Nov. 19-Nov.25	Book Fair
tends)	Nov. 20	1/2 DAY – Parent/Teacher Conferences-1pm-3pm (AM kdg at-
	Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Recess begins at end of school day
	Nov.25-27	NO SCHOOL -Thanksgiving Recess
	Nov. 30	School Resumes
	Dec. 7-11	Santa Shop
	Dec. 8	2nd gr. field trip—Macomb Performing Arts
	Dec. 11	Pizza with Santa
	Dec. 16	Assembly- Beth Stanton
	Dec. 18	Progress Reports Sent Home
	Dec. 18	Christmas Break begins at end of school day
	Dec. 21 – Jan. 1	NO SCHOOL -Christmas Break
	Jan. 4	School Resumes
	Jan.15	NO SCHOOL —Records Day
	Jan.15	End of 2nd Marking Period
Day	Jan.18	NO SCHOOL -Prof. Devel. Day/ Martin Luther King, Jr.
	Jan. 20	Assembly-Young Author’s Day
	Jan. 26	Report Cards Sent Home

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Feb. 9	5 th gr concert & band concert-6:30 pm
Feb. 12-15	No School -Mid-Winter Break
Feb. 24	Spring Portraits
Feb. 26	Progress Reports Sent Home
Mar. 3	Assembly- Author Kevin Kammeraad-Ideas are Everywhere
Mar. 8-12	Book Fair
Mar. 11	International Festival
Mar. 19	End of 3rd Marking Period
Mar. 30	Report Cards Sent Home
April 2-9	No School — Easter Break
April 12	School Resumes
April 21	Mrs. Scarcelli's Class-Field trip to Big Stone School
April 22	No School —Prof. Devel. Day
April 23	Ms. Cusimano's Class-Field trip to Big Stone School
April 28	Mrs. Stephenson's Class-Field trip to Big Stone School
April 30	Mrs. McCormick's Class-Field trip to Big Stone School
May 6	1 st gr. Music concert-6:15pm
May 6	3 rd gr music concert-7:30pm
May 7	Progress Reports Sent Home
May 7	Walk to School Day
May 14	Staff Fitness Day
May 18	Talent Show-6:30 pm
May 19	No School - Prof. Devel. Day
May 24	Kdg field trip-Upland Hills Farm
May 27	3rd gr. field trip—Lansing
May 28	Field Day
May 31	No School – Memorial Day
June 1	School Resumes
June 10	1/2 Day —Records Day– (PM kdg attends)
June 11	1/2 Day —End of 4th Marking Period
June 11	Last Day of School for students (AM kdg attends)
June 11	Report Cards Sent Home

ALL CALENDAR DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE