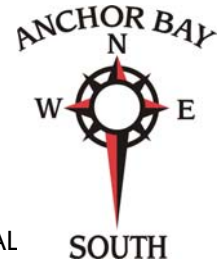


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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



At the present, Middle School South 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). Through Title I funding, we are fortunate to have two additional teaching staff members; literacy tutors. These additional staff members will work with the classroom teachers and assist with small group activities. Please be assured that Middle School South staff members are all "highly qualified" and are working toward meeting the needs of all students. You'll receive 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.

Middle School South 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 Mr. Robert Tidd, Director of Personnel at (586) 725-2861. Information will be provided to you upon request in a timely manner.

During our Parent Advisory meetings, parents will be informed of services, funding, and programs available for your child. Additional information will be available in our newsletters, website, and front office. As a Title I building, it is important to communicate the importance of the home and school connections.

Please feel free to contact the school office regarding any questions or concerns.

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

November 3

Professional Development Day

November 25 – 29

Thanksgiving Break

December 19 – January 3

Christmas Break



GETTYSBURG May, 2010

We have filled the first bus for the eighth grade trip to Gettysburg and are still accepting deposits for a second bus. The trip is scheduled for Thursday, May 20 – Sunday, May 23, 2010.

Any questions about the trip or if you need to set up a payment plan, please contact Mrs. Lassiter or Mr. Zerkel.

FAIRYTALE THEATER



On Friday, October 23rd, Mrs. Halajian's drama students will be performing their fairytale plays for the first graders from Maconce and Lottie Schmidt. The performance will take place in South's auditorium. The show will start at 1:00 and run until approximately 2:20. They will perform 8 different fairytale plays and stop in the middle for an intermission with juice and cookies for everyone. It will be a wonderful time for all who attend. **All family members of drama students are welcome to attend** and juice and cookie donations from drama students are encouraged and appreciated.

HALLOWEEN PARTY



On Friday, October 30th, from 3:00 – 5:30 pm the national Junior Honor Society and Peer Mediators will be sponsoring a fundraising event. Included in the \$3.00 admission is a d.j., open gym, game room with Rock Band, Play Station 2, Wii, and ping pong, Halloween face painting and cookie decorating. We will have food items for purchase; water or fruit drinks .50, hot dogs 1.00, chips .50, desserts and candy .25 – 1.00.

There will also be a mock up of an electric chair where students can have their picture taken for \$1.00 (picture pick-up the following week). Tickets will be on sale October 27, 28, and 29. **No tickets will be sold the day of the party.** Please be on time to pick up your child after the party.



CANCER WALK-A-THON

We are holding our annual Cancer Walk-A-Thon during October 26 – 30. Students are encouraged to collect pledges for each “lap” they walk in the building before classes begin. This year’s goal is \$2,750, which averages to be \$5.00 per student. Anyone who collects \$20 or more will be treated to popcorn and a movie in the school auditorium at a later date. Our students can and *do* make a difference.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!



This year, our Box Top collections are going to help our Choir and Life Skills programs here at Middle School South. Box Tops will be collected during 1st hour the following weeks:

Nov. 16 th – 20 th	Mar. 15 th – 19 th
Jan. 11 th – 15 th	Apr. 26 th – 30 th
Feb. 22 nd – 26 th	May 10 th – 14 th

- The class who collects the most every month will receive a special reward!!
- Box Tops are on the tops of many products from the grocery store--keep your eye out!!
- Please double check to make sure the Box Tops aren't expired as we can't turn these ones in
- For each Box Top, we get 10 cents so we will take as many as you can send in!!!

**Thank you in advance
for your support with this program!!!**

Ms. Brees and the Life Skills Classes
Mr. Oranchak and the Choir Classes

COUNSELING NEWS



PEER MEDIATION

Our 7th and 8th grade Peer Mediators visited classrooms to inform all students about our conflict resolution process. If a student is having a problem with another student, they can sign up for a peer mediation in the counseling office and work through the problem with our trained peer mediators.

PEPP (Peer Education Prevention Program)

The 7th and 8th grade PEPP students are meeting already and have started recruiting 6th graders for this years training class.

ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAM

We met with all 6th graders on October 16th to present this program. Later in the year we will meet with 7th graders on sexual harassment.

CAREER CRUISING

All 7th and 8th graders will meet with Mrs. Reinhard, who runs the Career Lab at the high school, and Mrs. Nussman, to set up their Educational Development Plans during the week of November 17-24.

ANGER MANAGEMENT / ADOLESCENT OUTREACH

Again this year, we will have the additional counseling services of Macomb Family Services. They offer these specialized counseling services at our school. If you are interested in having your child participate, please call our office at (586) 949-4510 ext. 2116. Both programs are geared for students who are having problems with personal relationships or are at high risk.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

10/22/09	New Haven	Home	3:30
10/26/09	L. C. Central	Away	3:30
10/29/09	Seneca	Away	3:30
11/02/09	Bye		
11/05/09	Romeo	Home	3:30
11/09/09	A. B. North	Away	3:30

FOOTBALL

10/20/09	New Haven	Away	4:00
10/27/09	South Lake	Home	4:30
11/03/09	A. B. North	@ABHS	6:00

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA CLAUSE



You and your family can enjoy a pancake breakfast with Santa Claus at the New Baltimore Fire Department on Sunday, December 6th, from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee and milk. All monetary donations will benefit the Anchor Bay Giving Tree Holiday Charity Program.

ANCHOR BAY SOFTBALL HOLIDAY CAMP



December 28, 29, and 30th from 2:00-5:00 pm, Anchor Bay High School is offering softball skills classes for all girls K-6 grade in the Anchor Bay School District. The program is broken down into offense and defense and players will participate in all aspects of the game. The cost is \$50. Also offered at are individual specialty camps for pitching/catching, hitting, and infield/outfield. The cost is \$20 per each 45 minute specialty session. Registration forms are in our office.



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Thomas J. Kalkofen
Director/Health Officer

Kevin P. Lokar, M.D.
Medical Director

April 28, 2009

Students and Parents:

The Macomb County Health Department is working to keep you updated on the current swine flu situation. We have been preparing for the possibility of a flu pandemic for some time now. Keep in mind being prepared is one of the best prevention techniques to protect your family. It is essential to prepare at home, in your community, at work and in your school.

At this time, personal hygiene is still the best method to prevent illness. The following are recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to keep in mind:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing and sneezing.
- Dispose of dirty tissues promptly and carefully.
- Avoid sharing cups and glasses.
- Be a good example to others.
- Stay home when sick to prevent the spread of illness.

As always, if your child is exhibiting flu-like symptoms that include fever, cough and sore throat, consult with your personal physician. We recommend that the child stay at home. When your school age child is sick enough to stay at home with a flu-like illness, this illness should be reported immediately to their school attendance office. The school is responsible for reporting this illness to the Health Department. This will assist us with monitoring illness trends in the community.

Further questions can be directed to the Health Department Communicable Disease Hotline at (586) 469-5473.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Kalkofen

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Director/Health Officer

PROTECTING OUR WATER... IT'S AS EASY AS SEVEN SIMPLE STEPS



Did you know that over three million people depend on our lakes and streams for their drinking water? And that in Southeast Michigan there are over 300,000 registered boaters and 3.5 million people visit a local park each year?

With this many people depending on our lakes and streams for drinking water and recreation, we need to be careful how we treat our water. You might not be able to see the stream or lake from your house, but it's there. It might be a small stream or ditch or even a storm drain in the street. All of these lead directly to our lakes and streams. So, what we do at home affects our water!

Here are seven simple steps you can take in your home and yard to protect our lakes and streams.

1. **Help keep pollution out of storm drains.** Storm drains lead directly to our lakes and streams. So, never dump oil, pet waste, leaves, dirty water, or anything down a storm drain. Remember, only rain in the drain.
2. Fertilize carefully and sparingly. Excess fertilizer that gets into storm drains pollutes our lakes by causing large algae blooms and using up oxygen fish need to survive. Sweep excess fertilizer back onto your lawn, use a low or no phosphorus fertilizer, and have your soil tested to see what, if any, fertilizer is needed.
3. Carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals and oil. Instead of putting hazardous products like antifreeze, motor oil and pesticides in the trash, down the storm drain or on the ground, take them to a local hazardous waste collection day.
4. Clean up after your pet. Whether on a walk or in your yard, promptly clean up after your pet. Not only will you be a good neighbor, you will also protect our water from harmful bacteria.
5. Practice good car care. Consider taking your car to a car wash or washing your car on the grass.
6. Choose earth friendly landscaping. Protect your pets, kids and environment by using pesticides sparingly. Also, water your lawn only when it needs it and choose plants native to Michigan.
7. Save water. Over watering our lawns can easily carry pollution to the storm drains and to our lakes and streams. Consider using a broom instead of a hose to clean sidewalks and

driveways. Direct hoses and sprinklers on the lawns, not the driveway. This will help save our lakes and streams and save you money.

REMEMBER, YOU'RE NOT JUST GETTING RID OF WEEDS AND PESTS

Did you know you can protect your kids, pets and the environment from the harmful effects of herbicides and pesticides by choosing earth-friendly landscaping? The chemicals in herbicides and pesticides pollute our waterways, if washed from our lawns and gardens into storm drains that lead directly to our lakes and rivers.

So what can you do to help? Simple. Follow these tips for simple ways you can care for your lawn and garden and help keep our water clean.

1. **Go native.** Select plants native to Michigan. Native plants are better able to tolerate Michigan's climate, require less fertilizer and water and are more disease resistant. Native plants also attract butterflies and birds.
2. **Variety is the spice of life.** Use a wide variety of plants to help control pests and minimize the need for pesticides.
3. **Water wisely.** Lawns need about one inch of water per week. Over-watering results in shallow-rooted plants that are less tolerant of heat and drought, and more prone to disease. Use a rain gauge and water only when necessary, instead of on a fixed schedule.
4. **Use mulch.** Place a thick layer of mulch (4") around trees and plants. This helps retain water, reduce weeds and minimizes the need for pesticides.
5. **Mow high.** Make your lawn cheaper and easier to maintain by mowing high-3" is the rule. Tall grass promotes root growth and shades out weeds. Let grass clippings fall back on the lawn. Clippings recycle nutrients back into the soil, so fertilizer needs can be reduced by 25% or more!
6. **Rake it or leave it.** Follow your community's leaf pick-up guidelines. Avoid raking leaves into storm drains or roadside ditches that lead to our lakes and rivers because decaying leaves use up water's oxygen and harm fish and aquatic insects. Try mowing leaves into your lawn – they also make good fertilizer.
7. **Use less for pests.** Use pesticides and herbicides sparingly. Limit application of these chemicals to problem areas only and help protect your kids, pets and the environment.