



SUGARBUSH ELEMENTARY

"EXTRA"

Newsletter 02

ALL WAYS THE BEST

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All students at Sugarbush Elementary will have the academic foundation, social skills, and cultural awareness to become responsible, productive citizens.



Our Sugarbush Staff is excited and anxious to begin the 09-10 school year. We look forward to a successful year of learning, growing and discovery with all our children. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact our office at 586-598-7660.

We would like to welcome Crista Carr & Donna Parenteau to our staff. Crista will be working for Mrs. Gahm in the Art Room and Donna will be working with the Young 5's class. We WELCOME, Crista and Donna to Sugarbush Elementary.

MAIN ENTRANCE

Front building doors will be open in the morning until the beginning of the school day. Once students have been admitted, all doors will be locked **except for the main entrance (just to the left of our flagpole)**. All visitors may gain access using this door. Please make sure that you sign in upon entering the office and pick up a Visitor Badge. If you are coming to pick-up a student **PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR IDENTIFICATION.**

PTO VOICE MAIL

Our PTO has a voice mail here at school so that they can better address parent concerns or questions. When you call the school you can ask to be directed to their voice mail or you can access it directly by calling **586-648-2500 Ext. 7800.**

MEDICATION FORMS

Medication forms are available in the office for those students who **must** take medication during the school day. It is necessary that the form be completed and signed by a physician as well as parent/guardian. **All liquid medications must be in pre-measured doses.** Printable forms are also available if you visit our website at <http://anchorbay.misd.net/schools/sugarbush> and click on Medication Request.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Our Student Handbook is now available on line. Just access our district website <http://anchorbay.misd.net>.

When you have completed reading the information, please fill out the acknowledgement form which can be found in your child's Friday Folder. This form also has a box to check if you need or want to have a paper copy of the handbook. It also has a permission slip which, when signed, will allow your child to ride the shuttle bus for field trips that are within the boundaries of Anchor Bay School District.

EMERGENCY CARD

Please return a completed student information form as soon as possible. Remember that, if an emergency arises, we need to be able to contact you immediately to ensure your child's safety. Please note that our card has been updated with a privacy information statement should your child's anonymity be a concern in your family situation.



ABSENCES

* Your child's safety is a priority. Please remember to report your student absences as soon as possible. To contact the school **any time day or night** to leave a message, just call **(586) 598-7660** and follow the prompts. **Absences should be reported no later than 9:00 AM of the day your child is not in attendance.**

APPLICATIONS 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. Application forms are also available in all District school offices. If you have any questions, please contact the Food Service Office at 598-7663. **Thank you** for your support of the food service program which strives to provide nutritious and balanced meals to students at Anchor Bay.



Lunch (includes milk)	\$2.00
Milk only	\$.35
Reduced lunch cost	\$.40

SCHOOL CALENDAR

You can access our school calendar at the following address: www.anchorbay.misd.net

- ❖ then click on Schools
- ❖ click on Sugarbush
- ❖ click on Calendar

Please follow the steps below:

- Click on "My View" and select "Sugarbush" or other areas of interest
- Click on "List" and enter the date range desired (year must be entered as "2009 or "2010).
- Click on "Submit" and the listing will be generated and can be printed.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDUES

Students may be dropped off **at or after 8:30 a.m.** at which time supervision is available. School personnel will be available to help your child through the bus lane. Please make sure, for safety's sake, that students are **dropped off by the crossing guard ONLY.** At the end of the day, please stay in the pick-up lanes and assistance will again be provided to guide children through the bus lane. If you need to come into the school to get your child, **please park in the general parking lot**, and not in the pick up lanes. This disrupts the entire pick-up process creating a safety hazard for children. **Also, please remember that our HANDICAPPED PARKING spaces should only be used by those individuals with physical limitations.**

If you are picking your child up early, it is necessary to come to the office and sign your child out (**use Main Entrance**). Remember to bring your identification. The office will call the room to release the child. **Please do not go to the classroom first.** This can create a distraction that interrupts the learning environment for the whole class. **Teachers are not allowed to release a student from the room until they have received clearance from the office.** Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS – Student's Birthday will be announced each morning. After announcements are made, students need to make their teacher aware that they are celebrating a birthday. Students will be sent to the Office for their token to choose a gift from our **Treasure Tower.**

DRESS CODE REMINDER:

Please keep in mind our dress code regarding appropriate school wear:

- * Shorts are permissible and must be at **least finger tip length**. No spandex shorts are allowed.
- * Sleeveless tops are permissible with the exception of spaghetti-strap tops, tank tops, muscle or mesh shirts. No bare midriffs, please.
- * Sandals are allowed but socks **MUST** be worn; athletic shoes must be worn on the days when students have physical education class.

Please...we need your help....make sure that children wear "sensible" clothing/shoes to school. Flat shoes/sandals/boots are considered safe and appropriate. Elevated shoes/boots or shoes/boots with 2"-3" heels are not safe for children to wear at school, especially at recess and climbing on/off buses. Clothing should be "generous" in length so that children are not uncomfortable sitting down or playing on school equipment or during gym class.



Thought for the week: A School should not be a preparation for life. A school should be life.

Have a great week!

Respectfully yours,

Marie E. Dewitte , Principal

09/25	Summer Reading Challenge/Reading Challenge Lists Due PTO Popcorn Day
09/29	School Pictures / Student Picture Day Arrive 8:00AM/Photos @ 9:00AM
09/30	5 th Grade Classes to Detroit Science Center 9:15-3:00/PM
10/01	Market Day Pick Up / Market Day Pick Up. 5:00 PM–6:00 PM
10/02	Mr. Wedge/Mrs. Lutz Classes to Palace of Auburn Hills, 9:45-1:45/PM
10/03	1 st Annual PTO Walk-A-Thon, 10:00-12:00/PM
10/07	Star Student / By postcard Invitation. 10:00 AM–10:45 AM Reading Challenge-Pizza Lunch
10/08	Bank Training @ 11:00/AM
10/09	Bank Day-Available to K-5 th Grade 1:30-2:30/PM

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

New Baltimore Public Library

Sat, Sept.20,10am-4pm, Grand Pacific House Museum: New Baltimore Historical Society will be hosting their annual Fall Festival downtown New Baltimore. Come help celebrate our city!

STORIES AT THE BIG STONE SCHOOL WITH MRS. BETH- This four-week series of stories and fun for the entire family is being brought to you through the good works of the Anchor Bay Community Foundation. (See dates below.)

Sat, Oct.4,10:00am, Stories at the Big Stone School: First of a 4-week series. Theme: "Apples, Apples Everywhere"

Sat, Oct.11,10:00am, Stories at the Big Stone School: Second of a 4-week series. Theme: "Critter Capers"

Sat, Oct.18,10:00am, Stories at the Big Stone School: Third of a 4-week series. Theme: "Picnic Time For Teddy Bears" Bring a favorite Bear or buddy if you like.

Sat, Oct.25,10:00am, Stories at the Big Stone School: Last of our 4-week series. Theme: "Super Hero Saturday"! Everyone is invited to dress up as a favorite super hero or book character.

PENCIL'S FOR SALE

Students in need of pencils may purchase them for .25. Some pencils are marked with a special surprise. Please see our Office Staff for pencil(s) purchase.

Stories, Songs and Fun for Families with Storyteller

Mrs. Beth

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

**WATERSHED PROGRAM
Protecting Our Water...It's as Easy as Seven Simple Steps**



Remember, you're not just fertilizing your lawn....

Storm drains found in our streets and yards empty into our lakes and streams. So, when we fertilize our lawn we could also be fertilizing our lakes and streams! While fertilizer is good for our lawn, it's bad for our water. Fertilizer that enters our lakes and streams can cause algae to grow and use up oxygen that fish need to survive. So what can you do the help? Simple.

1. **Sweep it.** Sweep excess fertilizer and grass clippings from pavement back onto your lawn so that they don't wash into storm drains.
2. **Buy low and go slow.** First, find out if you even need fertilizer. Contact your Michigan State University Extension office to get a soil test. If you do need it, choose a fertilizer with no or low phosphorus—phosphorus causes algae growth. You can also use an organic or slow-release nitrogen fertilizer, which causes less harm to water.
3. **Hire smart.** Select a lawn care service that follows the practices noted above.
4. **Mow high.** Keep your lawn at three inches in height. Taller grass strengthens roots and shades out weeds. Also, remember that the nutrients from grass clippings left on your lawn act as a great fertilizer.
5. **Make fertilizer-free zones.** Keep fertilizer at least 20 feet away from the edge of any lakes, streams or storm drains.

Mom to Mom Sale

Saturday, October 17, 2009

Lottie Schmidt Elementary

33700 Hooker Road

New Baltimore, MI 48047

Questions, contact Christine

@586-716-5676



E-MAIL ADDRESS REQUEST

If you would like your school Newsletter and/or Teacher information e-mailed to you, please see the form found in your child's Friday Folder. Complete one per student and return to school by Friday, October 2nd.

