

Maconce Elementary

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Mission Statement: Maconce Elementary School, in partnership with the community, will provide a learning environment by delivering quality instruction that promotes curiosity, creativity and the desire in students to reach their full potential.



Happy 2025 Maconce Families!

As we welcome in a New Year, we want to thank the many staff, parents and community volunteers that came together to make the holidays special for many of the families in our Maconce community. We have a very

strong commitment to seeing our students grow both in mindset and in academics. Please continue to be a partner in your child's education.

Kaleidoscope Winner: Congratulations to our Kaleidoscope Winner, Zachary Zelenak, 4th Grade-Mrs. DiGiorgio's class!!



Jaimy the Star
By: Zachary Zelenak

Although Jaimy likes board games, she especially likes Chess and Checkers because she loves that their strategy, not chance. She loves watching golf too, because it involves lots of strategy. Her older sister played golf, but Jaimy wasn't sure she would ever be able to play because she was so short. When Jaimy tried to practice the club was unfortunately too big and heavy, which made her swings weak. She sat on the sofa and stared at the television screen watching the professional golfers get holes in one. Jaimy sighed and knew if she wanted to make the team she would have to practice. She decided to do just that. She immediately hopped of the sofa grabbed her sister's golf supplies, and ran out the door. The next morning Jaimy woke to a shock of the feeling like she was in wet cement, drying by the second. She used all of her strength from her aching muscles to get out of bed. "How will I practice now?" Jaimy wondered aloud. The idea came as fast as a lightning strike flowing the idea wave to her brain.

"YOGA!" Jaimy exclaimed. It would be the perfect way to get her practicing and in tryouts.

When it was finally time to go to tryouts Jaimy raced to the white minivan, dragging her golf bag impatiently. During the tryouts nobody believed in her, because of this Jaimy started to have disbelief in herself. However, she proved everyone and herself wrong by making the team. Weeks of practice and games followed until, it was the championship.

The next morning Jaimy woke up doubtful about their chances of winning the championship, however she had a feeling there was a good chance of winning. During the championship their score was bouncing back and forth. Winning, losing, winning, losing, and so on.

Finally, it was the 18th hole, Jaimy's team had 53 strokes, so did the other team. The other team got a Birdie, so it was up to Jaimy to get a hole-in-one. Jaimy thought 'it was over, the other team will win because I've never got a hole-in-one before'. Jaimy took a deep breath, a step back, and swung. "CRACK!", the club wacked the ball. The ball soared then hit the ground and rolled ... INTO THE HOLE! Jaimy heard the crowd roar, not sure for her team or the other team, Jaimy opened her eyes then heard "JAIMY, JAIMY, JAIMY!", being chanted all around her. Jaimy now knew she had won the game, knowing this made her eyes swell up in happy tears. Jaimy's teammates cheered her on and regretted not believing in her. It was a day never to be forgotten.

Merry Market: Thank you to everyone who volunteered and shopped in our Santa Shop! We appreciate everyone taking time out of your busy schedules to help our students! We can't do it without your help.

Important Dates: January 6th-School Resumes, January 20th Martin Luther King Day, no students in attendance, January 22 Glow Dance, January 23rd and January 24th- Half Day, January 27th -January 31st Quarter Champs

Report Cards: Will be sent home on Tuesday, February 4th

Dismissal Changes: Please contact the office **prior to 2:30 pm** to accommodate any changes to how your child gets home. We are making this request so the classroom teacher is aware prior to the child going to a specials class and/or the end of day process begins.

School Messenger: Do not miss a school closing!! If you would like to receive text messages from Anchor Bay School District, send a text message to (67587) with the words "opt in" or "subscribe" as the message. If you are already receiving text message from Anchor Bay School District no further action is required. For more information, you can visit <https://www.schoolmessenger.com/txt>.



Absences: Please keep your child home if they have any cold or flu symptoms. Students must be fever-free and not vomiting for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medications. If a student is absent from school please call the school absent line, which is available 24/7, as soon as



possible. This is a safety concern when we cannot reach you and your child is not in school. The absent line number is 586-725-0284.

Dressing for School and Outdoor Activity: Remember to send your child to school with a coat, boots, gloves, and a hat. When your child wears boots to school, please send a pair of shoes to change into. We go out for recess everyday unless the temperature is 16 degrees or less with the windchill. A doctor's note is required to excuse your child from outdoor recess.

Gleaner's Food Pantry: Is open January 14, 2024, from 12:30-2:15 pm at North Shore Church, 51028 Base Street, New Baltimore.

Student Emergency Information and Safety

Parents are responsible for keeping student information up to date. Please update any changes in your PowerSchool portal. Building entry is limited during the school day. If you are signing out a student, you will be asked to wait for them in the vestibule area and complete our sign out sheet. Any items that are being dropped off please leave on the table or bench in this area with the child's name on them.

Remember, it ALL drains to our lakes and rivers:

Storm drains and roadside ditches lead to our lakes and rivers. So, any oil, pet waste, leaves or dirty water from washing your car enters a storm drain gets into our lakes and rivers without being treated. With almost five million people living in Southeast Michigan, we all need to be aware of what goes into our storm drains. How can you help? Simple.

1. Sweep it. Do you have extra fertilizer, grass clipping or dirt on your driveway or sidewalk? Sweep it back onto your lawn. Hosing your driveway sends these pollutants into storm drains that lead directly to our lakes and rivers.
2. Keep it clean. Whether in the street or in your yard, remember to keep leaves, grass clippings, trash and fertilizers away from storm drains.
3. Only rain in the drain. Never dump motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, dirty or soapy water, or anything else down the storm drain. All of these materials pollute our lakes and rivers.
4. Label it. Volunteer to label the storm drains in your neighborhood to inform residents that storm drains flow directly to our