

Lottie Line-Up

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Lottie M. Schmidt Elementary



PTO movie night

January 20th

PD Day - No School

January 23rd & 24th

Half Days for Students

Hello Lottie Families,

We hope everyone had a restful and fun holiday break, we know we sure did. Next week students will be starting their district assessments, including the winter testing session of NWEA for reading and math, and $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$ will also test in science. To help your child be ready, please continue to read with or have your child read daily. Research supports students who read 20 minutes a day perform higher than students who do not.

Please see below for the PTO sponsored movie night as well as a flyer for yearbook purchase. They are not due until the end of April but in case you wanted to get a jump on ordering it will be included in the Line Ups.

Thank You to everyone that donated Hats, Mittens and socks. The Watermark Church said they were very appreciated and will be put to good use.

Also Thank You for all of the donations of blankets and towels for the animal shelter. We made a great donation that will help the animals stay warm this winter.

New Signing a Student In/Out Procedure

We are implementing a QR system for signing in/out your child. Most of the district uses this procedure and it is working very well. It will streamline the process and make it more efficient for the 2 ladies in the office. When you come to the office to check out your child, look for the QR code and directions in the vestibule.

Receiving School Messages

We encourage our families to be signed up to receive text messages from the School District notifying you of cancellations or other issues If you are not already signed up, you can sign up by following the instructions below.

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 http://schoolmessenger.com/txtmsg/

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Attendance M/tters

Did you know?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Research shows there is an unquestionable link between school attendance and school achievement.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance

Proficient Readers in the 3rd Grade

64% of children who were regular

were regular attenders in kindertgarten & 1st grade

17%

of children who were

chronically

absent in

kindergarten & 1st grade



In School, On Time

School start time 9:00 AM

TARDY 9:05 and after

Please call the school office at 586-725-7541 by 9:00 AM to report an absence.

Please do not email the classroom teacher to report an absence.

Help your child come to school every day

- Set a regular bedtime.
- Help your child complete their homework and pack up their backpack the night before.
- Develop a morning routine.
- Encourage your child to attend school!

Truancy & Attendance Letters

Per district guidelines, parents will receive the following:

- Attendance letter #1 after 7 days absent and/or tardy.
- Attendance letter #2 after 14 days absent and/or tardy.
- Attendance letter #3 after 21 days absent and/or tardy.
- Excessive absences, after the 21 days absent, must be reported to the Macomb County Independent School District Attendance Office.

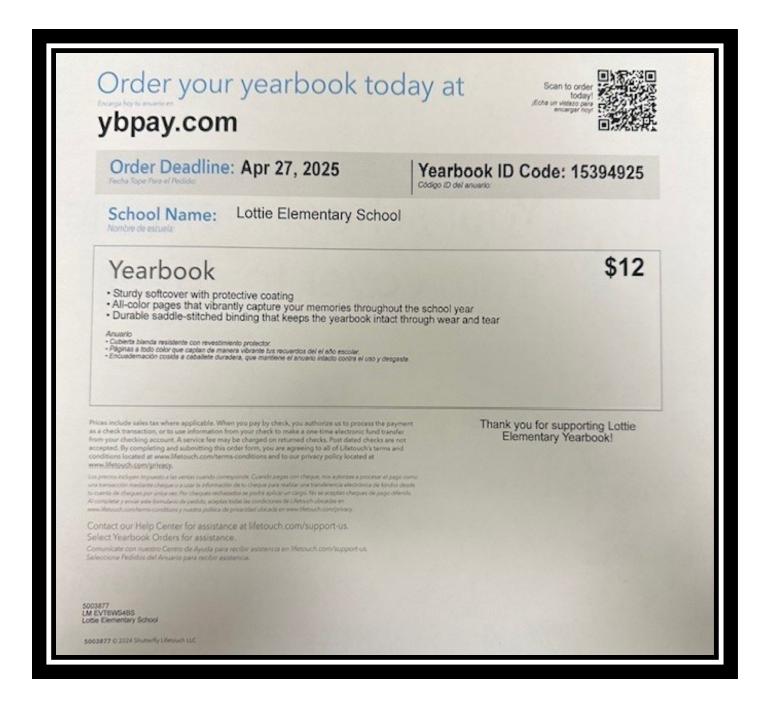
If your child is having trouble attending school, please make sure to schedule a meeting with the school principal to discuss how we can support you.

Remember school attendance is the law!



Yearbook Orders

Early yearbook orders are now open! A paper copy of the order form will go home in early February, but you can use the scan code to order a copy at any time before April 27th.



Mark your Calendar and take the night off from cooking!







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JANUARY 21ST | 3PM-CLOSE

only at this location
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Save our Great Lakes

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 leads directly to our lakes and streams. So, what we do at home effects 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.
- Fertilize caringly 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. 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. 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 lawn, not the driveway. This will help save our lakes and streams and save you money.