



Ashley Elementary
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sept. 3rd: ½ day for students Grades 1-5

Dismissal at 12:26

Kindergarten

Parent & Child visit their classroom

A-L 10:00-10:30

M-Z 10:30-11:00

Young 5's

Parent & Child visit their classroom

10:00-11:00

Sept. 3rd-19th: SPIRIT WEAR STORE OPENS

Sept. 4th: Open House Grades 1-5 5:30-6:30

SEPT. 19TH: LAST DAY SPIRIT WEAR

Sept. 23: LifeTouch Picture Day

Sept.26: Fun Run (Information to follow)

#PositivityInMotion

The Ashley Elementary office will be sending any office correspondence home with students as it becomes available. If possible, it will be sent home with the youngest/only child. Time sensitive notes will be sent home as needed. Whenever possible, we will email information to the email address you have provided on your child's Emergency Data Verification Form. For your convenience, all Ashley monthly newsletters, staff voice mailboxes and email addresses, calendar of upcoming events, and all other information that we can share with you will be on our Ashley Web Page at www.anchorbay.misd.net the Anchor Bay School District Website.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Ashley All Star Families,

The Ashley staff and I would like to welcome you back for an exciting school year. Our staff is eager to provide our students with a very rewarding educational experience.

We are excited to kick off our opening week with the Positivity Project. This program builds confidence, promotes self-awareness, and establishes positive interactions. Information about the Positivity Project can be found on our website. Our staff looks forward to granting All Star recognition slips to students, acting as building role models. All Star students will enter a weekly drawing and be recognized for their leadership qualities!

Our teachers are excited to take your students on an independent learning journey as we kick off our Math Pathways. Here students will become aware of personal mathematical expectations and will be provided with learning opportunities that foster independent growth and achievement.

We are eager to meet all of you at our Open House, Wednesday, September 4th, from 5:30-6:30. Meet your child's teacher and take a quick tour of the building, Education is a shared responsibility, and it is our goal to keep the lines of communication between home and school always open. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to be involved. Our year has been planned with great learning opportunities and several motivational programs. Please stop in and visit with our PTG to learn more about our community activities. Please review our building calendar for upcoming events.

We look forward to building new relationships and fostering academic success!

Kindest Regards,

Mrs. Melissa VanHulle

Principal

Ashley Elementary

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OPEN HOUSE

Ashley Elementary will have our **Open House** on **Wednesday, September 4th from 5:30-6:30pm**. Stop in and meet the teacher and see your classrooms. In an effort to promote social distancing.

Leaving School During the Day

When it is necessary for a student to leave during the school day, the parent or guardian **MUST** sign their child out on the appropriate form in the school office. This procedure will better insure the safety of our youngsters. Parents should not go directly to the classroom to get their child during school hours, before or after school. If a parent enters the building to pick up their child, **PLEASE MEET YOUR CHILD IN THE OFFICE**. Please do not go to the classroom door. Please be sure to review our **Student Arrival & Dismissal Procedures** and Guidelines in your opening day folder. Call the school if you have any questions or concerns.

MEDICATION

Absolutely no medication will be given to any student unless a special medical form from the school district is completed by your physician. These forms are available in the office or on our website. If obtaining prescription medication, please ask your doctor to place pills in two bottles (one with directions for school personnel and one for home use. School personnel will not administer any non-prescription medication (aspirin, cold medication, etc.). Please contact the school if you have any questions. **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**

TELEPHONE CALLS

Our policy regarding telephone calls is as follows:

1. When a call comes in for a teacher, the call will be directed to voice mail unless the teacher is on "prep." (You may call the voice mailbox directly by dialing (586) 648-2500.) If the call is regarding an "emergency" situation, please explain that to the office staff and they will connect you as needed...but, please, only in an emergency.
2. Please restrict calls regarding after school arrangements for children. We recommend that you tell your child where he/she is to go after school in the morning and send a note to your child's teacher to avoid confusion during the day (some children become really upset when they are uncertain about where they are to go at the end of the day). We understand that sometimes the "unexpected" occurs necessitating last-minute changes and a call is necessary, but these should be kept to a minimum. Each time we deliver a message, classroom instruction is interrupted, and, to some children, this creates a distraction that interferes with the learning. It is important to preserve the quality and atmosphere of classroom education.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

A new school year is beginning. Students are enthused about their classes and teachers are busy planning exciting lessons for their students. Please emphasize to your children the importance of being in school, as daily attendance is essential in order for a student to benefit from his/her educational experience. If a student is not in school on a regular basis, it is not possible for maximum learning to occur. Excessive tardies are a concern because important announcements and classroom instruction are given at the beginning of the day. Good attendance patterns, which include punctuality, are developed at an early age. They must be emphasized in kindergarten and reaffirmed at every grade level. It is the responsibility of the parent to instill in his/her child the importance of attending school. All students in the Anchor Bay School District are expected to be in school on a regular day-to-day basis. Absences should occur only for legitimate, excusable reasons, generally illness. It is the responsibility of school personnel, according to the State of Michigan Compulsory School Attendance Law, to monitor all students' attendance. Parents will be notified in writing, following the seventh, fourteenth and twentieth absence/tardy accumulated within a school year. Excessive absences must be reported to the Macomb County Independent School District Attendance Office.

The Michigan School Law states:

Every parent, guardian or other person in the State of Michigan, having control and charge of any child between the ages of 6 and 16 years, shall be required to send the child to the public schools during the entire school year, and such attendance shall be continuous and consecutive for the school year fixed by the district in which such child is enrolled....

We realize there are circumstances that contribute to a child's absences/tardies. We suggest that you obtain medical verification for all absences or tardies when applicable. When a child has excessive absences without medical documentation these absences may be investigated by school officials. School and home must work together to insure that students in the Anchor Bay School District develop to their maximum potential. Your support in the matter of school attendance is appreciated.

I FORGOT



We have I forgot slips on the table inside door#1. You can put your student name and teacher on the I forgot slip. We will take it to the student.



Parents need to sign in to their Powerschool account and update their information. Powerschool we only be open for 3 weeks for changes.

Ashley Events Calendar



Go to the Ashley Web page and click on the
the calendar the box below will appear you to subscribe to the Ashley
This will allow you to add it to your calendar on your phone.

Subscribe to Calendar Feed

iCal Feeds

iCalendar (iCal, .ics) is a popular calendar data exchange format which allows you to subscribe to a calendar and receive updates as calendar data changes.

How to access iCal feeds

Read [step by step instructions](#) on adding an iCal feed to Google Calendars and your iPhone. [Download the latest PDF Viewer](#)

Ashley Events

iCal Feed address:Copy

TAKING A DIFFERENT BUS HOME



Children are **NOT** allowed to ride a different bus home from school unless they get it cleared with transportation.

ALTERNATE BUS FORM

Students may not change bus stops without notification of approval from the Transportation Dept. ALTERNATE BUS FORMS are available on line to provide transportation to or from an alternate address within Ashley's attendance boundary. This



Dear Ashley Families

Welcome to Ashley Elementary library! Our library has many wonderful books and resources for your child to discover. Please read and discuss the expectations below with your child.

- Your child is allowed to check out one book a week.
- Books must be checked out and returned by the specified library date.
- If a book is not returned, no additional books may be checked out.
- Lost or damaged books must be paid for or replaced.
- Keep books in a safe place away from pets, babies, food and drinks.
- Never write or draw in a book.
- When you are not reading your library book, keep it in your backpack or the classroom.

I look forward to getting to know the students and am excited to be a part of your child's school year.

Happy reading,

Deb Zientak, Ashley Elementary Librarian

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