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| September 2024 Newsletter |
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Maconce Elementary



# Upcoming Events

## September 3

First Day of School- Half Day

## September 4

Open House 6:00-7:00 pm

## October 3

Picture Day

6300 Church Rd., Ira, MI 48023

http://www.anchorbay.misd.net. (586)725-2084

Jay Seletsky, Principal

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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. |
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**We’re off to a great start! Thank you for your continued support as we kick off another school year! We know that the transition to Parent Portal has not been easy for everyone, but it is important that everyone complete this process. Parents must complete the forms page in the Parent Portal for each child in the district. This updates your Emergency Contact information and is imperative for transportation, and all school staff in the event of an emergency during school. Report Cards may be view New Enrollments – please make sure you have completed all of your forms and turned in all of your paperwork as well. We are here to help, please contact us if you are having difficulty.**

**Student Breakfast and Lunch Information**

Breakfast and lunch are available for all students in grades K-5. Free/reduced lunch applications are available online (visit https://www.lunchapp.com/ to apply) or in the school office. ****

 Each student is entitled to one FREE Breakfast and one FREE Lunch per day.

Please make sure that you still fill out the lunch application form even if you do not think you would qualify. These applications help provide funding for our school and district programs.

 Lunch Menus can be viewed on your phone by downloading the Nutrislice App for free, clicking on the red, lunch menu tab from a computer, or clicking the lunch menu redirect on our webpage.

**Feed the Bay**

Our district has a Weekend Backpack Program to provide food for students to take home each Friday. These food packs are available due to a great partnership with the Watermark Church, the Anchor Bay Community, and volunteers. Food packs contain easy-to-cook (microwavable) meals, snacks, and fruit or vegetable item to help supplement weekend meals. The weekly food packs will be placed in identified students’ backpacks starting on the first Friday in October. If you received this service in the past, please let us know you would like to continue with this program and update your family information so we may better assist you. To complete this form, please go to <https://www.anchorbay.misd.net/downloads/maconce_elementary_files/backpack_program.pdf>.

 **School Messenger**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

If your family lives in any of the following situations, contact the office we can possibly provide resources and support.

• Doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing.

* In a shelter, motel, vehicle or campground
* On the street
* In an abandoned trailer, building or other inadequate accommodations.

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We checked the reports that are issued by “School Messenger” and found that many of the text messages (SMS) were being reported as BLOCKED. This means that when you received a text message from School Messenger (number: 67587) during the initial set up, no response was sent back. School Messenger assumes that you DO NOT want text messages if they do not receive a response.

To correct this, please do the following: 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>.

**Early Arrivals**

Students who arrive before 8:53 a.m have no supervision and are not allowed inside the building prior to this time. School begins at 9:00 a.m. **If you arrive too early, please wait with your child until the building opens at 8:53 a.m.**

**Student Entry A.M. Kindergarten Door#7**

**1st & 2nd Door#8**

**3rd and 4th Door#1**

**5th Door#2**

**End of the Day Arrangements**

After School arrangements for your child, such as: going to a classmate’s house, leaving with someone else, being picked up instead of getting on the bus or getting on the bus instead of getting picked up **NEED TO BE TAKEN CARE OF IN ADVANCE.** **Please provide a note for your child’s teacher whenever end of the day plans change. We cannot make any guarantees after 3:00pm.**

**Be consistent. Calling the office to change dismissal plans can be very confusing to your child, especially younger students. Certainly, emergency situations occur, we understand that. The office is a very busy place, your child’s Safety is always first.**

\*\*Permission to ride another bus to a friend’s house is not allowed\*\*

 **Parent Pick-ups**—Please use door #8. Be here on time 3:45 p.m. All students K-5 will meet you there at dismissal. Students K-4 that ride the bus dismiss out Door #1, please do not take your child out of a bus line without letting an adult know.

5th Grade dismiss from Door#2

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**Remember—There is “No Parking” in the drop off/pick up area in front of the school at any time of the day. Please use the parking lot spaces available in the front lot. Thank you.**

**Dressing for school and Outdoor Activity**

Make sure your child dresses for the weather ***every day***.

We go outside ***every day*** for recess, unless it is raining, the wind-chill is below 16° or the wind speed is above 26 mph. Fall weather is unpredictable, warm one day and cold the next.

**Just a couple of reminders:**

* Flip flops/open toe sandals may not be a safe choice of footwear for the playground equipment or the woodchip areas.
* It is easier for a child to take off a hat, jacket, or gloves than to try and stay warm without them.

**Cell Phones/Electronic Communication Devices**

The district recognizes that cell phones have become a part of daily life. Many students have them, however, we would discourage students from bringing them to school. In the event that students are instructed by parents to bring them, they must be turned off and stored in lockers during the day. The district assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, damage or vandalism to wireless communication devise brought onto district property.

Cell Phone Violation:

Since use of such devise can contribute to disruptions and student misbehavior, students whose cell phones go off in class or who use cell phones or electronic communication devices with or without a camera or video capability will be subject to the following consequences:

• 1 st offense: warning, parent contact

• 2 nd offense: lunch detention

• 3 rd offense: 2 lunch detentions

• 4 th offense: 1-day suspension

• 5 th offense: 2-day suspension

• 6 th offense: 3-day suspension

**Home Health Screening**

Overall, the most important precaution is to keep your child home if he or she is not feeling well or has any of the symptoms listed below. This simple act alone can reduce transmission of any illness more than any other action.

• Temperature 100.4°F or higher when taken by mouth, chills

• Sore throat

• New or worsening cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

• Diarrhea or vomiting

• Headache

• Runny nose or congestion

• Muscle Aches

• Fatigue

• Nausea

**Parent Communication**

Please give staff 24 hours to respond to an email, dojo or voicemail. If you have an emergency, please contact the school office. If you have a classroom concern, please start with the classroom teacher. If you are still concerned please contact the principal’s office.

**For transportation concerns please contact the transportation department first.** If you are not sure about an issue, contact the school office, we will do our best to address your concern or direct you to the person who can.

**Student Birthday Treats**

Please contact your child’s classroom teacher regarding her classroom policy. We do want to advise all parents that food items should be purchased and not homemade, and include a clear list of ingredients. We have students that have food allergies and other medical conditions that can restrict or prohibit certain food intact. Non-food items are welcome as well.

**Student Medication**

1. Medication must be accompanied by a doctor’s written order and written authorization of the parent or guardian (forms available in the office or online).

2. The medication must be in the original container. The student’s name, the physician’s name, current date, the name and strength of the medication, and the specific directions as to the administration of the medication must be listed. The office staff cannot split pills that are in the container.

3. All medications must be delivered directly to the school office by a parent or guardian.

4. Liquid medication must be in a pre-measured form for each dosage that will be administered. 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.

**Head Lice Information**

Direct, physical, head-to-head contact is the usual method of transmission. Lice do not jump or fly. They survive only for a short time away from the human head and have difficulty clinging or crawling on smooth surfaces. Check your child’s head weekly for head lice and/or nits (eggs). Mature lice are no bigger than a sesame seed, avoid light and are hard to see. Lice eggs or “nits” are usually found close to the scalp and cannot be flicked away like dry skin or dandruff.

If you find head lice on your child, please notify the school and treat them with a recommended lice treatment. Please read the letter regarding Head lice Procedures located on our webpage.

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