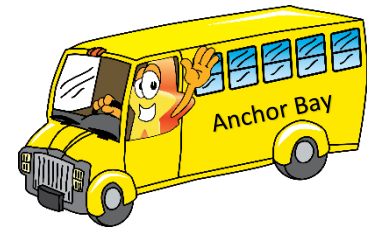


# The STAR Reporter

## Naldrett Newsletter



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*Dean A. Naldrett Mission Statement: Naldrett staff, in partnership with parents and community, will provide a positive, nurturing, learning environment in which students can achieve their full potential.*



### *Welcome Back!!!*

Dear Naldrett Families,

I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We are eager to welcome your children back to Naldrett Elementary School for an outstanding 2024-2025 school year! Our administrative, custodial, secretarial and teaching staff have been working throughout the summer months preparing for another amazing school year. My name is Heidi Stephenson and this will be my 28<sup>th</sup> year working for Anchor Bay Schools. This will also be my 10<sup>th</sup> year as Principal at Naldrett. On behalf of our entire staff, we would like to welcome all of our families! We look forward to a great school year where students, parents and staff have a sense of belonging. The staff members in this building are committed to providing a quality education for each student. Open communication is key and we strive to work together. Your children will adapt and begin to learn the daily routines and new schedule. Rest assured that our staff will do everything possible to help your child succeed. We will ensure a safe, nurturing environment with rigorous academic standards. These expectations and curriculum will be delivered to your child throughout the school year. Each day is a new day to start fresh! Please know you are part of the team and we are here to assist your family any way we can. Communication and newsletters will be sent from the district level, our school office and the classroom teachers. Please check your emails regularly as school messenger is our main source for communication. We are really looking forward to getting the school year started. Our motto is "better together", and as a team our goal is to help your child learn and grow. If you have any questions or need assistance, please let us know!

Sincerely,

Heidi Stephenson  
Principal

**OPEN HOUSE – "MEET THE TEACHER"**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

**A-M: 5:30-5:55 PM    N-Z: 6:00-6:30 PM**

**Bring in any classroom supplies!**

***Parent Portal will be open the morning of Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> to view class placement.***

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2024**

**HALF DAY FOR GRADES 1-5**

**9:00 AM - 12:26 PM**

**Young 5's and Kindergarten Orientation:**

**9:30 AM – 10:30 AM with Parent/Guardian**

**Parents: Enter doors near Kindergarten wing just past flag pole.**

## **SAFETY PROTOCOLS – Parent/Guardian/Visitor Management:**

**PLEASE make sure to read the important information below:**

In order to ensure building safety and security, parents/guardians/visitors will:

- Enter through the main entrance of the school (Door #1) during school hours.
- **Remain in the vestibule area (This is district wide unless you have a specific purpose for coming into the school)**
- Communicate with front office staff, utilizing the vestibule intercom.
- State your name and present valid ID.
  - State name of student(s)
  - State the purpose for visit

We appreciate your support and patience as each building begins to revise and implement these procedures.

### **First Day Drop OFF and District Procedures:**

Your child's safety is our number one priority. Parents are prohibited from entering the school to walk their child to his/her class **even on the 1st day of school** and every day. Therefore “goodbyes,” shall take place outside.

We will have a 1st grade line and a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade line for those students who need assistance getting to their classroom for the car rider line.

Students that need assistance carrying school supplies can hand items off to a staff member and/or our safety officer near Door #2. Inside the vestibule/office area there will be a drop off table. Always label the bag or item with child's name, grade and teacher.

Parents of Young 5's and Kindergarten and new families- It's perfectly OK to drop your child off, smile enthusiastically the whole time, and then go around the corner and cry a little. The idea is to try to minimize that sort of reaction in front of their child.

**The first day of school is a HALF DAY for students in Grades 1-5. Dismissal will be at 12:26 PM.**

### **We do ask at the end of the day for pick up:**

We ask parents not to crowd or congregate around the doors. This will make it hard for students to find their parents. If you could kindly stand back near the grassy area and sidewalk area away from door #2 this will make pick up easier. Please stay with your child and do not let them run around the front of the school. We want all of our students to be safe.

Please contact our main office if you have any questions or need assistance.

## MEET OUR SAFETY OFFICER, MR. JEFF!



Jeff Frantjeskos, with over a decade in law enforcement and military operations, began as a Marine Infantryman in 2006. He played a key role in Operation Iraqi Freedom, leading over 100 combat missions and training a team of 13 for four years. His expertise in high-stress situations is evident from his MOUT skills and providing PSD during significant operations, including for President Elect Obama in 2008. Later transitioning to recruitment and training, Jeff excelled as a Recruiting Office Manager and Assistant Recruiter Instructor across Michigan, developing over 100 Marine recruiters, and honing his leadership, coaching, and strategic planning skills. His career is supported by a solid educational foundation and specialized training in areas like consultative communication and sensitive site exploitation.

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## PARKING LOT: ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Parents, please take a moment to look over the attached PARKING LOT PROCEDURES. This is in place to keep our staff, parents and students safe, and to keep the traffic moving. School will start at 9 AM. Doors open at 8:55 AM. Dismissal is at 3:51 PM. Kindergarten students will start heading out at 3:45 PM.

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED MAP FOR MORE DETAILS.

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## CLASSROOM TEACHER COMMUNICATION

Naldrett teachers will be sending home a classroom information packet. Please take a few minutes to go through the information and send the completed emergency form back with your student as soon as possible. Please allow 24 hours for a return phone call or email from teachers.

**Child Placement:** Your child's teacher is in Parent Portal/PowerSchool. Please log in using your username and password to view this information.

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## FOOD SERVICE INFORMATION

Thanks to the Michigan Healthy School Meals Program, Anchor Bay is excited to offer 1 FREE breakfast and 1 FREE lunch each school day, to all students during the 2024-2025 School Year! All smart snacks and extra entrees will remain at cost.

**Although meals are free this school year, it is important for families to still fill out the Free/Reduced Meal Application!**

This information is still used for important state funding that helps support educational programs within your school and also helps qualify students for Summer EBT benefits. To apply for free/reduced meals for the 2024-2025 school year, please visit our online site at [anchorbay.familyportal.cloud](https://anchorbay.familyportal.cloud) and click on the benefit tab. If you do not have access to the application online, paper copies will be available in the school office. If you need further assistance, please contact the Food & Nutrition Office at 586-598-7663.

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## P2 AT ANCHOR BAY!

We are excited to let you know Naldrett Elementary is continuing the The Positivity Project! The P2 project is dedicated to empowering our youth and others to build positive relationships by recognizing character strengths in themselves and others. More information will be sent home throughout the school year. Please go to our district's website under the P2 tab to learn more! *#otherpeoplematter*



## The Naldrett Star Council Parent Advisory Group is calling for volunteers for the 2024/25 school year!

### **What is the Naldrett Star Council?**

The Star Council is **parent advisory group** much like a PTO where Naldrett parents, families, teachers and staff can work together to create a network of support and community for the children in our school and make a lasting impact on our students' growth and development.

### Why join?

**Students Benefit** - Research shows that participating in your child's school and showing engagement helps them to perform better academically

**Schools Benefit** - The Star Council supports our school's teachers and administration which, in turn, creates a positive and caring atmosphere in our school community

**Make Connections** - Get to know the teachers and staff better and make life-long friends with other parents at the school

Come learn how you can support our students and staff by volunteering for one of the many Naldrett-hosted events this school year!

We are looking for volunteers for some of the such as:

**Star Council Committee's** /Volunteer sign-up sheets (these will be available at **OPEN HOUSE** to sign up!)

- \* Kindergarten Boo
- \* Trunk or Treat
- \* Book Fairs (December and Spring)
- \* Popcorn Friday's
- \* The Santa Shoppe
- \* Glowstick Walk-a-Thon
- \* VIP Breakfast
- \* Restaurant Nights (3)
- \* Ice Cream Social
- \* 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration

### **OUR FIRST STAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 2024/25 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE:**

Thursday, September 19th at 5:00pm in the Naldrett Library.

Unable to attend the meeting, but would still like to volunteer? Reach out to Mrs. Hamm dhamm@abs.misd.net or Bridget Baumgarten bbaumgarten@abs.misd.net 😊

Thank you!

The Naldrett Staff and Star Council Members

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**Principal** Heidi Stephenson

**Speech** Toni Palazzolo

**Office Staff** Diane Hamm, Office Manager  
Jennifer Shaffer, Data Para

**Student Services**  
Jenna Sobel, Social Worker  
Remi Bloom, Psychologist  
Kellie Mackesy, Teacher Consultant  
Ramona Kimmel, CI Social Worker

## **Teachers**

Young 5's Melissa Latosz  
Kindergarten Sandy Davis  
Kindergarten Deb Drexler  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade Mallorie Green  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade Rachel Hansen  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade Leanne Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Heather Figlan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Emily Flint  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Erin Tack  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Jessica Haymond  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Shelby Jarzombek  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Deb Lawrence  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Mary Jo Bates  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Silvana Sinadinowski  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Jaclyn Kingman  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Kelly Moore  
CI Room Jennifer Spotts  
CI Room Amber Stallworth  
Resource Cindy Bowman  
Resource Noelle Moorton  
Instr. Coach Bridget Baumgarten  
Science Jennifer Gorham  
Art Libby Fortune  
Music Lauren Saurine  
PE Bryan Schorman  
Tech/PLTW Wendy Brandal  
Literacy Tutor Suzanne Aprea  
Literacy Tutor Christina McEvoy

Math Tutor Michelle Diaz  
Math Tutor Toni Osborne

## **Paras**

Young 5's Para Kalie Mueller  
Media Para Jennifer St. Clair  
Building Para Lindsay DeHenau-Luna  
Building Para Kim Ferney  
Building Para Becky Stasyk  
CC Para Kristin Bajoka  
CC Para Emily Briskey  
CC Para Heather Harward  
CC Para Natasa Sterjovski  
Literacy Para Danielle Baumgarten  
Literacy Para Tami Bradford  
Literacy Para Angela Hardy  
Lunch Para Sabryna Riggi  
Lunch Para Lisa Stewart

**Cafeteria / Kitchen** Shelia Craib  
Leah Hudgins

**Custodians** Neil McComas (Days)  
Connor Wolfgang (Afternoons)

**SACC** Kathy Elias, Elena Starna,  
Debra Tompkins

**Staff Changes** – With everything comes change. Welcome to our new staff members, Sabryna Riggi, Heather Harward, Jennifer Spotts and Toni Osborne!

## ***Anchor Bay School District - School Messenger for District and Naldrett Info:***

If you would like to receive text messages from the School District notifying you of cancellations or other issues, you can sign up by following the instructions below.

Recently 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 <http://schoolmessenger.com/txtmsg/>

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Check out our webpage at  
[www.anchorbay.misd.net/Schools/Naldrett](http://www.anchorbay.misd.net/Schools/Naldrett)  
Updated school and district information will be posted frequently.