



Around the Round!

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Important Dates

January:

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- 1/6 School resumes
- 1/9 Report Cards Available
- 1/13 PTO Meeting 4:00pm
- 1/19 No School – MLK Day
- 1/23 Family Fun Night –
Glow Dance
- 1/26- 2/6 Yearbook Sales
- 1/31 Kindergarten
Orientation HESSC
10:00am

February

- 1st New Kindergarten
Enrollment Opens.
- 5th PTO Mtg 4pm
- 6th- 9th Mid-Winter Break
- 20th Talent Show
- 26th Rollerama Night

School Hours
Monday -Thursday
8:50 – 3:50pm

Fridays
8:50 -2:50

Happy New Year! Welcome Back!

The New Year brings new ideas, goals, and our hope for the future! As we embrace the spirit of the New Year, we will be working with our students each day to develop a positive attitude not only toward others, but toward themselves as well.

Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who helped with the holiday festivities. Without your help and dedication to our school, these events are not possible. In December, students enjoyed Santa Shop, holiday decorations and wonderful performances. 3rd grade took a special trip to Castaway Café.

We would like to thank all of the families who baked cookies for the staff Cookie Walk. The Round staff appreciated your generous gift during the busy holiday season.

Just a reminder, we are sending letters to parents of students who have been absent 5, 10, and 15 days (so far this year). This is consistent with school board policy and will be our practice for the foreseeable future. We know that student success is directly linked to student attendance.

Here is a great article about the impact of attendance in Michigan:
<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/education/2017/12/12/michigan-schools-truancy/108527012/>



Thank you,
Mrs. Dotty Hottum

Great Start Readiness Program

The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is a FREE, state-funded, preschool program for 4-year-old children. There are many GSRP classroom sites in Livingston County, with highly qualified teachers offering research-based curriculum that is proven to help prepare children for kindergarten. School-day and part-day programs are available.

Age Eligibility

- If your child is 3 years old by December 1, 2026, he or she may qualify for free preschool through Head Start or Livingston Promise.
- If your child is 4 years old by December 1, 2026, he or she may qualify for free preschool through Great Start.
- If your child turns 5 years old between September 1, 2026 & December 1, 2026, he or she may qualify for free preschool through Great Start.

Income Eligibility

- Families up to 250% of poverty (no sliding scale tuition).
- Families above 250% of poverty (with sliding fee scale tuition).

GSRP classrooms are offered in high-quality settings as defined by the Great Start to Quality. To learn more about why high-quality matters and how the Great Start to Quality defines high-quality programming visit Great Start to Quality. Transportation for GSRP eligible children is available on a limited basis within a one-hour route to and from school. For more information:

http://www.livingstonesa.org/parent_community_resources/early_childhood/great_start_readiness_program

Bundle Up! It's Getting Cold Outside!

Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather with warm coats, snow pants, hats, gloves and boots. Children go outside for recess 3 times a day for fresh air, frequent breaks and exercise. Please LABEL everything!

The district cold weather policy is as follows:

Wind chill 15 degrees or above = outdoor recess

Wind chill between 0 and 15 degrees = a short recess
5 to 15 minutes

Wind chill below 0 degrees = inside recess

Please be aware that children need a doctor's note to stay in for recess.



To learn about the Read by Grade 3 initiative in Michigan visit:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vMnR2fC_pRE&feature=youtu.be

Websites to encourage reading Reading Resources for Parents

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/get-ready-summer-ideas-teachers-share-families#online>

<http://www.startwithabook.org/>

http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2015#age_screener/cleanup

<http://imaginationsoup.net/2015/05/summer-reading-list-for-kids/>

<http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/>

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/u/summer-reading/379003570/>

The cumulative effects of reading loss: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ahhj3wxxkdM>

Math Resources for Parents

<http://homeworkunlocked.com>

Free math homework

<http://www.engageny.org/mathematics>

Math Modules EngagedNY

<http://www.eduplace.com/math/mhm/>

Help with math homework

Preschool and Kindergarten Websites

<http://families.naeyc.org/learning-and-development/reading-writing/personal-stories-help-children-get-ready-school>

Personal Stories to Help Children Get Ready For School

<http://families.naeyc.org/child-development/school-ready-your-kindergartner>

Is The School Ready for Your Kindergartner?

<http://families.naeyc.org/learning-and-development/music-math-more/13-tips-starting-preschool>

13 Tips for Starting Preschool

Reinstating Routines

After taking a vacation, enjoying a summer, or coming back from winter break, it's important to reinstate routines both at home and at school. As we begin second semester, our teachers will work with students to reiterate classroom and school-wide expectations. These are important to everyone as they are our guiding principles at school.

You can help us by talking with your student about our school-wide and classroom expectations. Ask questions like – What are you expected to do as you walk through the hallway? What are you allowed to play on the playground? How do the teachers expect you to behave in the classroom? What are the rules in the bathroom? Cafeteria?

While these questions may seem silly, they give insight into how your student views the rules of school and how they see themselves operating from day-to-day inside the building. Having a conversation with your student at home further solidifies the bond between school and home.

It is never easy to get back in the swing of things after an extended break, but we know that our students are resilient and will pick up right where they left off with a few reminders.

Thank you for your ongoing support!



Safety in the Parking Lot!

The morning “drop off” time before school and afternoon “pick up” times have students and parents negotiating a very busy parking lot. PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AND CAUTIOUSLY and put the safety of our students first. This is particularly important during the winter.



The drop off lane is a “kiss and go lane”, please stay in your car, give them a kiss and a hug, send them out to the sidewalk on the right side of your car. Children exiting cars on the left hand side could be stepping out into traffic. If you need to help your child out of the car or they must exit on the left, then you need to park in the lot to ensure everyone’s safety. We need the line to move quickly so parents with other morning commitments can be on time.

Please remember to save the parking spaces labeled ‘handicapped’ for those with the appropriate legal designation. Thank you for your cooperation.

End of the day pick up reminder!

We want to thank you for all you have done this fall to ensure we had a great start to the school year. We need to clarify the ‘end of the day procedures’ because there has been some confusion.

Please be aware that half of the office staff go to the gym for end of the day pick up at 3:40. At the same time, teachers send students being picked up to their lockers to get their things and head to the gym. Parents can pick students up in the gym at 3:45.

If you want to pick your child up between 3:40 and 3:50 you have 2 options:

1. Pick them up in the gym beginning at 3:45
2. Sign them out in the office and wait on the sidewalk for your child to exit the building at 3:50

We do not like to release students from the office between 3:30 and 3:50 unless it is an emergency. Please help us to make the end of the day an efficient and safe experience for everyone between 3:30 and 3:50 by choosing one of the above options.

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K Kids visited Village Manor!



We Need Your Help to earn money for our school programs.

Please bring your recyclable papers to our
Green & Yellow Paper Retriever® Bin.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Newspaper
Cardboard
- Magazines
Cartons
- Shopping Catalogs
wrap/containers
- Mail
Products
- School Papers
- Office Papers
- Envelopes

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:



- NO
- NO Cereal/Soda
- NO Food
- NO Tissue
- NO Phone Books
- NO Plastic
- NO Glass

RESOURCE SAVINGS from Recycling One Ton of Paper:

4,102 kwh less Electricity

60 Lbs less Green House Gases

7,000 gallons less of Water

390 gallons of oil



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