



# LIGHTHOUSE ELEMENTARY

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**DEAR PARENTS,** The staff and I would like to welcome everyone back from the holiday vacation. We hope you had a wonderful holiday and had a chance to relax and enjoy this time with your family and friends.



**THANK YOU,** to all the parents, and the PTG, for your immense generosity in donations for the giving tree. The recipients of the gifts were very very grateful. Again a big thank you for all the wonderful participation we received.



**NO SCHOOL:** Monday, January 16th, Staff Professional Development/ and Martin Luther King Jr., Day, **NO SCHOOL** on Records Day January 20th.

**EMERGENCY CLOSING** In the event school should close early—every child needs to know where to go. (a friend, neighbor, etc.) Please have a plan in place with your child.



## ANCHOR BAY SCHOOLS EARLY

**CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS:** A brand new opportunity for your 3 or 4 year old beginning January 3, 2006. @ Anchor Bay High School, Monday thru Friday (4 or 5 days). Class times are 12:15-3:15 p.m. Tuition cost: 5 days \$150 month (5 monthly payments) 4 days \$140 (5 monthly payments). Class dates: 1/3/06-5/25/06. Ages: 3 or 4 years old on/by 12/1/05. Registration fee: Free for Winter 06 semester. Signing Bonus: Free Children's book. Curriculum: High/Scope. PS T-shirt: \$10.00. Registrations are being accepted at the Anchor Bay Early childhood Center at 52680 Washington Street, New Baltimore. For availability and more information call 716-7862.



**PESTICIDE:** Lighthouse will be having a pesticide application the last Friday of every month after school hours.

**PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM:** Winter 2006 Series, Parenting Young Children ages 5 and Under. This Facilitated discussion group is designed for parents of children under six years of age to provide an exciting outlook on child rearing in today's world. Development, understanding behavior, communication, building self-esteem, and discipline that works are all explored. Based on the Systematic Training for Effective Parenting Program. These classes are free. The book Parenting Young Children by Dinkmeyer and McKay is also provided. Parenting School Aged Children. This group discusses ways to understand behavior, build self esteem, increase cooperation and provide discipline that teaches personal responsibility. Based on the Systematic Training for Effective Parenting Program. The fee for the workshop is \$28 per person or \$43 a couple. The Parent's Handbook by Dinkmeyer and McKay is required. Further information is in the Main Office at Lighthouse.

**DRESS FOR WEATHER:** Please make sure that your child is properly dressed for the weather. Hats, mittens, scarves and warm boots are a necessity in this cold weather. Recess will be outside, weather permitting.



**VISITORS:** All visitors and volunteers are asked to stop in the office and sign in. Please help us to keep your children safe. A badge must be worn in our building.

**AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP:** School dismissal is at 3:21 P.M. If you have a problem and are unable to pick up your child at that time, please make sure you have made alternative arrangements with your emergency contacts. The office is closed at 3:45 PM.

**PARENT PICK UP AREA:** Please do not park your car in front of the doors, you need to park in the parking lot and come in to the parent pick up area for your child. The children are not allowed to cross the parking lot without an adult.

**STUDENT TARDINESS:** Parents if you bring your child to school after 8:31 a.m. you must first come to the office with your child and sign them in and get an admis-



- C January 3rd—Welcome Back!
  - C January 5th PTG Market Day
  - C January 11th- Assembly Professor Gizzmo
  - C January 12th Field Trip 2nd gr. Cranbrook
  - C January 16th-No School Martin Luther King Day/Professional Develop. Day
  - C January 18th-1st Gr. Field Trip Macomb Theatre
  - C January 20th-No School Records Day
  - C January 31st-Report Cards Home
- ABSENCE:** For safety reasons, if a student is absent from school the parents or guardians are asked to telephone the school office as soon as possible, preferably before 8:30 a.m. Our office telephone number is **586-648-2500 X 1901**.



**A MESSAGE FROM TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT:** Parents and children will soon be noticing an increased presence of the Chesterfield and New Baltimore Police Dept. around and following Anchor Bay School buses. The Police are looking to target motorists who illegally run school bus flashers. Conviction of this offense may result up to a 3 point violation and a monetary fine. We appreciate the cooperation of the Police Dept. in this endeavor by helping to keep our students safe during this crucial time of pick up and drop off by the school bus of our students.





## SAFETY SCHOOL BUS STOPS: WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW:

### *When waiting for the bus:*

- ◆ Stay a safe distance from the roadway
- ◆ No pushing or horseplay
- ◆ When it arrives, stay away from the wheels



### *To cross in front of the bus:*

- ◆ After exiting the bus, walk at least three giant steps from the side of the bus
- ◆ Walk on the sidewalk or side of the road, taking 10 giant steps ahead of the bus
- ◆ Look at the driver for a signal to cross
- ◆ Stop at the edge of the bus
- ◆ Look to the left, right and left again
- ◆ Keep watching the traffic as you walk
- ◆ If a paper or article goes under the school bus, ask the bus driver to help you

**LEFT:** Students crossing in front of the school bus cannot see a vehicle approaching from behind the bus.

**RIGHT:** The driver of a car behind a bus cannot see students crossing the street in front of the bus.

**SCHOOL BUS STOPS: WHAT DRIVERS SHOULD KNOW: AT A GLANCE:** To avoid injury to students, AAA Michigan offers these rules of school bus safety.

### *School buses with overhead red and yellow lights:*

- ◆ Yellow lights are flashing-prepare to stop
- ◆ Red lights are flashing-stop no closer than 20 feet from the bus
- ◆ Red lights are turned off-proceed with caution

### *School buses with overhead red lights only:*

- ◆ Red lights are flashing and bus is moving-prepare to stop
- ◆ Red lights are flashing and bus is stopped-stop no closer than 20 feet from the bus
- ◆ Red lights are turned off-proceed with caution

### *All school buses:*

- ◆ Yellow hazard warning lights are flashing-proceed with caution

**MICROWAVES:** We are in need of two volunteers to work Friday lunches and to be on our substitute list. If you are interested call Krystal Thibault at 725-3858. Thank you.



**STUDENT COUNCIL:** The Student Council visited classrooms December 20th to sing Holiday songs and bring students a treat, thank you Student Council! They also held a lollipop sale with 1/2 of the proceeds going to the Michigan Humane Society.

**BANKING PROGRAM:** Lighthouse Elementary has started a banking program through Citizens State Bank, and there is now a branch at the School. On the 2nd Friday of the month, students will be able to do their banking. The 5th graders serve as employees. Students that wanted to work at the Bank applied for the jobs of Branch Manager, Assistant Manager, Tellers, Marketing Staff, and Security Guards. Employees at Citizens State Bank and Mr. Huber interviewed the candidates. The name of the Lighthouse Bank was voted on, and the winning name was Lighthouse Elementary Money Bags Bank. The student that submitted the winning name, Josh Guske won a \$50 savings bond from Citizens State Bank.

**A BIG THANK YOU,** To Mr. Dave Redlowsk of the Clinton Township Kiwanis Club for providing Christmas Dinner to some very needy families. I am sure they really appreciated it.

**ANCHOR BAY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL:** Is holding its annual Free Throw Championship on Saturday, January 7, 2006 at the Anchor Bay Middle School South gym. Doors open at 10 a.m. with competition beginning at 11 a.m. All boys and girls ages 9-14 are eligible to participate in their respective gender and age groups. Entry forms are available in Anchor Bay school offices. For additional information call (586) 725-5112.

**LIGHTHOUSE ELEMENTARY CHOIR:** 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade students and families: We are offering a tuition-based after school choir class for those students who are looking to develop better singing skills and have a little fun. The choir will meet for 10 weeks on Tuesday afternoons from 3:21 p.m.-4:21 p.m. The first rehearsal will be on January 10. The choir program is open to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students and must have at least 25 members. The cost for each student will be \$10—checks are due no later than January 9, 2006 and be made payable to Amy Blumreich. If we do not have that many students interested, a full refund will be made to those students who registered.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HONORS CHOIR:**

The following students were selected: Cassidey Carraway, Ashlea Hurst, Katelyn Shippy, Lauren McBride, Allison Gottberg, Cailynn Kreis, Tori Dennis, Kurtis Kowalczyk, Dalton Walker, Ciara Adams, Cameron Phillips, Marissa Tremaine, Rachel Delfuoco, and Dana Novak.

