

Important Information

School Phone #
586-725-7541

Fax #
586-725-7590

Transportation
586-725-4220

School Hours
8:31 AM - 3:21 PM

School Lunches
\$2.00

Anchor Bay Early Childhood Center
586-716-7862

PLEASE BRING ID

When you come to the building to pick up your child early, please remember to report to the office to sign your child out and bring in picture identification. For safety's sake, we like to verify that we are releasing to authorized individuals.

6th Grade Parent Orientation

at
Middle School South, (949-4510)
"A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A 6TH GRADER"
Monday, April 10th @ 6:30 PM

Or
Wednesday, April 12th @ 6:30 PM
This orientation is for parents only; please do not bring your child with you. An orientation for students will be held in May, during school

**Lottie M. Schmidt Elementary
Lac Sainte Claire Chronicle**

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Our mission is to develop personal responsibility, strong academic skills, social sensitivity, and a sense of well being in each child.

Principally Speaking

By
Mrs. Anne Berglund

If you have been waiting for **Spring**, please be advised that you are not alone!

Everyone at Lottie is hoping for warm weather with flowers blooming. That is what makes Michigan so special. We have to wait for those wonderful days and we never know when it is going to happen. Everyone is looking forward to the Holidays that are only two weeks away. Our Spring Recess will begin at the end of the day on April 13th and school will resume on April 24th. The Lottie M. Schmidt Elementary School Staff would like to wish you the best of times while you experience this week off to visit with family and friends.

In addition, with Spring in the air, please remind your children that we still have one more marking period of school left before Summer Vacation. There is a great deal of learning to be done before June. Therefore, please impress upon them the importance of making good choices with their behavior and study habits.

Important Dates to Remember in APRIL

April 3rd MORLEY Delivery, Pick-Up between 3:00 PM & 6:00 PM

April 6th 3rd Grade Musical, Two Performances 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

April 7th Popcorn & Sucker Friday

April 10th Field Trip for 4th and 5th Graders, Warren Symphony Orchestra @ Troy, Athens High School

April 10th Market-Day Pick-Up @ Lottie 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

April 11th Report Cards Sent Home

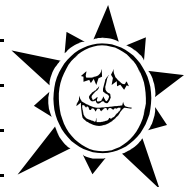
April 13th S.C.O.P.E. Meeting @ 6:30 PM

April 14th thru April 21st NO SCHOOL, EASTER BREAK

April 24th School Resumes

April 25th 5th Grade Band Concert (Combined with Ashley @ Ashley Elm.) 7:00 PM

April 27th NO SCHOOL for Students, Professional Development Day



MRS. MORGAN'S TIPS FOR SUCCESS: How to praise your child

We all know as parents that we should focus on the positive with our children. However, too much praise can backfire. How would too much praise be bad? Well, children do hear what we say. If they only hear broad praise every day, they don't always learn to apply themselves to do better. An example of this would be telling a child, "You are such a good reader" over and over. This child may think they never have to improve their reading skills. A better way to develop praise for a task is to be specific. "I like the way you re-read that story" or "You are sounding out your vowels much better". This gives a child a specific reason to be proud and also tells them to keep working. Another example would be about making the bed. Don't just say "you did a good job on your bed". Instead say: "You pulled your covers up nice and tight".

Giving praise for effort is VERY important. Children are learning hundreds of new things a year and need to be given credit for their effort. So if a child just learning to clean the bathroom misses a few spots, don't be too negative with them. Instead praise their effort and encourage them to do better. "Suzy, I love how hard you tried on the bathroom sink, the bowl is very clean. Maybe now we could shine the faucet."

Finally, everyday tell your child that you are proud of them and they should be proud of themselves. Phrases like "You did great!", "I can't believe how hard you tried!", and "You are the greatest" may sound corny but kids love to hear it.

Here's to a positive month!

Jane Morgan, School Psychologist

