



Great Oaks Gazette



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Parent / Teacher

Conferences

Conferences will be held on November 8th, 10th & 11th. Please make sure you are prompt for your scheduled conference time. Thank you in advance for your participation in this valuable sharing time.

We'd like to remind you that when parents and teachers work together your child gains the most. Please look at and discuss your child's work daily, then raise questions or concerns with the classroom teacher.



Principal's Corner

Fall has arrived and we have reached the point where one quarter of our school year is completed. The children are settled into routines and are making progress on their grade level curriculum. Our third, fourth, and fifth grade students have successfully completed MEAP tests and are giving their full attention to their classroom work.

Parent teacher conferences are taking place in November. These conferences are critical because they allow teachers to communicate with parents and to build a relationship that can help students be successful in school. I hope that all of you have scheduled a conference with your child's teacher. If you have not had the opportunity to do so yet, please contact them to set up a time when you can meet.

At the end of this month we will celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. I look forward to enjoying this special time with my family and hope that you will all have the opportunity to do the same.

Sincerely,

Kathy Elias

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 1 - **NO SCHOOL**
(professional development)
- Nov 3 Picture Retakes
- Nov. 7 & 8 Health Team germ lessons
Kdg.-2
- Nov. 7-11 Scholastic Book Fair
- Nov. 8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
4:15 pm-6:15 pm
- Nov 8 Reports Cards Home
- Nov. 9 4th grade—aquatic center
- Nov. 10 Parent/Teacher Conference
4:15 pm—6:15 pm
- Nov. 11 **1/2 day-AM** kdg attends
Parent/Teacher Conferences
1:00 pm-3:00 pm
- Nov. 15 2nd gr field trip
Macomb Performing Arts
- Nov. 16 2nd grade concert- 6:15 pm
5th grade concert-7:30 pm
- Nov. 16 Great Oaks Bank Opens
Citizens Bank
- Nov. 23-26 **NO SCHOOL**
Thanksgiving Recess
- Nov. 28 School Resumes
- Nov. 30 Bingo Night

COLLECTION FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

The schools in Anchor Bay are taking donation for those affected by the recent earthquake in South Asia. The elementary schools are collecting warm clothing and blankets. Donations can be sent to the school office through November 22nd. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

VIDEO CAMERAS AT GREAT OAKS

Video cameras have recently been installed at Great Oaks elementary. Cameras are located at the front and back entrances and at various points on the outside of the buildings. These cameras may help to give us information should any incident occur at our building.

We would like to thank everyone for contributing to the Salvation Army to help the Katrina victims. The collections raised \$645.00 and the money has been sent to the Mt. Clemens branch of the Salvation Army. Thank you to all your generosity.

MUSIC PROGRAMS AT GREAT OAKS



2nd grade: November 16 @ 6:15 pm
 5th grade: November 16 @ 7:30 pm
 4th grade: February 14 @ 6:30 pm
 1st grade: April 5 @ 6:15 pm
 3rd grade: April 5 @ 7:30 pm
 Talent Show: May 24 @ 6:30 pm

Don't forget to mark your calendars

Student Council Members 2005-06 School Year

Mr. Vandermeer– Nikki Novak, Kara Wilming
Mrs. Youngert– Kendall Rogowski, Sydnee Wargo
Mr. Ogden– Jenna Russo, Holli Legg
Mrs. Froberger– Miranda O'Connor, Jordan Deschaepmeester
Mr. Hayden–Cameron Lock, Christian Rassey
Mrs. Sroka- Ashley DeBiase, Jaclyn Scalici
Mrs. Eovaldi–Maranda Metter, Griffin Fournier
Mrs. Gazdick-Alex Pierzynski, Emily Centofanti
Mrs. Dalia–Tyler Bruder, Scott Poncedeleon

Happy Thanksgiving

With the cold weather approaching, more parents will be driving their children to school. In order to keep traffic moving through the drop off zone quickly, we are looking for more parent volunteers who would be willing to work from 8:45–9:00 in the morning to assist students as they exit their vehicles. Any amount of time you can offer would be appreciated. Please contact Kathy Elias in the office if you can help.



Meijer Stores

Meijer Community Rewards

Currently many of our families are participating in the Meijer Community Reward Program. Our school receives a percentage of money spent by families who use their Meijer Community Reward card. The money is undesignated so we can use it for supplies, assemblies, etc.

Parents, friends, grandparents or neighbors who wish to sign up can ask for an application at school, Meijers, or go to www.Meijer.com/rewards and register online.

Please use our school code **610993** so that Great Oaks Elementary gets the credit. You will receive a card that you show to the cashier every time you make a purchase. There is **NO** cost to you for this program. Thank you for all your support.

ARTISTS

These artists have their work on display at the MacDonald Library in New Baltimore.

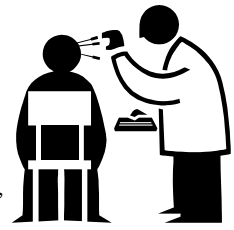
Name: Kendall Jablonski
 Grade: 3
 Subject: Line design
 Media: Crayon
 Teacher: Muriel Hayes

Name: Ashley Bankstahl
 Grade: 5
 Subject: Summer vacation
 Media: Crayon
 Teacher: Muriel Hayes



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to make you aware of head lice so that you may take steps at home to help prevent your child from becoming infested. Any time children come together, particularly at the start of the school year or any social grouping like Scouts, Little Leagues, etc., head lice cases commonly increase. Please encourage your child not to share or trade personal items such as hats, combs, brushes, headbands, barrettes, as well as helmets or headphones with foam ear protectors. Direct, physical and/or head-to-head contact is the usual method transmission. Lice do not jump, fly, or swim. They are, however, good crawlers. Check your child's head weekly for lice and/or nits (eggs). Mature lice, which 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—usually within 1/4 inch. They appear as tiny whitish ovals that are "glued" to the hair shaft. They cannot easily be flicked away as dandruff can. Head lice do not transmit disease and are not a serious medical condition. They cannot survive on your pets. If you find head lice on your child, please notify the school and keep him or her home until properly treated. Continue to examine all family members for 3 weeks and treat if live lice or nits are found.



G.O.V. NEWS

Great Oaks Volunteers

Market Day—Orders due: Nov. 19
Delivery – Nov. 29

GOV Meeting – Nov. 14 @ 4:00 pm

Book Fair— The first book fair of the year will be from November 7th —11th.
 Family night will be on **Nov. 8th from 4:00 pm—6:30 pm**

Bingo Night—Nov. 30th 5:30 pm—8:00 pm

Kohl's Gift Cards— Kohl's gift cards can be ordered throughout November. Forms are available in the office.

Hungry Howies Pizza Mondays— Hungry Howies Pizza on 23 mile Rd (across from St. Joe's Medical Bldg) is donating 20% of their sales to Great Oaks every Monday throughout November.



A big Thank You to all who sent in baked goods for our cake walk for the Harvest Festival. Also, a big thank you to all who spent their evening helping us make it happen! Volunteers are the backbone of the GOV and we appreciate the help.



Late arrivals and lunch orders

If your child will be late for school and needs to order a lunch, **please call the school before 9:30 a.m.** and let us know. Our lunch counts are called in to the kitchen by 9:30 a.m. so we need the total count by this time to ensure that every child who orders receives a lunch.

Cold weather is upon us. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather every day. Students go outside for recess every day unless it is raining or the wind-chill is below 15°.



Frequently used phone numbers:



Absence Line: Please call in your child before 9:30 a.m. if they are going to be absent at: 586-725-2038 ex. 1101

Transportation: 586-725-4220

School aged child care: 586-716-7862

Anchor Bay Pesticide Program Notice
 In accordance with Public Act 131, school administration must advise parents or guardians of their right to be notified prior to the application of pesticide at their child's school. As a result of this regulation, you are being advised that a routine application of pesticide will take place the last Friday of every month in each school. These applications will take place after school hours.

Great Oaks Elementary 2005-06

(revised 10-25-05)

November-01	NO SCHOOL -Prof Dev Day
November-03	Picture Retakes-Lifetouch Photography 1:00 pm-2:00pm
November-07-11	Scholastic Book Fair
November-08	Report Cards sent home
November-08	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:15 pm-6:15 pm
November-10	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:15 pm-6:15 pm
November-11	1/2 Day -Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00 pm-3:00 pm
November-15	2nd Grade Field Trip-Macomb Performing Arts
November-16	Musical Concert 2nd grade- 6:15 pm / 5th grade- 7:30 pm
November-23	No school -Thanksgiving Recess
November-28	School Resumes
November-30	Bingo Night—5:30 pm—8:00 pm
December-02	Progress Reports
December-12-15	Santa Shop
December-14	3 rd Grade Field Trip – Detroit Science Center
December-16	Pizza with Santa
December-19	5 th Grade Field Trip – Anchor Bay High for choir performance
December-21	No school -Christmas Recess
January-03	School Resumes
January-16	No school- Prof Dev Day
January-20	No school-Records day
January-20	End of marking period
January-26	3 rd grade field trip-Henry Ford
January-31	Report Cards
February-13	Rain Forest Assembly 7:00 pm
February-14	4th grade concert & Band concert 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
February-22	No school -Mid-Winter Break
February-27	School Resumes
March-03	Progress Reports
March-11	Mom to Mom sale
March-23	No school —Prof Dev Day
March-31	End of 3 rd marking period
April-05	Musical concert -1st grade- 6:15 pm / 3rd grade -7:30 pm
April-11	Report Cards
April-14	No school -Spring Recess
April-24	School Resumes
April-27	No school -Prof Dev Day
May-12	Progress Reports
May-24	Talent Show - 6:30 pm
May-25	1 st Grade field trip – Sterling Heights nature center
May-29	No school -Memorial Day Recess
May-30	School Resumes
June-9	Field Day
June-13	5 th Grade Graduation 10:30 am
June-13	1/2 day
June-14	1/2 day-End of 4 th marking period

ALL CALENDAR DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

½ Days – Students are released @ 12:06 pm