

# Mayfield Elementary Newsletter



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Learning is not a spectator sport — Let's get in the game!



## Mark Your Calendar

### November 1

- PAC Meeting 3:30pm  
Mayfield Library

### November 2

- Flag Football Banquet

### November 3

- Mrs. McComb's last day as Mayfield cook

### November 6

- Popcorn Monday

### November 9

- Custodian's Day

### November 15

- Market Day 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- PTC meeting

### November 16

- Picture Retake day

### November 17

- Thanksgiving Feast: Moore, King, Orzel, Schabel, Lamphere, Forgione

### November 20

- NO SCHOOL students, records day

### November 21-24

- NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Holiday

### November 28

- Parent Connect 4pm in the Library

## First Aid

We will administer first aid when needed.

First aid consists of the following only:

Wash a wound, apply Band-Aids or ice, make child comfortable, observe the child, and stabilize injuries. When we suspect more than first aid may be needed, we will contact you (at home or work) or the emergency numbers you have supplied.

## ♥ Hearts for Hurricane Victims ♥

Thank you to all who organized and contributed to this effort. The \$500 we raised were gratefully received by a teacher, Ms. Pierce in Florida. Here is what she wrote:

*Dear Mayfield 2nd graders "Hearts for Florida",*

*I am overwhelmed by your generosity! My students will be thrilled with their new backpacks; what a great start for the rest of our school year! We are not going to let the devastation of Hurricane Irma stop our goal of success for the 2017-2018 school year!*

*Thank you! With gratitude, Ms. Pierce*



## Volunteer Opportunities

Don't forget to fill out and send in a volunteer application. You MUST have an approved application on file in order to work with students in classrooms. This would include field trips and helping with classroom parties. You can get an application on line from the web site or at school in the office foyer.

## Keep Saving!

Please continue saving and sending in your General Mills box tops, Tyson Chicken Labels and Aunt Millie bread labels. Thank you!

## Sad day for Mayfield

November 3 is the last day for Mrs. Sharon McComb as Mayfield's cook. She is opening a new chapter in her book and retiring. She will truly be missed here at lunch time. Sharon is also expecting a new grandchild in April to add to her days. We wish Mrs. McComb good luck and lots of exciting adventures.

## Students of the Month

Mrs. King	Courtney Hoskins
Mrs. Moore	Ava Josef
Mrs. Orzel	Emma Anderson
Mrs. Daley	Christian Smith
Mrs. Schabel	Ellyana Barr
Mrs. Forgione	Paiden Christie
Mrs. Lamphere	Preston Holt
Mrs. Bidlack	Draiden Castillo
Mrs. Novak	Brooklyn Williams
Mrs. Wood	Wiley Goddard
Mrs. Chapin	Bradley Burr
Mrs. Fosmoen	Gryphon Kropp
Mr. Back	Holden Taube
Mr. Bush	Kyleigh Skeen
Ms. Morris	Rosa Freeland

## Illnesses and Accidents

Should a student illness or injury occur while at school, parents are notified and may be required to take their child home. In the event we are unable to reach a parent, school personnel will contact the person(s) identified on the Emergency card. Please notify your school when any changes are necessary, so we can keep this important information current.

## Cold + Flu Season

Children go out for recess if the wind-chill or actual temp is (0) degrees and above. Students should dress properly (especially a coat) so that 10-15 minutes outside will be enjoyable and good for them.



**Doctor's notes should accompany a parent's request to keep their child indoors. Lastly, please have your children dress appropriately (sweaters) for indoors too, as thermostats are set at 68 degrees. This is a district direction to reduce energy bills. Also, should we have to evacuate the building due to an emergency situation; students will be unable to go to their lockers. Your cooperation is appreciated.**

Wearing clothing designed specifically to keep you warm and dry in one's comfort level when working or being outdoors can make a big difference. Versatile, functional winter apparel is worth the investment. Here is basic information about dressing for winter.

**Layering:** The best way to dress for winter is to wear multiple layers of clothing. This system gives participants the flexibility to add or remove layers depending on the weather and activities.

**Headwear:** Up to 60% of the body's heat can escape from an uncovered head. This is why wearing a hat or headband is essential when it's cold. There are thousands of styles of hats and headbands, usually made from fleece or wool. Many wool hats have non-itch liners. A fleece neck gaiter (like a collar) or facemask is a must on very cold days.

**Gloves + mittens:** Look for gloves and mittens that use waterproof/breathable fabrics. Mittens, in general, are warmer than gloves, but offer less dexterity. Consider the type of activity when choosing between gloves and mittens.

**Socks:** One pair of lightweight or medium weight socks works best. Socks are made from a variety of materials, including polyester, silk and wool. Socks designed specifically for snow sports have wicking properties similar to thermal underwear, meaning your feet will stay drier and more comfortable.

**Boots + snow pants:** Don't forget on cold and/or snowy days the students need to keep warm and dry to be able to enjoy their recess outside. A pair of shoes needs to be in their locker for them to change into when they come into the building.

## New Mayfield Literacy Center Opens

*Moving from a traditional library to a literacy center – fostering a love of reading and developing life-long learners*

After much planning and hard work, Mayfield students were excited to take possession of their new literacy center. Converted from the old school library, the space was dramatically expanded, redecorated and stocked with new books, technology, and spaces to get lost in reading.

The literacy center concept grew out of a wish to expand students' experiences with reading. Student schedules were adjusted to include additional time during the school day when they could visit the center as a class and engage in multiple reading experiences. The literacy center effectively expands individual classroom libraries allowing students to select books that match their interests and support their reading level. The literacy center leads students on their journey from "learning how to read" to "reading in order to learn". Books allow them to engage with author's ideas and to journey to the past or into the future. Their imagination is kindled and their creativity is nurtured as they explore topics that fascinate them. The sign on the wall says it all: "Mayfield Literacy Center – Go anywhere. Learn anything."

The Literacy Center also supports Michigan's Take-Home Reading program. This initiative was developed to help increase Michigan students' reading skills as part of the goal to make Michigan a "Top 10 in 10 Years" academically performing state. Research consistently shows that children's success with reading is directly tied to the amount of time they spend reading – both at school and at home. It is important for children to read about topics that interest them and at a level that is not too challenging for independent reading. Mayfield's Literacy Center puts an enormous selection of reading material at the students' fingertips, allowing them to select books to take home that provide the "just right" amount of reading challenge while feeding their interests and creativity. Students are also able to access texts electronically through the use of multiple Chrome Books and computers. One of the programs they use is MyOn, which offers reading opportunities that are individually tailored to a student's interests and reading skill. The act of reading requires active engagement by the reader, because he or she have to create mental images of what the author is describing. Contrast that with watching a movie or video – everything from sound to visual image is provided and the consumer is much more passive. Reading is based on active engagement!

Thank you to all who dreamed and worked to make this happen. The Lapeer Community Schools district leadership spearheaded this effort. Parents and staff members invested much of their time and energy to make this new center a reality. The larger community, especially the Lapeer Optimist's Club, have most generously supported the development and stocking of all of the Lapeer Community Schools Elementary Literacy Centers and we are most grateful and appreciative for their help. Together we are investing in our future by growing life-long readers and learners – thank you!



*Ribbon-cutting ceremony*

### *Students are excited to explore their new Literacy Center!*

