

Around the Round!

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Important Dates

April:

- 4/9 CoGat Testing begins
- 4/10 PTO Meeting 7:00 pm
- 4/19 No School
- 4/25 Science and Art Fair

May:

- 5/2 1st grade to Kensington
- 5/6-5/10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/7 4th grade parent meeting at Farms 6:00 pm for next school year
- 5/9 PTO Meeting 4:00 pm
- 5/22 4th grade to Mackinac
- 5/23 4th grade returns from Mackinac
- 5/27 No School
- 5/28 Kindergarten to Potters Park
- 5/30 3rd grade to Greenfield Village

June:

- 6/3 4th grade to Sloan Museum
- 6/4 Field Day
- 6/7 Last Day of School 4th grade Clap-Out 10:30 High School Graduation

Spring is in the Air!

Thanks to your continued support and our amazing PTO, we had a marvelous presentation by author Karen Brege and Illustrator Darrin Brege! The kids loved their humor, illustration tips and stories about writing.

The Auction was a huge success and everyone enjoyed the new venue, student performances and the many auction items. We are very fortunate to have so many talented students, hard working parent volunteers and dedicated teachers (Mrs. Watters, Mrs. Griffon, and Mrs. Rogers). A big thank you to everyone who made this event possible and to our amazing PTO board! Round Rocks!

Please consider volunteering for a PTO event or as a board member. We all have busy lives, but Together Everyone Achieves More – We need you on our TEAM!

Our new music teacher, Mrs. Jernigan is off to a great start and enjoying the Round community very much. Mrs. Jernigan is a Brighton resident and is very excited to work close to home.

Please plan to attend the fantastic Science and Art Fair on 4/25! The PTO board has planned to have several experiences/experiments from the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum.

Would you like to be a substitute teacher at Round? All you need is 90 credit hours from an accredited university. Call 877-974-6338 or visit <u>www.EDUStaff.org</u> to register.

We would like to remind everyone to celebrate the wonderful learning our students have accomplished and the Round staff's passion and commitment to excellence!

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The Round Elementary PTO plays a vital role in the education of our students. We feel extremely fortunate to have a caring, energetic group of parents that volunteer their time and efforts to give our students the best experience possible. It is an exciting time to be a volunteer in the school. Please consider volunteering for the PTO. The next meeting is on **Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 pm** in the Round media center. We hope to see you there!

Did you know our PTO supported the purchase of books that enable K-4 teachers to teach students in small reading groups? These high interest books increase a love for reading and support our third and fourth grade students as they learn to read complex text. We are teaching reading at every grade level, not just reading to learn!



Do you Shop at Kroger and use the Plus Card? If so... be sure to link your Plus Card to Hartland Round Elementary School PTO! This is an easy way for us to earn money to give back to our school/staff/students!

It's easy to link up. Enroll anytime by going to <u>www.krogercommunityrewards.com</u> and hit the "Enroll Now" button. **You don't have to do anything else!!** Just do your normal shopping with Kroger. At checkout use your Kroger card and you've automatically earned Round some extra cash! If you have any questions about the program you can contact Trish VanTichelt, <u>trishvant79@gmail.com</u>

4th grade Fundraiser!

We are collecting cans to offset the cost of our trip to Mackinaw Island.

Cans are collected in the vestibule daily.







Safety in the Parking Lot!



Thank you to PTO for the new signs in the "kiss and go" lane! Please remember to pull all the way forward before stopping. If everyone pulls forward, three or four cars can let children out at the same time. 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 3:40 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 3:40 and 3:50 by choosing one of the above options.

Raising Kind Children: HOW TO GUIDE CHILDREN TO BE EMPATHETIC AND ETHICAL ACROSS EVERY SETTING



BY LEAH SHAFER, ON FEBRUARY 27, 2017 2:12 PM

Families foster kindness and respect at home by setting expectations for manners, sharing, and helping with chores. And families *hope*, often with a tinge of worry, that children will continue those behaviors when parents and caregivers aren't nearby: in the school

cafeteria, at a friend's house, or on Instagram and Snapchat.

But guiding children to be empathetic and ethical in their independent lives — even when no one is looking — can be more intentional than that. Here, a set of parenting strategies for teaching children to think ethically, care about the people around them, and create positive change in the world. These resources were developed by <u>Making Caring Common</u> (MCC), a project of the <u>Harvard Graduate School of Education</u>.

To guide ethical thinking:

- Discuss ethical dilemmas you have encountered at work, with friends, or running errands. Ask your children what they would have done in that situation.
- Talk about ethical dilemmas your children might face in the classroom, at lunch, or during recess. Brainstorm (and role-play) possible solutions.
- Encourage your children to see conflicts from another person's perspective. Discuss ways they can compromise between their needs and those of others.

To foster concern for others:

- Encourage your children to really *listen* to siblings or peers when they are upset, especially if they don't initially understand that person's views.
- Ask children to consider the perspectives of people they don't usually talk to: a new student at school, a student who is often teased, a student experiencing family trouble, or a student of a different race or religion.
- Discuss hardships you see on the news, and talk about the experiences, challenges, and feelings of people who live in different places around the world.
- Complete this <u>circle of concern activity</u>.

To teach children to be change-makers:

- Inspire children to take action around issues that affect them and their peers, such as school uniform policies, transgender students' rights, or the healthfulness of school lunches.
- Distinguish the importance of "doing with" others from "doing for" others. Encourage children to respond to community problems by *working with* and *listening to* a diverse group, rather than spearheading new initiatives without any guidance. This is particularly relevant for high school students seeking "community service" opportunities as part of their college-application process; parents can guide children to take a richer, more meaningful approach to volunteer work.
- Model that communal approach and the importance of service. Volunteer together at a food drive, or set aside a day as a family to donate unwanted clothes and toys.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

• Advice on <u>cultivating empathy</u>, <u>encouraging honesty</u>, and <u>raising caring children</u>

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Karen and Darrin Brege's assembly was amazing! Chromaine Reader's Theater is always a great time. Representative Vaupel was a guest speaker for 2nd gr.



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