



Around the Round!

Round Elementary School
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January 2021

Important Dates

January

- 4th Progress Reports Go Home
- 6th PTO Meeting (Zoom)
- 11th 3rd grade Native American Speaker (Zoom)
- 18th No School for Students and Staff – Martin Luther King Jr Day
- 29th Happy birthday Wrangler!

February

- 3rd PTO Meeting (Zoom)
- 22nd No school for students - Professional Development Day

School Hours

Monday -Thursday
8:50 – 3:50pm

New Year, New Goals!

The New Year brings new ideas, goals, and our hope for all the things that might be. As we embrace the spirit of the New Year, we will be working with our students each day to develop a positive attitude not only toward others, but toward themselves as well.

As a parent/s and teacher/s, we never want to hear students speak negatively about themselves. Unfortunately, it's natural for us to dwell on negative thoughts over the positive. What results is that negativity inducing chemicals in our brain are produced. What we want to do is to teach children ways to combat these negative thoughts.

The first thing we can do is to let our children know that negative thoughts aren't a bad thing and that everyone has them. By normalizing these feelings, we are creating a more positive relationship with our student and a space for them to share feelings openly.

We want to encourage students to use positive affirmations each day to reduce/combat negative thoughts. Teach your student to look in the mirror or sit quietly in the morning as they wake up and say the following things:

- I am special.
- I am smart.
- I am loved.
- I am a good friend.
- I care about others.

Starting their day on a positive note can help students change their brain chemistry. While we can never fully remove negative thoughts from our brains, we can lessen their impact.

Our hope is that in the year ahead, our students can develop mental flexibility by practicing skills that foster positivity. The world needs us to be more positive and we can begin at RES.

Wishing you well,
Mrs. Dotty Hottum, Principal

PTO

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. Please consider joining the PTO. The next meeting is on Wednesday, January 6th at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72729475876?pwd=bE5wQlhiMWdjZW5laDlsUjUrZUlnUT09>

Meeting ID: 727 2947 5876

Passcode: 1uDSEJ

We hope to see you there!

Absences

As mentioned in the September Newsletter, we are sending letters to parents of students who have been absent 5, 10, and 15 days (so far this year). This is consistent with school board policy and will be our practice for the foreseeable future. We know that student success is directly linked to student attendance.

We understand students get sick, have family commitments and other reasons why they may be absent. **We appreciate all parents who follow the district protocol and keep their children home when a household member is being tested for Covid and until they are fever free for 24 hours.** We only ask you do your best to ensure your child has access to daily classroom instruction.

Here is a great article about the impact of attendance in Michigan:

<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/education/2017/12/12/michigan-schools-truancy/108527012/>

We want to work as a TEAM to ensure your child's success.
Together Everyone Achieves More (TEAM)

Mask Tips

We are asking that you wash your student's mask each night and/or send them with a clean mask each day. If this is not possible, please know that we have disposable masks available for your student to use if needed. As you can imagine, your child's mask can collect parts of lunch, sneezes, germs from their hands and other particulates. Washing masks, or wearing a new one daily, will provide us another opportunity to control the spread of germs. We know how tough it is to keep up with laundry and now with the addition of masks it is even more of a hassle. We appreciate your support!

Great Start Readiness Program

The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is a FREE, state-funded, preschool program for 4-year-old children. There are many GSRP classroom sites in Livingston County, with highly qualified teachers offering research-based curriculum that is proven to help prepare children for kindergarten. School-day and part-day programs are available.

Age Eligibility

- If your child is 3 years old by December 1, 2016, he or she may qualify for free preschool through Head Start or Livingston Promise.
- If your child is 4 years old by December 1, 2016, he or she may qualify for free preschool through Great Start.
- If your child turns 5 years old between September 1, 2016 & December 1, 2016, he or she may qualify for free preschool through Great Start.

Income Eligibility

- Families up to 250% of poverty (no sliding scale tuition).
- Families above 250% of poverty (with sliding fee scale tuition).

GSRP classrooms are offered in high-quality settings as defined by the Great Start to Quality. To learn more about why high-quality matters and how the Great Start to Quality defines high-quality programming visit [Great Start to Quality](http://www.livingstonesa.org/parent_community_resources/early_childhood/great_start_readiness_program). Transportation for GSRP eligible children is available on a limited basis within a one-hour route to and from school. For more information:

http://www.livingstonesa.org/parent_community_resources/early_childhood/great_start_readiness_program

Bundle Up! It's Getting Cold Outside!

Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather with warm coats, snow pants, hats, gloves and boots. Children go outside for recess 3 times a day for fresh air, frequent breaks and exercise. Please LABEL everything!

The district cold weather policy is as follows:

- Wind chill 15 degrees or above = outdoor recess
- Wind chill between 0 and 15 degrees = a short recess 5 to 15 minutes long
- Wind chill below 0 degrees = inside recess

*Please be aware that children need
a doctor's note
to stay in for recess.*



To learn about the Read by Grade 3 initiative in Michigan visit:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vMnR2fC_pRE&feature=youtu.be

Websites to encourage reading Reading Resources for Parents

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/get-ready-summer-ideas-teachers-share-families#online>

<http://www.startwithabook.org/>

http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2015#age_screener/cleanup

<http://imaginationsoup.net/2015/05/summer-reading-list-for-kids/>

<http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/>

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/u/summer-reading/379003570/>

The cumulative effects of reading loss: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ahhj3wxxkdM>

Math Resources for Parents

<http://homeworkunlocked.com>

Free math homework

<http://www.engageny.org/mathematics>

Math Modules EngagedNY

<http://www.eduplace.com/math/mhm/>

Help with math homework

Preschool and Kindergarten Websites

<http://families.naeyc.org/learning-and-development/reading-writing/personal-stories-help-children-get-ready-school>

Personal Stories to Help Children Get Ready For School

<http://families.naeyc.org/child-development/school-ready-your-kindergartner>

Is The School Ready for Your Kindergartner?

<http://families.naeyc.org/learning-and-development/music-math-more/13-tips-starting-preschool>

13 Tips for Starting Preschool

What is the plan when we have a case of Covid-19 at school?

First and foremost, if a student is quarantined by the Livingston County Health Department, **you will need to provide the school documentation for them to return.** This documentation is provided by LCHD and clears the student to return to school.

Secondly, when we are informed of a positive case in the school or home of a student. Mrs. Hottum will immediately contact Mr. Hughes and/or Mr. VanEpps who will get in contact with the LCHD. They walk us through the process of contact tracing students, getting in contact with families, and determining who needs to be quarantined and who does not. They then keep meticulous notes and check-in with families to monitor symptoms and discuss additional needs.

Finally, we cannot do this on our own. We must be vigilant and monitor our students and each other. It is important to follow all school protocols and procedures. If a member of your household is being tested for Covid 19, please keep your child at home until you receive the test results. We know that this is a difficult time, but we are confident that in working together we can make it through.

Reinstating Routines

After taking a vacation, enjoying a summer, or coming back from winter break, it's important to reinstate routines both at home and at school. As we begin second semester, our teachers will work with students to reiterate classroom and school-wide expectations. These are important to everyone as they are our guiding principles at school.

You can help us by talking with your student about our school-wide and classroom expectations. Ask questions like – What are you expected to do as you walk through the hallway? What are you allowed to play on the playground? How do the teachers expect you to behave in the classroom? What are the rules in the bathroom?

While these questions may seem silly, they give insight into how your student views the rules of school and how they see themselves operating from day-to-day inside the building. Having a conversation with your student at home further solidifies the bond between school and home.

It is never easy to get back in the swing of things after an extended break, but we know that our students are resilient and will pick up right where they left off with a few reminders.

Safety in the Parking Lot!



The morning “drop off” time before school and afternoon “pick up” times have students and parents negotiating a very busy parking lot. 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.

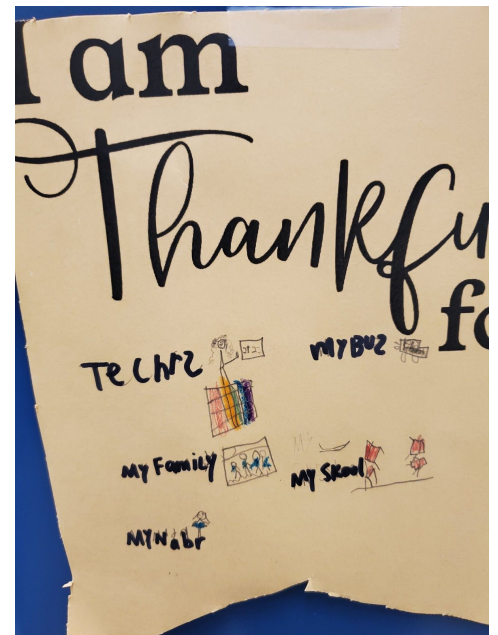
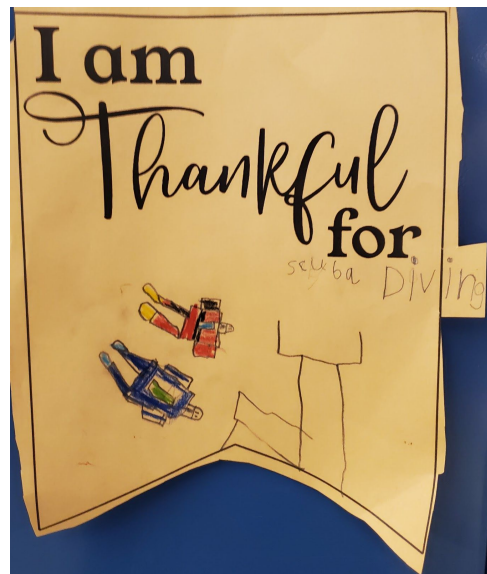
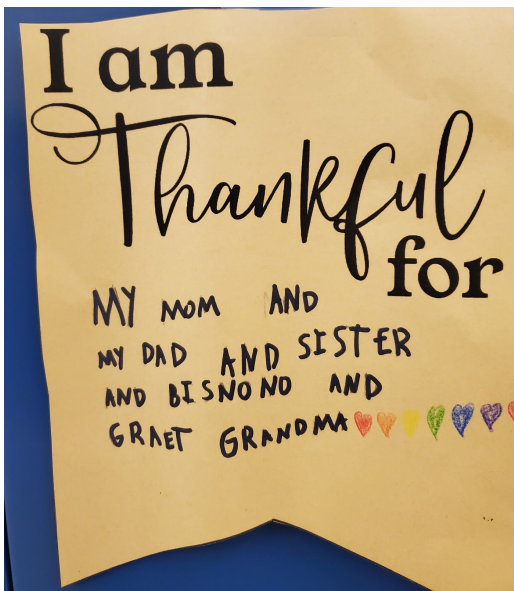
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Thank you
to our
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Elementary
Bell
Ringers!

Students are thankful for many people and things!

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We Need Your Help to earn money for our school programs.

Please bring your recyclable papers to our
Green & Yellow Paper Retriever® Bin.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Newspaper
Cardboard
- Magazines
Cartons
- Shopping Catalogs
wrap/containers
- Mail
Products
- School Papers
Books
- Office Papers
- Envelopes

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:



- **NO**
- **NO** Cereal/Soda
- **NO** Food
- **NO** Tissue
- **NO** Phone
- **NO** Plastic
- **NO** Glass

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60 Lbs less Green House Gases

7,000 gallons less of Water

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