

January 19, 2024

Dear Lakes Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed this snowy (but cold) week!

Our recess/cold weather policy is in our Parent/Student Handbook and states:

Students will be outside when the wind-chill factor is above 15 degrees. Students will have shortened recess when the wind-chill factor is lower than 15 degrees but higher than 0 degrees. Students will remain indoors when the wind-chill factor is below zero.

Thank you for sending outdoor gear each day as the temperature often fluctuates throughout the day. We will take the children outside for recess whenever possible.

I recently learned that state legislation now requires that students enrolling in public school for the first time (typically this refers to incoming kindergarteners) have a dental assessment completed before enrolling. This information has been updated on our district website. Please share this new requirement with anyone you know that will have a child entering Kindergarten next year (and maybe your dentist too if you visit soon!)

Lakes Information and News:

Hearing Screening

Livingston County Health Department is providing Hearing Screening on January 22, 23, and 24 for Grades JK, K, 2nd and 4th. They will also screen any follow ups from last year and any parent/teacher requests. Please call the front office if you DO NOT want your child screened OR if you have a concern and your child is not in the above grades listed. More specific information is below. You may also contact the Health Department at (517) 546-99850 (ask for the Hearing and Vision Coordinator) if you have any questions or if your child has a programmable shunt or any implanted medical device.

Upcoming Dates:

1-22-1/24: Hearing Screening (JK, K, 2nd and 4th grades)

1/25: LOC Day

1/26: Popcorn Day and SEL Assembly with Guy Lewis

2/3 : Kindergarten Orientation at HESSC 10am-12pm

2/8: LOC Day

2/9-2/12: Mid-Winter Break, No School

PTO News:

We are looking for volunteers to help organize classroom baskets for our Family Fun Fest raffle as well as someone to chair the 4th Grade Celebration Committee.

Please consider signing up here: [Lakes Volunteers](#)

Hearing and Screening Specifics:



LIVINGSTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

2300 East Grand River Avenue, Suite 102
Howell, Michigan 48843-7578
www.lchd.org

PERSONAL/PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

P: (517) 546-9850
F: (517) 546-6995



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

P: (517) 546-9858
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**The Livingston County Health Department
will be conducting Hearing Screening at your child's school.**

All Health Departments in Michigan routinely screen hearing to help identify hearing loss as early as possible and to reduce preventable hearing loss and ear disease by assisting families in obtaining the appropriate medical care.

Students in Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grade will receive hearing screening. Hearing screening will also be provided to students in other grades who are last-year follow-ups and parent/teacher requests. Students who do not pass the initial screening will be rescreened. If a student does not pass the rescreen, a letter will be mailed home recommending the student see their doctor for further evaluation.

HEARING SCREENING is scheduled on January 22, 23, 24 2024.

HEARING RESCREENING is scheduled on February 20, 21, 22 2024.

Please notify the school (prior to the first day of screening) and provide child's name and teacher if:

- You have a concern for your child and your child is not in the above grades
- You do not want your child screened

Please call the Health Department at 517-546-9850 and ask for the Hearing & Vision Coordinator if your child has a programmable shunt or any implanted medical device. (Child should not be screened due to magnets in audiometer headphones.)



Livingston County Health Department

Hearing Screening Program

Notice Regarding Children with Digitally Programmable Shunts & other Implanted Medical Devices that may be Affected by Magnets

All local county health departments throughout the state of Michigan provide hearing screening services under Act No. 368, Public Acts of 1978, Part 93, Hearing and Vision.

Michigan schools work collaboratively with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Local Health Departments (LHD) to allow Hearing Screening Program technicians to perform screenings in all public, private, and charter schools as well as formal preschool programs.

Screenings are performed with portable audiometers and the audiometer headphones have magnets with large field gradients. The headphones have been tested in a professional medical laboratory by Codman, a Johnson and Johnson Company. The results of the tests indicate that children with digitally programmable shunts or other implanted medical devices (pacemakers, Vagus Nerve Stimulators for preventing seizures, Baclofen Pumps for spinal cord injuries, etc.) may be at risk for unintended changes in the device settings because of the magnetic strength.

In order to best protect children, it is imperative that the technicians are informed which children have digitally programmable shunts or implanted medical devices so that hearing screening services are not provided. Parents of children with implanted medical devices who are interested in hearing screening should contact their physician for a referral to an audiologist.



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Other District News and Community Events:

Hartland Area Youth Athletic Association (HAYAA) Baseball/Softball

Registration Begins 1/1/24 - 2/26/24

Recreational League 4-16yr old

Plays April - June; Quadtown travels to surrounding towns.

Skill Evaluations and Coach Meetings are 3/10/24.

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://hayaa-baseball-softball.sportngin.com>

Registration for JR/SR divisions (plays May-July) starts in March.



Livingston
LINK-UP

COMMUNITY NETWORKING
NO REGISTRATION NEEDED

FRIDAY,
2/2/24 AT 2/42 COMMUNITY CHURCH (BRIGHTON)
4:30 - 6 P.M.

Livingston Link-Up is back for 2024! This free networking event aims to strengthen our community by connecting business professionals, medical personnel, care providers, and those who assist residents in need. The Link-Up a free event that will be held on February 2nd from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at 2|42 Community Church in Brighton (7526 Grand River Ave.)

This is the perfect opportunity for professionals and organizations to meet up with the people and groups working on local issues. Your referrals, insights, volunteerism, and support might be the missing link in solving some of our shared community challenges!

There's no registration needed. Simply show up and get to know other local professionals. Check out <https://www.facebook.com/LivingstonLinkUp> for any event updates.

Please feel free to share this event with colleagues and organizations you work with that may be interested in attending. If you have any questions, please email Amy Johnston at ajohnston@cmhliv.org. A big thank-you goes out to the Bank of Ann Arbor Livingston and the Livingston County United Way for sponsoring the event!

Have an awesome weekend!

Melissa Frasier

Principal

Lakes Elementary