

August 18, 2023

Dear Lakes Families,

What a great start to the school year!

A huge thank you to all of YOU for supporting your kiddos by building routine and consistency this week. Starting the new school year is exciting, but also exhausting. My guess is that our students will be tired this weekend!

Lakes Information and News:

You can expect to receive communication from me at the end of each week throughout this school year.

Just a reminder that every Friday is early release and dismissal is at 2:50pm.

****Important Note: mistake in the Lakes Informational Presentation sent last week. Our absence line phone number: 810-626-2705. I am reattaching the presentation with the correct number.**

Behavior Expectations

Students are continuously learning about expectations for behavior in different environments. Hartland uses "The 3 R's" (Reason, Respect and Responsibility) across the district as a common language to teach and communicate student behavior. Your student will be continuing to learn about our expectations at Lakes throughout their daily school experiences. Attached please find our Lakes Positive Behavior Expectation Matrix to see one of the tools we use to teach students our school expectations in various settings.

Breakfast

If your student will be getting breakfast in the morning, please plan for an 8:35am drop off so there is time to eat before class starts. Our teachers start morning routines and instruction as quickly as possible so we want all students in their classrooms promptly. We will use door #2 in the front of the building for breakfast entrance at 8:35am (see photo).

Chair of Command

As Mr. Hughes addressed in his weekly update: as we progress throughout the year, if any classroom specific questions or concerns arise please contact your child's teacher first. If you are not able to get the answer/clarification that you need or need additional support with the situation, contact me. We will work

together (teaching, parent, principal and maybe student) to come up with a plan to move forward.

FERPA

The "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974" was published in the August issue of Community Life. We sometimes include photographs in our directory information. Please read over the information (link to Community Life provided here: <https://www.hartlandschools.us/documents/Community%20Life/23-24/Aug-23-CL-small.pdf>) and if you do NOT wish release of this information, mail written notice to: Hartland Consolidated Schools, 9525 E. Highland Road, Howell, MI 48843 by September 25, 2023.

PTO News:

Welcome to (or back to!) Lakes for the 23-24 school year from the PTO! We have many great events planned this year and we will need your help! We meet the first Thursday of each month at 6:30PM. The meeting dates are included on the attached welcome letter. Free childcare is provided and we would love to see as many people at meetings as possible! Please join our Facebook page to stay connected and hear about all the great events the PTO will be putting on this year - Hartland Lakes Elementary PTO.

Popcorn Fridays are Back!

After a short, but triumphant return late last year, the PTO is excited to announce that monthly popcorn Fridays are back for the whole year this year! Every student who wants popcorn will receive popcorn on the monthly popcorn days, but we do ask that families send in a \$5 donation (~\$0.50 per popcorn day) to cover the cost of our popcorn days throughout the year. If you do not want your child to receive popcorn, please contact the office and let them know. Payment can be sent to the school in an envelope marked "Popcorn Money" or paid via venmo (@HartlandLakes-ElementaryPTO). Our first popcorn day of the year will be next Friday, August 25th and we need a few volunteers to help. Please sign up to help us out next week here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849ABAD2BAAFC1-lakes10>. A separate sign-up covering the rest of the year will come out later.

Mum Sale

The Lakes 4th annual mum sale begins today! The Lakes PTO (along with Village and Creekside) will be selling beautiful 9" mums. The sale runs August 18th through September 1st. Pick-up will be September 15th from 3-7PM at St. John Catholic Church at Hacker and M-59 (note this is a **change in pick-up location** from the last three years). Place orders using this link: [2023 Fall Mum Sale - Lakes!](#)

Other News and Events:

Join Cub Scouts!

Cub Scout Pack 3384

Join Night Opportunities:

8/30 - 6:30pm-7:30pm

9/7 - 6:30pm-7:30pm

9/28 - 6:30pm-7:30pm

All at Creekside Elementary School Cafeteria, 3480 East St, Hartland, MI 48353. Come visit our Hartland Consolidated Cub Scout Pack for their Join Night! Boys & Girls, K-5th grade from all Hartland Area elementary schools will enjoy our activities and parents can learn about Cub Scouting and how to join! For more information visit beascout.org.

For questions email: creeksidepack384@gmail.com

HAYAA football

K - 8 registration for Fall 2023 HAYAA Flag Football still open!!! Season begins 9/10/2023

Click here to find out more and to register: <https://hayaa-football.sportngin.com>

Follow us on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/officialhayaafotball/> Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hayaafotball>

hARTland Art Walk

Now accepting art until September 6! For more information, visit <https://www.hartlandliving.com/art-walk/>

-hARTland Art Walk kicks off with a festival at Settlers Park on September 23 with live music, food trucks, and vendors

-Hartland Consolidated Schools students in Grades K-12 and HCS Classrooms—no fees to enter! \$250 scholarships to be awarded as selected by a panel of judges for the following grade categories: K-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-12

-Amateur and professional artists from Michigan—no age limit. Prizes include a grand prize as selected by a panel of judges (\$1500) and two smaller prizes (\$500 each) as selected by public vote

-hARTland Art Walk is a collaboration of the Partners in Progress (PIP). Art will be displayed at local businesses, Cromaine Library, Hartland Township Hall, Settlers Park and some school buildings for two weeks.

We are all looking forward to a FANTASTIC full week of school next week! Enjoy the weekend!

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Lakes Elementary School

Hartland, Michigan

attachments: LES info, behavior matrix, Door 2 photo, PTO welcome letter, Mum Sale, Cub Scouts, hARTland Art Walk