



December 1, 2023

Dear Lakes Families,

Welcome to December! Students had fun playing at recess in the first snow of the season this week. Extra items coming to school means that our lost and found continues to grow. Please label EVERYTHING with your child's name so we can do our best to return items when they are found around the building. Families that drop off students in the morning: thank you for pulling forward beyond the crosswalk when possible to help us keep our line moving. Our parking lot is a busy place in the morning. Please be cautious and drive slowly as we do have 2 lanes of traffic and many students and parents crossing those lanes to get to the sidewalk. Thank you for helping to keep all of our Lakes families safe.

Lakes Information and News:

Food Drive for Adopt-a-Family

Our food drive to support the Optimist Club Adopt-a-Family support will continue next week. Lakes is collecting mac and cheese, granola bars and fruit snacks. Thank you for all of the donations so far! We are going to have a little FUN with our collection by having themed SPIRIT DAYS Tuesday-Friday.

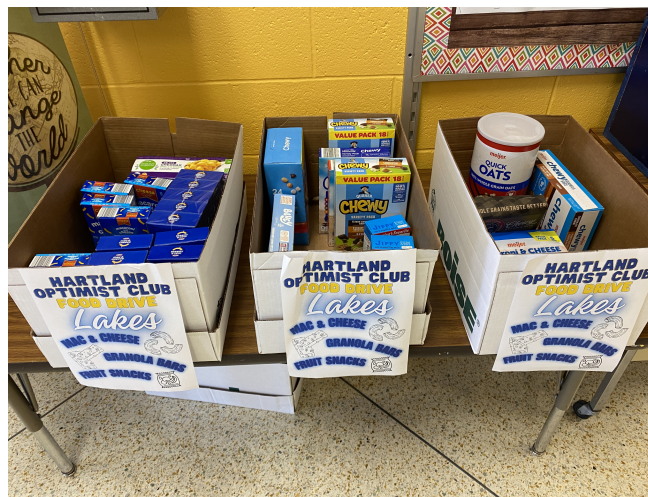
Tuesday Dec 5: Mac & Cheese Mix and Match Day (wear your mismatched clothes)

Wednesday Dec 6: Granola Bar Game Day (wear your sports/team gear)

Thursday Dec 7: Fruit Snack Flannel Day (wear your flannel shirts)

Friday Dec 8: Hat Day (donate \$1 and wear a hat)

**Note: Mr. Hughes weekly update had a typo...our hat day will be December 8 😊



Upcoming Dates:

12/4-12/8: Holiday Shop

12/7: PTO meeting 6:30pm

12/14: LOC Day, Parent Mental Health Session (school avoidance) 6pm

12/15: Movie Night

12/22: ½ day of school (dismissal 12:00pm)

PTO News:

Holiday Shop

Holiday shop will be December 4-8.

Please refer to signup for specific dates and times:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F48A9A82BA1FB6-46288858-holiday>

Paying with a credit card?

- Visit www.funhgs.com to purchase a voucher with your credit card.

- Select Lakes Elementary

No cash back will be given on vouchers, Remaining balance will be donated to help students in need or added to our PTO fund.

Class Shopping details - Each student should have received a packet from their teacher with 2 fliers and the shopping envelope. We have extras in the office if needed.

Subject to change, please confirm with your child's teacher. Check our PTO Facebook page for updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1657171871248145/>

Monday, December 4th

-9:15am, Lawrence (3rd)

-10:15am, Young (2nd)

-11:15am, Rogers (4th)

-1:15pm, Atreo (1st)

-2:15pm, Redford (3rd)

Tuesday, December 5th

-9:15am, Peifer (K)

-10:15am, Villar (2nd)

-11:15am, Foster (4th)

-1:15pm, Holt (1st)

-2:15pm, Smith (3rd)

Wednesday, December 6th

-9:15am, Dennis (K)

-10:15am, Maurin (K)

-11:15am, Barb (1st)

-1:15pm, Abraham (1st)

-2:15pm, Burkholder (3rd)

Thursday, December 7th

-9:15am, Boisvert (JK)

-10:15am, Lange (4th)

-11:15am, Frederick (4th)

-1:15pm, VanCura (2nd)

-2:15pm, Spicer (2nd)

Friday, December 9th

-9:00am-11:00am (Open shopping for students that missed shopping with class)



This year we will have a larger variety of gifts to choose from, prices will range from \$1.00-\$6.00. Please help your child fill out the GIFT LIST PLANNER envelope with the name of who they are buying for and what their budget is for that person.

All your child's gifts will be wrapped and addressed with the name on the envelope. Having the name and budget helps us in making sure all the people on their shopping list are accounted for!

Please have your child return the GIFT LIST PLANNER envelope to their teacher by Monday, December 4th when class shopping begins.

Cash or check made out to Lakes PTO is our PREFERRED method of payment. No change back for checks.

There is an option to pay with a credit card but there is a fee charged if you choose this option. This service is offered through Pay Thank You Services, please see attached flyer for details.

Your child will be shopping during the time of your teacher's choosing. Class shopping times will be posted in our PTO Facebook page and emailed when they are available.

Please contact Tracy Bonadio (TracyBonadio@gmail.com) with any questions!

Please note that all items are subject to availability and specific items are not guaranteed.

We are excited to help your child shop for their loved ones!

Thank you for your support!



Dearborn Ham Sale

EXTENDED: Dearborn Ham Sale - Our Dearborn Ham Sale Deadline has been extended to the end of the day on Tuesday, December 5. Please return the completed order forms and money to your child's teacher. Pick-up will be at Lakes after school on Thursday, December 21. Volunteers will be needed to sort orders and assist with delivery. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C49A5AA28A5FA7-46528643-lakes>. For questions, please contact Kasey Guss at kcguss@gmail.com.

Other District News and Community Events:



Livingston County Families *join our next Mental Health Series...*

School Avoidance

Why don't they REALLY want to go to school? What are they avoiding?

It can be frustrating when your child does not want to go to school or is avoiding something they used to love. Learn how to ask the right questions - get to the root of the real problem.

This session covers the following:

- How to ask the right questions
- Reasons kids avoid school
- The why behind behaviors
- What parents can do to help



December 14, 2023



6:00-7:00 PM via Zoom

or check your local district website for an onsite viewing location

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JK - 4 Holiday Pajama Party!!



Hosted by Hartland Middle School's National Junior Honor Society
exclusively for Hartland Elementary Schools' JK - 4 Students

*Parents: This pre-holiday time has been planned just for you!
Shop, wrap, bake... all while NJHS entertains your children!*

Friday, December 15, 2023 from 5:00-8:00 pm
Hartland Middle School at Ore Creek

Children should come in pajamas and gym shoes!!

Pizza Dinner * Holiday Games * Arts and Crafts * Snacks * Holiday Movie
(The movie will be G-rated and family-friendly!)

\$15.00 per child

Payable ONLY by cash or check made out to HCS upon arrival!

Children must be JK-4 students enrolled in a Hartland Elementary School AND pre-registered by midnight Thursday, December 7, 2023. If you have more than three children to register, please submit an additional form. Limited spaces are available. First come, first served! Registration will close early if maximum occupancy is reached.

[Registration Form](#)

Please contact Elizabeth Cieszkowski, NJHS Advisor, with any questions or concerns.
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Have a fantastic weekend!

Melissa Frasier

Principal

Lakes Elementary