

September 8, 2023

Dear Lakes Families,

Welcome to September! We are back in the school groove and digging into the curriculum. I love the positive atmosphere here at Lakes that starts each day with so many smiles as students enter the building!

Lakes Information and News:

Dismissal Changes

If your child has a last minute dismissal change, please CALL the front office. With the busyness of the end of the day and the occasions when specific staff members may not be in, an email can be missed. Thank you!

After School Activity PickUp

If you are picking up your child from an after school program/activity please wait at the front door and your child will be brought to the front of the building. If you or your student is attending an after school activity in the building, please wait until the doors are unlocked by our staff or by the organizer/leader of the activity.

Only Latchkey parents should ring the bell to be admitted to the building. Thank you for ensuring the safety of all children (as well as reducing confusion)!

Community Life

Check out some of our beginning of the year highlights in the September edition of Community Life: [September Community Life](#)

Lakes Students are KIND!

Daily instruction at Lakes includes more than just the content areas of reading, writing, math, social studies and science. We also teach lots of other skills too. This month we focus on social awareness...specifically, KINDNESS!!!! All students will be explicitly taught what it means to be kind, things they can do to spread kindness, and what to do if/when someone isn't being kind. Ask your student(s) what they have been learning!

State Testing

Next week, 3rd and 4th grade students will be taking the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessment. Students will take this type of assessment 3 times during this school year (beginning of the year, winter and then M-STEP in the spring). We use these assessments as one measure of student growth. Student score reports will be sent home once the testing cycle is complete. Assessments are taken in the students classroom as part of their normal school day activities; no advance preparation is needed. This provides an important baseline to determine student growth. If you would like more information, please visit:

<https://drctsmarterinterim.com/>

PTO News:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The PTO is looking for volunteers to help with sorting and distributing mums on Friday, September 15 at St. John Catholic Church at the intersection of M-59 and Hacker Rd. Shifts are available throughout the day and you can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C49A5AA28A5FA7-lakes2>. Please contact Kasey Guss at kcguss@gmail.com with any questions.

Spirit Wear Back-to-School Sale

Gear up for the school year with Hartland spirit wear! Enjoy a 30% discount across our entire website with hundreds of designs and garment styles waiting for you! Orders ship to home in just 10-12 business days! [Shop Now!](#)

https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/MI/Hartland/Hartland+Middle+School?utm_source=customer_db&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=week1

Other District News and Community Events:

Community Ed. would like to invite you to check out all the many opportunities this fall for youth sports and recreation! Everything from Volleyball, Field Hockey, Baton Twirling and Yoga! Most classes start next week, so be sure to register now:

<https://www.hartlandcommunityed.com/insight/registry/classlist.asp?catID=4103>

Have a fantastic weekend!!

Melissa Frasier