

# «Creekside DECEMBER Monthly News»

## Creekside Elementary School

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### December Dates:

December 13: School Board Meeting 6:30 pm

December 14: CES PTO meeting at CES 6:30pm

December 13: Grinch Day: Dress in green

December 14: Holiday Accessory Day: hats, headbands, socks etc...

December 15: Ugly sweater/shirt day

December 16: Long Winter's Nap: PJ day

### SCHOOL HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:50-3:50pm

Fridays

8:50-2:50pm

Dear CES Families,

December is always such a busy month for families and schools. The CES Staff is working hard to complete our first marking period. Progress reports will go home when we return in January.

This first week of December has been difficult for many families and teachers. The tragedy at Oxford Community Schools is devastating. Teachers teach because they love students and love what they do. Teachers are here to teach curriculum but also know the CES staff is here to keep your child safe, secure, happy and loving school. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks to all our families for your generous donations of canned food for our November Gleaners food drive and our Toys for Tots December toy drive. You can still donate next week to the Toys for Tots program sponsored at CES.

### Absence Line

Absence Line: 810-626-2605

Please call this number to report your child's absence.

# Happy Holidays

*From all the Creekside Staff*

## Arrival and Dismissal Changes

### Arrival

Students will either arrive in person or by bus. We will operate a kiss and go lane, which means students move as quickly as they can, and parents stay in cars. There will be adults outside to help guide cars and students. Students will not be allowed to enter the building until 8:40 am. Please do not let your child out of the car before there is adult supervision outside. Upon entering the building students will go to cafeteria. Students will be separated by class. Once the bell rings students will be escorted down hallway by grades to avoid any congestion.

### Dismissal

### Pick Up Students

In order to facilitate our new pick up procedure's students will not be allowed for early pick up after 3pm. We do not have adequate staff to support students being picked up between 3 and 3:45. We thank you in advance for your understanding and if you have any extenuating circumstances please feel free to call the main office.

**We are moving back to a traditional pick-up system.** Parents will park and walk up to the main entrance doors. They will sign their student out with staff. Staff will call students outside while parents wait outside. When you or a family member come up to the door, please have your ID available and make sure that anyone that is picking up your student is listed as an emergency contact in MiStar.

**Please make sure you are contacting the main office for many transportation changes. When parents only tell or email teachers/students it causes confusion for your child and staff. Safety is our utmost concern and want your child to get where they need to be safely.**

## OK 2 SAY

Get help by telling a trusted adult or contact **OK2SAY**.  
**OK2SAY** is confidential and available **24/7**.



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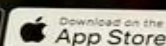


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## *Birthday Celebrations*

Due to the high number of life-threatening allergies at our school it is necessary to eliminate food items from our birthday celebrations. Celebrating with non-food items will ensure that our school is safe for all students. Classrooms and the office will continue to ensure that birthdays are special days for students. We will continue to celebrate holidays as we have in the past. Your child's teachers will share details specific to their classroom. Thanks for your understanding as we work to make Creekside safe for all students.

## *It's Getting Cold Outside*

Please make sure that you send your student to school with warm clothes. Students will go out to recess each day multiple times. We want to make sure that they are protected from the elements.



## *GET Creative*

### *It's time for the Yearbook Cover Contest*

#### **For Fourth Grade Students Only:**

- Must fit on an 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 sheet of paper with a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch border all the way around the page
- NO Names on front of artwork, names on the back (light pencil)
- Use markers, colored pencils or crayons please
- ALL artwork must be done entirely by the student, BE CREATIVE
- Entries will be judged by Ms. Way and Ms. Knecht and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to determine the five finalists
- All teachers will then vote for a winner from the five finalists.

All artwork must be submitted to CES office or teacher by **December 16<sup>th</sup>**.

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

While I am optimistic that our quarantine issues will not continue, I am also a realist. I am sure we will eventually cross a bridge where a school or bus quarantine will occur again at Creekside Elementary. When this occurs, we will need your assistance to ensure that safety precautions are adhered to and protocols are followed. Additionally, as you heard from Mr. Hughes, new Livingston County Health Department Guidelines were released to help keep our kiddos at school. It is imperative that you watch the following video to understand your choices regarding quarantining your student.

[Parent Presentation - LCHD](#)

### **Here are the high points of the new process:**

- Your children will be able to stay in school if they are exposed to a student that is positive for Covid-19, if...
  - ✓ They wear a mask for the entirety of the quarantine period including stopping in the office to demonstrate that they have an appropriately fitting mask on the first day of return
  - ✓ They take a Covid-19 test daily and report their negative results to the LCHD
  - ✓ They complete a symptom assessment daily prior to attending school
  - ✓ They agree to sit 6ft or more away from non-exposed students during snack and lunch
- If your student at any point fails to comply with one of these guidelines, the LCHD will switch them to a standard quarantine and they will have to stay home

When your student is exposed, our office will contact you and have you pick up your child. Your student will not be able to come back to school until you have been contacted by Livingston County Health Department, your student has completed their first Covid test, and you have uploaded their negative test results on the LCHD app.

The "alternative to quarantine" process is meant to keep students learning and in the academic environment. We appreciate your support and willingness to help us navigate these difficult times.

## PTO NEWS

### *PTO News:*

Join us on December 14th at 6:30pm in our beautiful new STEM lab for our monthly meeting. Get involved, meet other parents and help make a difference at our school!



Santa Shop: December 6-10, 2021

Soon we will be transforming a Creekside classroom into Santa's Workshop! During school hours, children will be able to experience the joy of giving by choosing their own gifts for family, friends, teachers and even pets. An envelope came home this week, to keep track of who your child will be buying for. The envelope should be sent back with your child the day they go shopping. Gifts are all priced at \$2.00 each. **NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.** You can write a check to Creekside Elementary PTO or you can Venmo @Creekside-Elementary. Payment via Venmo must be made prior to their shopping time and preferably by 7pm on Sunday, December 5th. Please email any questions to [creeksideelementarypto@gmail.com](mailto:creeksideelementarypto@gmail.com).

We are looking for a treasurer for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. General responsibilities include: bank statements, budget, deposits, receipts, reimbursements & taxes. Elections will take place at our December 14th meeting. If interested, please send an email to [creeksideelementarypto@gmail.com](mailto:creeksideelementarypto@gmail.com).

Thank you for all the donations that made lunch possible on November 23rd. All staff members enjoyed a delicious meal! Stay tuned for another fun staff appreciation event just prior to Christmas break!

Please join our group to stay connected:  
[Facebook.com/Creekside PTO Families Hartland, MI](https://www.facebook.com/CreeksidePTOFamiliesHartlandMI)