

# «Creekside MARCH Monthly News»

## Creekside Elementary School

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### MARCH DATES

- March 8, PTO Meeting @ 6:30  
CES Media Center
- March 11, End of Marking  
Period
- March 18, Progress Reports  
Sent Home
- March 21 & 22, 1st & 3rd  
Grade Vision Screening
- March 28 - April 1, Spring  
Break, No school

### SCHOOL HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:50-3:50pm

Fridays

8:50-2:50pm

Dear CES Families,

What a great beginning week for our kick off March is Reading Month. It is so much fun to see kiddos dressing up in the spirit of things. Please keep filling out and bringing those reading tickets in. Every Friday until the end of the month we will select book winners at lunch from our turned in reading tickets!

Please be aware that our new entrance doors are working. When you ring the bell, you will be using the door to your left, our new entrance 😊

As of February 28<sup>th</sup>, students will have the option to wear a mask on the bus. Please provide a mask to your student if needed.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Moore-Way

### Absence Line

Absence Line: 810-626-2605

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

## Electronic Devices

We have had some issues with students using their devices, especially phones or smart watches in classrooms or on the playground. Please be aware of the guidelines in our Elementary Parent-Student Handbook located on page 21.

I know many students use them on the bus rides but please have the conversation with your child about use at school. The office staff is always happy to call or let students call families if needed throughout the day 😊.

# *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 a.m. 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 3 p.m. We do not have adequate staff to support students being picked up between 3 and 3:45 p.m. We thank you in advance for your understanding and if you have any extenuating circumstances please feel free to call the main office. 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 any 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.

### **VISION SCREENING - 1st & 3rd GRADES**

Livingston County Department of Public Health is providing Vision Screening on March 21 & 22 for 1st and 3rd grades. Also screened are last-year follow-ups and parent/teacher requests. Please call the school and provide your child's name and teacher if: You do not want your child screened. You have a concern for your child and your child is not in above grades. (Technicians will accept parent/teacher requests on the first day of screening.) Please call the Health Department at (517) 546-9850 if: You have questions regarding Vision Screening. See attached.

### **It's TIME to show KINDNESS!**

Please bring in a QUARTER (please only one per student) on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> to help raise money to show APPRECIATION to our AMAZING Bus

Drivers! We will be using the money to put together some treats for our hard-working Bus Drivers!

Thank you,

Mrs. Luck's Kindness Club



## *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.

## **The Return on Pizza Nights**

Mark your calendars Pizza Night is returning! Marco's will be donating 20% of the proceeds from pizza night back to Creekside. For COVID reasons, there will be two days just like last year. JK-1st grade will be a Monday night and 2nd-4th grade will be a Tuesday night. If you have multiple children in different grades you can do either night. The class with the most pizza ORDERS, not dollar amount, will win a free Cheesy Bread coupon from Marco's. When you order, just tell them your child's teacher's name. Again, if you have children in multiple classes just tell them all the teachers that your children have. Pizza nights will be March 7th and 8th and May 9th and 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT 2022-23**

Parents may begin the pre-enrollment process online and complete the enrollment by attaching documents:

- Birth certificate (a copy for school records)
- Immunization records with proof of DTP, Polio, MMR, Hepatitis B, Chicken Pox vaccines (or proof of having illness), and vision screening, plus copy of same for school records
- Proof of residency using one of the following: certificate of occupancy, purchase agreement, builder's permit, rent receipt or agreement, mortgage statement/receipt, voter registration card, utility bill, driver's license

Children are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten in August 2022 if they will have their fifth (5th) birthday on or before September 1, 2022. A child who turns five after September 1st and before December 1, 2022 may enroll if the parent/legal guardian signs a waiver that is supported by the school district.

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

## Update to Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Isolation & Quarantine Guidance

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention ("CDC") recently amended their guidance for how schools should approach the isolation and quarantine of personnel and students. As a continuation in our efforts to keep students in school, we are intending to implement the new CDC guidance for students and staff beginning on **Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**.

The [Overview of COVID-19 Isolation for K-12 Schools](#) and detailed [Quarantine and Isolation guidance](#) can be found on the CDC's website.

Following is a very brief summary of the new guidance as it pertains to isolation and quarantine of school personnel and students:

You isolate when you are sick or when you have tested positive even if you don't have symptoms.

You quarantine when you might have been exposed to the virus and may or may not have been infected.

	Instructions for Exclusion from the School Environment	Instructions to Return to the School-Environment
<b>Isolation</b>	Those with a positive test result should isolate for a period of 5 days, with day 0 being the day symptoms start or a positive test is received.	Return to school may occur on day 6 if symptoms have resolved or improved and a <a href="#">well-fitting mask</a> <b>MUST</b> be worn through day 10. During days 6-10, if symptoms have not resolved continue to isolate until symptom free or 10 days have passed.
<b>Isolation pending test results</b>	Symptomatic students or staff with a pending COVID-19 test should isolate until the result is received.	If the test is negative, the student or staff member may return when symptoms subside. If positive, see the isolation instructions above.

<b>Quarantine from a home exposure</b>	Unvaccinated individuals that come into close contact with someone with COVID-19 outside of school or in the home should quarantine for at least 5 days. The date of exposure is considered day 0.	A return to school may occur on day 6 if asymptomatic and wearing a <a href="#">well-fitting mask</a> through day 10. Vaccinated close contacts are excluded from this recommendation although masking is recommended through day 10.
<b>Identified cluster of cases in the school-environment</b>	In the case of an identified cluster of cases ( <i>3 or more cases that are possibly linked within a classroom or grouping</i> ), targeted interventions will be issued in collaboration with LCHD. Interventions may include masking the entire staff and student body for a period, a short-term shift to virtual learning for a classroom, a grade level or a school.	The appropriate length of time for the short-term intervention will also be set in collaboration with LCHD.

Please continue to notify your school building/district office directly if you have tested positive for COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone in your household with COVID-19. In addition, please use <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6359915/UPDATED-COVID-19-Self-Report-Form> to self-report the case to the LCHD.

HCS will continue following the approved process for those individuals who have been identified as a close contact *within* the school setting in which parents will be notified, students are encouraged to get tested, wear a mask, monitor symptoms and stay home if they become symptomatic.

There is a strong possibility that additional updates will be issued in the coming weeks ahead and we will make sure to keep our school community informed as new guidelines are presented.

### *PTO NEWS*

#### **PTO News**

Join us on March 8th 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! Stay tuned for more information on upcoming events; Fun Run (April 28th) and Family Fun Day (May 15th)!

Please join our group to stay connected:

Facebook.com/Creekside PTO Families Hartland, MI