



MS Elementary News

APRIL 2025

MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH



3rd - 5th Grade

BACK ROW: McKinley Fisk, Elsie MacTavish, Cassandra Fuller, Sophia Harris, Ely Shattuck, Aurora Osborn and Bayley Westgate,
MIDDLE ROW: Jesse Routley, Olivia Hart, MaKenna Matthews, Carter Fleeman, Genevieve Hoffman and River Bloodsworth.
FRONT ROW: Madison Marek, Paige White, Vanessa Easley, Teagan Kenney, Dalton Farrier, Genevieve Miller and Hayden Gonzalez.



ECSE - 2nd Grade

BACK ROW: Bently Heltsley, Layla Daigneault, Kyleigh Vredenburg, Aaron Jones, Bailey Snyder, Oaklynn Vergote, Elyott Shattuck and Bobby Cook.
MIDDLE ROW: Tucker Ross, Nova Boardway, Nov'Ember Paquin, Emma Fisher, Lilliana Schultz, Nevaeh Smith and Caroline Goodfellow.
FRONT ROW: Emersyn Stilson, Kaizer Ramsey, Mia Do, Henry Fischer, and Brody Faber.
NOT PICTURED: Axel Eldridge, Oracio Fernandez, Marley Mishler and Arabella Stout.

Important Dates

APRIL:

- 3/31-4/4: Spring Break
- 4/7: School Resumes
- 4/9: Fund Run Begins
- 4/10: Kindergarten Round Up 5 PM
- 4/11: PTO Popcorn Sales
- 4/15: PTO Meeting 3:30 pm
- 4/11: Last day to submit optional Educational Questionnaire
- 4/17: Last day to sign up for Summer Learning Virtual Program
- 4/18: **NO SCHOOL**
- 4/28-4/30: Mobile Dentist

MAY:

- 5/5: **Early Dismissal 12:10** - Staff PD
- 5/5: Book Fair 8-12
- 5/6: Book Fair 8-3pm & 4:00-6:00pm
- 5/9: PTO Fund Run
- 5/13: PTO Meeting 3:30 pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 10th 5:00 PM

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Children who will be five years old by Dec. 1st may be eligible to begin a kindergarten program in the fall. We encourage you and your child to attend our Kindergarten Registration on April 10th. Registration is at 5:00 pm and a Parent Meeting is at 6:00 pm. Registration packets are available in the school office now or can be picked up on April 10th at Kindergarten Registration. State certified birth certificate, official immunization record and proof of residency, such as a current utility bill or rental agreement, are required to complete enrollment.

Educational Environment Questionnaire:

As we strive to create balanced classroom environments beneficial to all students, we ask those who desire to share information regarding their student for the 2025-2026 school year, to please **fully complete** our **Educational Environment Questionnaire** and return by **April 11th**. The Questionnaire will be emailed to K-4th grade parents. It can also be picked up in the office. Please note that this is not a guarantee of placement.

M-STEP TEST INFORMATION for 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades:

This will be our tenth year of M-STEP testing. English Language Arts and Math will be assessed in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. 5th grade will also be assessed in Social Studies and Science. This is a multi-day assessment and students **must be present** each day the test is given in order for their score to count. **State assessments are not optional**, and parents do not have the right to opt their child out of an assessment. Without this test information we lose important data that is useful in making instructional decisions for our students. If your child has appointments during a scheduled test date, please make every effort to reschedule on a non-testing day.

The M-Step Test Window begins mid-April. Please watch for more specific dates from your child's teacher.

To promote student success:

-Get a good night's rest. -Eat a nutritious breakfast.

-Be present on test dates (make-ups tend to show decreased scores and students miss out on in-class learning).

For information regarding M-STEP or if you would like to view sample questions, go to: www.michigan.gov/mstep

READING MONTH ACTIVITIES: Staff and students enjoyed celebrating Reading Month with activities surrounding the theme "PAWS FOR READING". A huge thank you to Mrs. Estes, Paraprof, staff, PTO and many volunteers, for organizing a memorable month for our students.



Morley Stanwood Elementary Summer Learning "Splash"

Deadline to enroll: April 17th

Complete the online form to enroll your child in this year's summer learning "virtual" program. Students will complete school work on their devices at home.

<https://forms.gle/2Bqwg2wcDhXkWXs47>

FAMILY FUN NIGHT was enjoyed by so many! We had 210 children, 160 adults and over 35 volunteers. Thank you to all who helped make Family Night a success. This is a wonderful community service provided to our students and their families. The families truly enjoyed the experience and activities along with a delicious meal! Many students won a prize and all earned a free book.



CHARACTER TRAITS - At MS Elem, we are working on a new character trait each month.

April is **HONESTY**. "Honesty is being truthful in what you say and do."

Honesty is more than just telling the truth, it includes thinking and acting in a way that feels kind and sincere. It's not always easy to be honest in our words, actions or thoughts with others or with ourselves. Practicing Honesty with ourselves allows for us to identify emotions, be aware of our emotions and manage our emotions. Look for ways we show honesty and discuss how being Honest with ourselves can help us to be more confident, calm or focused.

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