

# LAKE MICHIGAN NEWS

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## Important Dates

### October

- 10/18 - Jeans for \$1
- 10/19 - Occupational Reader Day
- 10/21 - Fall Harvest 9-11:30 a.m.
  - Spirit Day
  - **Pumpkin Farm \$8 due**
- 10/24-10/27-Red Ribbon Week
- 10/25 - Jeans for Cards
- 10/26 - Visit from Imagination Station (10-11:00 in gym)
  - Spirit Day
- 10/28 **NO SCHOOL**  
County-Wide In-Service
- 10/31 - Field Trip to Gust Bro.'s Pumpkin Farm (12-2:45)

### November

- 11/1 - **BOOK REPORT DUE**
- 11/2 - Picture Retakes
- 11/3 - End of 1st Quarter  
**1/2 Day of school**
- 11/4 - Spirit Day
- 11/7 - \$1 Jeans for Cards
- 11/9, 11/10, 11/11 **Half-Days**  
Conferences
- 11/16 - Jeans for \$1  
**Field Trip to Walleye Game!**
- 11/17 - Birthday Bash
- 11/23 - K-4th Grade  
Thanksgiving Program 1:30
- 11/24 & 11/25 **NO SCHOOL**  
Happy Thanksgiving!
- 11/29 - Jeans for Cards



Our class will be participating in Pizza Hut's Book-It Program that takes place from October 1st - March 31st. Toward the bottom of your child's agreement, there is a box for "15 min. Nightly Reading." If your child reads for 15 minutes or more, please fill in the number of minutes they read in this box. Students who get all 5 week nights filled in will get a box marked off. When they get 4 boxes marked they get a certificate for a free personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut! For more information, see the sheet that went home last week, or visit their website at

<http://www.bookitprogram.com/parents/>.

**\*\*Students who complete all 6 months are entered for a chance to win a \$30,000 College Plan!**

## Book Reports

Students will be completing book reports in Lake Michigan. The book must be a chapter book and should be at the student's reading level. We have a library with books for them to choose from, or they may choose a book from home or your local library. Please check over your child's book report to make sure they have included the necessary requirements. Also, help them fix any spelling, punctuation, or grammatical errors. Our first project is a "Book in a Box" (it can be any box). The students love book report days where they show the class all of their hard work and creativity!

### Questions or Concerns?

Please stop in anytime, or feel free to call:

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### Parent Corner

Please make sure to sign your child's agreement each night. If they have homework, it will be circled. We will put our initials over the assignment when it is turned in. Homework is expected to be turned in the next day, unless it is make-up work for an absence. Of course, if something comes up and it cannot be done, please write a note so we know. Thank you!

### Clothing Reminders





As the cold weather is setting in and layers are becoming necessary, please make sure that you label your child's clothing. We often find sweaters, jackets, and coats and have difficulty finding the owners. Also, a quick reminder that dress code states that the socks need to be of solid color and skirts may **only** be 2 inches above the knee. Students also need to bring gym shoes on Wednesdays. The students can not participate if they don't have shoes and a dress code will be issued.

## What is Our Focus?





Below is a list of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) topics that we will be focusing on in October.

### MATH

#### 3rd Grade:

-  Place Value & Rounding
-  Estimating
-  Solving 2-step word problems using the 4 operations
-  Addition & Subtraction

#### 4th Grade:

-  Multiplication equations & word problems
-  Long-division
-  Factors
-  Patterns in numbers






### SCIENCE

3rd Grade: Ecosystems

4th Grade: Energy

### LANGUAGE ARTS



We will be engaging in these activities monthly:

-  Writing narrative, informational, and opinion pieces
-  Phonics
-  Grammar
-  sight words
-  speaking (book reports and other projects that they present)

### SOCIAL STUDIES

3rd Grade: Natural resources & economic activity in Michigan

#### 4th Grade:

-  Underground Railroad
-  The relationship between the location of Michigan's natural resources and the location of industries/the growth of cities



Fire Prevention Week visit from Bedford Township Firefighters!