

Maconce Elementary

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Mission Statement

Maconce Elementary School, in partnership with the community, will provide a learning environment by delivering quality instruction that promotes curiosity, creativity and the desire in students to reach their full potential.

Happy New Year to All — Just a brief thank you to staff, parents and community volunteers that helped make this holiday season just a little brighter for families in our Maconce Community.

Together we make a difference and we couldn't do it without your help. Thank you!

Parent Reminder for Keeping Staff and Students Safe

Anchor Bay Schools will be implementing a district-wide mandatory mask policy for at least the next three weeks in hopes of being able to maintain in person education.

We appreciate your support and understanding that no outside adults are allowed in the school building.

If you need to sign your child out during the school day, please use the clipboard on the table in the vestibule. The intercom will be used to let the office know your child's name and teacher to call them to the office. Please wait in the lobby for your child to exit. If you need to drop off homework, glasses, water bottles or lunches, please leave them on the table and let us know. We appreciate your support as we continue in our efforts to keep everyone safe.

Communication between Home and School

Parents are encouraged to contact the school about any matter of concern. Staff and Administration want to resolve your concerns promptly. Please follow the line of communication outlined below:

The first essential step is to go to the immediate source and establish the facts. If your concern is directly related to your child and the teacher, please call or arrange to meet with the teacher to discuss the matter. If more information is then needed or if you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the school principal. If your concern is directly related to school bus transportation, please contact the Transportation Department at 725-4220.

Please keep your contact information current. Contact the school office when your phone number or email changes. All newsletters and most flyers will be posted on the school website and sent through school messenger. Limited paper copies are available in the school office.

Recess Outdoors

Participation in recess can be an invigorating part of school. Fresh air and exercise are important. Students should wear warm clothes in winter months: coats, gloves, hats and boots. Please be sure your child is dressed to enjoy recess. Children will go outside for recess unless the temperature (including the wind chill) is below 16 degrees. In addition, children will remain indoors for recess if the wind speed is above 26 MPH. If a child is well enough to attend school, he/she is well enough to go outside. A doctor's note is necessary to excuse your child from outdoor recess. When your child wears boots to school, please make sure they have a pair of shoes to put on at school. We suggest gym shoes – wearing snow boots all day is very uncomfortable.





Maconce Elementary 2021-2022 Kaleidoscope Winner

Lillia Hahn, 2nd Grade-Mrs. Murphy

The Snowman

By: Lillia Hahn

One day it was snowing and the neighborhood kids were over and were building a snowman. Heaven had to put the head on and she was the tallest but she could not reach it! The snowman was taller than all of us, even Heaven! Heaven tried to pick up Jordan and that didn't work at all. So we had to make a plan. The plan was to get the head on the snowman, but how? That is when I had an idea. I said, "I have an idea." The idea was to get a shovel. Then we put the head on the shovel and we pushed real hard. Then we pushed again and again. In nine minutes, the head was on the snowman. We did not see that coming! We all were so happy that we SCREAMED! The snowman was perfect.

Here are some tips that can help protect the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair

1. Shovel early and often. When it comes to snow removal, there is no substitute for muscle and elbow grease! Deicers work best when only a thin layer of snow or ice must be melted. So head out and shovel and move as much snow as you can during the storm if possible. You can also use a hoe or ice chopper to break up ice and scrape it off the surface before putting down a deicer.
2. Reduce your use of deicing products. The most important step in deicing is to physically remove as much snow and ice as possible before applying a deicer.
3. Reduce deicer use by limiting access to your home to one entrance. For every doorway that isn't used, there will be less deicer washing into your street's catch basin.
4. Avoid fertilizers. Fertilizers, including those with urea (carbamide, ammonium, carbonyl diamide, etc.) don't contain chlorides but they contain nutrients. Potassium chloride (Potash) is another fertilizer used to combat snow and ice. Potassium Chloride typically costs 3-5 times as much as sodium chloride and doesn't work as well at low temperatures.
5. Limit your use of sand. **Sand doesn't melt ice!** Sand provides traction. When sand is washed off of our driveways and sidewalks into storm drains, it ends up in our lakes, rivers and streams, increasing the amount of sediment there. Leave sand usage to municipalities that apply sand on roads to maintain traction.



Calendar Notes

School Resumes

Jan. 4

5th Grade Starbase begins

Jan. 7

Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off

Jan. 11

NO SCHOOL – Prof. Dev. Day

Jan. 17

Records Day – Half Day – 12:26 Dism.

Jan. 27

End of Card Marking-Half Day

Jan. 28

Food Drive Begins

Feb. 5

Winter Break –No School

Feb. 18-21

No School-Prof. Dev. Day

Feb. 22



Student Emergency Cards

Parents are responsible for completely filling out and signing an emergency card. These cards are kept on file in the office. Parents will be asked at the beginning of each school year to fill out an emergency card so that they can be contacted in case of an illness, accident, or injury at school. Information such as the home phone number, parent's place of employment and the phone number, and the name of a neighbor or friend who could pick up a child from school if the parents weren't available is important to have on file in case a child should need special care. **Keeping this information up-to-date is very important. Please let us know if names, addresses, e-mail addresses or phone numbers change. We must be able to reach you in the event of an emergency.** Children will only be released to those listed on their emergency cards.

Note on custody papers: Children will be released to either parent unless legal documentation is provided to the school that states otherwise.

In honor of their outstanding community service, January is School Board Appreciation Month! Maconce Elementary would like to say "Thank You and Happy New Year" to:

President: Lisa Birkmeier
Vice President: Patrick Green
Treasurer: Jon DeRoo
Secretary: Steve Mittlestadt
Trustee: Jill Knox
Trustee: Mike Moses
Trustee: Dennis Richards



February is Black History Month

The precursor to Black History Month was created in 1926 in the United States, when historian [Carter G. Woodson](#) and the [Association for the Study of Negro Life and History](#) announced the second week of February to be "Negro History Week."^[1] This week was chosen because it coincided with the [birthday of Abraham Lincoln](#) on February 12 and of [Frederick Douglass](#) on February 14, both of which dates Black communities had celebrated together since the late 19th century.^[1]

From the event's initial phase, primary emphasis was placed on encouraging the coordinated teaching of the history of American blacks in the nation's [public schools](#). The first Negro History Week was met with a lukewarm response, gaining the cooperation of the Departments of Education of the states of [North Carolina](#), [Delaware](#), and [West Virginia](#) as well as the city school administrations of [Baltimore](#) and [Washington, D.C.](#)^[4] Despite this far from universal acceptance, the event was regarded by Woodson as "one of the most fortunate steps ever taken by the Association," and plans for a repeat of the event on an annual basis continued apace.^[4]

At the time of Negro History Week's launch, Woodson contended that the teaching of black history was essential to ensure the physical and intellectual survival of the race within broader society.



Goodbye 2021-Hello 2022

