



Lottie Paw Print Press

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Lottie M. Schmidt Elementary

A Message from the Principal


The school year is off to a great start! The beginning of the year testing is now complete and the first Progress Reports go home on October 3rd.

The **Parent-Teacher conference window starts on Monday, October 6th – October 17th**. If you are wanting to schedule a zoom conference with your child's teacher, please email them. If you want to speak with a specials teacher about your child, please refer to the school message sent on 10/2/2025 for their email address. All staff emails are also available on the school website.

Studies show that children whose parents are involved in their education do better in school. Parent-Teacher conferences is one way to get involved. In addition, conferences are an excellent way to bridge communication between the classroom teacher and parents. It keeps parents well informed of student progress and areas of concern. Getting to know the teacher and hearing his or her views of your child's progress actually helps your child succeed.

Start the Day Rights! School Starts at 9:00! Punctuality is a lifetime habit that students should develop. Students are expected to arrive on time each day and be prepared to learn. The start of the day is very busy at Lottie. Teachers take attendance and lunch count, kids get breakfast from the cafeteria and several classes have a specials class right at 9:10. That is why it is so important our students are here at 9:00 every day.

If your child is going to be late or out for the day, please contact the office at 586-725-7541 as soon as you know they will be out. The office is open each from 8:00 – 4:30, you may leave a message on our answering machine anytime the office is closed.

 Please make sure to have your correct email and the best phone we can reach you and/or an emergency contact updated in PowerSchool all year long.

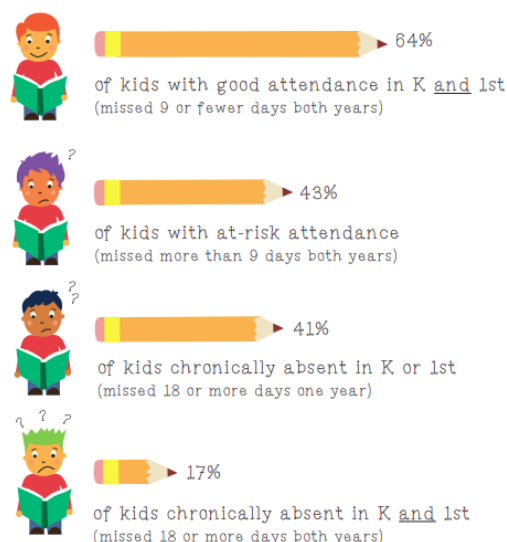
Sincerely,
Mrs. White

Why It Matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?³



³ Attendance in Early Elementary Grades: Association with Student Characteristics, School Readiness and Third Grade Outcomes, Applied Survey Research, May 2011.

Upcoming Events

- **Friday, October 3rd**
Progress Reports Go Home
- **Monday, October 6th – Friday, October 17th**
Parent-Teacher Conference Window
- **Monday, October 6th – Friday, October 10th**
Feed the Bay Collection – Lottie is collecting **Apple Sauce Pouches**
- **Thursday, October 9th**
Kindergarten Dental Screening
- **Friday, October 10th**
Spirit Day! Wear Read & White in support of the ABHS football team homecoming
- **Tuesday, October 14th**
PTO Meeting 6:00
*PTO meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month throughout the school year. **All are invited and encouraged to attend!***
- **Friday, October 17th**
PTO Sponsored Trunk or Treat - watch for a flyer coming home soon with more information.
- **Friday, October 31st**
Halloween Day! **Labadoo Celebration** during the school day! Watch for a flyer coming home soon with more information and request for volunteers.



Important Information

- **Cell Phones in School** – Please note the district policy of no cell phones during the school day. If your child must bring a cell phone, it must be turned off and put away in their locker. Violation of this policy will result in your child's phone being taken and locked in the school office where they can get it at the end of the day. If student continues to violate the cell phone policy, the phone will be taken and consequences given, requiring a parent to pick up the phone, detentions and possible in or out of school suspensions.
- **District and School Handbooks** are available on the school website under documents. If you have any questions about policies or procedures, please reference the handbooks on the website.
- **Taking a Different Bus or Going Home with a Friend** – Please note students cannot ride a different bus from school unless it is cleared with transportation. An Alternate Bus Form is available on the district transportation website. This alternate stop must be for all five days a week, not just for a play date. If a child is going home with a friend and a parent is picking them up, the office must be notified either by a phone call or written note. Your child's safety is our #1, this helps us know where our students are at the end of the day.
- **Volunteers** – We have a lot of fun events coming up during the school day. If you are wanting to volunteer, you must submit a complete volunteer form with a copy of the front and back of your license or state ID. We need at least two weeks to get this processed, so please send in your volunteer

registration as soon as possible. You can access the form on the school web page, scroll to the bottom and click on the Volunteer Form link in the left column. Hard copies are also available in the school office.

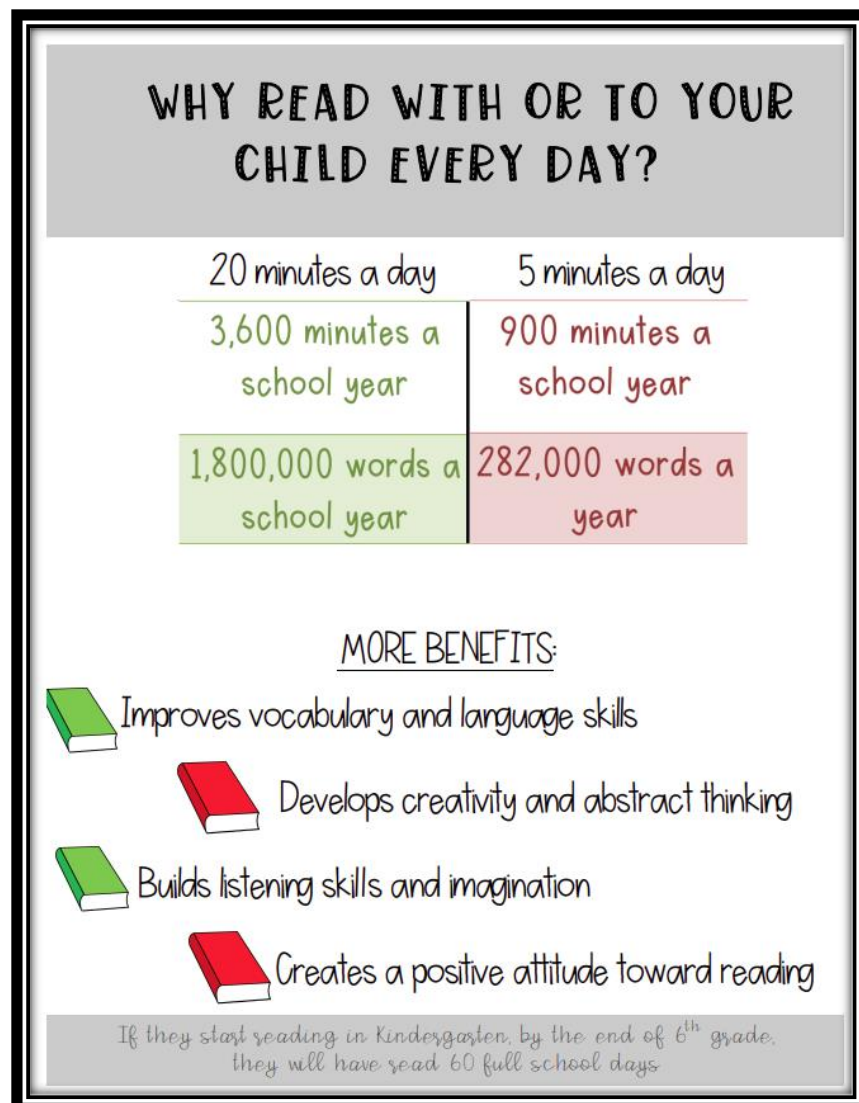
Title I Information

Lottie M. Schmidt receives funds from the Title I, Part A program. This federal classification provides additional funding and program to benefit our students. You can find a letter with more information about Title I on our school website under the documents tab.



As part of the program requirements, you are receiving a **Title I Compact** with your child's progress report. This compact is an agreement for the student, parent, and teacher to all work together to provide your child with the best possible educational experience. It outlines the expectations for each participant in order to achieve this goal. Please review the compact with your child, sign and return to your child's teacher. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. White.

Literacy



Green School Updates

Lottie is pleased to be partnering with Clothes Bin, a textile recycling program. Last weekend a bright green bin was delivered to our parking lot out by the paper recycling bin. Families and neighbors can drop off unwanted clothing, shoes, and textiles and Lottie earns .07 cents per pound toward our Green School Projects. Please help spread the word, when cleaning your closets or sorting through your goods, please donate to Lottie! *Thank you for your support!*



Student Council

The students in 3rd & 4th Grade had an opportunity to run for Student Council this past week. They all did a great job campaigning creating posters, videos and speeches. I am sure it was a hard decision when it came time to vote.

Congratulations to the following students whose classmates selected them as their student council representatives for the year.

Mrs. Geldhof – 3rd Grade

Mrs. Hindle – 3rd Grade

Myles Stump

Erin Engberg

Olivia Kulpa

Carter Seal

Mr. Karas – 4th Grade

Mrs. Ludwig – 4th Grade

Ms. Manson – 4th Grade

Alivia Kepler

Ellie Freeman

Allie Estes

Lincoln Jaeger

Briyelle Critchett

Joslynn Kuiack

PBIS – Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a proactive approach for all students in school to achieve social, emotional and academic success. Students can earn tickets and tokens for making PAWS-itive choices, following the rules, and being a good friend. These tickets and tokens can then be spent on the prize cart or prize wheel.

In cooperation with our Chesterfield Police Department School Resource Officer, students may receive a Golden Citation from their teacher for their positive behavior. This citation earns them an invitation for free pizza lunch with Officer Wilson. This month we are recognizing Mrs. Thibodeaus' Class and the third & fourth grade classes.



Congratulations to the following students on receiving a Golden Citation and getting to have lunch with Officer Wilson.

**La-rya Braxton
Preston Donaghy
Madeleine Limback
Sawyer Davey
Adalyn Hitchens
Max Trzos**



Macomb Watershed



Protecting Our Water...It's as Easy as Seven Simple Steps

Did you know that over three million people depend on our lakes and streams for their drinking water? And that in Southeast Michigan there are over 300,000 registered boaters and 3.5 million people visit a local park each year?

With this many people depending on our lakes and streams for drinking water and recreation, we need to be careful how we treat our water. You might not be able to see the stream or lake from your house, but it's there. It might be a small stream or ditch or even a storm drain in the street. All of these lead directly to our lakes and streams. So, what we do at home affects our water!

Here are seven simple steps you can take in your home and yard to protect our lakes and streams

1. **Help keep pollution out of storm drains.** Storm drains lead directly to our lakes and streams. So, never dump oil, pet waste, leaves, dirty water, or anything down a storm drain. Remember, only rain in the drain.
2. **Fertilize carefully and sparingly.** Excess fertilizer that gets into storm drains pollutes our lakes by causing large algae blooms and using up oxygen fish need to survive. Sweep excess fertilizer back onto your lawn, use a low or no phosphorus fertilizer, and have your soil tested to see what, if any, fertilizer is needed.
3. **Carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals and oil.** Instead of putting hazardous products like antifreeze, motor oil and pesticides in the trash, down the storm drain or on the ground, take them to a local hazardous waste collection day.
4. **Clean up after your pet.** Whether on a walk or in your yard, promptly clean up after your pet. Not only will you be a good neighbor, you will also protect our water from harmful bacteria.
5. **Practice good car care.** Consider taking your car to a car wash or washing your car on the grass.
6. **Choose earth friendly landscaping.** Protect your pets, kids and environment by using pesticides sparingly. Also, water your lawn only when it needs it and choose plants native to Michigan.
7. **Save water.** Over watering our lawns can easily carry pollution to the storm drains and to our lakes and streams. Consider using a broom instead of a hose to clean sidewalks and driveways. Direct hoses and sprinklers on the lawn, not the driveway. This will help save our lakes and streams and save you money.