

The STAR Reporter

Naldrett Newsletter

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Dean A. Naldrett Mission Statement: Naldrett staff, in partnership with parents and community, will provide a positive, nurturing, learning environment in which students can achieve their full potential.

Principal's Corner



Welcome to November!

This past month has been a busy one inside our school! Our staff and students have done an excellent job settling into their classroom routines along with learning all of the school-wide procedures. The students are working hard with their teacher's guidance in their daily lessons each and every day. We are grateful to see our students in school smiling, laughing and learning together.

At home, please continue to check your child's school folder daily for classroom communication, homework and any other important school information. We appreciate all of your guidance and time spent supporting your child's education. Continue to set a nightly time aside to read with your child- at any age! Research has shown this is the number one way to help your child is to read with them at home!

This particular month is a wonderful time to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. We hope you enjoy this Thanksgiving season. As always, please reach out to our school if you have any questions or need assistance at any time!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lembas
Principal



PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY

Picture make-up day is set for **MONDAY, NOV. 9TH.** If your student's pictures need to be retaken, please send the original set back with them. If they missed picture day altogether, we do have picture envelopes available in the office.

IMPORTANT:

NO SCHOOL – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD
PICTURE RETAKE DAY – MONDAY, NOV. 9TH
FALL BOOK FAIR – NOV. 9-13

THURS, NOV. 19TH – HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS – DISMISSAL AT 12:26 PM
FRI, NOV. 20TH – HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS – DISMISSAL AT 12:26 PM
FRI, NOV. 20TH – END OF 1ST TRIMESTER
MON-TUE, NOV. 23rd & 24TH – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – PD DAYS
WED-FRI, NOV. 25TH – 27TH – THANKSGIVING BREAK
MON, NOV. 30TH – SCHOOL RESUMES

WED, DEC. 2ND – REPORT CARDS IN PARENT PORTAL

Other People Mindset

#PositivityInAction is our motto, hashtag, and the spirit of the movement we are building. #PositivityInAction is any time someone is building a positive relationship or tapping into a character strength to become their best self.
You will also see us using ***#OtherPeopleMindset***. These are the five elements intended to help people understand ways to build positive relationships in their own lives: identifying and appreciating the good in others, knowing my words and actions affect others, supporting others when they struggle, cheering others' successes, and being present and giving others my attention.



Our previous motto and hashtag was #OtherPeopleMatter — and you may still see this on some t-shirts, banners, or old Positivity Project social media posts & blogs. This phrase originated with Dr. Chris Peterson, one of the founders of positive psychology and Mike Erwin's mentor and advisor in graduate school. "Other People Matter" was Chris' thesis resulting from his decades of research.
As Chris wrote in 2008, he would often begin lectures by stating, "I can sum up positive psychology in just three words – Other People Matter. Period. Anything that builds relationships between and among people is going to make you happy." Chris passed away suddenly in October 2012 and we are proud to carry on his legacy through the research on character and relationships that he led for over a decade.
https://youtu.be/AEc2W8JVuRw

Feed the Bay Collection Results!

Way to go, Naldrett! We collected close to 800 Chef Boyardee cups!!! What a great donation to send out to help our community!!! Well done!!!

Change of Routine…

If you child has a change in their end-of-day routine (how they go home, etc.), **PLEASE make sure to contact the OFFICE to guarantee that someone knows what is to take place**.

Attendance Reminder…

Please keep in mind that school starts at 9:00 AM. Students coming into the building after this time **must be signed in by a parent**. If your student is late due to an appointment, please bring in a note from the doctor or dentist office. If they will need a hot lunch, please let us know before 9:20 AM. We place the lunch order by 9:30.

There is a QR code in the vestibule for signing in and out. Please make sure to bring your phone in with you when you arrive.

Please call the main office before school starts if your student will be absent.

Holiday Collection Starting Soon

This year Christmas for Anchor Bay collecting donations for two worthwhile organizations – Christmas for Anchor Bay and Goodfellows. This year's collections will GAMES. Watch for more details to come on those exciting events!

SAFETY REMINDER/PARKING LOT REMINDER:

Parents that choose to come into the building for drop off or pick up, **please** park in a parking space. **DO NOT park in the driveway.**

- The driveway is meant to have a continuous flow for the drop off and pick up of students.
- If you are waiting to drop off or pick up your student(s), **please wait in line until the vehicle in front of you moves up. DO NOT PULL OUT TO GO AROUND THE VEHICLE IN FRONT OF YOU.**
- Your child should enter and exit the vehicle on the right side or passenger side of your car along the sidewalk. **Hold your child's hand while walking on the sidewalk and in the parking lot.**
- **Continue to use the cross-walks to walk your student(s) from the parking lot to the sidewalk and school building**.
- If you park in the parking lot, please use one of the designated parking spots. **Do NOT move the parking cones. Do NOT pull up and park on the grass.**

Help to keep our students safe by following the parking lot procedures. Please continue to drive slow, and PLEASE be patient – don't pull out of line to cut around other cars. Thank you.

Volunteer Forms

Thank you to all who turned in their volunteer forms! If you have not done so, and you want to volunteer in the classroom or attend upcoming holiday functions during the school day, please make sure to submit a completed volunteer form along with a copy of your driver's license as soon as possible. Processing can take up to 10 business days.

No Child Without a Christmas



The New Baltimore Goodfellows is now accepting applications for their "No Child Without a Christmas" program. Gifts are given to children birth through age 15.

Applications are available from any Anchor Bay School and the New Baltimore City office. They are also available on our school website. Completed applications can be returned to either of the above locations or mailed directly to the New Baltimore Goodfellows, PO Box 82, New Baltimore, MI 48047. You can also email completed applications to nbgoodfellows@yahoo.com.

Applications must include all required information:

- ✓Proof of Anchor Bay School District Residency (Ex: Copy of current driver's license or utility bill.)
- ✓Signed application by a Parent or Guardian.
- ✓A VALID phone number must be on the application. **Phone number is necessary to notify you of the date you will receive the gift.**
- ✓A copy of the Birth Certificate for each child is required.
- ✓Proof of Income for the family is required. (Ex: A copy of a current Bridge Card.)

No phone call referrals will be accepted. **APPLICATION DUE DATE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5. 2025.**



Naldrett Elementary is a PBIS School!

Positive behavioral interventions and support (PBIS) is a way for schools to encourage good behavior and teach expectations. With PBIS, kids learn expectations and school rules, just as they learn other subjects like math or science. Students learn how to report dangerous or destructive situations. Here are just a few highlights:

- Every child can learn proper behavior.
- Studies show PBIS can help improve student discipline, behavior and even grades.
- PBIS is for all students in school!
- PBIS promotes showing **kindness** to others by being gentle, helpful and friendly at school and home.
- All staff members including bus drivers, custodial staff, paras, office staff and teachers look for ways to reward positive behavior by using our STAR BUCKS reward money! Students can turn these STAR BUCKS in for prizes.

Our Motto is **"Naldrett Stars are Kind, Responsible, Respectful and Safe"!** To look for more information about PBIS, you can go to our school's webpage and click on the PBIS tab!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

Parents, with the cold and flu season upon us, we understand the need for medicine! **PLEASE – if you feel the need to send your student to school with cough drops, have them bring them to the office for safe keeping**. This keeps students from sharing with their friends and a potential allergic reaction should they fall into the wrong hands. However mild they may be, they are still medicine and need to be kept by an adult. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe and healthy!!!

Dress for the Weather!



PLEASE dress your child for outdoor recess daily! We will be going outside each day, weather permitting. The temperature outdoors must be 15 degrees F including wind chill to safely take students out. With the cold weather coming, hats, gloves and warm coats will be needed. Make sure your child's name is on his or her coat, snow pants, etc. This will help alleviate confusion of who the clothing belongs to.

Do You Know Someone Who Is Homeless?

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act defines a "homeless individual" as someone who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and also has a nighttime residence that is a shelter or a hotel, an institution that provides temporary residence, or a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations for human beings. In general, children or youth who live in hotels, housing shelters, on the street, in cars or in abandoned buildings are considered to be homeless. If you are not sure if you or a friend fit this description, please check with the data paraprofessional in the office of any Anchor Bay School. You may also contact the Anchor Bay School District Homeless Liason, JoAnn Gartin at 586-648-2500 ext. 1301.

MEET OUR STUDENT COUNCIL!

Our 2026-2027 Student Council is complete! Meet our members!

4th Grade Representatives include:

- Christopher Sanders, who is also our Student Congress Representative
- Denai Wilson-Atkins
- Savannah Berryhill
- Lucas Wrobel
- Ben Johnson
- Cora Krauseneck
- Liv Rogers
- Raelynn Parks
- Kali Rodriguez

3rd Grade Representatives include:

- Emma Allen
- Caiden Stermer
- Ellie Behrens
- Landon Bindschatel
- Morgan Janes
- Weston Parks

Congratulations to you all! Have a great year!!!

Parents,

Not all misbehavior is considered bullying! This word can be "overused." Sometimes it is a conflict, or rude or mean behavior, especially if it is a single incident. Problems to solve are opportunities for our students to learn and grow! Mistakes can be forgiven but **not** repeated. Please take a moment to read the rubric below.

Please teach your child how to respond and give them talking points. Of course, notify your child's teacher, or school social worker, or the principal. They are able to assist if a problem arises.

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What qualifies as bullying behavior?

QUALIFIERS	CONFLICT	RUDE	MEAN	BULLYING
Frequency	Occasional	Occasional	Once or Twice	Frequent; repeated
Intent	Not planned; in the heat of the moment	Spontaneous; unintentional	Intentional	Planned; intentional
Who is hurt?	All parties are upset	Can cause hurt feelings; upset	Can hurt others deeply	The target of the bullying is upset
Cause	All parties want to work things out	Based in thoughtlessness, poor manners or narcissism	Based in anger; impulsive cruelty	The bully is trying to gain control over the target
Taking Responsibility	All parties will accept responsibility	Rude person accepts responsibility	Behavior is often regretted	The bully blames the target
Who wants resolution?	An effort is made by all parties to resolve the problem	---	---	The target wants to stop the bully's behavior, but the bully does not
Resolution	Can be resolved through mediation	Building social skills could be of benefit	Needs to be addressed; should NOT be ignored	CAN be resolved through mediation with adult help

This is the system that we use at Naldrett. It is important to note that students should report an issue to any staff member (teacher, lunch para, bus driver or principal). Sometimes if a situation is dangerous or destructive, they should go right to Step #5 - Get Adult Help.

The DeBug System

1. Ignore
2. Move Away
3. Talk Friendly
4. Talk Firmly
5. Get Adult Help



UPCOMING DATES – NOV / DEC 2026



- *Monday, Nov. 2 – 2nd Grade Field Trip*
- *Tuesday, Nov. 3 –* ***NO SCHOOL – ELECTION DAY***
- ***Monday, Nov. 9 – Picture Retake Day***
- *Mon-Fri, Nov. 9-13 - Fall Book Fair*
- *Wednesday, Nov. 11 – 1st Grade to Michigan Veteran's Home – Sing-A-Long*
- *Monday, Nov. 16 – Star Council Meeting @ 6 PM*
- *Wednesday, Nov. 18 – 3rd Grade Field Trip*
- *Thursday, Nov. 19 -* ***HALF DAY OF SCHOOL – DISMISSAL @ 12:26 PM***
- *Friday, Nov. 20 –* ***HALF DAY OF SCHOOL – DISMISSAL @ 12:26 PM***
- *Friday, Nov. 20 – End of 1st Trimester*
- *Mon & Tues, Nov. 23 & 24 –* ***NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS / PD DAY FOR STAFF***
- *Wed/Thurs/Fri, November 25-26-27 –* ***Thanksgiving Break!***
- *Monday, Nov. 30 – School Resumes.*
- *Wednesday, Dec. 2 – Report Cards in Parent Portal*
- *Mon-Fri, Dec. 7-11 – Santa Shoppe at Naldrett – More info to come soon!*
- *Thursday, Dec. 10 – Cookies with Santa – 5:30 – 7 PM*
- *Tuesday, Dec. 15 – 4th Grade Field Trip*
- *Mon-Fri, Dec. 21 – Jan. 1:* ***NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS BREAK***
- *Monday, Jan. 4 – School Resumes*

Medications / Medical Information

School personnel, as restricted by the State of Michigan, are not allowed to administer ANY medication unless it is under a doctor's order. When a student is in need of medication during the school day, the following procedure MUST be followed:

1. Medication must be accompanied by a doctor's written order and written authorization of the parent or guardian (forms available in the office).

2. The medication must be in the original container. The student's name, the physician's name, current date, the name and strength of the medication, and the specific directions as to the administration of the medication must be listed. The office staff cannot split pills that are in the container.

3. All medication must be delivered directly to the school office by a parent or guardian.

4. Liquid medication must be in a pre-measured form for each dosage that will be administered.

5. Any unused medication unclaimed by the parent will be destroyed by school personnel when a prescription is no longer to be administered or at the end of the school year.

6. A log for each prescribed medication shall be maintained which will note the personnel giving the medication, the date, and the time of day. This log will be maintained along with the physician's written instructions and the parent's written permission release.

Under NO circumstances are children to bring ANY medication to school or on the bus. This includes aspirin, cough syrup, cough drops and all over-the-counter medications. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

Remember, it ALL drains to our lakes and rivers.

Storm drains and roadside ditches lead to our lakes and rivers. So, any oil, pet waste, leaves or dirty water from washing your car enters a storm drain gets into our lakes and rivers without being treated. With almost five million people living in Southeast Michigan, we all need to be aware of what goes into our storm drains. How can you help? Simple.

1. **Sweep it**. Do you have extra fertilizer, grass clipping or dirt on your driveway or sidewalk? Sweep it back onto your lawn. Hosing your driveway sends these pollutants into storm drains that lead directly to our lakes and rivers.

2. **Keep it clean.** Whether in the street or in your yard, remember to keep leaves, grass clippings, trash and fertilizers away from storm drains.

3. **Only rain in the drain**. Never dump motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, dirty or soapy water, or anything else down the storm drain. All of these materials pollute our lakes and rivers.

4. **Label it**. Volunteer to label the storm drains in your neighborhood to inform residents that storm drains flow directly to our lakes and rivers. Call your local community for more information on storm drain stenciling programs.