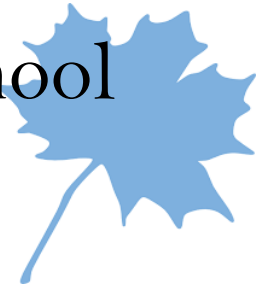




# Michener Elementary School Newsletter

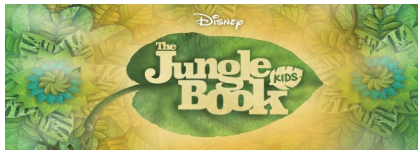


## Hello Michener Families!!!

We hope that you all enjoyed your Christmas holiday and that everyone is staying safe. We have a couple of reminders for you. All students need to come to school in a clean mask each day. It's important to make sure masks get washed each night so that any germs have been cleaned off. If your child forgets their mask, we will get them one at school. At the beginning of the year all students were given a water bottle, please make sure that they are washed and returned to school daily. Along with the winter season, winter clothing is a must for all of our students. Students go outside for all recesses with weather permitting.

Winter parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for January 20-21<sup>st</sup>. Your child's teacher either has been or will be setting up times via google meet or phone call for you to discuss your child's progress that week. We ask that you are available during the scheduled conference times they set up with you. A reminder note will be sent home the week before. Please be sure to be available to hear the great progress your child is making. If your phone number has changed since the beginning of the school year and you have not updated it with the school, please email your updated phone number to [jrodocker@adrian.k12.mi.us](mailto:jrodocker@adrian.k12.mi.us) or call (517)263-9002.

Students from the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades are invited to participate in our 3rd annual Disney Musical. This year we will be performing The Jungle Book. Rehearsals will be beginning soon. More information will be coming home in mid to late January.



## What's Happening in January

### January 11<sup>th</sup>

NWEA Testing Starts  
K-3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Only

### January 18<sup>th</sup>

No School

### January 20-21<sup>st</sup>

Parent /Teacher Conferences

### January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Half Day Dismissal @ 12:10 p.m.



Hello,

I am Mrs. Dannie and I am the Media Paraprofessional who works to get kids their books each week. I have been visiting each classroom where students get to select a book from the book cart. Your child has been given this opportunity each week since November shortly after I arrived in this position.

I have also started a Google Classroom for the library this year, since my time visiting classrooms is limited. I post read alouds each day during the week, along with other activities related to reading. All students have access to my Google Classroom.

Pro-Reading Tip! Read to your child every night and they will become stronger readers and see your love of reading as a stepping stone to their love of reading as well.

If you don't have time, let them hop on my Google Classroom at home, they'll have plenty to choose from to listen to and enjoy!

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." – Emilie Buchwald

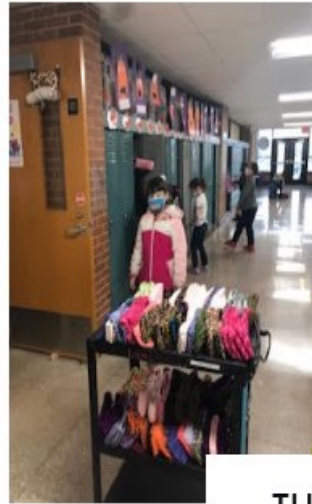
## Weather Update Information

A majority of the bad weather still lies ahead. If you are wondering about whether or not we will be having school you can turn on the T.V. to channels 11 or 13, as well as listen to 103.9 WLEN or 1490 AM, WABJ. Also, a message from Adrian Public Schools will be sent to you as well and be posted on: <https://www.adrianmaples.org/>. We will also post on our Michener Facebook page. Make sure that your contact numbers are up to date for weather alert phone calls from Adrian Public Schools.



## Thank You Headband Ladies!!!!

We here at Michener want to put a big shout out to the Headband Ladies for their generous donation of winter headbands for our students! Everyone of our students received a headband!!!



THANK  
YOU  
HEADBAND  
LADIES



WE ARE SO  
GRATEFUL FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT!!!



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is hard to believe that we are quickly approaching our 100th day of school! It is at this time that we want to remind everyone of the importance of excellent attendance. Attending school on a regular basis is important for children's social, emotional, and educational development. Children with chronic absences suffer in the long term from significant gaps in their learning. We need your support to ensure that your student's education is not affected. It's very critical to send children to school every day, all day to get the most out of their education. Did you know that:

- Attendance matters for doing well in school and life starting in Kindergarten.
- Foundational reading skills are taught at the Kindergarten level. Missing out on these early reading lessons due to absences can create gaps in their learning that are harder to fix later.
- Early childhood is a great time to start building a habit of good attendance.
- Absences can add up before you know it. Just missing 10% of the time can equate to **18 or more days of lost instruction**. *That's just two days each month!*
- Too many absent students can affect the whole classroom, creating disruptions and slowing down instruction.

Because attendance is so important to the well being of our students, we have decided to do a drawing for a **\$10 gift card** to reward families for good attendance. In order to be in the drawing your student must have only 1 attendance occurrence for the month of January. Attendance occurrences include tardies, unexcused absences, sign out early, and late arrival absences. If you have any questions concerning attendance, please feel free to contact me!

Shawna Wilson  
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## NWEA Is Coming For K-3rd Grade

### (Reading Only)

#### Parents You Can Help Your Child Succeed

##### NWEA Tips for Parents

Parents can make an invaluable contribution to improve NWEA scores by helping your child/children come to school on NWEA days prepared for success.

- Make sure your child is well rested.
- Make sure your child is not hungry. High protein meals are recommended.
- Students should prepare by reviewing learning in the academic areas to be tested.
- Students should come to the NWEA tests relaxed, but also understanding the importance of staying on task and doing their best.
- Avoid scheduling medical, dental, or other appointments on NWEA days. Research shows students do better when tested with their class than in a make-up session.

### Students

The night before... get plenty of rest.



The morning of the test ... eat a healthy breakfast.



Arrive to school on time.



### Permission Slips for Chromebooks

Thank you to everyone who signed and returned your Chromebook permission slips. This document is a permission form to allow your child to have a Chromebook assigned to them for home use should a time occur when their classroom is shut down. Having permission prior to any potential shutdown will create a better process if such disruption were to occur. If you haven't returned it yet, please do so. And let us know if you need another form. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lacasse at (517) 263-9002 ext. 3301