

Webb Happenings Newsletter

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Important Dates

9/25/24 - Bagel Day - Bagels are \$1.25 each

9/27/24 - Half Day - students dismissed @ 11:20 - Records day PM for teachers

10/2/24 - Picture Day

10/4/24 - PTA Fundraiser ends - forms & money due

10/31/24 - Half Day - students dismissed @ 11:20 - Records day PM for teachers

10/31/24 - Webb Halloween Parade 10:30AM

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Families,

Thank you to all of our families who make school attendance a priority. It is so critical that, even in elementary school, the students are attending school on time each and every day unless they are sick. Missed time results in students getting behind in their learning. Over time that can have a great impact on the learning trajectory for a student and can put them behind in all areas. Research shows that students who are behind in elementary school are at a far greater risk for school dropout. Please take a look at the chart to the side to see how absences can add up over time. Even coming late each day can impact your child's education.

Next week on Wednesday, is the state count day. That day, especially, is important for attendance as it impacts our state funding. We hope you will make every effort to make school a priority and have your child to school on time each day.

Sincerely,

Corri Nastasi

Principal, Webb Elementary

YOU MATTER!

Attendance matters when it comes to school success.

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school.
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/She is only missing just....	That equals...	Which is....	And over 13 years of schooling that's
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 Minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 Minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years

Positive Attendance Matters for Student Success!

Students with positive attendance:



Have higher
academic
achievement



Are more likely to
read proficiently by
Grade 3



Are more likely to
graduate and less
likely to drop out
of school



Have increased
social-emotional capabilities and
abilities to build relationships



Are more likely to
attend, persist in, and
graduate from college

Strategies for families to improve attendance

Elementary School

- ✓ Create consistent bedtime and morning routines.
- ✓ Have your child pack their backpack and choose their clothes the night before.
- ✓ Establish backup plans for going to school if something comes up. Connect with a family member, neighbor, or other parent to bring your child to school.
- ✓ Maintain healthy habits, and when your child has to stay home sick, contact their teacher for the day's learning materials.
- ✓ Schedule appointments and trips during non-school hours or during school breaks.

Middle and High School

- ✓ Establish daily attendance as a priority and talk with your child about the importance of attending school every day, being on time, and not cutting class.
- ✓ Help your child maintain consistent daily routines, such as finishing their homework, getting a good night's sleep, and setting a wake-up alarm.
- ✓ Help your child stay engaged in school.
- ✓ Watch for signs of low student engagement in school, anxiety, bullying, and the need for additional academic support.
- ✓ Schedule appointments and trips during non-school hours or during school breaks.

YMCA SportPort

SportPort is coming to Webb Elementary! Come out for sports sampling, free play and a healthy snack with the SportPort team every other Thursday. Registration will start over for each session and remain open until filled. Please arrive for pickup promptly at 4:25pm. There will be a weekly registration available, so if you are unable to pick up your child on time, please do not register for that week. *Please make sure your child has sneakers and a water bottle* *This Activity is for Webb Elementary School Students ONLY* [YMCA Sport Port Registration Link 9-26](#)

STEM Club

The STEM club was limited to a certain number of students and it is now full. Those that were accepted should have received a communication from the organization that is running it.

Count Day

Count Day is coming up on Wednesday October 2nd. Attendance is extremely important on Count Day as it's when public schools count the number of kids in attendance, and that information is used to determine how much funding each school will receive. All kids that attend that day will be entered in my raffle to win fun toys & prizes such as squishmellows, Roblox, Five Below, Meijer, Target & Kroger gift cards.

Snacks/Treats Policy

Please see the district policy on snacks/treats in school. You MUST reach out to your child's teacher ahead of time to discuss any sort of snack/treat that is brought in. Each teacher will have their own policy on how they handle these donations and they will be communicating that to you if they haven't done so already. Please keep in mind that **ABSOLUTELY NO HOMEMADE TREATS/SNACKS CAN BE BROUGHT IN FOR STUDENTS.**

"Due to health concerns and scheduling, treats and snacks for any occasion must be arranged in advance with the classroom teacher. All treats and snacks must be store bought and prepackaged in individual servings. No homemade treats or snacks are allowed at school. Treats and snacks may not require refrigeration and must have a clearly printed list of ingredients on the packaging. We strongly encourage you to select a treat or snack with nutritional value."

Bagels \$1.25

We will be selling bagels on WEDNESDAYS this year and they will be now be \$1.25. Please make a note of these changes. One suggestion was to send the dollar and quarter in a plastic ziploc type bag, so your child doesn't lose any of their money. We will again offer salt, plain, cinnamon raisin & onion. Students who are late will NOT be allowed to buy a bagel unless they have a doctor's note for their tardiness. The cost of the bagel is now \$1.25.

Health Forms

We are using new health forms at school. Teachers/staff will send students to the office with a health form when there has been any kind of health issue. The staff in the office will complete the bottom portion with actions taken. Copies of these forms will be sent home with students at the end of the day. That way parents are aware of any health issues that may have happened during the day. Please note that we will still make phone calls to families for the same reasons as we have before.

Fundraiser

The PTA is having a fundraiser and is hoping everyone will join us in supporting this cause. Forms went home with students on Monday last week. Forms & money are due October 4th.

Picture Day

Picture day is Wednesday, October 2nd. Forms were sent home with students last week.

Cell Phones

We want to make you aware that students are NOT allowed to have phones out during school for any reason. Any phones that are taken out or are being used during the day will be confiscated and put down in the office. The phone can only be picked up by a parent/guardian from the office at the end of the day. If you are sending in a phone with your student, it must be either turned in to the teacher or left in the student's locker in his/her backpack. Please keep in mind that lockers do not lock and we are not held accountable for any property that is lost or stolen. We highly recommend that phones be turned in to the teacher before school starts and that he/she gets it back at the end of the day.

Smoking on School Grounds

Please keep in mind that it is against District Policy for anyone to smoke on school grounds. This includes smoking in your car in the parking lot. Please do not smoke anywhere on our school grounds or we may have to ask you to leave. Let's make good choices to support our school and our students and families.

Riding Bikes to School

Please see this excerpt from our Student Handbook regarding riding bikes to school:

Bike Rules & Regulations - Elementary

Elementary students will be allowed to ride bikes to school; While we encourage our bike riders to be in grades 4 & 5, it is up to the discretion of parents whether or not their child will be allowed to ride a bike.

- *Scooters will not be permitted.*
- *Bikes must be locked to the bike rack; The school is not liable for any stolen bikes.*
- *Student bike riders must wear helmets.*
- *Students must walk their bikes, once on school grounds.*
- *Noncompliance with rules on school property, may mean the suspension of bike riding privileges.*
- *The district will offer a bike safety class/ride in the spring.*

If students do not bring a lock to school, the bike will be brought inside the building and one warning will be given. After that, parents will need to pick up the bike.

If a student does not wear a helmet to school, the student will receive one warning. After that, parents will need to pick up the bike.

If a student has three violations regarding locks or helmets, the student will lose the privilege and can no longer ride a bike to school.

Playground After School

With the nice weather in the fall many families choose to stay and play on the playground after school. Please don't forget our school rule about playground use after school. Any students staying on the playground after school **MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT** and the adult must be physically in the playground area. This does NOT count for older siblings. Students who walk home, must go home and cannot return until after 6PM (when latchkey is done for the day) without an adult. We do NOT monitor the playground after school. Adults **MUST** monitor their students. We appreciate your help with this.

Communication

Please read the excerpt below regarding the district communication process from our student handbook:

Hazel Park Schools Communication Flow Chart Process

Most parent and community questions are easily and completely answered by communicating directly with the staff member closest to the situation. As you move further along the flowchart, the staff is less directly involved and usually needs additional time to research the situation before they can give you an answer. If you do not hear back from the person you have contacted within **One (24 hours) business day**, it is appropriate to reach out to them again before moving along to the next level of the flowchart. We do not expect your questions or concerns to go unanswered for a long period of time. Each situation should first be addressed at whatever level the initial action was taken with appeals moving to the next level on the “**Communication Process Flowchart.**” The easiest way to communicate is via email while a phone call is the next preferable way.

Hazel Park Elementary Communication Process Flowchart

Area of Concern	1st Level	2nd Level	3rd Level	4th Level
Special Education	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Board Office: Director of Student Services</i>	
Student Concerns / Guidance / Health Related Concerns	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>School 504 Coordinator</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Board Office: Director of Student Services</i>
Classroom Discipline	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Board Office: Assistant Superintendent</i>	

			<i>dent of Teaching and Learning</i>	
<i>Non-Classroom School Discipline</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Board Office: Assistant Superintendent</i>		
<i>Academic /Classroom Concerns</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Board Office: Director of 21st Century Learning</i>	
<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Bus driver</i>	<i>Transportation Supervisor</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Board Office: Director of Student Services</i>

★ HAZEL PARK JUNIOR VIKINGS ★

YOUTH WRESTLING **SIGN-UP**



FOR BOYS & GIRLS
AGES 4-14

OCTOBER
15

5 TO 6:30 PM

HAZEL PARK JUNIOR HIGH CAFETERIA

COST: \$100

\$75 ADDITIONAL SIBLINGS

**INCLUDES:
MYWAY MEMBERSHIP,
SINGLET, SHIRT &
*WARMUPS***

PENDING AVAILABILITY AND SIZE

**(SINGLET, WARMUPS RETURNED
AT END OF SEASON)**

**ADDITIONAL APPAREL PACKAGES
ARE OPTIONAL AND AVAILABLE**



**FIRST PRACTICE
FOR ALL LEVELS
NOVEMBER**

PLEASE CONTACT
JANICE HOWARD
CINNIJANICE4510@GMAIL.COM
1.248.990.1470
IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS



★ ——— HAZEL PARK JUNIOR VIKINGS ——— ★

Hazel Park District Library

Wednesdays, 1:00 pm

Baby
Story Time

Free!



(Older siblings are welcome)
No Storytime December 25 & January 1

Baby Story Time supports early literacy and language skills by encouraging singing, playing, talking, and shared reading. Join us for fun stories, finger plays, and snuggling in a welcoming environment! This FREE program is geared toward babies, but older siblings are welcome.



123 E Nine Mile
Hazel Park, MI 48030
<http://hazel-park.lib.mi.us/>
248-546-4095

HAZEL PARK DISTRICT LIBRARY

GOTTA CATCH 'EM ALL!

Mondays at 6:30 PM

- August 26: Rosie's Park**
(1111 E Farnum Ave, Madison Heights, MI 48071)
- September 9: Martin Rd Park**
(1615 E Lewiston Ave, Ferndale, MI 48220)
- September 23: Scout Park**
(901 E Otis Ave Hazel Park, MI 48030)
- October 7: Green Acres Park**
(620 W Woodward Heights Blvd, Hazel Park, MI 48030)

Join us to catch Pokemon and battle.
Everyone will get 1 FREE Pokemon card.



Hazel Park District Library

Tiny Tales

Storytime

Free!



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Fridays 10:30am

Ages 0-5 (Older siblings are welcome)

We read stories, do fun fingerplays, sing songs, play, color, and letter recognition games. Sometimes we will be doing a craft that you can pick up from the library. Join us for a fun time and develop literacy, language, and social skills as well as positive associations with reading and the library.

(No Storytime August 30, November 29, December 27)



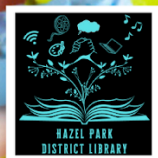
Hazel Park District Library

**FREE
PROGRAM**

POKÉMON & LEGO CLUB



Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3
6:30PM



Legos, craft & games, oh my!
We will build with Legos and display our masterpieces
in the Library. Bring your Pokemon cards. You can
battle with friends, play the card game and do crafts.