

Important Dates

12/4/23 - Webb PTA Meeting 3:30PM - Webb Media Center
12/5/23 - Bagel Day
12/14/23 - K-2 Holiday Concert
12/18-12/21/23 - PTA Santa Shop
12/21/23 - Student of the Month Breakfast - December
12/22/23 - Half Day of School
12/23/23 - 1/7/24 - Holiday Break

From the Principal

Dear Webb Families,

I had the privilege of reading over the teachers' conference notes from the Family/School conferences that took place in November. We were happy to see such a great turnout and it sounds like there were many great teacher/family conversations that happened. One conversation that I noticed over and over was the conversation about reading at home. We don't give homework here at Webb, but we do expect our students to read every night. Each student has the opportunity to take books home from our school for that purpose. The only requirement is that your child fills out a reading log - pretty simple. We ask that you support your students with this task every day. You don't have to read with them, but simply make sure they are taking the time to do it. Practice is so very important and could make a huge difference in your child's academic career. Reading is at the heart of all learning. The quicker they master these important skills, the more successful they will be in middle school and high school. We hope you take this seriously and make this a priority in your home. Books also make great gifts for the holidays.

Our goal is to partner with our families to help our students to find success. We hope you will join us in this venture by making sure your child reads each night at home. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me via email; <u>corri.nastasi@myhpsd.org</u> or by phone; 248-658-5900.

Sincerely,

Corri Nastasi

Principal, Webb Elementary

<u>Bagels</u>

Every Tuesday is bagel day at Webb. Students and staff can buy bagels for \$1 each. The flavors offered are cinnamon raisin, plain, salt & onion.

Going Outside in the winter

Please remember that we will go outside for recess in the winter unless it is below 20 degrees including chill. Please make sure students have the gear they will need at school to keep warm. When there is snow on the ground, we only let students on the playground if they have winter boots on (not fashion boots). The rest of the students can walk around the shoveled sidewalks during this time to get some fresh air and exercise. If you want your child to be able to play on the snowy playground, they MUST have boots and snow pants are suggested (but not required).

Student Arrival

I want to remind you that I would like for everyone to stay in their cars until 7:40AM unless your child goes to latch key. We do NOT have any supervision in place before this time and if we have a crowd around the front door it is very hard to determine which children are or are not with which adults. Please remain in cars or across the street until 7:40AM. Walkers should stay at the edge of the property until 7:40AM as well. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Playing outside after school

I want to remind you all about the rules for the playground after school. All students must connect with a parent/guardian before going to the playground. They cannot go straight from their teacher to the playground. It is also a requirement that there is an adult on the playground (sorry, in the car doesn't count) with the students after school. Students cannot be there unsupervised. If kids go home and are given permission to come back up to the playground, they can come back after 4PM.

Webb Spirit wear

If you ordered spirit wear items, they will be in on Wednesday. We will send them home with students. If you don't want your order going home with your child, please give us a call and we will hold it for you to pick up.

<u>Santa Breakfast</u>

The students reached their November goal for WEBB tickets and their celebration will be on Friday. Santa will be coming to Webb for a very special pancake breakfast. The breakfast is for everyone, so it will not start until school starts 8:10AM. Because of this, breakfast will NOT be served BEFORE school on Friday. Please make a note of this. Student drop off cannot begin before 8AM on Friday. We will be taking pictures of all of the students with Santa.

Students of the Month - December

Congratulations to our **December** Students of the Month. We look forward to celebrating with these students and families at our Student of the Month Breakfast on December 21 at 7:30AM.

Mrs. Watts Y5s	Lillian Jacobs	
Mrs. Platt K	Kingston Johnson	
Mrs. Wilkins K	Elijah Satterfield	
Mrs. Kroneck 1	Hazel Cullen	
Ms. Platt 1	Mia Billingsley	
Mrs. Burgess 2	Lilly Fuller	
Mrs. Corso 2	Lennox Hunter	
Ms. Burr 3	Brooklyn Green	
Mrs. Trathen/Ms. Johnson 3	Jayden Henderson	
Mrs. Thomas 3	Josiah Hall	
Mrs. Brew 4	Isaac Niebel	
Ms. Snyder 4	Leah Guigneaux	
Mrs. Hazen 4	Cullen Williams	
Mrs. Dare 5	King Samuel Gilbert	
Mrs. Sanborn 5	Charlie Hunter	
Ms. Kondeck	Noah Hall	

Holiday Concert K-2

The Holiday concert is upon us and we wanted to give you a heads up. Traditionally students show up to the concert with extra holiday bling! This year we have a suggestion ...

Each grade level has a theme.

- Keep your eyes out for "Santa" bling if you have a Young 5 or Kindergarten student.
- Reindeer antlers will be a nice touch for the First Graders
- "Elf" bling is ideal for Second Graders!

Save the date and put it in your calendars! We look forward to seeing you all December 14. -K-2 Webb Staff

<u>Holiday Baskets</u>

We will again be collecting donations for Holiday Baskets at Webb. There is a district-wide effort to collect food for those in need. At Webb we will be collecting non-perishable potatoes - mashed, scalloped, etc. All donations can be sent in with your child to school. The winning classroom will receive a pizza party so be sure your child takes the items to the classroom to be counted first. At this time all applications

<u>Christmas Spirit Week</u>

We will celebrate the last week before the winter break with some fun spirit days. Please see the schedule below if your child(ren) would like to join us.



<u>Santa Shop</u>

The PTA is sponsoring a Santa Shop for the students to be able to shop for families during the week of December 18th. There will be items for various costs from \$1 to \$15. More information will be coming next week.

Vision & Hearing Screening

This week Oakland County will be providing hearing screenings for the students at Webb. During the week of 12/5-12/8 students in grades Kindergarten, 2 and 4 will receive hearing screening. Please see the flyer below regarding these screenings.



-What Schools Should Know-

What is the Hearing & Vision Screening Program?

Michigan law (The Public Health Code 368 of 1978) requires Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) to provide no cost hearing and vision screenings to preschool and school-age children.

Screenings occur in most Oakland County public, private, and charter schools, preschools and at Health Division office locations by appointment. The program is done in 3 steps over the course of a child's school years:

- 1. Screenings before kindergarten entry.
- 2. Screenings in select grades up to 9th grade.
- 3. As needed, medical referrals for children not passing the screening.

OCHD Public Health Technicians help identify potential concerns related to a child's ear or eye health. They are not doctors and do not diagnose conditions or prescribe treatment. Technicians complete a Michigan Department of Community Health & Human Services Technician Training Course and receive continuous training.

Why screen students hearing and vision?

Hearing and vision difficulties can affect school performance, speech and language skills, self-esteem, and social development. Regular hearing and vision screenings identify any problems and ensure they are caught early.

Screenings are safe and help children get prompt medical care to reduce disease, physical damage to ear/eye and permanent loss of sight or hearing. They also help parents and teachers make accommodations to help children succeed.

Screening Requirements	Hearing	Vision
Pre-school	Х	Х
Kindergarten	Х	
1st Grade		Х
2nd Grade	Х	
3rd Grade		Х
4th Grade	Х	
5th Grade		Х
7th Grade		Х
9th Grade		Х

Will parents be notified students were screened in school?

Each school is responsible for communicating with parents about when screenings are scheduled. All children are screened unless the school office is notified otherwise by a parent/guardian. School personnel must note this on the classroom list that parent requests no screening.

If a child is absent or unable to screen, the technician will leave a letter for the parent to send home with the student. Parents/guardians will be notified by OCHD if the student does not pass a screening with a referral letter to follow-up with the appropriate doctor. State of Michigan law requires OCHD to request follow-up documentation that a child who has received this referral receives further evaluation by a physician. If a child does not pass a hearing screening, they may be referred to their physician or be invited to an OCHD-sponsored Otology Clinic. Otology clinics are offered at community sites throughout Oakland County and allow the child to be evaluated by an ENT (ear, nose and throat) physician and audiologist at no charge for further recommendations.

How can teachers and school personnel assist hearing and vision screenings?

- Notify parents/guardians when screenings will occur and stress the importance of student attendance on those dates.
- · Direct parents/guardians to OCHD to answer their questions.
- · Avoid scheduling field trips or special events on screening days.
- Collaborate with Public Health Technicians regarding any documentation and accommodations needed to enable successful and efficient screenings.
- · Ensure adequate time and space to screen every child appropriately.
- Notify the Public Health Technician if you are aware a student has an implanted medical device such as a shunt, pacemaker, vagus nerve stimulators for preventing seizures, Baclofen pumps for spinal cord injuries, etc. Children with implanted medical devices will not be screened for hearing because they may be at risk for unintended changes in device settings. Children with cochlear implants also are not screened at school. If the student has a medically implanted device and the parent would like a hearing screening, they need to contact their physician for a referral to an audiologist.
- · Help distribute any correspondence to parents/guardians in a timely manner.
- . Let parents, guardians, or Public Health Technicians know if you notice the following in a student:

Hearing

- Drainage from the ears
- · Asks for you or others to speak louder
- · Asks for audiovisuals to be played louder
- Misunderstands directions or asks to have things repeated often

· Complains of headaches and/or dizziness after reading

- Vision
- · Squints, closes one eye, leans forward, or tilts head to see board
- Eye that crosses or wanders even if only when child seems ill or tired
- · Holds books and worksheets close to the eyes
- · Eyes are frequently red or tearing
- · Complains of painful or itchy eyes



Where can I get more information?

Call (248) 424-7070 or email: hearingvision@oakgov.com

www.oakgov.com/health

www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/

NURSE ON CALL PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION 800.848.5533 NOC@OAKGOV.COM OAKGOV.COM/HEALTH @PUBLICHEALTHOC The Oakland County Health Division will not deny participation in its programs based on race, sex, religion, national origin, age or disability. State and federal eligibility requirements apply for certain programs. 19-264 Into Sheet Schools KR 8.18.22



From the teacher Mrs. McClenahan:

Last month each class celebrated in honor of the classes that earned a whole class compliment from me from the 1st semester. Each class had an opportunity to spin the wheel for a fun prize or art activity. Spinning the wheel inspired us to explore Color Theory by the introduction of the color wheel through mixing primary colors with paint, artists making their own moveable color wheel spinners, and primary color mixing with crayons. It's been a blast to see and hear artists get excited through art!



Up next, we are preparing for the holidays by making themed art for the Holiday Concert and art for your homes.

Projects & Focus:

Young 5's & Kinder & 1st grade:

Flint Corn Santa Clause collage

2nd & 3rd grades: Secondary Color Wheels Over/Under Hibernators

4th & 5th grades: Tertiary Color Wheels Grinch Portraits Totem Poles

Studio Needs:

I'm collecting 2 liter pop bottles and clear plastic jars/bottles for a recycled project we're making for the Webb Holiday Concert. Thank you!!



Artist Studio December 2023

Highlights:





Above: Over/Under Hibrenators 3rd grade Killian Wallace

Above: Santa Collages Mrs. Natzke's class



All artists will participate.

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