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# The Communicator

Lakeview Elementary School: 475-7803

Families

We are writing this letter on behalf of the Lakeview Elementary students. As you know, they have been raising money to upgrade their playground for the past two years. Through fall fundraising activities they have raised \$25,000.00 toward the purchase of new equipment for the large playground.

The school is willing to help with this endeavor, but is limited in resources due to budget constraints. We are anticipating some assistance from school funds, but know that we still need to bring in at least \$25,000.

We would like to begin work on our new playground this summer so it is ready for our students in the fall. With all the efforts of wellness and healthy kids we would like to be ready to encourage our students to exercise and enjoy the outdoors for the start of the school year.

We are so fortunate here at Lakeview because so many always give so freely. In the past when donations were accepted for playground projects, donors were acknowledged by having their name placed on the swing set commemorative display in the elementary hallway.

We will also be acknowledging our donors for this playground project. We will be placing this commemorative display in the hallway near the Lakeview Memorial Gym. Included is a form that explains how you are able to invest in our children.

We appreciate the time and consideration you will give this donation request. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at Lakeview Elementary, 475-7803. Thank you so much for investing in the future of Negaunee.

Sincerely,

Julie Peterson, Principal Diane Faust, S.H.I.N.E. Coordinator

#### URGENT! Parents, Grandparents, Taxpayers: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Negaunee Public Schools needs your help. The financing of K-12 education in Michigan is trouble. State funding cuts occurred this year and additional cuts are projected for next year.

**Our legislators must come up with a long-term solution to our funding crisis.** The existing outdated equation which is used to fund Michigan schools is no longer adequate. This year's Michigan School Aid Fund is **\$1,000,000,000.00 less** than it was two years ago! The schools are facing more and more demands and receiving less and less money. A change needs to be made in the method of funding.

Please make every effort to contact the legislative leaders listed below and stress to them **the necessity of a long-term solution to our funding crisis.** Our childrens' future is in their hands.

Speaker of the House Andy Dillon S1488 House Office Building P.O. Box 30014 Lansing, MI 48909-7514 mailto:BusinessOffice@house.mi.gov

Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop S-106 Capitol PO Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 mailto:SenMBishop@senate.michigan.gov Representative Steve Lindberg 124 North Capitol P.O. Box 30014 Lansing, MI 48909-7514 mailto:stevenlindberg@house.mi.gov

Senator Mike Prusi S-105 Capitol PO Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 mailto:SenMPrusi@senate.michigan.gov

The combined efforts of all of our actions can and will make a difference.

## Thank You Concert for the Community

As a gesture of thanks to the taxpayers and community members of the Negaunee School District, all of the performing arts, as well as visual arts, will be in concert on Sunday, March 21st at 2:00 p.m. in the NEW Negaunee High School Auditorium. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend this free one hour event.

Please join us in celebrating the many talents in the Negaunee community.

Thank you to **everyone** that made Family Reading Night a success! The evening was very well attended by community, staff and students. The storytelling was enjoyed by all!

#### Parents:

Please do not pick up your children from the playground area at the end of the day.

This is a very congested area with many children, big and small, going in many directions. Your toddler could be innocently injured or your stroller could cause harm to a child.

Children are to be picked in the hallway area near the office.

### BITS & PIECES

Awards assemblies: April 14 and 15



Spring Break begins Friday, April 2. School resumes Monday, April 12.



Ice Cream Social/Talent Showcase: May 13

Spring Concert grades 3,4,5: May 27

School Picnic: May 28

Field Day: June 1, (Grades 4 & 5 Only)



No School: May 31 Last Day of School: June 4



To Be

Can you help? The S.H.I.N.E. Volunteer office is looking for help! Please contact Diane at 475-0229 if you are interested in helping out.

- · Help at Kindergarten screening the week of April 12. Volunteers are needed from 8:30-11:30 &
- · Help scoop ice cream on May 13th from 1:00-3:00 at the Ice Cream Social.

#### Awards Assemblies Wednesday, April 14: M/W Kindergarten & Y5s 2:35 Thursday, April 15: T/Th Kindergarten & Y5s 10:35 Grade 1 2:35 Grade 2 1:55 Grade 3 9:55 Grade 4 1:15 Grade 5 9:15



Lakeview's annual Talent Showcase. This year's showcase will be on May 13th in conjunction with the Ice Cream Social. Forms and more information will be out soon. All 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students are able to participate.

The Lakeview Student Council recently held a Hats for Haiti fundraiser, with all proceeds going to the Red Cross. Participating students and teachers at Lakeview paid \$1.00 each for the privilege of wearing a hat for the entire school day on Thursday, March 11th.

A total of \$400.00 was raised! Way to go, Lakeview!



#### PRESCHOOL SCREENING

AMCAB Head Start personnel and the Negaunee Early Childhood staff are conducting a free preschool developmental screening. Screening is focused on children who will be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2010. Children who will be 3 years old by December 1, 2010, should also be screened if there is reason to suspect a developmental delay. Screening allows parents to:

- Get meaningful information about their child's development and school readiness o
- Explore eligibility for Head Start and School Readiness Program o
- Explore eligibility for Special Education Preschool provided by the Negaunee school o

Preschool screening will take place at Lakeview Elementary School in the Preschool Center (Birch Street entrance near the gym). Screening dates are Thursday, April 22 and Friday, April The process will take about an hour. To make an appointment, please call AMCAB at 228Negaunee Coop PreSchool Spring Orientation Meeting

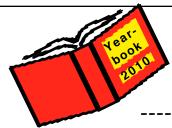
Sign Up for the 2010 - 2011 school year.

Where: Mitchell United Methodist Church 207 Teal Lake Ave.

When: Tuesday, April 20, 7:00 p.m.

- -Meet the teachers
- -Visit the classrooms
- -Receive information and Registration Packets

Call 475-5301 for more information



#### Don't Miss Out...Order Your 2009-10 Yearbook!

The cost for the yearbook is \$ 20.00 and checks can be made payable to

2010	Lakeview School. There will only be prepaid orders, so don't miss out! Fill out the form below and return it with your payment to the S.H.I.N.E. office. Late forms will be accepted until April 1.
NamePhone Number	
Amount Enclosed \$_ Grade/Teacher	

Popcorn Sales for the last 14 wee	:ks: The cost is 25 cents a b	ag with a limit of one b	ag per student. To make i
easier for kids AND parents, popcorthe SHINE office. The cost for the to Lakeview Popcorn. Popcorn will	e last 14 weeks is \$ 3.50. If	you wish to pay by chec	k, please make it payable
To Lakeview Fopcorn. Fopcorn will	still be sold for 20 cents eve	ry rriddy for those who	o do not order in advance.
Student'sName		_ Teacher	
Parent/Guardian	Phone		
Dates I want popcorn (please ———————————————————————————————————	check) — <u>March 12</u> — <u>March 19</u> —March 26 —April 16	April 23 April 30 May 7 May 14	May 21 May 28
I have enclosedfor	weeks of popcorn	at 25 cents each.	