

This month @ Keewahdin Elementary

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For the month of **April 2016**

Upcoming events at Port Huron Schools:

- Apr 4-8 Spring Break
- Apr 11 Classes Resume
- **Apr 14 SPRING PICTURES**
- May 3 National Teacher's Day
- May 6 3, 4 & 5th Gr Recorder Concerts

For the complete calendar:

<http://keewahdin.phasd.us/calendar>

REMINDER:

NO SCHOOL – April 4 – 8 Spring Break

April 11 – Classes Resume

May 27 – ½ Day dismissal @ 11:48

NO SCHOOL – May 30 – Memorial Day

SPRING PICTURE DAY - Mark your calendar and get ready for Picture Day **Thursday, April 14th**! Picture Day flyers / order forms were recently sent home with your child.

“Drugs Are Trash” Bags will be delivered to the school on Thursday, April 28th.

PARKING LOT ISSUES - Because of the limited number of parking spaces available, PLEASE drop your child(ren) off and let them come into the building without parking. Even our kindergarten students can make it to class on their own.

Please follow these rules:

- Do not park in the bus loop
- Do not double park and block anyone else
- Do not park blocking the back doors as we need to keep this area clear for students
- If your child is not at the back door, please drive around the lot rather than sit and wait
- There is no parking at the south doors. We now have cones and signs there
- BE PATIENT! Watch for other cars, students, and parents walking through the lot

DROP OFF/PICK UP ISSUES - Both before and after school, we have parents going to classrooms. If your child comes to school before the 8:15 bell, they are to go to breakfast or the wiggle walk in the gym. In the morning, teachers are preparing for the day. If you need to meet with a teacher, please contact them and arrange a conference.

At the end of the day, the doors will be opened at 3:10 for parents/guardians to enter the cafeteria to wait to pick up students.

PHONE MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

Keewahdin has over 540 students enrolled. We ask that parents limit “REMINDER” phone messages for students. While emergency messages are sometimes necessary, “reminder” messages can be very disruptive to learning and teaching time. Please take a few minutes to go over after-school plans with your child BEFORE they leave for school. Remember, you can always send a note in with your child if there is a change in plans. **We notify students at 2:50 of any changes in arrangements home. Please have any changes in the office before this time. Students will be sent home as they usually are unless we are notified by 2:50.** Your child will have a better school day if he/she is not worrying about where to go or what is happening after school.

HELP WANTED - Lunchroom

We are in need of noon hour supervisors here at Keewahdin. If you have 3 hours (10:45-1:45) available to help out in our school cafeteria and think you may be interested please call our office.

You will need to apply at the Administration Building or online at www.phasd.us/district/departments/human_resources.

Hot Lunch Orders – Though all of our school lunches are FREE, we still have to order our food by 8:55 every morning from Port Huron Northern, where the food is prepared and delivered to our building. If your child is going to be late for school, and needs a hot lunch, please call before 8:55 to order a hot lunch. If that is not possible, please send a lunch with your student. We do not order extra lunches to have on hand.

Future Dates For Your Calendar –


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| April 11 | - 5 th Grade M-STEP Testing thru April 29 |
| April 25 | - 3 rd Grade M-STEP Testing thru May 13 |
| May 9 | - 4 th Grade M-STEP Testing thru May 27 |
| June 16 | - Last Day for Students |
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Friday April 1

Infrastructure

Week in Review

- Average building age of the district's 17 schools is 63 years with aging furniture, window systems, bathrooms, etc.
- Floor to ceiling infrastructure needs will be addressed in all 17 of our school buildings, including Lakeport Elementary.
- Kindergarten classrooms will be enlarged and redesigned to include bathrooms.
- Technology will be provided to support instruction and student learning. Broken furniture will be replaced with flexible furniture to work in a diverse array of configurations.
- **APRIL 4** is the final day to register to vote for the May 3, 2016 election. Printable voter registration forms are available at www.phsbtt.com or on the state website, www.michigan.gov/vote.



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BUILDING TOMORROW, TODAY
Port Huron Schools

COPY THIS LINK AND POST IN BROWSER TO VIEW THIS WEEK'S VIDEO.

<https://vimeo.com/user25881012>

FREE

Preschool in Port Huron

The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is a state-funded preschool program for eligible children who will be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2016.

See if your 4-year-old qualifies:
(810)984-3101 ext. 4066

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