

This month @ Keewahdin Elementary

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For the month of **January 2016**

Upcoming events at Port Huron Schools:

- **Jan 18** Martin Luther King Day
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- **Jan 22** NO SCHOOL – Records Day
- **Jan 28** Pint Size Blood Drive

For the complete calendar:

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

Dentists R Us will be coming to our school on Thursday, January 21st. Forms will be sent home with your child. If you wish to have your student participate, please fill out the form and return to school as soon as possible so we have an estimate on the number of students the dentists will need to see before the day is over. An Oral Health Report and Free Toothbrush will be provided to each child.

REMINDER: THERE IS NO SCHOOL DUE TO TEACHERS RECORDS DAY ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 22nd.

ATTENTION PARENTS – we are again asking when dropping off your child(ren) in the morning before 8:15, they go either to the cafeteria for breakfast or to the gym for Wiggle Walk. If it is after the 8:15 bell, we ask that parents allow their students to travel to their classrooms on their own instead of escorting them down the hall. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, we ask you to set up an appointment or contact the office to check their availability.

School Closings – Please listen to the local radio stations WHLS 1450 and WPHM 1380, WSAQ 107.1 & WBTI 96.9 or turn to Channel 6 PHS (local cable) for any announcement concerning school closings. Closings will be posted on our main school website, www.phasd.us, also on facebook. Skylert will call with a message as well.

Please DO NOT call the transportation department or the school, because the lines need to remain open for emergency situations. Be sure to discuss your alternate plan with your child(ren) for emergency situations. Children should know where they go if you are not home in the event we need to close school after the start of the day.

Here is a link to the MAIN ROADS ONLY if you have any question whether your child's bus will be picking up at your stop or not on certain days.

http://www.port-huron.k12.mi.us/UserFiles/Servers/Server_14801/File/Safety/MainRoadsOnly%2015-16.pdf

Winter Recess – It is that time of year again when the rain and snow make the play areas at Keewahdin a mess. This will be common until spring arrives. This weather will not stop our students from participating in outside recess. Research indicates that children who play outside are healthier than those who remain inside for most of the day. All children will be expected to participate in outdoor recess as long as the temperature is above 10 degrees unless we have a **doctor's note** requesting that he/she be permitted to remain inside for health reasons.

Students should dress appropriately for winter. Children are asked to wear boots to school as well as bring indoor shoes. Bringing snow pants to school would also be a good idea. There may be a chance your child's clothes and sock become wet while outside. Having an extra pair of pants and socks in their backpack would keep them from sitting in wet clothes.

PTA Mother/Son Bowling – The annual PTA Mother/Son Bowling is scheduled for Friday, January 15th from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm and Saturday, January 16th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Your son should have brought home a registration form, if not; we have more in the office. Return your request for the day you wish to bowl with payment.

Emergency Information Updates – We are aware that numbers change and moves happen, but please remember that we need that information updated at school to know where to contact/find you in case of an illness or emergency.

If you have a new phone number, new contact list or daycare or have moved over the past several months, please send in that information or log into Skyward with your login information you should have received at the beginning of the year to keep your information most current.

PTA Daddy/Daughter Dance – The annual PTA Daddy/Daughter dance is scheduled for Friday, February 5th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Registration forms will come home at a later date, but if you already know how you would like to help, please contact Christy Suiter at cristy.suiter@yahoo.com.

We need volunteers to help set up at several different times both Thursday and Friday; help cleaning up after the dance and lots of volunteers to be willing to supply sweet yummy treats!

Future Dates For Your Calendar – The following dates are scheduled for half days with dismissal at 11:48. Teachers will be attending training in the afternoon on these days.

March 24
May 27

The following dates are NO SCHOOL DAYS

January 22	-	Records Day
Feb. 12 – 15	-	Mid-Winter Break
Mar. 25	-	Good Friday
Apr. 4-8	-	Spring Break
May 30	-	Memorial Day

<u>Coming up . . .</u>	February 5	- PTA Daddy/Daughter Dance
	March 13	- Daylight Saving Time Begins
	April 5	- 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

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS – Our Lost and Found is once again growing! We have over 70 coats, over 25 hats and many, many gloves and mittens in our lost and found. Please have your student check the lost and found in the school cafeteria for any items they may have misplaced. Always remember to put your child's name on all their items.

Our school has launched a new communications tool called “Peachjar.” School (District) approved flyers will now be sent to you electronically and posted on the school website. Simply click flyers you receive via email or click the Peachjar button on our homepage. <http://keewahdin.phasd.us>

This “green” initiative will save our school tons of paper and reduce copy costs by thousands of dollars. On top of that, posting school flyers in this electronic backpack removes a significant administrative burden from teachers, office staff, and volunteers.