

# Tiger Times

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## Time Flies When You're Having Fun

### It is November? Really?

As we begin to flip the calendar to November, sweat-shirts are giving way to jackets, gloves, and other winter gear. At the elementary we are pleased to 'flip our calendars' from MEAP and NWEA testing to the many exciting learning opportunities around the corner. Our teachers have implemented numerous strategies and programs that have proven to be very successful across Macomb County, Michigan, and beyond. There are some brief highlights of the great things going on in our school:

Our school's brand new "Go Green" club, led by Miss

Trombly and Mrs. Baker, are working to creating a garden area next to our outdoor classroom. A recent 'penny war' will fund this new green space and allow the group to adopt endangered animals from local zoos.

### Why???

Why does that happen? Answering this question (and many others) is part of your daily routine as a parent. This year, we are asking students 'why' a lot more in a constructed response journal. Students are asked to explain or justify their answers in this special journal.

This seemingly small activity goes a long way in help-

ing students to understand concepts more deeply. This year we are encouraging students to explain their thinking and we are excited to see the growth throughout the year.

### You need a PAL

Third grade teachers are using Peer Assisted Learning Strategies (PALS) to encourage stronger vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension skills. In this program, students are paired according to reading levels and then read interesting informational text. After short lessons on summarizing, students can read text and provide the main idea in ten words or less!

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### Special points of interest:

- *Halloween Parade 9:15 October 31st; 1/2 day with dismissal at 12:06*
- *November 4th Brainstormers Assembly*
- *November 8th- Election Day; Exercise your right to vote!*
- *1/2 Days of School November 21st & 22nd; 12:06 Dismissal*
- *Thanksgiving Break November 23rd-27th*

## Parent Teacher Conferences Close the Month

Parent teacher conferences close a busy November at Krause with conferences set for **November 30th (4:00-6:00)** and **December 1st (4:00-6:00 & 7:00-8:00)**. As you recall, parents signed up for

their individual conference during the back to school open house. If you are unsure of the day and time that you signed up, or you did not sign up, please contact your child's teacher at your earliest convenience.

November 21st & 22nd are half-days of school with dismissal set for 12:06. Thanksgiving recess runs from November 23rd-27th. Please look for report cards on Tuesday, November 29th!

## October Events & Safety Concerns

### Donuts with Dad

Each fall we invite all third grade Dads in for a special treat with their youngster(s) in third grade. In early October, Dads drove their child in for donuts, cider, and conversation. After looking around the school and hearing about the upcoming MEAP tests, students often take their dads to see the clean desk (hopefully) they sit in and projects they have been working on throughout the year. This year's event drew a crowd of nearly two hundred students and Dads! Donuts with Dad is made possible by a generous donation by Blake's Cider Mill, who provides all the donuts and apple cider for this event. **(Right) Pictures of 2011 Donuts with Dad**



### Everyone's Business

If you have been around our school in the morning before the bell rings or when school is letting out, you know very well how busy it can be. In order to ensure the safety of all of our students we again ask for your assistance. When dropping off students in the morning, we ask that the front loop be used and that drivers refrain from parking. If it is necessary to bring your child in the school, we ask that you park in the parking lot and cross when asked to by the safety patrol members. When picking up students, please proceed at safe speed and look for our safety patrol members at their assigned posts when leaving.

## Outdoor Classroom Taking Shape

In an effort to bring learning to life for our students, our school recently applied for and received an exciting grant from Lowe's. Lowe's Toolbox for Education program provides funding for innovative school projects around the United States. Late in the spring last year, we received word that our school's proposal for an outdoor classroom was selected for this grant and would receive over \$2,500 to make our vision a reality. In our courtyard area next to the cafeteria is our new

*Our new outdoor classroom was made possible with a grant received from Lowe's "Toolbox for Education" program. Thank you Lowe's!!*

classroom space. Benches, picnic tables, and a whiteboard provide a new place to learn in a 'natural' setting. Our school's Go Green Club is also pitching in by creating a garden area with native Michigan

flowers, shrubs, trees, etc. Our hope is to create a natural habitat for plants, animals, and insects related to what we are learning in our 'regular' classrooms.



**Our outdoor learning space!**

## Early Christmas Shopping Idea-TCB Book Fair?

Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? Need an idea? Tiger Cub Boosters (TCB) might make your life a little easier. TCB will be running a fall book fair that opens on November 28th and concludes December 1st. Students may complete their shopping during their normally scheduled library time.

Parents can shop before or after their parent teacher conference, as TCB plans to keep the book fair open until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and 8:30 p.m. on Thursday of conference week.

Stop in to get a great book and support TCB!



# Q&A

## *Our kids... our future*

**Here are the answers to the most common questions regarding the**

A. If approved, the \$27 million from the proposal would offset about one-fourth of the \$103 million local districts and the Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) are losing annually compared to 2008. This loss amounts to \$785 per student. It results from cuts in state and federal funding and local property taxes. The situation has forced local school districts to increase class sizes as well as reduce programs and services for all students.

**Q. Who will benefit if this proposal passes?**

A. The education of all 131,000 public school students can be protected or enhanced. The proceeds will first help finance programs for 20,000 special education students—now up to one in every seven students! These funds will in turn relieve the county's 21 districts of mandates to help finance programs for their special education students. The relieved funds can then be used to protect or enhance general education programs of local districts.

**Q. What has the MISD and school districts already done to adjust to funding cuts and property tax reductions?**

A. Teachers and other education staff members have taken wage cuts, wage freezes, and reductions in benefits to help control costs. Money is also being saved by sharing career prep and special education programs, and using common student information systems, financial, personnel and payroll services, and bulk purchasing programs.

**Q. How much will the proposal raise for the education of students?**

A. If passed 1.2 mills would raise approximately \$27 million, or \$206 per pupil countywide. This is less than one-third of the \$785 per pupil funding loss districts have experienced since 2008.

**Q. Will all of the proceeds from the proposal go only to Macomb County students?**

A. Yes. Every cent of the proceeds raised will be used only by the county's 21 districts and the MISD for local education programs.

**Q. Who suggested this election proposal?**

A. The Macomb County School Superintendents Association unanimously endorsed this proposal. Then, all 21 district Boards of Education requested it to the MISD Board of Education. They approved it unanimously August 4, 2011.

**Q. How much will the election proposal cost?**

A. The 1.2 mill proposal cost would be \$71.56 annually, or about 20 cents per day, for the average homeowner. Home owning voters can calculate their cost with an Internet software program located at [www.mytaxcalc.com/MacombISD](http://www.mytaxcalc.com/MacombISD).



# September's Principal's Award Winners

## THIRD GRADE

Rosa Accardo  
Adriana Annoni  
Jordan Kryscynski  
Jake Lindsay  
Austin Miller

## FOURTH GRADE

Ariauna Hansen  
Kailey Kingman  
Emily Locke  
Dustin Prieskorn  
Mitchel Travis

## FIFTH GRADE

Taylor Chambers  
Drew Davis  
Julia Golaszewski  
Emma Harding  
Nathaniel Nowik

# Congratulations!



With cold weather fast approaching, extra clothing is needed to keep students warm and cozy. Please try to mark your child's name inside of outdoor clothing. This makes it easier to identify and return to your student if it is misplaced.

## LOST & FOUND



Our lost and found box is located in the hallway between the office and cafeteria. When visiting our school, please take a minute to look through to see if you recognize anything.

## IDENT-A-KID COMES TO KRAUSE ELEMENTARY

Ident-a-kid will be visiting Krause Elementary on **Thursday, November 10th**. This service provides instant and accurate information about your child for law enforcement in an emergency where your child is lost or missing.


For more information, go to their website at [www.identakid.com](http://www.identakid.com) or call 800-890-1000.

Forms will be sent home with your child.



# November 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>TCB fundraiser pick up 3-5pm</i>	2 <i>TCB meeting 9am Principal's award Assembly 3pm</i>	3	4 <i>Brainstormers Assembly 2pm</i>	5
6	7	8 <i>3rd grade Pollution Solutions Presentation</i>	9	10 <i>Ident-a Kid</i>	11	12
13	14	15 <i>Board Meeting 7 pm</i>	16	17	18	19
20	21 <i>Half Day of School Dismissal 12:06</i>	22 <i>Half Day of School Dismissal 12:06</i>	23 <i>NO School Thanksgiving Recess</i>	24 <i>NO School Thanksgiving Recess</i> 	25 <i>NO School Thanksgiving Recess</i>	26
27	28	29 <i>Report Cards come home</i>	30 <i>First night of Parent/Teacher Conferences</i>			



"Breakfast is a great way to start the day"

Milk- \$ .50

LUNCH- \$2.60

Reduced Lunch \$.40

# November Krause Elementary School

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
31	1	2	3	4
<b>INSERVICE</b>  <b>1/2 DAY OF SCHOOL</b>  <b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN</b>	Baked Breaded Whole Grain Chicken Nuggets Whole Wheat Dinner Roll Broccoli Chilled Pears Choice of Milk	Soft Shell Tacos Corn and Black Bean Salad Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Romaine Tossed Salad Chilled Pineapple Choice of Milk	Stuffed Breadsticks California Mixed Vegetables Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk
<b>Second Choice: Cereal Fun Lunch (Cereal, Hard Boiled Egg, Fruit and Milk)</b>				
7	8	9	10	11
French Toast Stix Sausage Links Tater Tots Applesauce Choice of Milk	Chicken Patty on Bun Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Choice of Milk	Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Romaine Tossed Salad Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	Chili Dog on Wheat Bun Baked Beans Chilled Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	Stuffed Breadsticks Carrot Coins Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk
<b>Second Choice: Ham and Cheese Sub</b>				
14	15	16	17	18
BBQ Chicken Leg Mashed Potatoes Whole Wheat Roll Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk	Nacho Chips and Cheese Refried Beans Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	Hamburger or Cheeseburger on Wheat Bun Broccoli Cuts Mandarin Oranges Choice of Milk	Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Romaine Tossed Salad Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	Stuffed Breadsticks California Mixed Vegetables Applesauce Choice of Milk
<b>Second Choice: Mini Corndog Nuggets</b>				
21	22	23	24	25
<b>1/2 DAY OF SCHOOL</b>	<b>1/2 DAY OF SCHOOL</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
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Macomb District  
Dental Hygienists' Society

PROUDLY PRESENTS

# THE HEARTFELT PROJECT

For Children's Dental Health Month

**WHEN: SATURDAY JANUARY 28, 2012**

**WHERE:** Dental Offices within Macomb County

**WHO:** Macomb County Children ages 3 to 13 who don't have any dental insurance or government assistance of any kind.

**WHAT:** AN ORAL SCREENING, DENTAL CLEANING AND FLUORIDE TREATMENT WILL BE PROVIDED **FREE OF CHARGE.**

A GOODIE BAG OF DENTAL SUPPLIES AND PRIZES WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO EACH CHILD ALONG WITH INFORMATION AND DEMONSTRATIONS ON PROPER DENTAL/ORAL HEALTH CARE.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ENTIRE REGISTRATON FORM (ON THE BACK) AND MAIL IT TO THE ADDRESS LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM. YOU WILL BE CONTACTED TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.

**LIMITED NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE,  
SO RETURN THE REGISTRATION FORM BY 01-13-12.**



