

**LAKEPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the Lakeport School Community, will establish and sustain a caring, safe, and creative learning environment that guarantees an equal educational opportunity for every student. Each student will be challenged to reach his or her maximum level of growth--intellectually, physically, emotionally and socially. High expectations for both students and educators will continue to be our standard. Ongoing emphasis will be placed on improving the quality of the total program. At Lakeport Elementary, we recognize and value the important partnerships and contributions of the school, family, and the community in supporting our mission.

LAKEPORT SCHOOL STAFF LIST

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PORT HURON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL CALENDAR 2007/2008

Look for the school calendar in an upcoming newsletter as it has not been fully established at this time.

PARENT HANDBOOK

This Handbook was prepared with the Lakeport families in mind. It was created to inform our parents of the policies and procedures of Lakeport Elementary School. It is our hope that you will keep this in a handy place and refer to it as needed. Parents are encouraged to contact the school for information or concerns that may not be found in this handbook. The information found in this Handbook may be updated and/or supplemented by our school's monthly newsletter, "The Lakeport Clipper."

Daily Schedule

<u>Kindergarten</u>	AM	8:19 - 11:20
	PM	11:54 - 2:55
<u>Grades 1 - 5</u>		8:22 - 2:55

Students have a thirty (30) minute lunch period each day, plus 5 minutes for passing.

Lunch Schedule

11:05-11:40	Grade 5
11:40-12:15	Grade 3
11:50-12:25	Grade 4
12:15-12:50	Grade 2
12:25-1:00	Grade 1

Please note that **all** students including Kindergarten will be dismissed at 11:38 a.m. if Lakeport has a half day scheduled. Kindergarten students will be picked up and dropped off at the closest bus stop, along with Grades 1 through 5 students.

Arrival Time

The school bell rings at 8:12 AM. Students should not arrive at school before the first bell rings since no supervision is provided and they must wait outdoors. Students who participate in the breakfast program can enter the building at 8:05 A.M. Students who arrive at school after 8:22 A.M. will be considered tardy and must report to the office, before going to the classroom.

Students reporting later than 8:30 A.M. are required to bring a sack lunch with them, or someone should call and order a lunch for them before 8:30 a.m. Hot lunch orders are called in by 8:40 A.M.

School dismissal bell is at 2:55 P.M.

Student Safety

Schools, like any organization, have rules and regulations that help it to function smoothly. The following guidelines should be discussed at home with your child(ren) so they are clear as to what is acceptable behavior here at Lakeport.

- Respect adult supervision by following directions.
- Use appropriate language. No teasing, name calling, or swearing. We do not allow "Bullies" at Lakeport School.
- Keep your hands, feet and objects to yourself.
- Use quiet, indoor voices.
- Walk inside the building and directly to and from the bus.
- Students are not allowed to leave the immediate school grounds and must be in sight of an adult.
- Toys (trucks, cars, dolls, sports equipment, etc.) may only be brought to school if special arrangements have been made with your child's teacher.
- We are concerned about the safety and well-being of the students here at Lakeport. Any unsafe or deliberate act to hurt someone may result in suspension or expulsion.

Discipline

The Board of Education of the Port Huron Area School District has adopted a Student Code Handbook that details the disciplinary guidelines for the District. Although it has been designed for the secondary students, this document is also to be used as a guide in the elementary schools. (Copies are available to parents upon request.) Below is the Elementary Student Code of Conduct.

We believe that an orderly school is conducive to learning. Teachers are responsible for the control and supervision of their classrooms. The principal will take disciplinary action in regards to bus problems, lunchtime or other times when the children are not under the immediate supervision of their teacher, or when teachers have exhausted all avenues of discipline and the child still has not responded.

The policy on discipline is that parents are usually contacted by letter or telephone regarding problems that are fairly serious in nature. Parents are encouraged to discuss the infraction with their child and administer the appropriate punishment. Repeated disobedience may result in in-house suspension or suspension from school. If the school and home can work together on issues such as discipline, the problems can easily be solved. Consistent follow-through and support of the school are necessary.

Student Code of Conduct

Every school in the Port Huron Area School District has rules for student behavior. These rules are communicated to students at the beginning and throughout the school year. These rules help maintain a healthy and safe learning environment in our schools. Students are expected to follow these rules and maintain good behavior in school buildings, on school grounds, in school vehicles, at bus stops, at school related functions whether on or away from school grounds and while in route to and from school and school related functions. Failure to follow school rules could result in a student being excluded from school, school busing and school related functions. Therefore, you are encouraged to take the time to know and review the school rules with your child. If you have any questions regarding the school rules, please contact the school principal.

Some student behavior is very serious (persistent disobedience and gross misdemeanors) and will result in suspension or expulsion from school and possibly from all public education in the State of Michigan. The following are examples of behavior that are considered to be gross misdemeanors:

- 1) Possession of a weapon or explosive device: A weapon includes a knife (regardless of the size of the knife; including a razor blade and look-alike knife), gun (including a b.b. gun, starter pistol and look-alike gun), club, chain or any potentially dangerous instrument. An explosive device can include any liquid, compound or object that has the potential to explode and includes a bullet, fire works and contained gasoline. Possession includes bringing to the bus stop, on the bus, while walking to or from school, in a school building, at a school related function, or holding for a friend or holding briefly to look at. See position statement at the end of this handbook.
- 2) Possession, use or distribution of illicit substances: Illicit substances include illegal drugs, inhalants, alcohol, tobacco products, drug paraphernalia, caffeine pills, medication (except the possession or use of prescription medication when authorized under the District's medication policy), and fake and look-alike drugs or alcohol. Possession means the same as defined for weapons and explosive devices.
- 3) Making a verbal assault: A verbal assault is any verbal or written statement that indicates the intent to inflict harm to another person.
- 4) Making a bomb or similar threat: A bomb or similar threat is any verbal or written statement that indicates a bomb or similar object is or may be placed or may explode at or near a school building, school bus, school staff, school grounds or school related function. Threats can be in the form of a telephone call, written statement or drawing on a bathroom wall or elsewhere, comment to staff or another student, e-mail message, Internet message, etc.
- 5) Physical assault: A physical assault means intentionally causing or attempting to cause physical harm to another through force or violence.

The Port Huron Area School District may discipline a student for conduct that occurs off school grounds and outside of school hours where the District determines the conduct has a direct and immediate effect on the District's discipline or education process or the safety and welfare of students or staff.

Due Process

Students faced with disciplinary action are provided due process. This includes notice of the accusation and possible discipline and an opportunity to respond. A suspension of 10 days or less may be imposed by the school designee. An appeal of this decision may be requested in writing to the school principal or, if the suspending official is the building principal, to the Director of Student Services within 5 school days of the decision.

A student may request a formal hearing if a recommendation is made for the expulsion of the student. A request for a formal hearing must be filed in writing with the Superintendent within 10 days after receiving written notice of the recommendation. At a requested expulsion hearing, the student has the right to be present and represented by counsel, to cross-examine evidence presented against him/her, and to present evidence on his/her behalf.

The suspension will take place immediately even if the student appeals the decision. If the appeal is upheld, the suspension will be removed from the student's record and the student will be allowed to make up work missed during the suspension.

Attendance

Parents are to contact the school if their child is going to be absent or tardy on any given school day. You may call the school office at 984-6521 during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. You may also use our voice mail system to call in absences or tardies, which is a 24 hour automated system, by calling 989-2781. The school will attempt to contact the homes of those youngsters from whom we have not heard. Severe attendance problems will be referred to the principal, if such problems continue, the problem will be referred to the Director of Student Services.

Visitors to the School

In an effort to maintain the safe and secure environment we have always had, Lakeport School will be requiring all guests, including parents, who wish to have access to the building to report directly to the main office. When visiting the building you will be asked to sign-in and wear a guest pass. The guest pass must be worn at all times during your visit. At the conclusion of your visit, we ask that you return to the main office to check-out.

After the start of school, anyone wishing to enter Lakeport School is asked to enter through the main entrance located by the flagpole. All other doors will be locked and remain locked during the school day. Once you have entered the building, please report directly to the main office.

If you are visiting our building to pick up your child, you will be asked for identification and to sign your child out. No student will be permitted to leave the building without a parent/guardian or the person listed on the child's emergency card. We ask that you exit the building using the main entrance.

Picking Up Students

We encourage parents to schedule dentist, doctor, and other appointments for children at times other than during school hours. However, it occasionally becomes necessary for students to leave early for various reasons. Parents must come to the office to sign the student out.

Parents are asked to send a note to their child's teacher when the child is not to ride the bus home. **Students must ride the bus home unless they have a written note from home.**

If a child becomes ill during the day and it is determined that the student should be sent home, the parent will be contacted. If the parent cannot be reached, reference will be made to the emergency card and those people will be contacted in the order they appear on the card. The child will be kept in the office until the parent or other designated person arrives.

Medication and Health

The personnel of Lakeport School are not authorized to give medicine to students unless the following conditions are met:

1. The medication must be brought to the school office by a parent in the original container. The label must include the prescribing physician, name of the student, dosage and frequency of administration.
2. A completed Medication Control Form (available at the school) must be signed by the parent and physician. This must remain on file in the office. This note should also indicate the dosage and frequency at which the medication should be given to the youngster. Anytime there is a change in medication and/or dosage given, a new medication control form must be completed by the physician.

Over-the-counter drugs such as aspirin, cough medicine, etc. will be treated the same as prescription drugs; the original container must be sent along with a Medication Control Form signed by parent and physician.

Self possession and self-administration of medication by a student **must** be approved by the Principal and the proper Medication Control Form signed by parent and physician must be on file in the school office.

For minor injuries incurred at school, external treatment such as Band-Aids or ice may be applied for temporary relief. (Attempts will be made to contact the parent for injuries of a more serious nature.) If your child is allergic to any form of medicine, be sure to list this information on the emergency card.

Even with adequate supervision and constant instruction on safety, accidents still occur. Should a child be injured at school, the following steps will be taken:

1. Minor first aid will be administered at school.
2. If an injury is serious enough for the child to go home, the parents will be notified and arrangements will be made for the child to be picked up or taken home.
3. Should a child be injured to the extent that immediate professional attention be given, the parent will be contacted and arrangements will be made to take the child for treatment.

If children are well enough to attend school, we expect them to participate in daily activities such as gym class, outdoor recess, etc. From time to time, however, it becomes necessary to restrict a student's participation for medical reasons. We will honor such requests if accompanied by a note from the physician.

Whenever people in a large group come in contact with one another, there is the risk of communicable diseases being passed. Two problem areas we have experienced at school are scabies and headlice. If a suspected or confirmed case of either is found, the youngster and his/her entire class will be checked. If the child has a brother or sister at Lakeport School, their class(es) will be checked as well. Any child with suspicious signs will be discreetly excluded from school and their parents informed. The student may return to school only when cleared through the office. A note from a doctor's office or a school nurse may be required before a student returns, depending on the communicable disease the child has experienced.

Emergency Cards

Parents are required to fill out 2 emergency cards for each child. One copy will be kept in the classroom, the second card will be for the school office. Each child must have an emergency card on file. If you need to make a change on the present card, please call the school and we will send new cards for you to complete. Be sure to indicate all allergies (if any) on the back of the card and also sign and date the cards. It is imperative that we have **LOCAL** numbers that we may call in case of an emergency if we are unable to contact a parent.

We have found all the information on the emergency card very valuable and urge you to complete it thoroughly and carefully. Please inform the Office or your child's teacher of any changes.

Early Dismissal

Michigan weather presents a host of problems, particularly during the winter. From time to time, it becomes necessary to close schools in the middle of the day because of an approaching storm.

In the fall, parents are asked to fill out an early dismissal form for each child and discuss this plan of action with their children. **Since school will be closing, having children stay at school is not an option.**

If a severe storm does approach our area, tune your radio to WPHM (1380) or WHLS (1450) for the latest information on the closing of schools. The radio will be your official notice for the closing of schools since it would be impossible for us to contact each and every family. Please do not call the school or transportation.

Natural Emergencies

In the event of a crisis situation, such as chemical or ash fallout, tornado, etc., parents will be notified via radio/television stations in the area. Schools are one of the safest places that students may be located during most crisis or natural disasters. Here at Lakeport, we practice in the fall and spring of each school year, where students are to go in the event of a pending dangerous situation. Students will be kept at school until the crisis has been determined to be over. Students will be released to parents who come to get them through a sign out sheet in the main office. Parents are asked not to call the school in an emergency situation since this will tie-up the telephone.

Destination Notes

Students are expected to ride the bus to their regular bus stop at the end of the day. However, if your child is to stay at school for a meeting on a regular basis, a note must be sent indicating that, for example, your child will be staying each Monday for Scouts. This note will take care of the entire year.

If a child has a change in his bus destination for a single day, the parent must send a note. These notes are to be sent to your child's teacher and/or the main office. Children will be put on their regular bus unless the school has been otherwise informed by the parent or guardian.

Requests to have children ride a different bus or be transported to another bus stop to visit a friend, attend a party or for other social reasons will not be granted. The Port Huron Area School District will transport youngsters to a different bus stop for babysitting purposes or extenuating circumstances, but will not transport for convenience sake.

Since the District provides bussing because of the busy roads surrounding our school, we ask students not to ride bikes to school.

Main Roads Only

Because of the dangers involved with buses traveling snow-covered or mud-slicked roads, the Port Huron Area School District will occasionally announce over the radio, "main or paved roads only." This means that our buses will be traveling only on the following roads:

Old Lakeshore Road
Lakeshore Road
State Road (paved portion only)
North Road (paved portion only)
Wildcat Road
Vincent Road (paved portion only)
Beard Road
Burtch Road
Metcalf Road (paved portion only)
Harris Road (paved portion only)
Myrtle Road

Students who live on unpaved roads or on the unpaved portions of the above-mentioned roads, need to make their way to the nearest main road. If your child is brought to school under these conditions, **you must send a note** to your child's teacher or have a **Main Roads Only form on file** with the teacher if you want them to ride the bus home. This is requested so that we know that parents are aware their child **will not** be dropped off at their normal stop.

It should be noted that students will be dropped off by the bus driver at the same location they were picked up in order to eliminate confusion. Therefore, even if the road conditions improve dramatically during the day, students will always be dropped off at the same spot where they boarded the bus.

Parental Responsibility for Kindergarten Busing Safety

The Port Huron Area School District expects that parents will make appropriate provisions to provide for supervision when a Kindergarten student is delivered home from school. It is the position of the District that students will be dropped off at their regular bus stop, unless lack of supervision is obvious. An adult must be at the stop to get the Kindergarten student off the bus.

If lack of supervision is apparent, the District will deliver the student back to the school building or to the appropriate administrator. If a pattern develops that adult supervision is not present, the school will contact the parent(s) to try to determine the problem.

Parent-School Communications

Communication is important if the home and school are to work together for the benefit of the child. If you have a concern, the best solution is to take up the question with the employee involved. If the problem is not resolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the principal. Further appeals may be made to another level if the situation still has not been resolved.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

There will be one scheduled Parent-Teacher Conference in November. Students will have a half-day of school on those days. Parents are expected to attend this conference. All students in kindergarten and grades 1-5 will be dismissed at 11:38 a.m. during

conference week. AM Kindergarten will attend school two days and PM Kindergarten will attend school during the AM session the other two days during conferences.

From time to time it becomes necessary for parents and teachers to get together to discuss a child's progress. Arrangements should be made for a meeting or a telephone conference.

Party Invitations

Parents are asked not to send in party invitations to school. This creates some hurt feelings and unnecessary distractions to the students. Please handle all party invitations outside of the school day.

Grading

Reporting student academic, social, and behavioral progress is an important part of the learning process. It involves the student and teacher working together by sharing information, identifying strengths and weaknesses, and planning steps toward performance. It also involves parents because of their very important role in the student's education.

Report Card Frequency

The Kindergarten report form will be issued at the end of each semester. Each elementary building will also schedule fall parent-teacher conferences.

The first grade and second grade report form will be issued three times during the school year, first at the end of the first semester. This will occur in accordance with a schedule to be established annually.

The third through fifth grade report card will be issued four times during the school year. This will occur in accordance with a schedule to be established annually.

Report Card Grading System

Kindergarten - Skills Checklist

First & Second Grade - Parents will receive a developmental report on their child's progress. No grades will be given.

Third through Fifth Grade - A B C D E grading system will be given in all areas except art, health & safety, music, technology, and physical education. Credit or No Credit will be given in these areas. (First semester is credit/no credit for third graders in Social Studies and Science.)

The use of + or - with the letter grade (A B C D E) is permitted on the report card and for final grades to be included on the CA 60A (yellow insert card) of the student's record.

Other Considerations: Under special circumstances, Credit or No Credit grades may be given in place of A B C D E grades for resource room students, newly enrolled students who have not been present long enough for letter grades, students who have experienced extended illness, etc. This must be approved by the building principal. Teachers also may make note on the report card if special accommodations or modifications of assignments have been used.

Homework

Students may be given assignments that require work to be done outside of school. Parent help is encouraged, yet student responsibility is the goal. Since Wednesday has been designated as the night when many churches have activities, teachers will use discretion when assigning homework on this evening.

Homework should be approximately 15 minutes, three times per week at the kindergarten level. Homework should be 20-30 minutes in length, three times a week in 1st through 3rd grades. At the 4th and 5th grade level, homework should be 40 minutes in length, three times a week. These times vary with assignments.

If your child is absent and is well enough to keep up the studies at home, send a note with a brother, sister or friend to the child's teacher or call the school office to request that work be sent home. Please call before 10:00 A.M. to request homework, this allows enough time for your child's teacher to assemble homework.

Retention

We believe that students should be retained in a grade if their social, academic or emotional growth has not been significant enough to warrant promotion. Retention will be discussed on an individual basis between the teacher, parent and building principal.

Teacher Requests

We are proud of the quality of teachers at Lakeport School. We encourage you to allow the teacher to determine the teacher for the next year. Teachers consider many factors when placing your child for the next school year. Among these are reading level, citizenship, percentage of boys and girls, etc. If, however, you have a request, forms will be available in the office in April. Requests will not be considered without the reason stated in writing. All properly filled-out request forms will be considered, but NONE ARE BINDING. **The deadline for making a request is final.**

Hot Lunch/Breakfast Program

Prices in our lunch program: \$1.30 .40 (reduced)

Prices in our breakfast program:	.80	.30	(reduced)
Milk	.30		

The Port Huron Area School District offers a balanced hot lunch and breakfast program. Low-fat or homogenized milk is included in the price of the hot lunch or can be purchased if students bring a lunch from home. The lunch menu is passed out monthly to each of our students.

We encourage youngsters to eat at least half (1/2) of their lunch each day. If students do not care for one of the hot lunch choices that is served on a particular day, they are urged to bring a lunch from home. We can't guarantee a student will receive his first choice if two entrees are offered. If a child is allergic to certain foods, a note from the physician should be sent to school so we can keep a record of this. This should also be reflected on the back of his/her emergency card.

Children may pay for their breakfast/lunch or milk a week at a time or on a daily basis. Parents may also pay by check. Simply make out the check to Lakeport School for the correct amount. The money is collected in the cafeteria at the beginning of each lunch period. Students may not charge unless unusual circumstances occur. Parents will be notified of charges with a notice sent home with the student or a phone call. **If more than 1 charge occurs, the child will be given an alternate lunch until the charge is paid.**

If a student has an appointment that will result in his/her arriving late at school, it is necessary that the parent call the school before 8:30 A.M. if your child is to have hot lunch. If we have not been contacted by 8:30 A.M., your child will need to bring a lunch on that day.

Free or reduced hot lunch applications will be sent home and are also available in the school office. All families are encouraged to apply for this service.

Lunchroom Policy

Students will sit at their assigned classroom tables. Students are expected to follow standard etiquette rules and use indoor voices. To maintain order, students must raise their hand and wait for permission to throw away trash and line up for recess. Students who are assigned lunch detention are expected to bring work and remain seated and quiet.

Dress Code

Student's dress and appearance should be neat, clean, modest, and not present health or safety problems or create unnecessary distractions. Halter tops, tank tops with spaghetti straps or large openings for arm holes, "cut-off" shirts exposing the midriff are not acceptable dress. Shorts and skirts should be fingertip length. Appropriate dress is determined by the principal. If dress is deemed inappropriate, parents will be contacted. Socks must be worn with sandals. Roller heel shoes are not allowed in the school for safety reasons. If your child wears these to school you will be contacted to bring a different pair of shoes for your child.

We encourage students to bring a pair of indoor shoes that can be left at school. We suggest the soft-soled variety (tennis shoe-type) so they can be worn to physical education class, as well as in the classroom. Students who do not have appropriate foot wear will not be allowed to participate in gym class because of the risk of injury. **From December through March (earlier or later if there is snow on the ground), children are not allowed to play off the blacktop if they do not have boots. Boots are required on a daily basis regardless of the amount of snow.** Snow pants are encouraged if there is snow on the ground. Please watch the weather reports so that your child is dressed appropriately with snow pants.

Parties

Halloween, Christmas and St. Valentine's Day may be celebrated in the classroom or whole-school activities. Each classroom procedure may vary, therefore your child's teacher will contact you with specific information. All religious/cultural beliefs will be respected and should be brought to the attention of the teacher if a student is not to participate in particular parties.

Treats are acceptable to celebrate a child's birthday as long as arrangements have been made with the teacher in advance. **Please ask the teacher for information on any food allergies (such as peanut butter).**

Field Trips

Field trips are a curriculum related with all arrangements being the responsibility of the classroom teacher/teachers. Because of liability, bussing is the preferred means of transportation. Generally, parents are asked to provide their own transportation when chaperoning field trips. Students should ride both to and from their destination on the bus. Parents taking their own child with them, must sign the child out in the office. **Parents may not use tobacco products or alcohol while chaperoning a school sponsored trip. Siblings or other children may not be brought on school field trips.**

Harassment

Harassment, including bullying and intimidation, involves actions, writings, or statements directed at an individual or identifiable group which are intended to be or which a reasonable person would perceive as ridiculing, insulting or demeaning. This includes but is not limited to acts perceived as being motivated by religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, disability, height, weight, or socio-economic status, or any other distinguishing characteristic.

Use of Drugs and Alcohol

The use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful.

The unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs and alcohol by students on school premises or as part of any of its activities will not be tolerated. Violation of this law will result in suspension and/or expulsion from school. Information about drug and alcohol counseling programs is available through the principal's office.

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices

The Port Huron Area School District Student Code Handbook states that students in grades K-5 are not to possess any electronic communication devices at school. This includes cell phones and pagers.

In addition, school is not an appropriate place for headphones, walkmans, cd players, hand held computer games, etc. Students should not bring these items to school.

POSITION OF THE PORT HURON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT ON WEAPONS

It is imperative that all parents and students understand the seriousness of having weapons in school. The position of the Port Huron Area School District is that a student carrying a weapon can be charged with carrying a concealed weapon and this can be determined to be a felony. The Student Code of the Port Huron Area School District allows for the following:

1. Notification of parents
2. Referral to proper police authorities
3. A ten-day school suspension
4. A recommendation for permanent expulsion

The interpretation of what a weapon is can include look-alike weapons, b.b. gun pistols, starter pistols, knives, and other potentially dangerous devices. Places where the school district has jurisdiction regarding possession of a weapon include to and from school, at extra-curricular activities, on school buses and during other school related activities.

Students need to understand that possession of a weapon can include passing the weapon from one student to another, holding it for a few minutes to look it over, or putting it into a purse or bookbag to hold for a friend. This is an extremely serious problem and the school district's position is that it can lead to permanent exclusion from the educational setting.

We are asking that all parents review this information with their children and that they supervise very carefully to see that they are not having access to weapons.

"The Port Huron Area School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, height, weight, religion, or marital status in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Mrs. Sharon Kaiser, Director of Student Services, 1925 Lapeer Ave., Port Huron, MI 48060, (810) 984-3101, ext. 287."

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