



# January Office Newsletter

## Mason Central Elementary School

### January 2026



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### HOLIDAY WISHES

From all of us here at Mason Central, we wish all of you a joyous, healthy, and rejuvenating vacation! We look forward to starting the New Year with you and your children on **Monday, January 5, 2026**.

### STUDENT TARDIES

School begins at **8:10 a.m.** and all students **must** be in their classroom by that time. Teachers mark attendance first thing in the morning. If your child arrives between **8:10 a.m. and 8:50 a.m.** they are considered **tardy**, if your child **arrives after 8:50 a.m. they will be marked as ½ day a.m. absence**. A written note is needed for sign in/sign outs as well. These procedures are mandated by the State of Michigan, and we must follow them. Doors will be closed and locked at 8:10 a.m. for the safety of all students and staff. A parent **MUST** come into the building and sign their student(s) in at the office if they arrive at 8:10 a.m. or later.

### NO SCHOOL

There is no school on **Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

### ILLNESS

The best way to prevent illnesses spreading in our school is for children to stay home when they are sick. **Your child must be vomit, diarrhea, and fever free for 24 hours** (without the use of fever-reducing medicine) before returning to school. This is per the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

### FIFTH GRADE CAMP

Please make sure all camp paperwork is completed and turned into your child's teacher. Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending camp **February 18<sup>th</sup>-February 20<sup>th</sup>**.

### HEARING & VISION TESTING

The Monroe County Health Department will be performing hearing and vision screenings **Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**. Please fill out and return the vision form that was sent home with your child by **Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**. The screening schedule is as follows.

- ❖ **Hearing Screening:** K, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades
- ❖ **Vision Screening:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

### MOBILE DENTIST

Mobile Dentist will be visiting our building on **Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like your child to receive Mobile Dentist services, please complete and turn in the form that was sent home with your child. You also can sign-up at [www.MySchoolDentist.com](http://www.MySchoolDentist.com). All forms must be turned in by **Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**.

### P.T.A. News

- ❖ The next PTA meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**, at **4:00 p.m.** at the Middle School.
- ❖ PTA Wake Up Wagon, **Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** from 7am-8:15am at the SW corner of the High School parking lot.
- ❖ Dine-To-Donate, Panera Bread (Talmadge Road location) **Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>** from 4-8PM.
- ❖ PTA Skating Party, **Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**, **6:00-8:00pm** at Ohio Skate.
- ❖ Pajama Day, **Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**. Bring in \$1.00 to wear pajamas to school.

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## **2<sup>ND</sup> TRIMESTER MIDTERM**

2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Midterm is **January 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Midterm Progress Reports will be available to view on Infinite Campus Parent Portal on **Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** after **4pm**.

## **WINTER DRESS**

Please make sure your child is dressed for outside play during the cold season. Students do go outside for recess as long as the **temperature feels like 15 degrees or higher**. **Hats, gloves, warm coats and boots are a must**. Please mark all items with your child's name. All students are required to go outside for recess. If there is a **medical** reason requiring your child to stay in, we must have a note from your physician. Students **MAY NOT** throw snowballs. If students want to build a fort or snowman, they must ask the playground supervisors for permission.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSINGS & DELAYS**

Instant alerts will be sent regarding closings and delays. Parents/Guardians please log into your Infinite Campus Parent Portal and check that all contact information is correct and up to date to ensure you receive these important messages.

## **CLOTHES & SHOES RECYCLING BIN**

Just a reminder there is a clothes, shoes, and linen recycling bin located in the corner of the east Elementary School parking lot. This bin is an easy way to fundraise for our building, and it helps to keep clothes and shoes out of local landfills.

