



**MANISTEE EARLY  
CHILDHOOD CENTER**



# MARINERS MONTHLY



## EVENTS

**Be in the know**

Monday, March 16 - No school- PD Day

Friday, March 27 - Spring Break begins

Monday, April 6 - return to school



### Mission

Mariners lead the way by providing an inclusive, high-quality, diverse educational environment that inspires and fulfills the goals of all learners at every stage of their journey.

## MONTHLY WORD

**from Principal VanVoorst**



Hello MES Families!

It's finally looking like Spring might be on the way (well, almost!), bringing warmer weather, blooming flowers, and longer days full of sunshine! Just like nature wakes up in the spring, we can wake up our minds and bodies to try new things, learn more, and grow in exciting ways!

Fresh Goals for a Fresh Season!

Spring is a great time to think about what we want to accomplish. Here are a few ideas:

- Set a reading goal—how many books can you read this spring? This is a great one to work on since March is Reading Month. At Manistee Elementary, we will highlight reading activities all month with our “Sail Away With a Good Book” theme!
- Try a new hobby, like painting, gardening, or playing a new sport.
- Spend more time outside, enjoying nature and getting fresh air!

Springtime Activities

So many fun things to do as a family in the spring! Here are some ideas:

- Go on a nature walk and look for signs of spring—flowers, birds, and butterflies!
- Plant a seed and watch it grow.
- Write a spring poem or draw a picture of your favorite spring scene.
- Have a picnic outside with your family.

Exciting Events Coming Up

Be on the lookout for special spring events at school! Field trips, outdoor learning days, and fun spring projects are coming. Please watch your SeeSaw account for updates from the teachers and the school! And don't forget that Spring Break starts on Friday, March 27th (no school that day), and we return to school on Monday, April 6th.

Happy Spring! 🌸☀️🌺

Shelly VanVoorst, Principal





## COOL THINGS HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS



We are looking forward to the delivery of our Book Vending Machine this spring!



Ms. Padgett's class began their Measuring Unit last week. Students have been exploring different measuring tools-identifying inches, feet, and yards.



## Take the Survey

Our district will be taking part in the MI Student Voice Perception Survey between February 23rd and March 6th, 2026. We will be utilizing all three options including, the Student Survey, Educator Survey, and Parent/Guardian Survey.

Access the Parent/Guardian Survey [here](#)

### MAPS NUTRITION SERVICES MONTHLY LOCALLY SOURCED/ MICHIGAN GROWN HIGHLIGHT

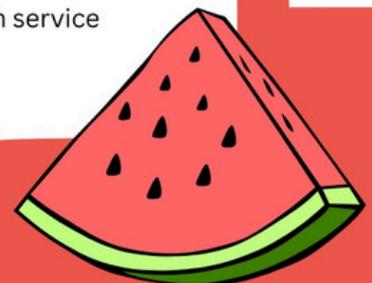
March - Watermelon

MAPS NUTRITION SERVICES GETS ALL THEIR WATERMELON FROM MICHIGAN FARMS.

All our Michigan-grown watermelons come in bulk, and the MAPS Nutrition Service Staff washes and prepares them for lunch service



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# Winter Fun at MES!



Our elementary students had fun skating this week with many first-time skaters! Great memories made, filled with laughter for our young Mariners!



Congratulations to the 8U West Shore Wolves on an undefeated record at last weekend's state qualifying tournament! They are headed to the state championships next month! 🎉 Special congratulations 🎉 to our students:

- 🏒 Eli Makowski
- 🏒 Liam Finch
- 🏒 Riley Pomorski

We had a visitor. Mr. Fox hung out briefly in our parking lot, gave us a smile, and went on his way!

