



**MANISTEE EARLY
CHILDHOOD CENTER**



September
2026



MARINERS MONTHLY

Dear Manistee Early Childhood Center Families,

Welcome to MECC (Manistee Early Childhood Center)! I am excited that you have chosen to start your child's journey at our center which prides itself as a safe, fun and engaging developmentally appropriate learning environment.

I want to take this time to thank the community and families of Manistee for not only welcoming me in my new position here, but supporting a bond proposal that truly made this building come to life for future generations. Having worked 26 years in the field of education, what a beautiful opportunity to come work in a community that values and supports early childhood education. I do ask for your continued support and patience as we finish up some small, but important projects and adjust to the similarities, but differences from previous years and/or buildings.

I look forward to partnering with you along with the many highly qualified educators at MECC throughout this journey in providing a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment where your child can learn, grow, and experience developmental successes throughout their journey with us.

Our dedicated staff at MECC is committed to supporting each child's unique developmental need through hands-on learning experiences, creative play, and meaningful relationships. We believe that children learn best when they feel valued, respected, and encouraged to explore. At Manistee Early Childhood Center, I value open communication and strong partnerships with families. I encourage you to stay involved in your child's learning journey by participating in center activities, reading our newsletters, and communicating regularly with our staff at MECC.

As we begin this exciting journey together, please remember that we are here to answer any questions and support your family every step of the way. We are honored to be a part of your child's early learning journey.

Thank you for trusting us with your child's care and education. We look forward to a wonderful school year filled with learning, laughter, and lasting memories.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Starting a new school year can be both exciting and maybe a little scary. The link below provides tips for helping to ease the transition. Please reach out if we can do anything to help you and your child prepare for the big day!

Back to School Tips



Making New Friends!

Starting school provides an opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. Building relationships is a skill that needs to be developed. Below is an article to help kids understand how to make new friends.

Ms. Angie's August Book Pick

Celebrating all of the fresh fruits and vegetables in our county and surrounding areas.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar
by Eric Carle

[Read Aloud Link](#)

Be a Kind Friend



BUS TRANSPORTATION

Students riding the bus this year will need to register before August 26.

[Register Today!](#)

KiINDERGARTEN FAMILIES will need to fill out registration forms before the beginning of the school year. Please click the link below to learn how to create an account.

[PowerSchool](#)

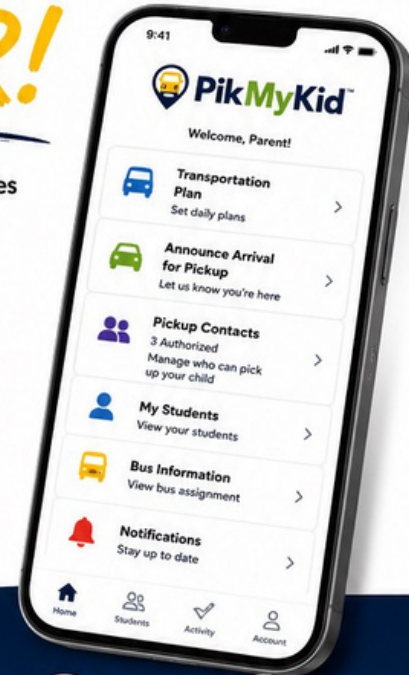


NEW THIS YEAR!

**PikMyKid™**SMARTER TRANSPORTATION.
SAFER STUDENTS.MANISTEE AREA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
LEAD THE WAY!TRANSPORTATION JUST GOT
SMARTER!

Beginning this school year, MAPS families will use PikMyKid to simplify daily transportation and dismissal.

- ✓ No more last minute phone calls.
- ✓ No more handwritten notes.
- ✓ No more wondering if changes were received.

**EVERYTHING HAPPENS
RIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE.****WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?****UPDATE**
your child's
transportation plan
anytime**LET US KNOW**
you're in the
pickup line
with one tap**AUTHORIZE**
trusted adults
to pick up
your child**VIEW**
your child's
bus
assignment**RECEIVE**
important
dismissal
notifications**KNOW**
your child has
been safely
dismissed**WHY MAPS CHOSE PIKMYKID**

At MAPS, student safety comes first.

- ✓ IMPROVE STUDENT SAFETY
- ✓ REDUCE DISMISSAL TRAFFIC
- ✓ INCREASE COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES
- ✓ MAKE TRANSPORTATION CHANGES EASIER
- ✓ SAVE FAMILIES VALUABLE TIME EVERY DAY

GETTING STARTED IS EASY!

- 1  **DOWNLOAD**
the FREE PikMyKid
Parent App.
- 2  **REGISTER**
using the email
on file with MAPS.
- 3  **SET YOUR**
student's transportation
preferences.
- 4  **YOU'RE READY!**
You're all set for the
first day of school!

SCAN TO GET STARTED!Download the app and
register today!**PikMyKid™**Download on the
App StoreGET IT ON
Google Play**SAFE STUDENTS. STRONG COMMUNITY. BRIGHT FUTURES.**Together, we
Lead the Way!