



MANISTEE ELEMENTARY

MARINERS MONTHLY



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.

2026-2027 Office Hours

Monday 8:30-4:00

Tuesday-Thursday 7:30-4:00

Friday 7:30 - 3:15

26/27 District Calendar

MAPS Website

MES CONTACTS

Main Office: 231-723-3271

Shelly VanVoorst, Principal
Beth Adams, Assistant Principal
Kassandra Johnson, Secretary
Carly Liston, Office Assistant

Mark Your Calendar

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences: October 14 and 15. Sign-up information will be shared soon.**
- **Book Fair: ATP will once again set up the book fair in the library. It was a big hit last year!**

MONTHLY WORD

from Principal VanVoorst



Dear MES Families,

Welcome to October! As we settle into the school year, we're excited to share some reminders and strategies that help keep our school community safe, respectful, and supportive.

How We Practice Being on TRACK Every Day

At school, we teach behavior expectations the same way we teach reading and math: clearly, consistently, and with lots of practice. Our Tier 1 expectations, TRACK, apply to every student in every part of the building, from the classroom to the hallway, cafeteria, and playground.

- Trustworthy
- Respectable
- Accepting
- Cooperative
- Kind

Partnering With You at Home

Children learn best when they hear the same messages at home and at school. Here are a few simple ways to help:

- Use our language. Ask, "How did you show you were on TRACK today?" or "When were you kind or cooperative today?" Using the same words helps children connect home and school.
- Practice asking permission. Encourage your child to ask before hugging or high-fiving, and to respect the answer. That's being both kind and accepting.
- Rehearse "stop." Role-play what to say when someone doesn't respect their space ("Stop, I don't like that"), and what to do when a friend says it to them.
- Name a trusted adult. Talk with your child about the adults they can go to at school and at home if something doesn't feel right.
- Celebrate the positive. Notice and name specific good choices ("I saw you share your toys. That was kind").

We're grateful for your partnership as we build a safe, respectful community in our new building. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out. We're here to support your child's growth academically, socially, and emotionally.

Thank you for being an essential part of our school family!

Warmly,
Shelly VanVoorst, Principal





Back by popular demand!

ATP will once again set up the book fair in the library during Parent Teacher Conferences on October 14 & 15.

Be sure to stop by!

**10/9
through
10/19**



Scan the QR code or browse online using the link below.

[Link to Book Fair](#)



Interim Teaching Certificate (ITC)

As part of our commitment to keeping families informed, Michigan law requires school districts to notify families when a teacher is serving under a credential other than a full Michigan teaching certificate for the grade or course they are teaching. The following staff members are currently serving with an Interim Teaching Certificate (ITC):

Hannah Thomas - ITC Elementary Education
Amanda Guzikowski - Long Term Sub
Jennifer Abel - ITC Special Education
Chas Gouker - ITC Special Education
Leah Antal - ITC Special Education



BE A PART OF THE BREAKFAST CLUB



**FREE BREAKFAST AVAILABLE AT ALL MAPS
LOCATIONS**

MECC: BREAKFAST IN THE CLASSROOM

MES (IN CAFE): 7:40AM - 8:00AM

LATE START: 8:40 AM - 9:00 AM

MMHS (IN CAFE): 7:35 AM - 8:00 AM

LATE START: 8:40 AM - 9:00 AM

**BE YOUR BEST-
BREAKFAST
ENCOURAGES
STUDENTS TO
THRIVE**

