MANISTEE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

MARINERS MONTHLY

GO MARINERS!

November 2026

Dear Manistee Early Childhood Center Families,

I want to thank all of the families that attended our Title I annual informational night, along with participating in all the apple fun! We had the opportunity to hear about the BE NICE program that is being launched at the MECC this year! Mrs. Riley along with Ms. Kaitlyn will be taking a leadership role in supporting our teachers, staff, students and families. Please take the time as a family to review the BE NICE information within the newsletter. Our goal is to create a classroom community where every child feels safe, valued, included, and supported.

The Mini Mariner preschool program (Ms. Sandy and Ms. Julie) provided a vocabulary rich apple tasting station for us. We discovered through tasting red, yellow and green apples that the red apples were our favorite. The most descriptive word used by our students was “yummy!” The GSRP preschool program (Ms. Amy, Ms. Renee, Ms. Ashley, Ms. Julie, Ms. Brenda and Ms. Danielle) provided an entire hallway filled with an apple themed obstacle course, it was so FUN and CREATIVE. Right at the end of the obstacle course provided by our child care director and staff (Ms. Nicole and Ms. Amber) was a sorting, fall I spy tray.

Right around the corner the Begindergarten and Kindergarten teachers (Ms. Lowe, Ms. Lundberg, Mrs. Sloan and Ms. Bryce) had apple finger puppets, and autumn candy counting frames. This was a busy hallway as we had apple treats from our MAPS foodservice director (Ms. Haleigh) that included apple juice, apple slices with caramel and apple pastries!

I want to take these final few words to thank you for modeling through your attendance at parent teacher conferences the importance of your child’s education, as together we can achieve growth! Together with you, the staff of the MECC, and support from our district leadership we are creating Mariner Leaders. Those Mariner Leaders Are: Trustworthy, Respectful, Accepting, Cooperative and Kind. This “TRACK” supports and encourages the value I have with 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.

Supporting the Journey ~ Ms. Angie
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EVENTS

Be in the know

Important Dates To Remember:
November 25th - ½ Day November 26th & 27th - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break



A Time to Give Thanks

November is a special time where we can pause and be thankful for so many things both big and small. Even during tough times it is a time to take a deep breath, and note what you are grateful and thankful for.

At the Manistee Early Childhood Center, Ms. Angie has so many things to be thankful for and has shared a few:

- I am thankful for all of the staff at the MECC, as each day their dedication to the children of the MECC shines brightly.
- I am thankful for all of the families, parents and guardians that partner with us to make their child's educational journey special.
- I am thankful to be able to watch each and every child grow within their own unique pathway.
- I am thankful to be able to come to a place where each and every day laughter fills the hallways, yes we are settling in and laughter and giggling is replacing initial going to school tears.

BK/Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA)

The State of Michigan has implemented a Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment Program (KOHA). This dental assessment may be performed by a Dentist, Registered Dental Hygienist, or a Dental Therapist.
DHD#10 works in partnership with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan to provide this service at no cost to you. There is no need to schedule an appointment, they will be visiting the school during kindergarten round ups, health fairs, or in the fall once your child starts kindergarten.
If you prefer to have your dental provider do the screening – just take the KOHA Assessment Form to your dentist to have them fill it out and then return a copy to the school. For more information, call (231) 547-7628 or visit Health Department of Northwest Michigan.



- Michigan Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment Program
- Michigan.gov Oral Health Website

Fall Family Fun!



Ms. Angie's November Book Pick

Apple Trouble
Author: Ragnhild Scamell
(illustrated by Michael Terry)

Plot: A little hedgehog finishes building a cozy nest for her winter hibernation under an apple tree. Suddenly, a juicy red apple falls and gets stuck squarely in the spines on her back, making her too wide to fit through the door of her nest.



Read Along Link



Easy Pumpkin Pie Recipe



Fall Craft Ideas Link

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Fall Fun at Lewis Adventure Farm!









