

# THE FROST FRONTIER

Looking Ahead...

February 24, 2017

## Quick Notes

Fri, Feb 24: 6-8 PM	Frost Hub in Media Center: \$5, Grades 8-10
Tues, Feb 28	Pilarz & Bennet to the GRAM
Tues, Feb 28	GSA Club to Grand Rapids Pride Center
Thurs, Mar 2: 10:20	7th/8th choir to GRPS Vocal Music Festival
Mon-Fri, Mar 6-10	Spirit Week: PK-5
Tues, Mar 7	Lori Taylor Author Assembly: Grades PK-5
Tues, Mar 7: 8 - 2:40	8th grade to Latino Youth Conference
Wed, Mar 8	Baarda to the GRAM
Wed-Thurs, Mar 8-9	RIF at Elementary Building
Thurs, Mar 9: 7 PM	Elem PTA Meeting
Fri, Mar 10	Kindergarten to Grand Rapids Museum
Fri, Mar 10: 3:20-4:30	MSVMA Choir Festival
Fri, Mar 10	Family Dance: Families of PK-5 students
Fri, Mar 10: 6-8 PM	Frost Hub in Media Center: \$5, Grades 8-10
Sun, Mar 12: 12 - 10 PM	Harmony Hall Fundraiser, Elem PTA
Thurs, Mar 16: 2 & 6:30	Wizard of Oz in Elementary Gym
Fri, Mar 17	Frostwear/Popcorn/Parent Friday: K-5
Sat, Mar 18	Pancake Breakfast @ Elem building
Tues, Mar 21: 6-7 PM	4th Grade Presentation Night
Thurs, Mar 23	End of 3rd Marking Period
Fri, Mar 24	NO SCHOOL - Records Day
Tues, Mar 28	Grandville Brann's Fundraiser & Tarry Hall
Thurs, Mar 30	NO LOOP
Thurs, Mar 30	PBiS Celebration: K-5
Fri-Sun, Mar 31-April 9	SPRING BREAK

◆ **Elementary Parents:** Do Not park in the circle drive at the front of school. It is for pick up and drop off ONLY. We have students who require access to the sidewalk ramp and they are not able to get onto the sidewalk and into school when cars are parked and left in the way. If you need to park and leave your car for any reason, please park in the lot or on Laughlin in front of the school. Thank you for your consideration!

◆ See the full calendar for both buildings at: [www.grps.org/cafrost-calendar](http://www.grps.org/cafrost-calendar)

◆ Want to help out at school, on a field trip, or with a sports team? Fill out your [application online!](#)

◆ Do your kids know the **Peace Promise?**

-I **promise** to respect, encourage, and care for others and our environment.

-I will **not** support those who bully or are unkind to others with actions or words!

-**Together**, we will make our school a place where everyone **belongs!**

CA Frost Environmental Science Academy - Greg Ramey, Principal [grps.org/cafrost](http://grps.org/cafrost)

Elementary Building

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Loraine Phillips, Assistant Principal

Middle / High Building

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Ryan Huppert, Assistant Principal

# News For All Frosties

## Playground Makeover Competition

Please help our Elementary building try to win new playground equipment from Together Counts! You can enter once per day through March 24. Click [here](#) for more information!

## Student Film Festival: Please Vote!

Our 4th graders, with the help of Mr. Dolphin and parent John Schmidt, created a submission for the Meijer Great Choices Student Film Festival!

They are the Terracycle experts in our school and built their film around how working with Terracycle builds character.

Winners are chosen by popular vote and win a cash classroom grant, so please share the link below and vote daily from March 1 to March 24.

<http://www.meijergreatchoices.com/k-8/>

## When A Student Should Stay At Home

The policy states a student should stay home or will be sent home if he/she has the following symptoms:

- **FEVER** of 101 degrees F (or higher) - *must stay out 24 hours after fever resolves WITHOUT fever-reducing medication*
- **HACKING COUGH** or cough that disturbs normal activity; or cough/sore throat that lasts more than a couple days
- Yellow or green **NASAL SECRETIONS**
- **VOMITING** or **DIARRHEA** - *must stay out 24 hours after vomiting/diarrhea resolves WITHOUT medication*
- Eyes that are red, swollen, or itchy; or have drainage
- A **RASH**, until your doctor says it is safe to send your child back to school
- An **EARACHE** accompanied by unusual drainage (consult your health care provider)
- **TIREDNESS** or **HEADACHE** that prevents normal play
- **WHEEZING** when taking a breath

**\*\*If you call the school because your child is ill, please let us know what they are ill with. We have to report all communicable diseases to the Kent County Health Department, so it's helpful to know why our kids are missing school.**

## Last Chance For Tickets! Adult E-Lab: Survival, Feb 25, 5-10 PM at Blandford

Join us for an evening of relaxation, fun, and activities as we paint, hike, and enjoy the foot-stompin' music of Sweet Lew and the Crew. Tickets are limited so buy yours today!

Get all the info and register at:  
[adultelab2017.eventbrite.com](http://adultelab2017.eventbrite.com)

If you're willing to help with set up, food, and tear down, please contact Jana Kuiper  
[j3kuiper@gmail.com](mailto:j3kuiper@gmail.com)

## New/Gently-Used Sleeping Bags Needed

Our Middle/High Building is looking for donations of new or gently-used sleeping bags to be used for upcoming camping trips. We need a total of 60 sleeping bags.

If you are able to help, please drop them off at the Middle/High Building any weekday between 7:15 AM and 3:45 PM. Thank you!

## Sites to Know

We have a number of ways for you to stay up-to-date on what's happening at school! Here are some links you might want to know.

PTA/School Website: [cafrostptsa.org](http://cafrostptsa.org)

Official Frost Facebook Page:  
[www.facebook.com/CAFrostESA](http://www.facebook.com/CAFrostESA)

CA Frost Green Team (Public Facebook Group):  
[www.facebook.com/groups/708841709226457/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/708841709226457/)

Frost Parents—Informal (Closed Facebook Group): [www.facebook.com/groups/668672709812409/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/668672709812409/)

This is a great place to ask questions and get answers from other Frost parents!

Frost MS/HS Parents—Informal (Closed Facebook Group): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1756586097925708/>

CA Frost Athletics Facebook Page:  
[www.facebook.com/CA-Frost-Athletics-103622249701140](http://www.facebook.com/CA-Frost-Athletics-103622249701140)

# Elementary Building

## More Carnival Help Needed

We are looking for a few more people to step up to help Quanette Brown run our great school carnival in May.

She is taking on this large task along with juggling a busy family and job. She would like a few more people to work alongside her to help divide the work up a little.

Please feel free to contact her if you are willing to pitch in and help her run this event.  
[quanetteb@gmail.com](mailto:quanetteb@gmail.com)

## No LOOP March 30

There is NO LOOP on March 30 even though we have school.

## P.E. Roller Skating Help Needed Now - March 23

2nd-5th grade students are roller skating and need assistance with their equipment each class. Please come help as often as you can.

Monday Bennett: 2:35-3:20

Dolphin: 11-11:45

Rusticus: 1:45-2:30

Pilarz: 2:35-3:20

Tuesday

M.P.: 2:35-3.20

Wednesday

VanHekken: 11-11:45

Finn: 1:45-2:30

Thursday

Moyer: 10:10-10:55

Paul: 11-11:45

Hillson: 1:45-2:30

Baker: 2:35-3:20

Friday

Baarda: 2:35-3:20

## Pancake Breakfast: March 18, 8-11 AM Food Donations Needed

We're closing in on our most delicious community event, Pancake Breakfast! Blandford's [Sugar-bush Festival](#) is the same day from 10 AM-4 PM.

To help keep costs down, we're asking for food donations. [Click HERE](#) for the list of what's needed.

## Author Visit March 7: Parents Welcome

Michigan Author Lori Taylor will be visiting our school the morning of March 7th to do three assemblies for our Pre-K-5th grade students.

She has written a variety of nature-based books for all ages that you can pre-order and have personalized! To receive a discount, use CAFROST as the coupon code at [www.hollywildbooks.com/order](http://www.hollywildbooks.com/order) Books will also be available to purchase the day of her visit.

"I'm a pond stomping, trail stumbling artist, author, and illustrator in hiking boots. I rehabilitate kids and release them into the wild outdoors by encouraging them to read, write, and draw in nature to find their story. To my motto, "read, write, draw!" I add, "the adventure begins OUT-DOORS!" Get up, get out, and get into the outdoors to find your story."

Thank you PTA for sponsoring this event!

## Congratulations to January's Students of the Month!

One last name to honor: Paxton Harrison

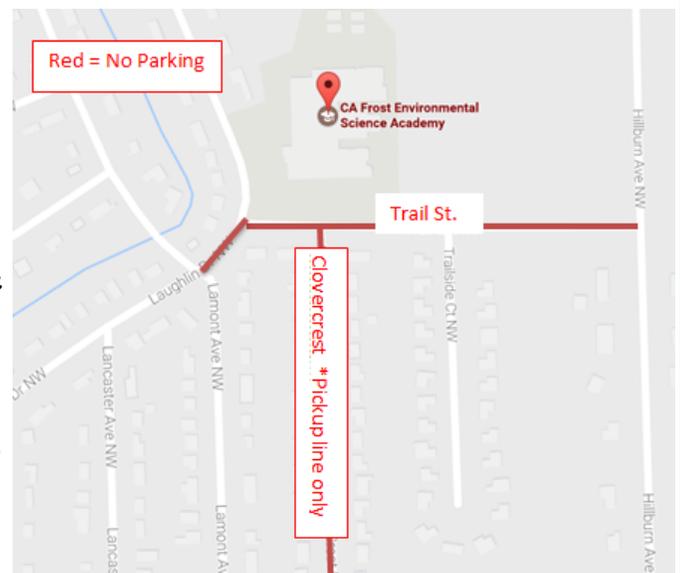
## Attention Pickup Parents

In order to improve the safety of our students and families, we ask that you don't park on **Trail Street**, **Clovercrest**, or **Laughlin Dr.** south of the school between Trail and Lamont.

With all the congestion at the end of the day, it helps improve the flow of traffic from the pickup line if there are no cars parked in that area.

While we encourage all pickups to occur from the pickup line on Clovercrest, parents may choose to park in the neighborhood outside of the no parking areas, walk up to the parking lot, and pick up their child there.

Thank you for your attention to these important safety details!



# Middle/High Building

## Frost Hub: Fri, Feb 24 6-8 PM

8th, 9th and 10th grade students are invited to celebrate Mardi Gras in the Media Center with a hot or cold beverage, dessert, games, a mask-making project and Zydeco music.

Admission is only \$5!



**Beverages:** Hot Cocoa, Coffee, Mocha, Starbucks Refreshers

**Dessert:** Chocolate Cake, Lemon Cookies, Paczki

**Vibe:** Relaxing. Hanging out with friends. Open to trying new experiences. No spazzing-out.

**Music:** New Orleans Zydeco

**Games:** Ping Pong Ball Challenge, Board Games, Card Games, Hula Hoop Contest, Giant Jenga, Chinese Checkers

**Crafts:** Create your own unique Mardi Gras mask

**Demo:** Learn Mardi Gras traditions!

## T-Shirt Sale Coming

Look for T-Shirts that will be designed by high school students with an environmental theme. We will wear them during Earth Week. More details to come!

What's for Lunch? [grps.org/menus](http://grps.org/menus)

## Help Purchase Tone Chimes

Mr. Rathbun is raising money to purchase a 4 octave set of tone chimes for the school. He will work with interested students next year. For more information and to donate, please go to [www.gofundme.com/8bctjtz8](http://www.gofundme.com/8bctjtz8)

## Attendance Reminder

Please call (616) 819-5900 to report your student absences within 24 hours of the absent date. Calls after the 24-hour timeframe will be marked unexcused.

## Cougar Corner School Store Is Open!

Hours are Monday-Thursday 2:45-3:30 PM.

Volunteers are needed to give less than an hour a day to help make the store a success. [Email Mike & Laura Vizard](mailto:Mike & Laura Vizard) for details!

Please use [this SignUpGenius link](#) to help cover some shifts this month. We would like 2 people each day. Thanks!

## Coffee Cart Donations: Brownie Makers Needed!

If you like to bake anything, we'd love your donations! We have a HUGE demand for brownies and always run out. If you are willing to making some, that would be great!

We have boxes of brownie mix on the shelf in the PTA room. Just [let Alicia Barnaby](#) know you're helping out so she knows to replace the boxes.

Bring any donations to the PTA room in the middle/high building on Friday mornings. We'll even take care of cutting and packaging them for you!

## Student Clubs

**Art Club:** Thurs, Ms Rusch's room, 3-4:30

**9th Grade Robotics:** Tues & Thurs, Robotics Lab, 2:45-4:30

**Cooking:** Tues, Kitchen, 2:55-3:40

**GSA:** Tues, Mrs Lewis' room, 3-3:45

**Crafting:** Tues, Ms Lew's room, 2:55-3:45

**Yearbook:** Wed, Mr Burgess's room, 3-4:00

**Bowling:** On hiatus until spring

**Parkour:** Fri, Aerials Gym @ 6001 Coit NE (waiver must be signed first: [abgym.net](http://abgym.net)), 8-10 PM, \$10/wk

## After-School Snack Donations Needed

Help students stay focused throughout their long school day with a healthy treat.

Donations may be dropped off any time during office hours at the Middle/High School building (7:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.), or you may send the donations to school with your student.

Suggested items: granola bars, fresh fruit, snack crackers, raisins, etc.

## Fudge Sale

The GSA Club will be selling fudge for \$3 on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school.

## Facebook Group for MS/HS Families!

Frost MS/HS Parents—Informal (Closed Facebook Group): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1756586097925708/>

Have something to add to the newsletter? Email it to [news4frost@gmail.com](mailto:news4frost@gmail.com)!

# Pancake Breakfast & Sugarbush Festival – March 18

The Elementary PTA is excited to host our second annual Pancake Breakfast on March 18 from 8 - 11 AM! You and your friends, family, and neighbors are all invited! Help [spread the word](#) by sharing our Facebook event.

Our breakfasts are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. They include eggs, oranges, sausages, orange juice, real maple syrup, and, of course, delicious pancakes.

As mentioned on the Elementary Building page, we are looking donations of ingredients to keep our costs down. If you can help us out, that would be great! Please [click here](#) for a list of what's needed.

We strive to provide a great breakfast for those with food sensitivities as well. If you understand cross-contamination and are interested in helping cook food during the breakfast, please email [Ruth VanWalsum](#) for more information.

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47th Annual  
**Sugarbush Festival**

MICHIGAN'S **Sweet** HARVEST

**Event Activities**

- Maple cotton candy
- Maple sugaring hike
- Sugar shack maple syrup cooking
- Face painting & children's crafts
- Draft horses

Join us as we explore Michigan's unique history of maple sugaring and the special science of maple trees. Bring the family to experience a local sugarbush and the fresh taste of maple syrup!

**March 18, 2017 • 10 am - 4pm**

**\$5 Members**  
**\$8 Non-Members**

[blandfordnaturecenter.org](#) • 1715 Hillburn Ave. Grand Rapids

After enjoying a hearty breakfast, head over to Blandford and have a great time at their annual Sugarbush Festival! They are a great partner for Frost and we love to support them!

If your family isn't a member yet, please consider becoming one. Blandford graciously extends a discount to Frost families.

A membership lets you walk the trails for free and gets you discounts on great programs.

