

Plumbrook Elementary School

Utica Community Schools

39660 Spalding Drive

Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Mission Statement: Plumbrook Elementary will create a positive working relationship with students, staff, and community focusing on respect, diversity, and teamwork. Our mission is to provide every student with a quality educational experience in a safe, challenging, and engaging environment.

Belief Statements: Every child will learn and achieve. The School, Parents, and Community are a team in the learning process. Excellence is expected and celebrated. Data is used to drive and guide instruction.

DR. MELISSA LABADIE
Principal

Main Office: 586-797-6000
Absence Line: 586-797-6099

January 2, 2019

Dear Plumbrook Families:

I hope you and your family enjoyed the Holiday Break and had a Happy New Year – Welcome 2019!

Many Thanks... PEP for organizing the many activities that support our students: Santa Holiday Movie Night, Bagel Days, Restaurant Nights, and the Santa Shop. The PEP group has many more activities planned, so please don't hesitate to contact the PEP committee if you have time to help with these activities (plumbrookpep@outlook.com).

Many Thanks... Student Council for hosting our Charitable Organizations Drive, and Parents, Students, and Staff for participating in donating during this Holiday Season.

- Kiwanis Can-Food Drive
- Mitten Tree
- Marine's Toys for Tots Program

As always, I want to thank you our many families and our fabulous staff and teachers for the gift of time and resources. I feel truly amazed and thankful to be a part of the Plumbrook community.

Parent Information....

Absences Reminder... Your child is important to us! Please remember to report your child's absence by calling our absence line at 586-797-6099 and leaving a message. Please clearly state your child's name, teacher, date, reason for the absence, and if you take your child to the doctor's – please bring a doctor's note back to school ☺ the next day. Our school answering machine will take absence calls between 3:30 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. You may use the office line during regular school hours.

Recess and Cold Weather Wear... We have been having unseasonably warm weather. As we shift to a to colder weather, please make sure your child is dressed properly, with coat, hat, gloves, scarves, snow pants, boots, and an extra pair of socks. The children go outside for recess all winter long as the temperature/weather permits.

Positive Behavior Support at School and Home... Please take time each day to discuss with your child their school day and celebrate the successes and reinforce positive behavior choices. Know that the teachers, staff, and I continue to work with the children on creating a safe, healthy, and positive learning experience for all children.

Please continue to spend time reviewing the Elementary Parent and Student Handbook with your child. Should you have any questions or need clarification please do not hesitate to contact the office at 586-797-6000.

Communication

UCS supports electronic communication as a very effective way to communicate with our families through email news updates, electronic phone calls, and text messages. Please be certain that your email address is up to date and your phone numbers are current, so that you can receive valuable and timely school information.

PowerSchool Parent Portal

If you do not have access to PowerSchool Parent Portal, please stop into the school office to pick up the login information between 9:00 and 2:00 p.m. Parent Portal is the key to receiving student academic updates: progress reports and report cards.

Plumbrook Parking Lot Procedures

Just a reminder to **park only in designated parking spaces**. Remember not to park, stand, or wait for students in the bus lane or the yellow stripped parking spaces. The orange cones in the yellow stripped bus lane designate the beginning of the drop-off/pick-up lane for easy student drop off/pick up before/after school.

At the end of the school day, we ask that parents park their vehicles in the school lot and walk up to their child's exit door to safely walk their child to their vehicle. If you leave your car for any reason, please remember to turn off the car and take your keys. **Please drive with extreme caution** as students and parents are crossing the parking lot.

Should your child need to be dismissed early, please let their teacher know in advance if possible. It will be necessary for you to report to the school office and sign your child out. At that time, your child will be called down to the office for dismissal. Should your child return to school the same day it will be necessary to come into the office and sign them back in.

Administration of Medicine

Parents should administer medication to their children at home. If this is not possible, the school may administer their prescription or non-prescription medicine **only** when authorized by the student's parent/guardian. Requests must be made by completing an Authorization for Medication form available in the office and signed by a physician.

As a part of the Utica Community Schools, we hold high expectations regarding the success and achievement of all our students. Our staff strives to provide the most positive learning environment possible for academic, social, and behavioral growth. We value a strong partnership between home and school based on two-way communication, cooperation, and trust.

Please do not hesitate to stop in or call if you have a question, concern, or would like to support any of the activities planned for this year. By working together as a team this will be a very successful school year for all our children.

Plumbrook School Age Children Parenting Tips and Tools Classes

CARE Southeastern Michigan will be hosting parenting classes for Plumbrook Parents. These classes are designed to provide additional support and options for parents when working with children. Won't you please plan on joining us? Please click on the following link to sign-up: <https://www.careofsem.com/classes/parenting-school-age/>

Agenda: Outline for Active Parenting 4th Edition

Session 1: The Active Parent

1. Styles of parenting
2. Brain development in children
3. The method of choice

Session 2: Cooperation and Communication

1. Who owns the problem?
2. Active Communication
3. Feelings, empathy, and problem solving

Session 3: Responsibility and Discipline

1. Effective non-violent discipline
2. I-message
3. Logical consequences

Session 4: Building courage and self-esteem

1. The Think-Feel-Do cycle
2. Courage and self-esteem
3. The power of encouragement

Session 5: Understand and Redirecting Misbehavior

1. Why children misbehave
2. Eliminating power struggles
3. Handling anger
4. Problem solving with FLAC

Session 6: Active Parenting for School Success

1. 7 Smart Things for School Success
2. Structuring homework time
3. Tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs
4. Family Talks

Please see flyer for more information on the next page...

Parenting School Age Children

For parents with children 5 to 12 years old.

Program is held at:

Plumbrook Elementary
39660 Spalding
Sterling Heights, MI 48313
North of 17 Mile
East of Van Dyke

Two Ways to Register:

(586)541-2273

www.careofsem.com

Tuesdays, February 5-March 19

No class: February 19

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Workshop fee: \$5 per family includes book

Active Parenting Parent Guide & Workbook will be provided. Those parents who complete the class and receive a Certificate of Completion on the last night will also receive a \$10 Target gift card per family.

*Facing financial challenges? CARE will turn no parent away from a parenting class.

It is CARE's policy that refunds will not be issued after the start of the first session.



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OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

Federal, state and local funding has been provided through Macomb County Community Mental Health/Office of Substance Abuse and other funding sources to support project costs. Recipients of substance use services have rights protected by state and federal law and promulgated rules. For information, contact CARE of Southeastern Michigan's Recipient Advisor, 31650 Utica Road, Fraser, MI 48025 (586) 541-2273 or State Recipient Rights Coordinator, P.O. Box 30664, Lansing, Michigan.

*Are you interested in helping in your child's school/school district - two opportunities below 😊

1. Lunch/Recess Supervisors Wanted!

We are looking for an additional 3 lunch room/playground supervisors to help a few days a week. If you are interested, PLEASE contact the office (586-797-6000) and we will help you get processed through EDU Staff.

2. Bus Drivers Wanted!



DRIVE THE FUTURE
Become a School Bus Driver



- Earn up to \$19 per hour
- Paid training & holidays
- Part time - potential to earn extra hours
- Retirement benefits
- Enjoy summers off

For more information call 586-797-1130

Apply today at jobs.uticak12.org

Take some time to discuss New Year's resolutions with your child and see what positive changes you can make together and keep for 2019.

Dr. Melissa Labadie

Plumbrook Knights Dates to Know

January 2	Report Back to School!
January 7	Girl Scout's 3:15 Science Olympiad – Water Rockets 7:00
January 8	Wolf Den 6:00 Science Olympiad – Ping Pong 5:30
January 10	Bagel Day ATG 3:15
January 14	Daisies/Brownies 5:45 Science Olympiad – Water Rockets 7:00
January 15	Destination Imagination 3:15 Science Olympiad – Ping Pong 5:30
January 16	Stevenson Cluster Band Concert 6:00 – 6 th Grade
January 21	MLK Day – No School
January 22	Destination Imagination 3:15 Science Olympiad – Ping Pong 5:30
January 23	Cyber Safety Assembly 4 th Grade 8:45-9:45 3 rd Grade 9:55-10:45 5 th Grade 12:50-1:50 6 th Grade 2:00-3:00
Parents welcome to attend	
January 24	Half Day of School 11:29 dismissal
January 25	Half Day of School 11:29 dismissal
January 28	Girl Scouts 3:15 Daisies/Brownies 5:45 Science Olympiad – Water Rockets 7:00
January 29	Destination Imagination 3:15 Wolf Den 6:00 Science Olympiad – Ping Pong 5:30
January 30	UCS Community ED Art 3:20
February 1	Destination Imagination – Browning Elementary
February 4	Science Olympiad – Water Rockets 7:00
February 5	Destination Imagination 3:15 Science Olympiad – Ping Pong 5:30
Parents Register for Class!	Parenting School Age Children 6:30
February 6	UCS Community Ed Art 3:20 PEP Meeting 3:30
February 7	Bagel Day
February 11	Girl Scouts 3:15 Daisies/Brownies 5:45 Science Olympiad – Water Rockets 7:00
February 12	Destination Imagination 3:15 Wolf Den Meeting 6:00 Parenting School Age Children 6:30
February 13	Science Olympiad – Ping Pong 5:30 COUNT DAY!!! UCS Community ED Art 3:20
February 14	Valentine's Day ATG 3:15

February 15	PEP PJ Glow Dance 6:00
February 18-22	Mid-Winter Break
February 25	Science Olympiad – Water Rockets 7:00
February 26	Destination Imagination 3:15 Parenting School Age Children 6:30 Science Olympiad – Ping Pong 5:30
February 27	4 th Grade – Music Field Trip 9:30 UCS Community Ed Art 3:20 ATG 3:15
February 28	Science Olympiad – Water Rockets 7:00
March 4	Destination Imagination 3:15
March 5	Parenting School Age Children 6:30
March 6	UCS Community ED 3:15 PEP Meeting 3:30 Kindergarten Family Night – Plumbrook @ Schwarzkoﬀ 5:30
March 7	Bagel Day
March 11	Girl Scouts 3:15 Daisies/Brownie 5:45
March 12	Science Olympiad – Water Rockets 7:00 Destination Imagination 3:15 Parenting School Age Children 6:30 Science Olympiad – Ping Pong 5:30 Wolf Den 6:00
March 13	Kindergarten Open House 7:00
March 14	ATG 3:15
March 18	Science Olympiad – Water Rockets 7:00
March 19	Destination Imagination 3:15 Parenting School Age Children 6:30 Science Olympiad – Ping Pong 5:30
March 22	1 st Grade Field trip – Cranbrook 9:15
March 25	Girl Scouts 3:15 Daisies/Brownies 5:45
March 26	Science Olympiad – Water Rockets 7:00 Destination Imagination 3:15 Parenting School Age Children 6:30 Science Olympiad – Ping Pong 5:30
March 27	Statewide Tornado Drill 1:00
March 28	ATG 3:15
April 1-5	Spring Break
April 8	M-Step Testing Begins -Grade 5 Girl Scouts 3:15 Daisies/Brownie 5:45
April 9	Science Olympiad – Water Rockets 7:00 Science Olympiad – Ping Pong 5:30 Wolf Den Meeting 6:00
April 10	PEP Meeting 7:00
April 11	Bagel Day ATG 3:15
April 12	Half Day School 11:29 dismissal
April 15	Talent Show Auditions Science Olympiad – Water Rockets 7:00

April 16	Science Olympiad – Ping Pong 5:30
April 17	UCS Community Ed 3:20
April 19	Good Friday – No School
April 22	Girl Scouts 3:15 Daisies/Brownies 5:45
April 23	Science Olympiad – Water Rockets 7:00 Science Olympiad – Ping Pong 5:30 Wolf Den 6:00
April 24	Administrative Professionals Day! UCS Community Ed 3:20
April 25	Gizmo Night – Title I – Invite Only 5:00 ATG 3:15
April 26	4 th Grade – Troy Historical Museum 9:15
April 29	M-Step Testing Begins -Grades 3-4 & 6 Talent Show Rehearsal 3:15
April 30	Science Olympiad – Water Rockets 7:00 Science Olympiad – Ping Pong 5:30
May 1	UCS Community ED 3:15
May 6	Staff Appreciation Luncheon 11:30 Girl Scouts 3:15 Daisies/Brownies 5:45
May 7	Science Olympiad – Water Rockets 7:00
May 8	Science Olympiad – Ping Pong 5:30
May 9	UCS Community ED
May 10	ATG 3:15
May 13	PEP – Muffins with Mom 7:30
May 14	Science Olympiad – Water Rockets 7:00
May 15	Science Olympiad – Ping Pong 5:30 UCS Community ED 3:15 PEP Meeting 7:00
May 16	Bagel Day
May 20	Girl Scouts 3:15 Daisies/Brownies 5:45
May 22	UCS Community ED 3:15
May 23	Kindergarten – Upland Hills Field Trip 9:00
May 27	Memorial Day – No
June 3	Girl Scouts 3:15 Daisies/Brownies 5:45
June 5	6 th Grade Camp
June 7	Donuts with Dad 7:30
June 13	Half Day School 11:29 dismissal 6 th Grade Celebration – End of Elementary School
June 14	Half Day School 11:29 dismissal Last Day of School Year – Flag Day!

***Please note...** These dates will be updated weekly/monthly as changes are made to the Plumbrook calendar.