

DTE Energy National Cherry Queen

**Industry Person of
the year**

Dr. Gary Kaberle

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Merideth Hawes**

Petoskey Steel Drum Band

Bullock Creek Pep Band

Bullock Creek Drum Line

Traverse City Christian School

Traverse City Christian school offers Preschool-12th grade all under one roof.

These statements are exhibited on the front outside wall of the float. In crafting the float, the students and parents desired to encompass what the students loved most about their school. In short, the kids love everything! For that reason, the school was recreated as the main focal point of the float. Fine details of the school's architecture and decor were not ignored in the construction process which also includes a hand-painted mural of the school's playground. It is the little things that occur within these walls that change the lives of the students who attend. Around the float are various Bible texts, signs, and sayings that are significant to the students and the school. The float offers an open view into the gym, "The Home of the Sabres". Not only is the gym used for sporting events, but also weekly used for praise gatherings. The stage in the back is home to the school's worship team and theatrical performances. On the sidewalk leading toward the entrance of the school are chalk-like illustrations of some of the students' favorite stories from the Bible. Here, at Traverse City Christian School, students are taught not just academic excellence but to also walk with Jesus, alongside one another.



Eastern Elementary

Eastern Elementary is walkable, bikeable neighborhood school located on the base of the Old Mission Peninsula. The school received a complete rebuild from the ground up and opened its new doors in the fall of the 2018. Part of the school's mission is to take their students on a scholarly voyage and prepare students to become successful citizens in the new century! Eastern's "Star" students receive a community driven experience and first class education from its dedicated staff. First graders Demi Kolden and Mason MacDonald love their connected school community. Princess Demi loves singing and learning new songs in music class, the friendly office staff and being greeted by name as she walks in the building every morning. Demi is a gymnast, hockey player and just participated in her first stage performance, 101 Dalmations! Demi loves our local beaches! Her favorite part of the Cherry Festival is the cherry pie eating contest, she won First place two years ago! Prince Mason is excited every morning to go to school, he loves the warmth of the outstanding staff at Eastern. Mason loves learning. His hobbies include Legos, reading books and he is a dinosaur expert! Mason also loves playing basketball, soccer and fishing. His weekends are usually spent exploring in Leelanau county. He is proud to represent his school for the 2021 National Cherry Festival. Being Chosen to represent the school for the National Cherry Festival has been an honor. Building a Star themed float has been stellar. Expect to see the stars align for this twinkling float and parade experience. Students are encouraged daily to "Be awesome, Be kind, Be you, Be a star"

Northern Michigan Homeschoolers

Homeschoolers in Northern Michigan have been collaborating, gathering, and socializing for decades. Sharing a joy for learning in whatever manner that works best for the child and family, we embrace all styles of education in many different learning environments. For more information about our newly formed non-profit, the Homeschool Enrichment Network (HEN) – please visit our website at www.mihen.org or email miheninfo@gmail.com.

New Covenant Christian Academy



New Covenant Christian Academy is a classical christian school located in Interlochen, MI. Currently serving students in Jr. Kindergarten through high school. Our goal is to help students achieve their highest academic and God given potential in the midst of a safe and loving environment, and with a biblical worldview. "Shining Christ's Light, Creating Hope, and Encouraging Leaders for a New Tomorrow"

Sophia is a spunky and giving girl. A friend to everyone. She loves to sing and dance around her house, and her sweet little voice lights up a room every time she speaks.

Tristan is 7 years old and has a very kind heart. He has a passion for music, enjoys singing and playing the piano. He enjoys spending time exploring nature and finding bugs, frogs, turtles, or any other creature he comes across.

Old Mission Peninsula School

We Grow Strong Together

Prince Siam Smith and Princess Evelyn Burbank invite you to celebrate the magic that happens when we grow strong together!

The Old Mission Peninsula School Parade Float honors our special community and the strength we derive from each other. Just as Old Mission Peninsula is known for growing superb cherries, apples and wine grapes, our students grow in this environment of kindness, acceptance and curiosity.

As you approach the float, you see our school logo that features our mascot- Panther Pride! The side edge of the float is painted as a reproduction of our school sign that leads to our idyllic campus. Our students painted the mural that serves as a backdrop for their school spirit. The centerpiece is the large cherry tree features handprints from all of the students and teachers at Old Mission. Each child and adult wrote what makes the school special to them on their leaf. This tree symbolizes the way all of our students grow together from the strong roots of the community. They benefited from the many outdoor learning opportunities they had during this past, difficult year, so our display shows them learning amidst this natural and agricultural backdrop.

Respect for the environment was central to the design of this float. Almost every component of the display is either borrowed, recycled or will be repurposed at the end of the parade.





We feel so fortunate to represent Long Lake Elementary School in the 2021 National Cherry Festival. Long Lake Elementary sits nestled on 40 beautiful acres in Long Lake township and provides a positive learning environment for all children, parents, and staff. Staff at Long Lake believe students must feel connected to their school and their learning environment in order to develop a sense of their own potential. Teachers strive to ensure every child is physically and mentally challenged through immersion in high level, inspiring tasks and activities. Students develop a strong connection with the school's teachers, staff, and their peers that is vital to a child's educational growth and development.

Our lead Super Heros are Charlotte and Dane. They both just finished the 1st grade in Mrs. Delonge's class. Dane is a kind hearted, loving, active boy that enjoys wrestling and jumping off objects. His favorite subject in school is mathematics. Recently he has become quite the baseball player. His favorite part of Long Lake Elementary has been his amazing teachers. Charlotte is a quick witted, sassy but sweet girl who dances to the beat of her own drum. She enjoys horseback riding, gymnastics, tennis and swimming in the beautiful area lakes. She loves building things on Minecraft and Roblox and one day wants to be a designer. Her favorite part of Long Lake Elementary is how nice all the teachers and staff are.

Pictured below is our school, our prince and princess and all our staff dressed as the amazing Super Heros they are.



Willow Hill Elementary

Willow Hill Elementary is the nest supporting our Cherry Fest royalty, Jackson Huggard and Maggie Freeborn. As First Grade Falcons they have been taken under the wings of their teachers and staff to build a strong foundation of knowledge and learning. Our float represents the spirit of Willow Hill as a safe haven to nurture our young into eager, strong, and determined "Aces of the Air." Jane Lee Logan said it best: "For those determined to fly, having no wings is just a little detail." In a year full of uncertainty and the unknown, Willow Hill became a solid foundation for our students to continue educational growth. From online to in person learning Willow Hill staff, teachers, parents, and students demonstrated valuable life lessons. Problem solving, critical thinking, and flexibility were skills that helped us all navigate this past school year. As we build our "School Spirit" theme float for Cherry Fest 2021 we are reminded once again of the importance of working together. Providing a secure, loving, educational nest for our young Falcons shows our commitment to excellence. As they mature, even without physical wings, we know they will have the skills to soar to new heights!



Traverse Heights

Traverse Heights Roadrunners unite with open minds and hearts to navigate obstacles and victories. We focus on helping kids grow no matter who they are or where they are academically, exercise fairness and that all people have value.

Traverse Heights encourages students to make new friends and enhance their social/emotional skills creatively with meaningful activities. We see the beauty in others, acknowledge others' contributions and efforts, and the space for messiness and authenticity.

Our Roadrunner family introduces Abby Wurm and Matthew Devantier as Princess and Prince, so without further ado, let's meet them!

Princess Abby Wurm is a bright, fun loving 1st grader attending Traverse Heights Elementary. She enjoys reading and science. Abby has attended kindergarden and 1st grade through Traverse Heights and loves meeting new kids and teachers each year. She is a social butterfly who loves to enjoy everything life has to offer. Abby is a big sister and takes pride in being a helpful hand when she can. Abby is so excited to be a cherry princess this year!

Prince Matthew Devantier is the 6th of his family over 3 generations to attend Traverse Heights. Matthew takes pride in being a roadrunner, just like his family. Matthew is helpful, fun and energetic child! His giggles are easily spread to others as they bring about joy to everyone around him. Matthew wants people young and old, far and wide to learn, laugh and play, hang out together and even cry together! This year has shown us that WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!!!



Grand Traverse Academy

Prince Ty and Princess Daphne welcome you to Grand Traverse Academy, where children build their character brick by brick! Not only do we learn, but our school is a safe place, where every child is loved each day. We learn how to build strong relationships with the bricks of respect, kindness, and getting along with others. Our academic learning is built on the bricks of work ethic and responsibility, so we see that it is our choices that help determine our success. And when we are faced with obstacles or challenges it is our optimism that helps us overcome them with a great attitude. Our school is a great place to be every day. We love being Mustangs!

Cherry Knoll

After a year filled with uncertainty, the Cherry Knoll Wildcats Are thrilled to get a chance to show off their Paw Pride at the 95th National Cherry Festival.

To say the 2020/2021 school year was a challenge would be an understatement. However, the students, teachers, and staff at Cherry Knoll have persevered through every twist and turn.

Cherry Knoll's Paw Pride Is evident in the dedication of the teachers and staff to providing a safe and fun environment for learning. It is further demonstrated by the students' respect for all the new rules this year, and their willingness to do their part to help keep everyone healthy.

There is certainly no shortage of reasons to celebrate the return of the Cherry Festival this summer. So, get decked out in your most festive red and white; and please join Sparky, 2021's Princess Whitney, and Prince Oliver, and 2020's Princess Aria And Prince Mason in raising your hands (or paws) in a hip, hip, hooray for our Cherry Knoll Wildcats!!

Mill Creek Elementary

Princess Natalie Alexander and Prince Benson Swift are proud to represent Mill Creek Elementary for the 95th National Cherry Festival. Princess Natalie is the daughter of Todd and Sarah Alexander. Natalie loves dance, tennis, swimming, doing crafts, playing outside, virtual school with her sisters, and all animals! Natalie's favorite part of the Cherry Festival is eating cherries and participating in the activities. Natalie is especially excited to build the float this year. Prince Benson is the son of Ben and Amber Swift. Benson loves soccer and baseball, reading, video games, taking care of his bearded dragon, riding his four-wheeler, and playing with his siblings. Benson's favorite part of the Cherry Festival is winning prizes at the carnival and eating all the cherries!

The Mill Creek Elementary float is an "Elk Pride Energy Bus." This is based on the book, "The Energy Bus for Kids," which was the foundation of an incentive program at Mill Creek Elementary this year. Throughout the float you will see the five rules of the energy bus, which include Create a Positive Vision, Fuel Your Ride With Positive Energy, No Bullies Allowed, Love Your Fellow Passengers, and Enjoy the Ride. The energy bus represents the positive community and character building that is the spirit of Mill Creek Elementary. Princess Natalie and Prince Benson sit underneath cherry trees and atop the elk driven bus filled with self portraits of the entire first grade class snacking on cherries as they "enjoy the ride!" Go Elks!



Silver Lake Elementary

Silver Lake Elementary is proud to present this year's prince, Beaux Stein, and princess, Norah Tomei! Beaux, 7, loves soccer, football, fishing, and animals. During first grade, his favorite subject was library with his favorite book being Fly Guy books. His favorite color is green, and he is so excited to be this year's prince! Norah, 6, loves horses, her microscope, rock and bug collections, and setting up fairy houses in the woods. During her first grade year, her favorite subject was math and music. Her favorite color is teal, and she is also ecstatic to represent Silver Lake this year!

Our contribution to Silver Lake's high reputation of float building will focus on Silver Lake pride and cherry pies! A Silver Lake seahawk will be making an appearance to learn how to make the best cherry pies in town from the prince and princess! They will be hosting an "online" learning experience from a makeshift kitchen at the front of the float, while the class learns the best techniques to make the crust perfectly golden brown. Cherry aprons and chefs hats for the students will be an absolute must . . . Seahawk mascot included! We felt this was an excellent way to tie in the way our students thrived with online learning during a trying year, while also celebrating our town's incredible contribution to the agricultural world.

Silver Lake Pride... Better than Cherry Pie!



Glen Lake Community Schools

Glen Lake Community Schools was formed in 1956 with the joining of four small schools of Cedar, Empire, Glen Arbor, and Maple City. It is nestled in the heart of Leelanau County, home of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. The mascot is the Lakers. Its school colors are black, white, and gold.

This year's prince and princess representing Glen Lake Elementary is Colin Stein and Kinsey Randall. Colin loves the outdoors, the beach and his family farm. Most summer days you can find him helping beside his dad and grandpa on the family cattle farm. He is a hard worker and loves to learn how to do new things. Kinsey loves the outdoors and is a book enthusiast. She enjoys spending time on her grandparents farm, playing basketball, and swimming in Lake Michigan. These two are excited to represent Glen Lake Elementary!

"We are...Glen Lake!"



Westwoods Elementary School

Princess Marley Jean is the beautiful daughter of Dan and Juli Tiesworth. She loves playing sports and is currently on a softball team, as well as the only girl on the Lake Ann baseball team! When she's not playing sports, Marley also enjoys camping, swimming, and playing at the beach with friends.

Prince Jackson is the son of Jonathan and Cate Moe. He is a smart, social, and spirited young man. He enjoys mountain biking and spending time with his friends. He loves being a leader in class and always looks forward to school starting in the fall so that he can see his friends every day.

The Westwood's float theme that represents our school spirit is "Never, Ever Give Up". Our students and staff have faced numerous challenges this past year and those experiences have shaped us all. From losing a beloved teacher, Mrs. Johnson, to coping with the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen resilience and strength in each and every member of our school. Our school is nestled into the wooded landscape of Long Lake Township. The trees that surround and protect our school have shown us that same resilience. Through every storm and season that passes, they bend and sway and still stand strong and tall. Our students and staff at Westwoods stand tall; adapting and overcoming every challenge that comes our way. We are Westwoods Strong and we never, ever give up!



Courtade Elementary School

The roots of Courtade Elementary School take us back to the one-room school house of the 1930's and blossom today as a Pre-K through 5th grade school in the TCAPS system. Located on Rasho Road, south of Supply Road, in East Bay Township, the school is presently surrounded by farmland much the way the original school was, serving the local farming community.

Though the community and the building have evolved over 90+ years, the Courtade Elementary School continues to provide award-winning educational and support services to nurture our community's young.

The Courtade Cougars have selected 1st Graders Carter Watkins and Noah Cadorette to be their Princess and Prince representatives to the 2021 National Cherry Festival. Carter is the daughter of Karrie and Dan Watkins. Noah is the great-grandson of Marsha and Robert Wasielewski.

Courtade Elementary School's "Cougar Pride" is demonstrated in the random acts of kindness and caring for each other and their community at large. The Cougars are active participants in the National Heart Association Jog-a-thon, the annual Read-a-thon and the Gallery Night when students transform the school into a gallery of their artist creations



Immaculate Conception Elementary

Immaculate Conception Elementary School is proudly represented by Princess Sawyer Groleau and Prince Brady Thomson. Princess Sawyer loves horses, swimming, and reading. Prince Brady is an avid fan of sports and outdoors, including football (go Gladiators!), baseball, golf, and fishing.

Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools, "GTACS," was founded 125 years ago, currently consisting of Immaculate Conception Preschool and Elementary Schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Middle School, and St. Francis High School. Throughout GTACS' history the mission has remained the same: to assist parents in fully forming children's hearts, minds and souls to bring glory to God. Enrollment for the district, preschool through high school, is approximately 1,000 students. Generations of students, faculty, staff, and families have carried on the Gladiator tradition of instilling and developing character, commitment, and compassion.

Accents of "blue and gold waving proudly on high," as the fight song goes, are featured on the 2021 Immaculate Conception float. Cheering on the Gladiators is the school mascot, Gladius. The rich tradition of modeling character, commitment, and compassion is represented in the cherry trees, which are being tended to by IC students. Together, the Immaculate Conception school family is Growing in our Faith.

Woodland School

As one of the first charter schools in the state, Woodland School serves as a vibrant example of a healthy learning community. Nestled within 250 acres of wooded land, our K-8 program provides a curriculum that is aligned with state standards but delivered in a way that promotes real life connections, student engagement, and a deep love of learning.

We value the importance of a varied and balanced education. Our language arts, math, and science programs are complemented by in-depth art, theater, and music courses.

These courses, in conjunction with the community building, leadership, and personal initiative skills that are cultivated here, ensure that Woodland School graduates transition smoothly into high school and beyond.

In simple terms, teachers who are passionate about what they do and where they are, inspire those around them! Our multi-age classrooms provide continuity, individualized learning, and lasting connections.

Ayla Rybicki is the Cherry Princess representing Woodland School. Ayla has been in dance since she was a toddler and enjoys her current dance classes at Design Dance Company. She also loves to sing and practice the piano! As well, she has mad ninja skills as a result of her taekwondo training at Seung Ni.



Lake Ann Elementary

Prince Brodie Rineer and Princess Lillian Cook

Lake Ann Elementary is one of three elementary schools that serve the Benzie County Central School district. Benzie Central was consolidated in the early 1960's. It is one of two districts serving Benzie County, and is the larger of the two. Lake Ann Elementary is the newest of all the elementary schools in the district. It is a rural school that serves less than 250 students. Our school lies just outside the Village of Lake Ann. It serves students in Lake Ann, Interlochen, and beyond. Lake Ann and the surrounding Almira Township are known for being a vacationers' paradise in all four seasons. Lake Ann contains dozens of lakes, many parks, hiking trails, natural areas, a campground, a summer camp, and a quaint downtown area. It is in close proximity to many other local destinations, including the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park, Platte River, Leelanau County and Traverse City.

Prince Brodie and Princess Lilly have been friends since Kindergarten. They enjoy swimming together, playing at recess, and mini-golfing at Pirate's Cove. They are proud to represent their school in this year's National Cherry Festival.

We celebrate the beautiful area in which we live, our local cherry industry, our HUSKY PRIDE, and our Prince Brodie and Princess Lilly.

GO HUSKIES!



Kingsley Elementary School

Kingsley Elementary School has been growing and nurturing “mini stags” since 1864, when a one room school house made of logs was built in Kingsley, then known as Paradise Village. Since those humble beginnings, Kingsley has grown into a powerhouse “Class B” size school with approximately 1500 students in Pre-k through 12th grade. Kingsley Schools offers excellent academics, receiving state recognitions and honors year after year, and consistently exceeding expectations with some of the highest test scores in the state when compared to similar schools. Kingsley offers band and choir programs that often receive top honors at state festivals. Kingsley’s athletic programs are also nothing to be shy about, doing well at conference, regional and state levels. The Kingsley community plays a big role in the success of Kingsley Area Schools. This extraordinary help and support from the community make the school system what it is today. “Community teamwork and collaboration makes our school number one!” Mrs. Wolf, 1st grade teacher. Our princess this year is Alivia Keen and our prince is Ryder Mitchell. Alivia enjoys library and gym class, while Ryder’s favorite things about school are music and science. Kingsley would like to thank our sponsors, Spence Brothers and Bob Mitchell and Associates for your help with funding the float building process this year. With some of the best teachers, staff members, parents, students, and the entire community, Kingsley is sure to shine for many more years to come. Go Stags!



Montessori at Glenn Loomis

“Growing Peace”

Since 1907, the Montessori Method has sparked children’s natural desire to learn while fostering peace and helping them understand a larger world view.

When asked what makes parents and students most proud of being part of TCAPS Montessori, the resounding response was “peace.” Therefore, our parade presence is a tribute to both the proud cherry farming tradition of Traverse City as well as the Montessori method and the peace it grows.

This is the Montessori at Glenn Loomis Orchard, where peace is grown daily. The 1955 Ford truck is a nod to the time when the Montessori method blossomed in popularity in the United States.

Look into our orchard to see kids learning, one step at a time. The ladder represents the stepping-up ceremonies as kids move from kinders to lower elementary to upper elementary. These multi-age classrooms are a key part of the Montessori Method.

The trees and fruit they bear represent PEACE; perseverance, empathy, attitude, courage, and environmental awareness.

The orchard itself represents the little educational gardens that are an imperative part of Maria Montessori’s thinking that “the best way of invigorating a child is to immerse (them) in nature.”

We are very proud of our students, our cherry farmers, Traverse City and the big impact each of those have on the world.



St Mary's of Hannah

Princess Maple Cordner and Prince Jayden Keyser are so excited to represent St. Mary- Hannah Catholic School at the National Cherry Festival this year. St. Mary- Hannah is committed to the spiritual and academic excellence of the whole child through quality Catholic education. St. Mary's offers a traditional education in a Christian environment. The students expand their educational experience through excellent programs including music, art, physical education and computer classes. Additionally, St. Mary-Hannah offers more learning and sportsmanship skills through after-school sports clubs including soccer, basketball, track, Lacross, goal ball and nitro ball. Let's not forget all the fun and comradery found in other school clubs such as choir, ukulele, robotics, board games, and others! The students take great pride in their school and are able to flourish as they develop educational foundations and spiritual values for a faith filled life. Go Griffins!

The Children's House

The Children's House prepares a Montessori learning environment that supports and respects the development of each unique child and nurtures them to become independent, curious, confident, lifelong learners who strive to contribute to their communities and the greater world. The Children's House is an independent Montessori school founded in 1984 and is located on North Long Lake Road.

www.traversechildrenshouse.org



The Pathfinder School

Princess Bryn Warren

Prince Eli Kain

Lakeland Elementary School

Princess Amelia Bruce

Prince Owen Fekete

Buckley Community Schools

Buckley Community Schools is a K-12 building which was founded in 1907. We currently have about 430 students. Buckley is a small but very supportive community. You will see that if you walk into the gymnasium on a Friday night for a basketball game. You'll often find the stands full of blue and gold. Our school spirit runs deep for those who live and have lived in Buckley for many years. We pride ourselves on the values of hard work, teamwork, and academic success at Buckley.

Representing Buckley's first grade class are Prince Hunter Brown and Princess Kendal White.

Hunter is the son of Freddy and Kristin Brown. Hunter enjoys playing sports and taking care of his animals. His favorite school activities are math and reading and he loves going to gym class!

Kendal is the daughter of Nick and Darcey White. Kendal enjoys playing sports and being active. Her favorite thing in school is going to gym class. Kendal loves reading, writing, and coloring!

Hunter and Kendal are looking forward to 2nd grade, but are ready to enjoy summer in Northern Michigan first!

GO BEARS!



Trinity Lutheran School

Princess Isabelle Dickinson

Prince Winston Ostlund

Blair Elementary

Blair elementary home of the bobcats! Blair elementary is dedicated to guide, enrich and challenge all individuals to achieve their greatest academic and human potential. Blair has the most caring and supportive teachers! Blair elementary has chosen William Hendrickson to be the prince and Emma Kremer to be the princess for the 2021 national cherry festival! Prince William likes dinosaurs, riding his bike, swimming, baseball, making paper airplanes and playing fortnite. His favorite subject is math. His favorite teacher is ms. Agley.

Princess Emma loves animals especially dogs. She likes to barbies, dolls, softball, swimming and shopping for clothes. Emma likes to draw and paint pictures. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Hickman.

Prince William and princess Emma are happy to be a part of the national cherry festival!

Thank you



Central Grade

Central Grade School is known as the oldest neighborhood school in Traverse City, operating in the same Central Neighborhood location since 1874. The current building was completed in 1936, after the original school was destroyed in a 1934 fire. The bell from the original school survived and, to this day, is located on the current school grounds. Although no one died in the fire, there are rumors that the ghost of a former janitor haunts the third floor of the school. Today, Central Grade is home of the Super Stars. Students from pre-school through fifth grade receive a solid academic foundation, and learn to be safe, respectful, and responsible. TCAPS fourth and fifth grade Talented and Gifted program is located at Central Grade School. It is also the only grade school in the TCAPS district to house its own auditorium, the Lars Hockstad Auditorium. In addition to Central Grade School events, the auditorium is host to a number of community events including the Traverse City Film Festival. Prince Asher (AJ) Cornelius and Princess Elodie Tucker are proud to represent their school as 2021 Cherry Festival Junior Royalty. They are joined by 2020 Junior Royals Prince Roman Douglas and Princess Graecyn (Grae) Barnett.

