



Calendar:

Feb 13-16 - "Have a Heart" food drive, see below for details

Feb 14 - Valentine's Day Celebrations in the classrooms

Feb 14 - [Gala Wine Party](#), 5:30pm at the Griner/Licht home

Feb 15 - County Spelling Bee, 6:00pm at Grand Traverse Academy

Feb 16 - Parent Visiting Day for primary and elementary, 8:30am

Feb 17 - Faculty professional day, campus closed

Feb 20 - Presidents' Day, campus closed

Feb 21 - Presidents' Day assembly, 10:45am

Feb 22 - "Easy Money" Work Bee - 8:30am in Parent Room (details below)

Feb 24 - Swimming Lessons for Nadine's Class, bring suit and towel

Feb 25 - Brunch and Learn for elementary parents, details and registration below

Feb 28 - Food of the Month (Chocolate!) presentations in the classrooms

Mar 8 & 9 - Parent Teacher conferences



As always, the Google Calendar and TCH Facebook pages are a great resource for calendar dates, articles of interest, and other related posts about school "happenings."

Other Notes:

Parent Visiting Day - Feb 16th

Primary and Elementary Parents Visiting Day is a great opportunity for you to learn more about the great work your child is doing at school. Come and bring your child as usual in carline, park and head to their classroom. There, you will have an hour to see some of the great work your child does during their days here.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Please sign up with the front desk for your child's spring conference. [Click here](#) for conference schedules.

Scheduling early will provide you the best time and date options. Childcare is complimentary during your conference but if you need full or half day care, please complete the [attached childcare form](#).

Have-a-Heart Food & Supply Drive - Monday, Feb 13th – Thursday, Feb 16th

CHiPA encourages The Children's House community to "Have-a-Heart" this Valentine's Day and donate to the Traverse City High School Food Pantry. The TCHS Food Pantry is a student-led initiative, providing food and supplies for homeless students and those in residential transition. The TCHS Food Pantry stocks non-perishable food and personal hygiene items, which are small, portable (easily carried in backpacks), easy to use, require little or no preparation, and have teen appeal.

Suggested donation items include the following:

- **Canned Ready Meals** (prepared pasta meals, stews, etc.)

- **Quick to Prepare Meals** (boxed pizza kits, Chinese meal kits, etc.)
- **Cereal**
- **Snack Size Foods**
- **Paper Products** (toilet tissue, facial tissue, etc.)
- **Laundry Detergent**
- **Personal Hygiene Products** (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, travel size shampoo/conditioner, small lotions, feminine products, etc.)

Donations will be collected Monday, February 13th through Thursday, February 16th. For your convenience, volunteers will be available to collect your items during afternoon carline throughout the school week. Donations may also be placed in a donation box, located in the main lobby. Please feel free to contact Heather Theophilus (heathbird@aol.com / 709-0169) with any questions.

Work Bee

There will be an "Easy Money" Work Bee in the Parent Room following morning carline on Wednesday, February 22nd beginning at 8:30 AM. No know-how needed! Just bring your favorite mug of morning wake-up and your helping hands. During this time, "Easy Money" donations (Box Tops and Oleson's receipts) will be sorted and prepared for submission. Please feel free to swing by for a short amount of time or stay for the duration - any amount of time you are able to spare will be most appreciated! Contact Heather Theophilus with any questions or comments (heathbird@aol.com / 709.0169).

Elementary Brunch and Learn

Mark your calendars for February 25th to join our elementary faculty in a hands on morning of learning. This parent education opportunity is appropriate for any parent interested in learning more about the TCH lower or upper el programs. The session will be followed by a delicious brunch prepared in our TCH kitchen. Your children are welcome to come for fun in the gym and outdoors followed by a pizza lunch. [Click here](#) to register or call the front desk.

Fundraising Corner

Gala Wine Party

This year's gala wine party is going to be held on February 14th (Valentine's Day) at the home of Joan (Griner) and Norm Licht. This year's party will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 with beer and wine tastings along with light appetizers so that you can head out to dinner with your sweetheart after! Please mark your calendars for this great event. It is a wonderful way to kick off the gala but also a fun get together! **Please RSVP to the front desk at 929-9325.**

Links of Note:

- [Extracurricular Opportunities](#) - New Elementary Art Class for 6-12 year olds with art teacher Alison Hoffman, Girls on the Run, Tennis Classes, Singwell Academy
- [Updated Teacher Pages](#) - Read this week's updates
- [Lunch Menu/Ordering](#) - February Menu
- [Easy \\$](#) - Box Tops, Oleson's and Glen's funds for schools programs
- CHiPA - [Minutes from last meeting](#)

The Week in Pictures:



















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