Welcome to Abbot

Staff Introductions

You are safe at Abbot.
You belong here.
You matter here.
We care about you.
We believe in you.
We see you.
We hear you.
We value you.
Shared Expectations

Abbot Staff

- Maintain high academic and behavioral expectations for all students
- Differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all students
- Provide opportunities for parents to be involved
- Provide regular communication

A school compact, to be agreed on by teachers, families, and students, will be coming home soon highlighting the areas in which we can support each other.
Therapy Dog Program

- Abbot is the first school in Ann Arbor with a full-time therapy dog
- Therapy dogs help reduce student stress and anxiety
- More children are starting school depressed and anxious than ever before
- Therapy dogs can teach empathy and help develop social skills
Academic Support at Abbot

- **EL Teacher – Rachel Zechmeister**
  - Supports multilingual students with English language acquisition

- **Building Literacy Coach – Emily Wark**
  - Provides pull out literacy support lessons to students in K-2
  - Provides Professional Development and Literacy Coaching to Classroom Teachers

- **Building Math Coach – Kelsey Lafferty-Friend**
  - Provides small group and Tier 1 math support
  - Provides Professional Development and Math Coaching to Classroom Teachers

- **Title One Teacher and Tutors – Colleen McAlinden**
  - Provides push in and limited pull out support to students in K-5 for literacy and math
  - Provides parent information sessions
  - Provides Professional Development to classroom teachers
## Title I at Abbot

### What is Title I?

- Federal support facilitated through the State of MI
- Provide high-quality supports for students
- Access to above and beyond

### Entrance criteria

- **Students** become eligible for Title 1 direct support through showing they need support in academic areas through NWEA scores and classroom assessments *regardless* of free/reduced lunch status

- No Income Criteria
- No Cost to Families

### Support

- Building Support Team and tutors
  - Small groups
- Family Events
- Classroom Support

https://tinyurl.com/AAPSTI
Our school needs you!

We need all families who potentially qualify to fill out the Free and Reduced (F/R) Lunch Application Form by September 30, 2022

- Paper F/R application* return to the office
- Application information is **NOT** shared with the school or any other entity or agency
- Filling out the application helps fast track Rec & Ed scholarships
- Gives important information to qualify our school for additional resources like Title I supports
- Do not have to use the benefit - student can still bring their lunch, if desired

* Translated versions are available on district website
PTO helps SUPPORT students, teachers and the community through:

- Academics (Events, Materials, Equipment, etc.)
- Field Trips and Assemblies
- Extracurricular Events
- Appreciation Events

How do I hear about what is going on?

- Backpack Mail - when we are in person
- Facebook Postings [facebook.com/abbot.elementary.pto](http://facebook.com/abbot.elementary.pto)
- PTO Emails
- Email us at: AbbotPTO@gmail.com
First PTO Meeting - 9/20 at 7:00. A Zoom link will be sent by the PTO

Abbot Runathon - October 15, 9:00-3:00

We need many volunteers for this event, including lap counters and help with food sales.

Please email Sean McKale at smckale39@gmail.com
A great big “Thank you!” to all past and present PTO volunteers and sponsors!

PTO Executive Board

President: Kate Sharkey
Vice President: Tatyana Guifarro
Secretary: Suzie Davidson
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The Ann Arbor Parent Advisory Committee For Special Education (AAPAC) is a group of parents whose focus is on supporting students in AAPS who receive special education or disability accommodations.

https://a2pac.wordpress.com

AAPAC District-Wide Meetings

First Monday of the month (October through June) via Zoom

(meeting links and reminders will be sent through district email)

6:15-6:50pm with Office of Special Education administrators
7-8:30 pm general meeting

Need support? Don’t know who to contact? General questions?
Your Exec Board can help
aapacexec@gmail.com