

It's All About the Bees, Garden and Landscape

Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative - Professional Learning Community
Stanton Township Public Schools - 50870 Holman School Rd
Atlantic Mine, MI 49905



Please Join Us!

Our Professional Learning Community (PLC) will be exploring topics such as beekeeping, early planting using a hoop house, gardening tips, and landscaping ideas for our school grounds. A small lending library of books on these topics will be available for your use.

"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."
Marcus Tullius Cicero 106 BC to 43 BC

Meetings will be on Monday evenings in March and April - See the dates on the side bar.

1

BEE KEEPING

Designate a site for the school's beehive.

2

HOOP HOUSE

Early planting of vegetables, herbs and flowers.

3

LANDSCAPING

Learn about our rock walkway and choose plants for the border.

Reading to Learn

Discover beekeeping, gardening, and landscape design books.

The Flow Honeybee Hive

Reduce stress on bees - find out how!

Hoop House planting

Extend the growing season into early spring and late fall.

Rock Walkway

Study the rock cycle through a student designed interpretative rock walk.

Meeting Dates:

March 7, 14 and 21

April 11, 18 and 25

6:00 to 8:00 pm

E.B. Holman School

Our PLC is open to all community members, parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends. In keeping with our LSSI mission statement “Knowledge of the land’s past and present inspires passion, appreciation and stewardship for the future”, come celebrate our school’s location and help establish our sense of place. Your input is valuable to help us design and implement some of our school wide projects!

Students have been designing a rock pathway representing the rock cycle. We have partnered with the Keweenaw Geo-Heritage Project and will utilize their guidance and expertise to tell the geologic story of our area through the interpretative walkway to our Outdoor Classroom.

Last year we became proud owners of a beehive! We purchased the bees from Todd Gemelli and Kathleen Harter, owners of an apiary located near Mason. We rented a hive from Todd and Kathleen and they took care of the bees for us. This year, we hope to relocate the hive to our school grounds.

If you haven’t seen the hype about “The Flow Beehive” please come and learn what this is all about. We would love to purchase this hive for our school!



Schools around the United States have beehives and gardens on their properties. Michigan’s science standards highlight inquiry based learning. Relocating the beehive will enable us to incorporate life science in a fascinating way! The beehive will be surrounded by an electric fence to keep out animals and other intruders. All safety precautions will be followed when we observe the bees.

We also have a “hoop house”, a small greenhouse, that will enable us to get a head start on planting this spring. This will be another hands on learning activity for the students. If you are a gardener, or not, we welcome any advice you are willing to share on early, mid and late season gardening. Please join us even if you can only attend one PLC session!

WHAT IS A PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY?

Learning is a life long endeavor. Our PLC is designed to bring together people from all walks of life to better understand the place we live in. While some people say we live in a climate that is too far north to grow anything of value, we tend to think otherwise. Our ultimate goal is to produce food for the school lunch program. While this is a lofty, ambitious goal, we know we must take baby steps in this direction.

We will discuss books on gardening and student learning, and share garden design tips. We also have a large supply of seeds available for your use. Come to one of our meetings and return home with a wealth of gardening possibilities!

