

Bach Elementary School News

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Bach Elementary School

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Information From Our Principal:

Dear Bach School Families,

Thank you for helping us implement our new safety rules at Bach. In addition to all the exterior doors being locked, the entry code was changed. The new code was sent to you in an email. If you do not know it, please stop by the office and we will tell you what it is. Staff members will also be wearing their name tags all the times. Classroom doors will also be locked. As you know, whenever you enter the building, you must sign in at the office and receive a visitor sticker to wear.

Friday was a busy day and night at Bach. Special thanks to Tammie Nahra for organizing a Science Olympiad event which allowed coaches to meet with all second through fifth graders in small groups so they could learn more about activities offered at their grade level. It was very well received by students and staff. Thanks, coaches, for taking time out of your busy day to come to Bach and share your knowledge with us.

Then came "The Muppet Movie"! Organized by Tricia Kalosa and Heather Blakely, the event was well attended and everyone had a terrific time. We are glad so many families could attend this PTO sponsored event. Thanks to everyone who helped clean the Multi-Purpose Room when the movie was over. We appreciate it.

MEAP scores have been returned to the schools but not yet released to the public. You will receive an individual student report if your child took the MEAP as soon as they are available.

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Kim Graham to Bach School. She will be my administrative intern for 100 hours this semester. Kim is attending the U of M and this internship is part of her coursework.

Our students will began their second round of NWEA testing. As you recall, we are using this assessment three times a year to provide another piece to the larger picture of student achievement. We anticipate students feeling more comfortable taking the tests on the computer in reading and math. (Kindergartners will be taking the test for the first time.)

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1/18 Friday 2nd grade to Exhibit Museum 9:15-11:30
- 1/18 Preferred Due Date for WESO Registration Forms
- 1/21 **No School** - MLK, Jr Day
- 1/22 Last Day to turn in WESO Forms
- 1/23 5th grades visited by MS counselors 2-3pm
- 1/24 3pm MLK, Jr assembly
- 1/25 9:10-11:40 Kdg's to Wild Swan Theater
- 1/28 10:30-12:15 5th grades to Hill Auditorium
- 1/29 **No School**, Professional Development Day
- 2/1 BRRR Fest, 6:30
- 2/5 Kdg Roundup 6:30-8pm MPR
- 2/6 **COUNT DAY!**
- 2/7 Bach PTO Meeting, 7pm MPR
- 2/11 Parent Involvement Day, All Day (2pm Slide Show, MPR)
- 2/14 100th day of School!

At Bach School we are dedicated to creating an environment that inspires learning. We strive to challenge each student to achieve full academic potential and maintain consistent standards for socially responsible behavior. We believe education is a share responsibility of the staff, students, parents, and the community. We value children as unique individuals and recognize their ethnic diversity and various learning styles as strengths.



PRINCIPAL LETTER CONTINUED:

Our assembly honoring the life and beliefs of Dr. Martin Luther King is scheduled for January 24th at 3:00. Students will be singing, reciting poetry, reading a book or sharing thoughts about how Dr. King has influenced their life.

Here are some important upcoming events:

UPCOMING EVENTS: ****Count Day is Wednesday, **February 6th**. Please make sure your child is

present on this day. This official count day determines the funding the Ann Arbor Public Schools will receive from the State. If your child will be absent that day, please call the office and let us know the reason so it can be documented. Thanks!

****NAAPID (National African American Parent Involvement Day) is Monday, **Feb. 11th**. On this day, **all** of our families are invited to spend all or some of the day with their Bach students. Invitations will be sent home the first week of February. Please plan on coming. Lunch will be provided for all **ADULT** guests and our famous all school slide show is scheduled for **2:00**. You can expect an email invitation and rsvp if you receive the newsletter on line and a paper copy if you don't by February 6th. It is important that you let us know if you are planning on joining us for lunch that day.

***100th Day of School: Zero the Hero will stop by and visit all Kindergarten, first and second grade classrooms on **February 14th**. Students in each K-2 classroom will impress her with their math skills and she will leave them a small gift.

***Kindergarten RoundUp will be Tuesday, **Feb. 5th from 6:30-7:30**. **Student registration will take place from 7:30-8:00**. Any student who will be 5 on or before November 1st, 2013, may attend Kindergarten. (This is a new state law. There may be a waiver for students with birthdays between November 2 and December 1st, 2008 whose parents want them to attend Kindergarten in the fall. I will keep you updated.) **This session is for parents AND children**. To register your child for kindergarten, please bring your child's birth certificate or passport, immunization record and three proofs of residency including a deed or rental agreement for your house/apartment/ condo. We will have copy machines to copy your information. **PLEASE** spread the word!! Tell all the families you know about our RoundUp. If you are planning on attending or know someone who is, please call the office at 994-1949 and let us know. Please mark your calendars today!!

In regards to school closing, here is information from our central office folks:

How is a school closing decision made?

When bad weather is anticipated, AAPS works with the local WISD Transportation Department and the local police to continually make road checks. Transportation supervisors and AAPS facilities crew are out driving the roads and assessing road conditions. The AAPS district covers 125 square miles, many of these in rural areas. Considerations include road conditions, amount of snow, will sidewalks be cleared and safe for walking, and is the temperature safe enough for students to walk to school and bus stops? AAPS facilities crew makes a recommendation based on all these factors to the Superintendent. This includes a discussion with neighboring districts. A decision is made no later than 4:00 a.m.



PRINCIPAL LETTER CONTINUED:

How are AAPS families informed?

Because many of our high school students catch their bus at 6:15 a.m., we will be notifying all staff and families no later than 5:30 a.m. This will include a phone call and email. We also notify local and Detroit radio stations and television stations. You can always find the closing list on Channels 2 (Fox), 4 (NBC), 7 (ABC) and 14 (CBS) as well as all major radio stations in the Ann Arbor and Detroit area. We also post a notice on the district website (a2schools.org) and on the AAPS phone hotline (734-994-8684).

Please remember to dress your children for the weather. I know this is difficult in Michigan, as the weather changes hour to hour, but sometimes students are forgetting to wear coats when it is cold outside. We go outside for lunch recess everyday unless it is raining or the temperature or wind chill is 0 degrees or below.

With the weather becoming colder and snowier, it would be helpful to review the following with your child if he/she rides a bus to/from school:

- Dress appropriately for cold, icy weather.
- Allow extra time to get to your bus stop.
- Stand away from where the bus stops. Buses need extra room when there is ice and snow on the roadway.
- Use the handrails when boarding or exiting the bus to prevent slipping.
- Do not stand or play on snow piles at the bus stop.
- Do not throw snowballs at the bus or at anyone.
- Never try to retrieve an item that falls around or underneath the bus. Instead, always report such an incident to the bus driver.
- Never chase after the bus or attempt to grab the back bumper.

Take care and see you soon,

Shelley



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT....

4th Grade Disability Awareness Workshop

The 4th grade Disability Awareness Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday March 27th. This is a one-day program to teach an empathetic understanding of physical, developmental, and learning disabilities. To run the workshop we need LOTS of volunteers to setup and staff each of the areas. We will be sending home a form this week to all 4th grade parents (though we would love to have ANY parents volunteer). We need 25+ volunteers so please consider volunteering. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Amy Sample (amy.sample@gmail.com, 734.945.7897) or Rachel Thompson (rach_thompson@yahoo.com, 734.717.9632)

Ann Arbor Parent Advisory Committee for Special Education

What is AAPAC? The AAPAC is a district-sponsored organization that represents families and children with Individual Education Plans or 504 plans in the Ann Arbor Public School District.

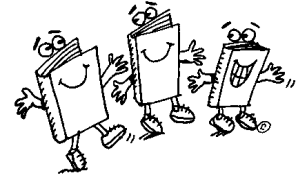
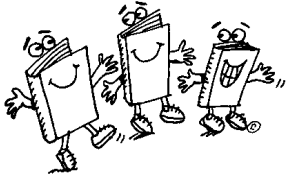
Our Mission: To positively impact the education of all students with an emphasis on those with special needs in the Ann Arbor School District. We advocate for improvements and act as a resource for our constituents, staff and administration. AAPAC is a link between our constituents and the administrators responsible for all aspects of special education in the Ann Arbor district.

Monthly Meetings: AAPAC holds public meetings on the first Monday of each month (7:00pm) at the Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD), 1819 S. Wagner Rd., Ann Arbor 48103. Administrators from Student Intervention and Support Services (SISS) attend to give updates and answer questions. Our executive board meets monthly with Dr. Elaine Brown and the SISS senior staff, reports to the Board of Education and meets quarterly with Superintendent Dr. Pat Green.

Contact: My name is **Nancy Kupina** and I am the Bach representative for AAPAC. I am here to help! Feel free to contact me with questions about the possibility of your child needing or being evaluated for special education services; the IEP and/or 504 plan processes or the delivery of services that your child already receives. I will do my best to answer your questions or link you to the right resources. All contact information will remain confidential. Email me at: nck12613@gmail.com.



NEWS FROM THE BACH MEDIA CENTER



Upcoming Events



Jan 18 6:30 pm at Nicola's Book

Meet Award Winning Artist/Illustrator
Kadir Nelson

What's Going on in the Media Center?

Kindergarten: Students are using the software program "Graph Club" to learn about graphs and different ways to show "how much".

First: We have begun a unit on "Symbols of Democracy". Our first symbol is the Statue of Liberty. If you have a first grader, ask them "Why is she green?"

Second: Using "what we know" from our study of Rocks, Minerals and Fossils in the classroom and what we have learned from online resources in the Media Center, students are creating a slide show in Kid Pix. This is also good practice for saving to our server space.

Third: We continue with our author study of Michigan native Chris Van Allsburg and are beginning a unit "Do You Know Dewey?" about the Dewey Decimal System.

Fourth: In conjunction with fourth grade curriculum on immigration, students have interviewed their families to determine "where they came". Students are choosing one country of their family ancestry to research and will be creating an advertisement slideshow in Keynote that will encourage students their age to visit their country.

Fifth: Students will begin a podcast project about ancient African civilizations under the guidance of student teacher, Ms. Colby. We are completing study about online safety, using an interactive lesson at CommonSense Media. They also provide many resources for parents. Some initial information is included in this newsletter. For additional information, check this site out at:

<http://www.common Sense media.org/educators/parent-media-education/internet-safety>



Fifth Grade Learns About Cyber-bullying

Katie Boudrie , Cybersafety Facilitator for the Washtenaw Area Council for Children, will be at Bach on Monday, January 14 and Thursday, January 24 to talk with our fifth graders about Cyberbullying and online safety. Many of our students use a variety of Social Media tools and interactive web sites. Katie will talk to them about communicating safely and using technology responsibly.

A New Face in the Media Center

We welcome student teacher Jennifer Colby to the Bach Media Center for January and February. Jennifer is a Dexter resident, mom of three and in the School Media program at the UM School of Information. In her first career, Jennifer was a landscape architect however later when she became a substitute teacher she “loved” her experiences in Media Centers and decided to pursue a second career. I am looking forward to working with Jennifer and she has some exciting lesson ideas to share with the children.



Plans for March is Reading Month are Underway....Can You Help?

The theme has been chosen, special authors and illustrators scheduled and details are coming together for another fun filled March at Bach. The theme? Oh we keep that a surprise for as long as we can!

The main reason March is so successful is the volunteers. There are a variety of opportunities for parents to be involved, both at school and at home. See some of our needs below and please contact Suzanne Kessler suzanne-kessler@sbcglobal.net or Jen Davis toddjen2@yahoo.com if you are able to help out.

Volunteer Opportunities for March is Reading Month:

Special Events Coordinator(s) – Under the direction of Mrs. Trudell, the Special Events Coordinator will be responsible for helping to plan and organize all aspects of the MIRM special events UM Athlete’s lunch, Top 10 Reader Celebration and culminating activities. This would include recruiting any necessary volunteers, as well as overseeing the events.

MIRM Wall Maintenance(can be shared) – After the initial MPR wall art is complete (by another volunteer) responsibilities include adding staff pictures to themed art work, assisting with student faces on the wall and the Bachmobile and updating minute tracker on the MPR room MIRM wall.

Incentives Assistant – Assisting with production and organization of student incentives (bookmarks, buttons, etc) and helping to distribute prize level incentives (pick a prize, or book) to students at the end of the school day. (Some of this work can be done at home.)

Classroom Minute Tallier (can be shared by two volunteers)—Each classroom needs at least one volunteer who will collect minute logs from the classroom, complete a weekly tally, distribute incentives and place minute symbol stickers on student tracker (minutes can be tallied at home)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT INTERNET SAFETY:

Common Sense on Internet Safety for Elementary School Kids Parent Tip Sheet

(Reprinted from: Common Sense Media, www.commonsense.org)

Keep your kids safe online

When elementary-aged children first start exploring the Internet, most parents are concerned about “stranger danger” — the chance kids will meet a dangerous adult. While parents do have to be aware of online strangers — and teach kids how to avoid them — keeping kids safe online is a lot more than watching out for strangers. Staying safe is about a child’s entire online experience.

Beginning at the age when kids start to interact on the Internet — playing games, watching YouTube videos, socializing in virtual worlds, getting homework help, and searching on Google — parents need to be actively involved in their kids’ online lives.

Teaching Internet safety includes reminding your kids not to give out private information online, to behave responsibly and respectfully toward others, and to understand the difference between ads and content. Being responsible about online life also means limiting the amount of time kids spend online and teaching them to balance online activities with other activities. Start by visiting the sites your elementary-aged kids enjoy. Ask them to show you what they like and why.

Why Internet safety matters

Keeping your kids safe requires active parental engagement and real conversations about online life. In today’s world, where kids turn to the Internet for just about all of their interests, education is a parent’s first line of defense in keeping children safe.

It’s harder than ever for parents to keep track of what their kids are doing online. Kids today can go online from so many different sources, including video game consoles, iPhones and smart phones, and even handheld gaming devices. Young people are increasingly living their lives online, and their digital devices are some of their favorite toys and tools. Shouldn’t this new play-ground be a safe and nice place? With your guidance, it can be. Teaching Internet safety in the elementary years will have lasting rewards for you and your kids.

Internet Safety Basics

Help your kids understand that they should:

- Never share their names, schools, ages, phone numbers, or addresses;
- Never send pictures to strangers;
- Keep passwords private (except to parents);
- Never open email from strangers — it may contain viruses that can harm a computer; and
- Immediately tell an adult if something mean or creepy happens.

Strategies for a responsible — and safer — online life

Visit only age-appropriate sites. Check out the site before your kids visit it. Know what features and what content exist and make sure they're good for your kids.

Search safely. Use safe search settings for young kids or think about applying filtering software to limit inappropriate exposure.

Avoid strangers. Tell your kids that people aren't always who they say they are in cyberspace. Explain that if someone they don't know talks to them, they shouldn't respond but should let you know.

Be a good cyber citizen! Remind kids that an Internet playground is still a playground and they need to play nicely. A good rule of thumb: If they wouldn't do something in real life, they shouldn't do it online. Find out how your children can report mean behavior or unkind content on their favorite sites and teach them how to do it.

Online cheating? It's still cheating and it's a no-no — pure and simple.

Keep the computer in a central place. So you can see what's going on.

Establish expectations and limits about the amount of time your children spend online and what they do. Check out our family media agreement for a helpful place to start.

View your own habits carefully. You are their role models.

But, mostly, be involved and have fun with them! Keeping kids safe and teaching them how to use digital technology responsibly is all about staying involved. Start by showing interest in the sites they visit and the games they play and your job will be a lot easier when they start exploring these technologies more independently.

For more resources like this, please check out Common Sense Media's website (www.commonsense.org) or talk to Mrs. Trudell.

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Bach 2013 Science Olympiad Team Registration Information



What is the Bach Science Olympiad Team? Students register to participate in weekly practices for pre-determined events. These events are designed to foster an interest in and enthusiasm for science. **During weekly event practices (from January to April 2013)**, coaches help the children apply a variety of scientific facts, concepts, processes, and applications to solve problems (and have fun!). Team members learn about science through hands-on, active, group participation.

What is the Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad (WESO) Tournament? On Saturday, April 20, 2013, at Pioneer High, thousands of children from 25 local elementary schools will come together to compete in the event challenges. Last year the tournament was fantastic and 80 of our children were able to compete.

Who participates in the WESO Tournament? Only a few children from each grade compete in each event, respectively, at the WESO tournament. However, some of our Bach event practice teams are very popular. Therefore, for those very popular events (like Mystery Architecture), we hold a Bach mini-tournament to determine who will participate in the WESO tournament at Pioneer High on Saturday, April 20, 2013. We adopt a science club approach so more children may join the Bach Science Olympiad team and benefit from participating in event practices.

Registration for 2013: This year we have 17 events to offer children in grades 2 through 5. Please see the event listing below to see grade-specific events. It is free to join a team with a nominal, suggested donation to the PTO to help defer costs for t-shirts, supplies, registration fees, and organizational items.



Bach 2013 Science Olympiad event registration may be completed in one of two ways:



1. **On-line registration:** Thanks to Wendy Umbriac and Ken Varnum, the Bach WESO website will accept event **registrations, t-shirt orders, and donations** beginning **Friday, January 11th, 2013** in the evening.

<http://www.bachpto.org/weso.php>



2. **Paper registration:** Complete the registration form included here and return it to school.



Registration ends Tuesday, January 22nd, 2013
But please try to register by Friday, January 18th, 2013

Bach 2013 Science Olympiad Event Descriptions

Science Olympiad events (for which we have coaches) are listed below and indicate participating grades, practice day, time, and location. (**Practices are held from the end of January to mid-April.**) Some practice details are to be determined (TBD); location details will be provided by coaches. Note: teams that meet on the weekend will NOT meet at Bach but elsewhere in Ann Arbor.

1) Aerodynamics (2nd and 3rd grades; Monday 3:45-4:45pm, Bach Art Room): Participants will build and fly paper airplanes for distance, time and accuracy.

2) Circuit Wizardry (4th and 5th grades; Sunday 4-5:30 pm, location TBD): Circuit Wizardry tests participants' knowledge of basic electrical circuit concepts, components, schematic reading and understanding, and ability to design and build a simple circuit from a functional description.

3) Estimania (2nd thru 5th grades; Sunday mid-afternoon, location TBD): Teams will be asked to estimate answers to questions of measurement or numerical approximation. Examples of measurements that may be estimated include area, time, speed, length, weight, volume, temperature, and angle.

4) Feathered Friends (2nd thru 5th grades; Monday 3:45-5:00pm, Bach Media Center): Students learn bird identification by sight and sound (most common vocalizations). There will be preparatory bird list that will show which birds students will need to know. Students use a field guide to help with the identification. There will also be questions about bird anatomy (structure and function, both for birds in general and for specific birds on the list), life history of birds in general and unique life history aspects of species on the bird list and habitat characteristics of birds on the list.

5) In Bloom (2nd and 3rd grades; Thursday 3:45-4:45pm at Bach): Students will be tested on their knowledge of plants, including grasses, flowers, and trees. Students will be expected to become familiar with aspects of a flowering plant's growth and development by growing one or more plants from seed or bulb.

6) Map Reading (2nd thru 5th grades; Sunday 1-2 pm; TBD location): Students test their map reading skills to answer geographical questions. Students learn to use a globe and various road, political, topographical, and theme park maps.

7) Mystery Architecture (2nd thru 5th grades; Wednesday 3:45-4:45pm, Bach Art Room): Teams are given materials (such as paper, tape, styrofoam, and paper clips) to build a structure that can support a tennis ball. The tallest structure wins.

8) On Target (2nd thru 5th grades; Saturday 1:30-2:30pm, TBD location): Teams build missiles, utilizing a precision straw as the missile body (all materials being provided by WESO). The accuracy of the missiles launched indoors at a fixed target will be tested.

9) Pasta Bridges (2nd grade; Thursday 3:45-4:45 at Bach): Participants will build a bridge using the materials supplied (a variety of dried pasta and clay) and support a cup (in the middle of the bridge) with as many small weights as possible.

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10) Pentathlon (2nd thru 5th grades; Friday 3:45-4:45pm at Bach): In turn, each member of the five person team races through an obstacle course which consists of four to five physical skills. Then, as a team, students answer science questions about nutrition and health.

11) Potions (4th and 5th grades; Saturday 10-11 am, TBD location): Each team will follow instructions to make a potion, demonstrating basic lab skills (e.g. weighing, measuring, transferring, and filtering materials) and familiarity with safety rules.

12) Puff Mobiles (2nd and 3rd grades; Thursday 3:45-4:45 at Bach): Each team will build a puff mobile out of beads (for wheels), a straw, straight pins, and a piece of paper. Teams will “puff” their mobile six times. The mobile that is puffed the farthest wins.

13) Reflections (4th and 5th grades; Thursday 4:00-5:30, TBD location): Student learn about the properties of light. They will use a fixed light source and movable reflectors to bounce the light to a specified target.

14) Science Jeopardy (4th and 5th grades; Sunday 2:30-3:30pm, location TBD): Science Jeopardy is played just like Jeopardy on TV with different science categories.

15) Water Rockets (3rd, 4th and 5th grades; Saturday 10:30-12:00pm, location TBD): Students will build a rocket with the specified materials. Teams will earn points for rocket launches as well as answering questions about rocket construction and flight.

16) What Went By (2nd and 3rd grades; Friday 3:45-4:45pm, Bach Media Center): Students will be tested on organisms (animals/birds) which have become extinct or are on the endangered list and the reasons behind these organisms’ extinction or endangered status.

17) Write It, Build It (3rd, 4th and 5th grades; Saturday likely 1-2pm, location TBD): Team members will be shown a “picture” and will write a description. In a separate room, the other team members use pieces of the “picture” with the written description and attempt to rebuild it. Team with the most pieces placed correctly wins. This event tests competitor's ability to clearly communicate in writing and follow written directions.

General information about WESO and the WESO Tournament may be found at the WESO website: <http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/wesowizards.home/home>

Detailed event descriptions may be found at the WESO website: http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/wesowizards.home/detailed_event_descriptions_2013

Bach WESO website: <http://www.bachpto.org/weso.php>

BACH 2013 SCIENCE OLYMPIAD REGISTRATION

Please register by **Friday, January 18th 2013**. Please return this form to school or register on-line: <http://www.bachpto.org/weso.php>

Student Name (please print): _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Telephone: _____ Parent E-mail: _____

Student Registration for Bach 2013 Science Olympiad Events

Prioritize up to 3 events	Event	Day	Time
	1) Aerodynamics (2 nd and 3 rd grades)	Monday	3:45pm - 4:45pm
	2) Circuit Wizardry (4 th and 5 th grades)	Sunday	4:00pm - 5:30pm
	3) Estimania (2 nd thru 5 th grades)	Sunday	mid-afternoon
	4) Feathered Friends (2 nd thru 5 th grades)	Monday	3:45pm - 5:00pm
	5) In Bloom (2 nd and 3 rd grades)	Thursday	3:45pm - 4:45pm
	6) Map Reading (2 nd thru 5 th grades)	Sunday	1:00pm - 2:00pm
	7) Mystery Architecture (2 nd thru 5 th grades)	Wednesday	3:45pm - 4:45pm
	8) On Target (2 nd thru 5 th grades)	Saturday	1:30pm – 2:30pm
	9) Pasta Bridges (2 nd grade)	Thursday	3:45pm - 4:45pm
	10) Pentathlon (2nd-5th grades)	Friday	3:45pm - 4:45pm
	11) Potions (4 th and 5 th grades)	Saturday	10:00am – 11:00am
	12) Puff Mobiles (2 nd and 3 rd grades)	Thursday	3:45pm - 4:45pm
	13) Reflections (4 th and 5 th grades)	Thursday	4:00pm - 5:30pm
	14) Science Jeopardy (4 th and 5 th grades)	Sunday	2:30pm – 3:30pm
	15) Water Rockets (3 rd , 4 th and 5 th grades)	Saturday	10:30am – 12:00pm
	16) What Went By (2 nd and 3 rd grades)	Friday	3:45pm - 4:45pm
	17) Write It, Build It (3 rd , 4 th and 5 th grades)	Saturday	early afternoon

Registration Donation and T-Shirt Order Form

All Science Olympian participants need a t-shirt. Students may use the same shirt from last year. To help with program expenses, please consider a donation payable to Bach PTO in the amount of: **\$5.00 if you are NOT ordering a t-shirt** & **\$10.00 if you are ordering a t-shirt and circle size:**

Youth Small Youth Med Youth Large

Adults Small Adult Med Adult Large Adult XL Adult XXL Adult XXXL



BRRRR Fest
is almost here!

Friday, Feb. 1 from 6:30-8:30 PM

We're taking over the school, and inviting you to get out of the cold for a fun—and free—family night of indoor activities!




WE NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS!!

Easy, Fun...and a brief time commitment!

Visit www.bachpto.org/brrfest-signup.php to view shift options & sign up!

Questions? Contact Kristen@loszewski.com

At Brrrrr Fest, There's Something for Everyone!




Games: Including floor hockey, obstacle course, jump ropes & hula hoops—plus, a few surprises

Arts & Crafts

Face Painting

...and a Dance Party!

Please note: Dinner will not be sold at Brrrr Fest this year, however, healthy, allergy-friendly snack items will also be available for sale.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MLK JR. DAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM, JAN. 21- Free For All Students

On Monday, January 21st, the University of Michigan will be offering holding an event dedicated to learning about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The program runs from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm and includes MLK related performances, activities, and even lunch! To register your child(ren) or learn more about this event please go to sitemaker.umich.edu/mlk

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP FEB. 5th: Attention Parents of Incoming Kindergarteners

Plan on joining us on **Tuesday February 5th from 6:30-8pm** in the MPR for **Kindergarten Roundup**. Please invite families you know with Kindergarten age students to attend this informational evening.

This is also the **Incoming Kindergarten Tour night**. Families will take a self-guided tour meeting our Special Area Teachers in their classrooms as well as visit a Kindergarten classroom and see some activities.

Please contact the office if you have a Kindergartener who will be joining us next school year, 994-1949 or kauffma1@aaps.k12.mi.us Enrollment packets will be available after 2/5/13 if you are not able to attend.

SAVE THE DATE: PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY February 11th

Come to school or visit school for the day! This is a great way to be involved with your child/ren's education. Come for any or all of the day that you can.

Lunch will be provided for all **ADULT** guests.

Bach's famous all school slide show is scheduled for **2:00**

Watch out for an invitation...Hope you can join!!





Grocery Scrip Spotlight: People's Food Co-op



Do you shop at People's Food Co-op? If so, you can support PTO! Each year Bach families raise over \$10,000 by participating in our grocery Scrip program and purchasing the things they normally would buy from their favorite supermarkets. Below you will find instructions on how you can help raise money for Bach by shopping at People's Food Co-op, this week's grocery Scrip spotlight store.

To support Bach by shopping at People's Food Co-op, you must purchase a People's Food Co-op gift card, available in values of \$25 and \$50. You may order a gift card by either emailing the Bach School Scrip Coordinator at scrip@bachpto.org to request a card or visiting the PTO Scrip Store in Bach's Front Lobby on Fridays between 8:45 am and 9:15 am. Bach PTO earns **5%** on the value of each gift card purchased.

If you have any questions about purchasing People's Food Co-op gift cards or about participating in any other grocery Scrip program, please contact the Bach School Scrip Coordinator at scrip@bachpto.org. Thanks for your support!





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Stay Cozy in the Cold!

Warm up by using Scrip and support Bach School!

Thank you for allowing us to do your holiday shopping for you, and for helping the Bach School community at the same time! **Holiday gift card sales earned \$1400. Our total for the year is \$2200!**

PTO Scrip Store hours
 Fridays 8:45 - 9:15am
 (main lobby)
Don't forget your check book!

Holiday items are still In-Stock! We have cards remaining from our expanded holiday collection of in-stock items. See list below for items still in-stock.

Ace Hardware (4%) - \$25, \$100	Great Harvest Bread (8%) - \$10	Outback (8%) - \$25
Aeropostal (7%) - \$25	Home Depot (4%) - \$25, \$100	Panera Bread (9%) - \$10, \$25
Amazon.com (4%) - \$25, \$100	iTunes (5%) - \$15, \$25	PetSmart (4%) - \$25
Barnes and Noble (9%) - \$10, \$25	J. Crew (13%) - \$25	People's Food Co-op (5%) - \$25, \$50
Bed Bath and Beyond (7%) - \$25	JC Penny (5%) - \$25, \$100	Qdoba (7%) - \$25
Best Buy (3%) - \$25, \$100	L.L. Bean (16%) - \$25, \$100	REI Sporting Goods (8%) - \$25
Bruegger's Bagels (7%) - \$10	Land's End (16%) - \$25, \$100	Shutterfly (9%) - \$25
Caribou Coffee (6%) - \$10	Learning Express (5%) - \$15, \$25, \$35	Speedway (3%) - \$25, \$100
Chipotle Mexican Grill (10%) - \$10	Little Caesar's Pizza (8%) - \$20	Starbucks (7%) - \$10, \$25
CVS (6%) - \$25, \$100	Lowe's (4%) - \$25, \$100	Subway (3%) - \$10, \$50
Dick's Sporting Goods (8%) - \$25, \$100	Macy's (10%) - \$25, \$100	Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea (7%) - \$10
Downtown Home & Garden (5%) - \$25, \$50	Mainstreet Ventures (9%) - \$25	Target (2%) - \$25, \$100
Gandy Dancer, Landry's (9%) - \$25, \$100	Marathon (3%) - \$25, \$100	TJ Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods (7%) - \$25
GameStop (3%) - \$25	Meijer (3%) - \$25, \$50, \$100	Wal Mart/Sam's Club (2%) - \$25, \$100
Gap, Banana Republic, Old Navy, Athleta (9%) - \$25	Nicola's Books (10%) - \$10, \$25, \$100	Whole Foods (3%) - \$25, \$100
Goodrich Quality 16 (4%) - \$10	Noodles & Company (8%) - \$10	Zappos.com (8%) - \$25

**Numbers in parentheses represent percentage of gift card face value contributed to Bach PTO.*

**If you don't see a store you are looking for, please ask!
 We can get cards for hundreds of national retailers!**

Shop online! www.shopwithscrip.com makes purchasing gift cards easy!

Questions? Email scrip@bachpto.org



BACH CALENDAR: JANUARY/FEB



<u>JAN 13</u>	14	15	16	17	18	19
			Winter Survival, 5 th Gr.-all day		2 nd Gr to Exhibit Museum, 9:15 WESO Forms Due	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	MLK Jr. DAY NO SCHOOL	Last Day for WESO Registration		Dr. MLK Jr. Celebration Assembly, 3pm	Kind. To Wild Swan 9:10	
27	28	29	30	31	<u>FEB 1</u>	2
	5 th Gr. To Hill Auditorium, 10:30am	Teacher Prof. Dev. Day- NO SCHOOL			BRRRR FEST!! 6:30-8:30PM	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Kindergarten Round-Up, 6:30, MPR		Bach PTO Meeting, 7pm		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Parent Involvement Day			100 th Day of School! Happy Valentine's Day!		WINTER BREAK BEGINS!

**IMPT REMINDERS: 1/21- NO SCHOOL
1/29- NO SCHOOL
2/6- COUNT DAY**

