

Bach Elementary School News

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Bach Elementary School

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Dear Bach Families,

As always, thank you for the love and support you give to our children. When it's cold outside, we all seek shelter in the warmth of our homes and school. When we're hungry we hope that there is enough food where we are to fill our stomachs. What do we do when our hearts and minds need nourishment? It is through the combined energy and resources of teachers, office staff, custodians, lunch supervisors, principal and families that work together to meet their individual needs and wants. Let's continue to keep kids first!

Kindergarten Round Up

- On Tuesday, February 4, we shared a wonderful evening with our new to Bach Kindergarten families. Many families shared how impressed they were with the staff and the experience. PLEASE share information regarding registration with potential families in our area so they can become a part of our school community. ALL potential K families may register with Kim Kauffman, at 734.994.1949.

March is Reading Month

- What an amazing month of reading and learning March will be with all the parent, staff, student and community support. Keep 3/28 open for our Family Reading Night!

Zero the Hero

- 100th Day of School – **Tentatively Monday, February 24.**
- A masked hero will appear in each K-2 classroom to read a special book and to hear the amazing math skills of the Bach students. After the visit, students will find a special gift to encourage them to continue their journey in education.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

2/13: K to Wild Swan

2/14 4th Gr to Power Center

2/15-2/23 Winter Break, No School!

2/24 100th Day for K-2 Students
– Special Appearance by Zero the Hero

2/26 Chappell/Iglewicz Make Up
Field Trip to UMMA

MARCH IS READING MONTH!

3/4 Brecht & Houston
Kensington 9:30-2:30

3/6 2nd Grade to UMMA
12:40pm – 2:30pm

3/10 No School for Elementary
Students - Teacher Report
Writing Day

3/12 MIRM Our Universe
presentation K-5, pm

3/13 3rd to Wild Swan 11:45am
– 2:15pm



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.

PTO

- Our PTO meetings continue to grow in number, excitement and quality of desserts (thanks Heather Blakely). If you have not had the chance to attend, please come to our monthly meeting every first Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30pm in our MPR. This is also a great way to connect with other families at Bach. Who knows...the next friend you make at Bach may be your next lifelong friend☺

Staff Professional Development

- A couple weeks ago, all district staff attended a day of professional development ranging from technology in the classroom to increasing strategies for working with students with ASD. From what I observed and experienced, it was a great day to add to our toolkit of skills.

NAAPID

- What a great National African American Parent Involvement Day at Bach!! Thank you to the staff, participants, guests, and students for a truly community based experience. Nothing beats having families involved in the education of our students. We are very fortunate to be such a family based community!

Preschool and Young Fives

- Preschool – Open House. Check this website out: www.annarborpreschool.com
 - Allen Elementary at 6:00pm on February 26, March 13, and April 3.
 - Thurston Elementary at 6:00pm on February 27, March 11, and April 2.
- Young Fives
 - Applications are available on the a2schools.org site and are attached here.
 - Young Fives expansion at Abbot, Bryant and Dicken as full day options. Abbot has the only half-day program in the district.

Thank YOUs

- Thank you Mrs. Bishop and students for an amazing Dr. MLK Assembly.
- Thank you School Improvement team for clarifying and setting goals for our school.
- Thank you to the moms, dads, grandparents and extended family members that helped out during the very difficult snowy days at Bach.

Home/School Connection

What is the power of positivity? Think of your life and try to remember just how powerful words and supports have been to you when you needed them. Some of our students simply need a kind word at the right time, a hug when they're feeling sad, and encouragement to keep trying when they feel like giving up. Take the next couple weeks to see how the **power of positivity** can help our children.

Hyewo Park
Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE WINTER

New OR Changed Event(s) are highlighted

- 2/12 Count Day
- 2/13 All K Field Trip – Wild Swan – Under the African Sky
- 2/14 Valentine's Day
- 2/14 4th grade to Power Center
- 2/15 – 2/23 Mid-Winter Break
- 2/24 School Resumes
- 2/24 100th Day for K-2 Students – Special Appearance by Zero the Hero
- 2/26 Chappell/Iglewicz Make Up Field Trip to UMMA
- March is Reading Month☺
- 3/4 First Grade to Kensington, 9:30-2:30
- 3/6 Second Grade to UMMA, 12:40-2:30
- 3/6 School Improvement 4 of 6 Meeting
- 3/6 PTO Meeting from 6:30-7:30pm
- 3/9 Spring Forward – Daylight Savings
- 3/12 MIRM Our Universe presentation K-5, pm
- 3/13 Third Grade to Wild Swan, 11:45-2:15
- 3/14 Third Grade to Detroit Historical Museum- all day
- 3/14 Fifth Grade to MI Theater, 10:30-12:30
- 3/14 – 3/16 Readathon Weekend for FLI
- 3/17 Visiting Author Lisa Wheeler at Bach
- 3/17 Report Cards go home
- 3/19 Second Grade Concert 10:30 am & Evening Concert from 7-8pm

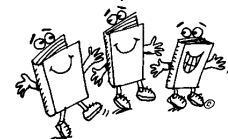
Principal Park's Message of the Week:

February is African American History month. Many young people these days can think of many African American entertainers, celebrities and civil rights leaders of the past. This month at Bach, we will be celebrating many inspiring African Americans that became scholars, scientists, and world leaders despite adversity, discrimination, social injustice and lifelong hardships.

NEWS FROM THE MEDIA CENTER

Special Events: Coming soon.....*March is Reading Month!*

Hello, Bach families!



As many of you know, at Bach, March is a time when we celebrate books and reading! The March is Reading Month committee (under the direction of our Media Specialist, Kathy Trudell) is in the process of planning activities that will encourage all of the Bach community to read!

We are writing to ask for your assistance. Find below description of areas in need of volunteers. **Any and all volunteers are welcome and no experience is necessary!**

***Family Reading Night Coordinator** Family Reading Night will be March 28 this year. We need a new coordinator to take on this fun evening! Nieka Apell has done it the past two years and will provide lots of support. Coordinator finds parent/family volunteer readers in various languages and finds additional volunteers to help with readers' theater, refreshments, greeting, etc.

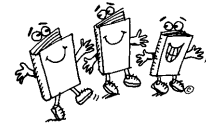
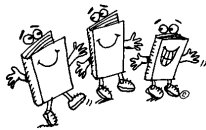
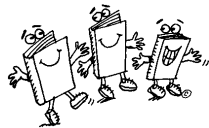
***Lunchtime Events Coordinator** One or two volunteers are needed to assist Mrs. Trudell in helping to plan and organize a few lunchtime MIRM special events (one or two lunches with U of M athletes, Top 10 Reader parties). This would include being present for the events, recruiting any additional volunteers. We will help you find athletes to attend the lunches!

***Prepare student minute "sticker charts"** Each student creates a small poster to collect stickers to show their minutes read. We need two volunteers to cut these out and to put them in alphabetical order by class. This can be **done at home** and will need to be done during the last week in February.

***Artwork and MPR Stage set-up** During the last week in February, we'll need several volunteers to meet one or two afternoons to put together the sticker posters for each classroom, create wall art for the MPR, and set up the stage area.

***MIRM Wall and Multi-Purpose Room Maintenance** After the initial MPR wall art and stage set up is complete, we'll need one or two people to help Julie Burdine update and maintain the wall, add faces to the Bachmobile, update minute trackers, keep the stage area tidy, etc.

***Classroom Minute Trackers:** This job can be shared by two volunteers. Volunteers collect and tally reading log minutes. Once a week they enter minutes in class log, disperse incentives and update student posters with stickers to show minutes read.



Again, thank you for your interest in helping with MIRM. We are so very fortunate to have a Media Specialist like Kathy Trudell who is willing to do so much to encourage our kids to love reading and we are grateful for any support you can give this year.

If you would like more information about any of these volunteer opportunities contact Nieka Apell at : nieka@varnum.org or Jen Davis at: toddjen2@yahoo.com

To sign up to volunteer: <http://www.bachpto.org/mirm-signup-2014.php>

We appreciate your interest and support of March is Reading Month!
Nieka Apell and Jen Davis, MIRM co-chairs

Book Wish List Update

Thank you to the families you have generously responded by purchasing books from our [BACH BOOK WISH LIST](#). The list will be routinely updated, with titles added and there is a new column for donators to type their name so others will know which books have been purchased. When these books are processed for circulation, a plaque will be placed in the book denoting the donor.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT AADL

(for more information: aadl.org/events.)

[A Family Affair: An Interactive Family Storytelling Workshop](#) Saturday February 15, 10-11:30 am; Families with kids ages 5 & up - Downtown Library MP Room: Nationally-renowned storyteller Donna Washington will lay the foundation for creating a family tradition of sharing stories, whether the children are eight or eighteen.

[Family Science Workshop - Meals with Megafauna: Sabertooth Cats, Dire Wolves, Mastodons & Man](#) Saturday February 15, 10-11 am; Grades K-5 with Adult - Pittsfield Branch: The U-M Museum of Natural History will explore the rise and fall of the megafauna and human's emerging role as apex predator. Learn about the strategies that predators and prey have used to keep a leg up on the competition.

[Magician Jeff Wawrzaszek](#) Tuesday February 18, 2-3 pm; Preschool-Grade 5 - Downtown MP Room, 7-8 pm – Pittsfield: Be dazzled by Jeff's amazing magic!

[Kerfuffles](#) Thursday February 20, 7-7:45 pm; Preschool-Grade 3 - Downtown Library MP Room
Back by popular demand! This local band features music-based storytelling from traditional favorites to funny originals. Sing along, dance and enjoy the music!

[Science Fun with FEMMES](#) Saturday February 22, 1-2 pm; Grades K-5 - Traverwood
Have some hands-on science fun with the U-M Chapter of FEMMES (Females Excelling More in Math, Engineering and Science).

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to OUR MOVIE NIGHT VOLUNTEERS!

The 2014 Bach School Movie Night was amazing! The kids were thrilled to see Monsters University with all of their Bach classmates. And it was great to have so many Bach School 6th grade alums in attendance, too! It was a terrific evening – so many thanks to our amazing community of parent volunteers.

Thank you to Tricia Kalosa and Shazia Mir for organizing the event and to Jim Kenyon, Kris Groh, Ken Varnum, Stacey Pomranky, Irfan Bhabhrawala, Gopala Srinivasan, Nieka Apell and Dave Rice for doing popcorn, concessions, sign-in/out and door watching all evening long.

We couldn't do it without such generous and energetic parent support. Our Bach school kids had such fun and several parents commented on how smoothly the event went this year! Finally, thanks to the students and additional parents who stayed and helped with the Movie Night aftermath: Suzan Somo, Jen Edwards, Stacey Hansen and Kim Schreiner.



GET READY FOR BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY...MAY 7th

Bike to School Day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7th, 2014. See www.walkbiketoschool.org to get excited! More information to come...



Grocery Scrip Spotlight: Whole Foods

Do you shop at Whole Foods? If so, you can support PTO! Each year Bach families raise almost \$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 Whole Foods, this week's grocery Scrip spotlight store.

To support Bach by shopping at Whole Foods, you must purchase a Whole Foods gift card, available in values of \$25 and \$100. You may order a gift card by either emailing the Bach School Scrip Coordinator at scrip@bachpto.org to request a card or by visiting the PTO Scrip Store in Bach's Front Lobby on Fridays between 8:45 am and 9:15 am. Bach PTO earns **3%** on the value of each gift card purchased.

If you have any questions about purchasing Whole Foods gift cards or about participating in any other grocery Scrip program, please contact the Bach School Scrip Coordinator at scrip@bachpto.org.

Grocery Scrip CHANGE: Plum Market

Plum Market's Educational Scrip program is ***no longer linked*** to its Plum Market Rewards Card program. Going forward, to support Bach by shopping at Plum Market, you must purchase a Plum Market gift card from the Bach School Scrip Coordinator. When the new Plum Market gift cards are available, we will make an announcement in a future edition of this newsletter.

If you have any questions about this change or about any other grocery Scrip program, please contact the Bach School Scrip Coordinator at scrip@bachpto.org. Thanks for your support!



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BOX TOP FOR EDUCATION: UPDATES

Thank you for your continued effort in turning in those Box Tops: our fall submission totaled \$681.30 (6,813 Box Tops) for Bach! Please remember the following:

- 1) Check expiration dates and discard old ones as they have no value.
- 2) Look out for collection sheets that come home with your child. You can also bundle box tops together in an envelope or plastic bag and turn these into the classroom or the office.
- 3) Our next submission date is March 1. Keep clipping!



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Thank you for making your purchases using Scrip and for helping the Bach School at the same time! **Our Scrip gift card profit for the year is \$2500!** Conveniently, we have **cards IN STOCK for many of our popular stores!**

PTO Scrip Store hours
Fridays 8:45 - 9:15am (main lobby)

Ace Hardware (4%) - \$25, \$100	Goodrich Quality 16 (4%) - \$10	Noodles & Company (8%) - \$10
Amazon.com (4%) - \$25, \$100	Great Harvest Bread (8%) - \$10	Panera Bread (9%) - \$10, \$25
Applebee's (8%) - \$25	Home Depot (4%) - \$25, \$100	PetSmart (4%) - \$25
Barnes and Noble (9%) - \$10, \$25	iTunes (5%) - \$15, \$25	People's Food Co-op (5%) - \$25, \$50
Bath and Body (13%) - \$10, \$25	Jo-Ann Fabrics (6%) - \$25	Qdoba (7%) - \$25
bd's Mongolian Grill (8%) - \$20	Kohl's (4%) - \$25	REI (8%) - \$25
Bed Bath and Beyond (7%) - \$25	L.L. Bean (16%) - \$25, \$100	Shutterfly (9%) - \$25
Best Buy (3%) - \$25, \$100	Land's End (16%) - \$25, \$100	Speedway (3%) - \$25, \$100
Bruegger's Bagels (7%) - \$10	Learning Express (5%) - \$15, \$25, \$35	Starbucks (7%) - \$10, \$25
California Pizza Kitchen (4%) - \$10	Little Caesar's Pizza (8%) - \$20	Subway (3%) - \$10, \$50
Chipotle Mexican Grill (10%) - \$10	Lowe's (4%) - \$25, \$100	Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea (7%) - \$10
CVS (6%) - \$25, \$100	Macy's (10%) - \$25, \$100	Target (2.5%) - \$25, \$100
Dick's Sporting Goods (8%) - \$25, \$100	Marathon (3%) - \$25, \$100	Wal Mart/Sam's Club (2%) - \$25, \$100
Downtown Home & Garden (10%) - \$25, \$50	Meijer (3%) - \$25, \$50, \$100	Whole Foods (3%) - \$25, \$100
Gandy Dancer (Landry's) (9%) - \$25, \$100	Nicola's Books (10%) - \$10, \$25, \$100	Zappos.com (8%) - \$25
Gap, Banana Republic, Old Navy, Athleta (9%) - \$25		

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

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BACH CALENDAR: FEB/MAR



FEB 9	10 NAAPID Day	11	12 Count Day	13 K's to Wild Swan Theatre	14 Valentine's Day 4 th Gr. to Power Center	15
16 Winter Break	17 Winter Break	18 Winter Break	19 Winter Break	20 Winter Break	21 Winter Break	22 Winter Break
23	24 School Resumes 100 th Day of School (tentative)	25	26 Chappell/Iglewicz Make Up Field Trip to UMMA	27	28	MAR 1
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