

BACH elementary SCHOOL news

JANUARY 14, 2015



HAPPY HOLIDAYS BACH FAMILIES,

It's so good to be back with all of you. As we continue to provide the best opportunities for our students to learn and grow, let's remember that it takes the "village" of Bach to do it! My challenge to all of us in 2015 is to contribute our talents for the benefit of our school. Whether a smile, volunteering, donating, or supporting staff, please know that we are stronger together. Go Bach!

5th Grade Instrumental Showcase Evening: 6:30-7:30PM Tuesday Jan.20

Students are invited to bring their parents to Bach for an inside look at instrumental music class on Tuesday evening, January 20th. Students will demonstrate how we learn in our instrumental classes. Also, since sixth grade course selection is right around the corner, we will also talk a little bit about music in the middle schools. Please plan to be seated and ready to play at 6:30. We will be finished by 7:30. Looking forward to seeing you there! — *Rosalie Koenig and Kristi Bishop*

Bach Safety

It's getting messy out there again, especially with the inclement weather! As the snow and ice are impacting the streets, WE ALL need to be more careful and mindful when we are driving around Bach. Follow the rules and keep us safe!

WESO – Bach Science Olympiad

Our 2nd-5th grade students are pumped up to learn and experience science at its best! PLEASE make sure to register as soon as possible. Information about Bach's

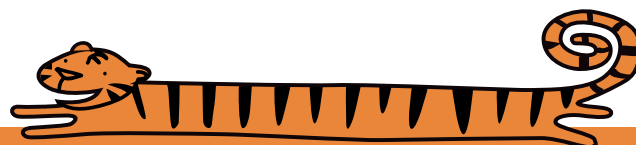
Science Olympiad and instructions on how to register will go home in students' backpacks later this week. Registration will be open from Tuesday, Jan. 20 until Tuesday, Jan. 27. Extra registration forms will also be available in the Bach office. If you have any questions or concerns, please email weso@bachpto.org or contact Rachel Thompson (rachel.thompson.rietz@gmail.com) or Nieka Apell (nieka@varnum.org).

NAAPID

On Monday, February 9, for National African American Parent Involvement Day, ALL families are invited to spend all or some of the school day with their Bach student(s). Invitations and details to come soon. Keep the date open!

Kindergarten Round Up

On Tuesday, February 24, from 6:00–7:30pm in the MPR, any student who will be 5 on or before September 1, 2015 may register for Kindergarten. Waivers are available for students turning 5 before December 1, 2015. Please share this information with families in our area so they can become a part of our school community. ALL potential K families should register with Kim Kauffman, at 734.994.1949. Thank you.



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 shared 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.

AAPS News

For the latest AAPS news, follow us on <http://news.a2schools.org/>

Message of the Week

Respect can sometimes seem like a big word. We all know what it means and what it should look like but it's harder to live by it each and every day. From time to time, many of us tease others by saying hurtful things that we think are funny. What makes it worse is that others laugh along and pretend it's ok. Someone once said that being kind to your school classmates means that you treat them with respect. Let's do our best by saying positive and encouraging words to our classmates.

Home and School Connection

What do you do on your "days off?" Some like to rest, while others like to stay active. Figuring out the right balance between resting and staying active is not only tough for kids but adults as well. As we pass through this winter season, try to figure out what works for you and your family. For me, it's always nice to get some exercise and leisure reading done, besides the house chores

— *Hyeyo Park, Principal*



Kathy Trudell is Retiring!

CELEBRATE 40 YEARS OF INSPIRING THE LOVE OF READING!



"THE GREATEST GIFT IS A PASSION FOR READING" - ELIZABETH HARDWICK

Kathy has spent tireless hours planning special events in order to create a passion for reading in children. It is time for Kathy to have her own special event as a "thank you" for her gift to children. Please join the Bach Staff as we honor Kathy and wish her a joyous retirement.

CELEBRATE KATHY'S RETIREMENT!

WHEN

FRIDAY, JAN. 30TH, 4-5:30PM

WHERE

600 WEST JEFFERSON STREET
ANN ARBOR, MI

MORE INFORMATION

JOIN US AT BACH ELEMENTARY FOR GOOD WISHES
AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.



[Get Directions](#)

JANUARY

- 16 MLK Assembly, MPR 3–3:30pm
- 19 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day: NO SCHOOL
- 20 5th Grade Instrumental Music Sharing 6:30–7:30pm
- 21 5th Grade to District Library 1:30–3pm
- 22 Kinders to Wild Swan Theater 9:15–11:30am
2nd Grade to Jiffy Mix Co. 9:15–11:30am
Bach School Improvement Meeting 4–5pm
Bach PTO Meeting 6:30–7:30pm
- 26 District Professional Development: NO SCHOOL
- 29 Ramsey and Iglewicz to UMMA 12:45–1:45pm
- 30 All School Assembly 2:45–3:30pm
Trudell Retirement Recognition 4–6pm
BRRRR Fest 6:30–8:30pm

FEBRUARY

- 2–6 Bach Math Week
- 5 Bach Math Night, MPR 6:30–8pm
- 9 NAAPID For All Parents
Author's Visit 1–3pm
- 11 Student Count Day
5th grade to DIA 9am–2pm
- 12 Borgsdorf and Smith to UMMA 12:45–1:45pm
4th Grade Concert, MPR 7–8pm
- 24 Kindergarten Round Up 6pm–7:30pm
- 26 PTO Meeting, MPR 6:30
- 27 Movie Night 6:15pm

Feb 14–22 Mid-Winter Break



Let's Do Lunch!



Did you know that you are always welcome to eat lunch with your child at Bach?

We love it when parents, grandparents, and special grown-ups come and eat lunch at school! It's a great way to see a small part of your child's day, get to know their friends, and help encourage good manners and interesting conversations among all of the kids. Some Bach teachers have observed that when parents come to lunch, the kids seem calmer and genuinely happy to have a "guest" at the table. You don't need to call ahead or make a reservation ... just check in at the Bach School Office and then head to the Multipurpose Room. So the next time you have a little free time in the middle of the day, grab your lunch and come on over to Bach!



TIME	LUNCH	RECESS
11:43-12:07	K, 2 nd	4 th
12:07-12:31	4 th	K, 2 nd
12:31-12:55	1 st , 3 rd	5 th
12:55-1:19	5 th	1 st , 3 rd



SAVE THE DATE FOR FUN AND DELICIOUS INTERNATIONAL FOOD!

BRR FEST IS COMING TO BACH!

Friday, Jan. 30
6:30 to 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! At Brrr Fest, There's Something for Everyone!

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

Arts & Crafts
Face Painting
...and a Dance Party!

Bring your appetite... Bach's Multicultural Outreach Committee will also be coordinating a potluck dinner!

WE NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS!! The Jobs are Easy & Fun!
Contact Martha at marthagove@hotmail.com, if you can help! Thank you!

GROCERY SCRIP SPOTLIGHT



Did you know that when you shop at Whole Foods your grocery purchases 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.

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 Wednesdays 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.



Ann Arbor PTO THRIFT SHOP

a2ptothriftshop.org
2280 S. Industrial Hwy. 734-996-9155

SHOP DONATE FUNDRAISE
A non-profit resale shop with all proceeds benefitting Ann Arbor Public Schools and student enrichment.

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The Burns Park Players Present
Singin' in the Rain

Friday, Jan. 30, 2015 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015 at 7:30 pm
Friday, Feb. 6, 2015 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015 at 2:00 pm

Tappan Middle School Auditorium
2251 E. Stadium Blvd.

Tickets \$15 (reserved) at www.showtix4u.com
Beginning January 15

More than 75 children from Burns Park Elementary School perform in this production!
Proceeds benefit Performing Arts programming in Ann Arbor Public Schools!

2014–2015 SCHOOL AGED CHILD CARE (sacc) ONLINE REGISTRATION PROCESS

The AAPS Rec&Ed SACC program is pleased to announce online registration for the 2014-15 SACC program. Online registration for the 2014-15 school year does not require completing paperwork.

Families can access the online registration system using the following URL:

www.ezchildtrack.com/aareced/parent

When you enter the URL in the address bar, you will see the Parent Portal Login screen.

This screen has 3 boxes:

SIGN-IN: This box should be used for signing-in by returning customers who already have a password. This will allow you to login into Parent Portal.

SIGN-UP: This box is for customers who have an account number but do not have a password. Click on this to sign-up for parent portal access and get a password by email. After you have a password you will use the Sign-In box to login. You can sign up for parent portal using the 'click here' link shown in the "**Sign Up**" section. Enter your registered email address (to which you are currently getting invoices), your account number, and "click" on the "Sign Up" button. A confirmation screen will appear. An email message will be sent to the registered email address along with a TEMPORARY password. Once you have received your email, access the main parent portal login screen. In the "Sign In" section, enter your registered email and the temporary password provided to you. You will be prompted to change your password. Enter a new password keeping the password rules in mind which will be displayed on screen.

OPEN AN ACCOUNT: This box is for families who are new to the AAPS SACC program. Click on this link to register and open a new account. **Note: Families with an account number should not click on this link as it may create a duplicate account.**

To register your child (ren) for the 2014-15 SACC program:

1. Click on the program's **REGISTER** button. Clicking on **REGISTER** will take you to the "My Account" page.
2. Any changes you wish to make to the Primary Account Holder, Secondary Account Holder, or Emergency Contact may be done on this page.
3. Click on the "**My Children**" button.
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4. You can edit existing child (ren) details on this page. When you select the desired **SCHOOL, SITE, GRADE** and **START DATE** for the child, all available programs will load with the scheduled times and fees. Select the days your child (ren) will attend for each program (*minimum 2 sessions per week*).
5. Click on **Terms & Conditions**. *All fields are mandatory and must be answered and initialed.*
6. Enter all required payment details, including the person who is making the payment and the payment method. **The \$50.00 registration fee per child is non-refundable.** Click on the submit button.
7. Click on the **"Home"** icon.
8. A **"Pending Approval"** notification will appear in the Registration section. Once your application has been approved you will receive email notification. **Your child (ren) may not attend any SACC program until the registration has been approved.**

QUESTIONS regarding the online registration process can be sent to (734)994-2300 x0 or by emailing aapschildcare@aaps.k12.mi.us

Parent Portal

Please take some time to familiarize yourself with the Parent Portal screen. This Parent Portal will enable families to:

- » register a child for a program
- » sign up for auto pay
- » download required forms
- » view calendar of events
- » make payments online
- » view/print statement reports
- » request a schedule change
- » print tax statements

- » On the tool bar click on **"My Account"** to view your demographic information.
- » On the tool bar click on **"Contact Us"** to send us an email.
- » The **"Information"** section of the Home page will contain all important notifications/bulletins, forms and calendar dates for you to view.
- » The **"Registration"** section of the Home page will provide you registration and enrollment details of your child (ren). You will be able to register for future programs here.
- » The **"Payments & Statements"** section of the Home page will show you the current balance and will allow you to make payments online. You can also view and print your statements and payments for a selected date range.
- » Please refer to the Parent Portal User Guide from **"Help"** for detailed instructions on how to use the various features in Parent Portal.