

BACH elementary SCHOOL NEWS

APRIL 22, 2015



DEAR BACH FAMILIES,

For this edition of the newsletter, I'd like to thank our wonderful Bach staff. In honor of their love and dedication to this community, think of ways to let them know how much they mean to us. Staff Appreciation is the first week of May. I'm sure everyone can think of at least one staff member that really made a positive impact in your life. For me, it was Mrs. McGurn, my fifth grade teacher. I never got to truly thank her for making a difference in my life. I wish she knew that I grew up to be a principal.

March is Reading Month

Not only do we have an amazing group of readers at Bach, but we also have the best leaders. Thank you everyone for making MIRM the best there is around here!

Jen Davis and Nieka Apell – Co-Coordinators
Kelsey Forester – Media Specialist
Julie Burdine—Book Fair Coordinator
Meg Wyngaard—Back Wall MPR Decorations
Betsy Brooks (alum parent)—Back Wall MPR Decorations
Mary Catherine Harrison, Monique Sluymers, Robin Gleason, and the 4th Grade Service Squad—RX for Reading Book Collection
Monique Sluymers—Family Reading Night Coordinator

Numerous other Family Reading Night volunteers, but especially **Francisco Fiori** (Bach alum who was the MC for Open Mic), **Elameno Peace students, 4th grade Service Squad, Trailblazers from Pioneer, UM School of Social Work Volunteers, Colby the Dog and the Roderique Family, many readers, bakers, etc.**

Minute Counters: **Cathy Shakespeare, Sara Billman, Kristen Loszewski, Cathy Sanborn, Wendy Palms, Veronica Hannah, Adriana Salazar, Melanie Rountrey, Nora O'Reilly, Barbara Binetti, Nga Nguyen, Jenny Selby, Erin Rosenberg, Emily Preston Rahim, Wendy Valtadoros**

After school prize distribution: **Colleen Monahan Smith, Josephine Tsai, Erica Briggs, Susanna Coll, Kate Uleman, Beth Miller, Nga Nguyen and Jennifer Howard.**

Laura Salvner for helping us keep the stage neat and put together every day. She was so helpful in making sure that when the other groups took it apart, it was back together in time for lunch.

Kim Kauffman for helping us with copy machines, laminator, scheduling and always on call for behind the scenes work.

2015-16 School Year

It's time to start thinking about next year. If you know a family in the Bach area with children, please encourage them to come enroll the Kindergarten at our wonderful school. The earlier we know numbers, the earlier we can let all our families know.

Message from Bach

Now that we have started the "season" for assessments, please continue to encourage our students and staff. They are spending many hours preparing, testing, and adjusting to competing demands. As the principal, I am SO proud of our students and staff for doing their part in ensuring that Bach is a highly successful school. Keep up the great work team!

Please help me in welcoming two new members to the Bach staff:

Keely Hoffman – School Nurse
Taveon Bass – Evening Custodian

Bond Message from the Principal

The May 5 bond proposal will include furnishings, remodeling, equipping classrooms and schools in our district. It also includes musical instruments, playgrounds, athletic field upgrades and more. For the facts, please click on the link below. There is a great 7 minute video that summarizes the bond on the site.

For more information visit:

http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/aaps/2015_millage

Please vote on May 5th.

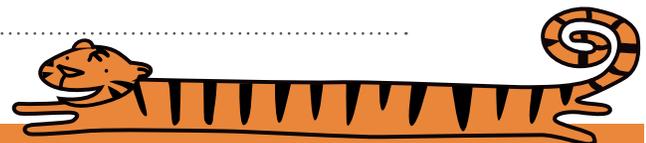
— *Hyueo Park, Principal*

APRIL

- 23 Bach SIT 4–5pm
Bach PTO Meeting 6:30–7:30pm
- 24 3rd Grade Field Trip to Farm Council Grounds 9:30–12:15pm
March is Reading Month Closing Assembly, MPR 2:15–3:15pm
- 29 2nd Grade Day Concert 2–3pm
- 30 2nd Grade Evening Concert 7–8pm

may 4–8 Staff Appreciation Week

- 4 Staff Appreciation Breakfast MPR 8am
- 5 Tarchinski/Gleason Field Trip to UMMA 12:30–2:30pm
- 6 Bike/walk to School Day (rain date, May 7)
- 8 4th Grade Disability Awareness Workshop, MPR 2–3pm
- 12 Borgsdorf and Franzen Field Trip to Creature Conservatory
Bach Trailblazers Field Trip to Pioneer H.S. 1:20–3:20pm
- 13 5th Graders visit Middle School in the morning
Bach Student Choice Book Fair
- 14 5th Grade Day Show, MPR 2–3pm
5th Grade Evening Show, MPR 7–8:30pm
Bach Student Choice Book Fair
- 15 5th Grade Math 6th Opt Out Test (by registration only)
Bach Student Choice Book Fair
- 18 5th Grade Math 6th Opt Out Test MAKE UP (by registration only)
- 19-22 5th Grade Overnight Trip to Camp Storer
- 19 Iglewicz Field Trip to Water Tour 9am–2pm
Kindergarten Screener 9am–3pm
- 20 Kindergarten Screener 9am–3pm
Kindergarten Screener 4–5:30pm
- 21 Final S.I.T. Meeting, Media Center 4-5pm
Bach PTO Meeting, MPR 6:30-7:30pm
- 22 Kindergarten Screener 9am–3pm
- 25 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day



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.

ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL

Voters on May 5 will see an Ann Arbor Public Schools bond proposal on their ballots. By continuing the same tax rate (instead of letting it naturally diminish as current debt is paid down), this bond, if passed, would pay for needed improvements that aren't allowed by our sinking fund, and some property upgrades for which the available sinking fund dollars are insufficient.

- » All school buildings would have secured entrances, and playgrounds would be renovated to meet current safety standards.
- » Outdated desks would be replaced with furniture that enables more innovative classroom instruction.
- » Energy-saving window shades would be installed to allow room-darkening for viewing of projected visuals, and enhance security.
- » Aging buses would be replaced with clean, safe GPS-equipped buses.
- » Worn and damaged musical instruments would be replaced and our inventory of instruments would be increased to match current student enrollment.
- » Performing arts facilities and athletic fields would be upgraded and renewed, which would also increase the demand from the community to rent these facilities or use them

Community Bond Meetings, 6:30pm

- » April 23 @ Clague Middle School
- » April 30 @ Forsythe Middle School

For more information about the proposal, please go to: http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/aaps/2015_millage



The amazing tulips in front of Bach this week— thanks Mark Lee!

Join us, this Saturday, April 25th from 10am–12pm and help spruce up the Bach Gardens!

All are welcome.

We will meet on the playground.

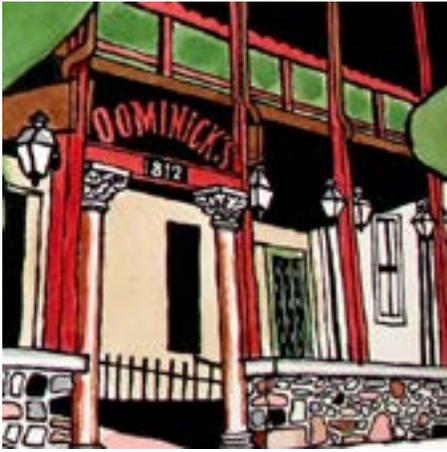
Our goal is to get the gardens ready to BLOOM! We will work to cut back the old growth, and clear away dead leaves & brush.

Please come ready to give our gardens some TLC & don't forget your tools. Gloves, rakes, loppers, shovels, trowels, tarps and brooms are great to bring. Kids are welcome.

We will provide the water & delicious pretzels. It is really good, messy fun!

Thank you & hope to see you there

— Kris Groh & Shannan Gibb-Randall



PTO Meeting

Thursday, April 23rd

6:30 – 7:30 pm
Bach MPR

FREE childcare provided for school-aged children. Everyone is welcome!

After the PTO Meeting, please join us for a

Parents' Night Out

8pm at Dominick's – 812 Monroe Street

*Find out more about how you can
get involved in the Bach Community!*



- *Make a difference in the lives of our kids!
- *Meet great people!
- *Learn more about how Bach operates!
- *Share your skills and talents!
- *Have fun!

The Bach PTO is seeking **NOMINATIONS** for next year's PTO Board. Nominate yourself or a friend. Board positions include:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Grade Representative – Lower
Grade Representative – Upper
Multicultural Outreach Representative
PTOC Representative
Room Parent Coordinator



To nominate a candidate, or for more information, please contact president@bachpto.org. **Everyone is welcome!**



Bach Bike/Walk to School Day Wednesday, May 6, 2015 (Rain date Thursday, May 7)

Join in the spring Bach Bike/Walk to School Day to encourage and support young people to bike or walk to school!

All bikers and walkers are invited to arrive at the Bach playground at 8:35 for a group photo!

Bike/Walk Route Planning: The National Center for Safe Routes to School provides helpful information, including safe route planning, at walkbiketoschool.org/. Please consider planning a group ride or walk with other families in your neighborhood.

Bike/Walk Safety: Parents are responsible for children's safety traveling between home and school, so please accompany your young biker(s) and walkers to school. All children must have a helmet and a bike lock. Bach cannot be responsible for unsecured bikes. Parents may also bring a child's bike home. Please do not leave bikes at school overnight. **Let your bus driver know** if your child won't be riding. **PARENTS: BE A GOOD EXAMPLE—WEAR A HELMET!**

Questions?

John Beeson, Erica Briggs, Kelly Fitzsimmons—Bach BWTS Day coordinators, biketoschool@bachpto.org or 734.945.0442.

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*“An artist is an explorer.”
— Henri Matisse*

IN ART CLASS HERE AT BACH, I try to have each grade level explore different artists, ideas and mediums. The list is endless on what we can explore. I also try to have many options/materials to explore when students are able to make a free choice. The only factor that gets in the way is time. As we return after break and enter the last stretch of school before summer, I realize that time with my classes will go to fast, and there is so much more to explore and accomplish.

In our first week back after break, here is what has been happening in the art room. Kindergarteners have been painting bunnies and sheep. 1st graders have been learning how to blend chalk pastels. 2nd graders have started a paper mache project, and 4th graders are exploring op art. 5th graders are finishing up their Chuck Close inspired portraits and one 5th grade class is making paper mache props for their play. 3rd graders are drawing “what’s in my head” self-portraits.

Twenty-three Bach students have 2D and 3D work displayed at the Ann Arbor downtown public library. The exhibition runs from April 17th until May 27 and showcases art from all Ann Arbor public schools. I am so proud of not only these students but all of my hardworking, creative, and resourceful students. I hope you enjoy all of the works they have exhibited here in the halls of Bach.

Artfully yours,

Kim Furey

KINDERGARTNERS can solidly identify and perform steady beats to all kinds of songs they sing and to music they listen to. They have developed a great sense of moving to music by walking, running, tip-toeing, skipping, galloping or hopping to the sounds that call for those actions. As we begin to prepare for our Spring performance on May 27, we will add reading simple music notation to our skills. What a great group!

FIRST GRADERS performed beautifully last month and are now studying about the musical instruments of the orchestra. We will do this by learning about some of my favorite orchestral music including Peter and the Wolf and Carnival of the Animals.

SECOND GRADERS completed their Science of Musical Sound unit with a post test that shows so much growth! This will be coming home soon. Please look it over. It is impressive! They are currently preparing for their April 30 concert. This year we are adding lots of their ideas to their more challenging music. I can't wait!

THIRD GRADERS have been reading more difficult singing patterns, and learning about famous musicians such as Ella Fitzgerald and J.S. Bach. We are also studying the instruments and families of the orchestra including recognizing them by sound. We are using Britten's Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra for this. We will continue this study through the month of April as well as sing songs about the care and beauty of the Earth in honor of Earth Day.

FOURTH GRADERS performed a wonderful musical play in February and have now returned to recorder playing. This time we are being creative and composing our own songs! I am so impressed by the hard work and dedication of these students! You will be, too, when they bring home their compositions.

FIFTH GRADERS are now preparing for their end-of-year performances. The stake are high as these will be their last as Bach Students! (sniff!) They have also been learning how to clap and count much more challenging rhythms that will prepare them for the more advanced music they will face in Middle School. Good luck to all of these musicians!

VOLUNTEER FOR FIELD DAY!

Tuesday June 2, 2015
12:30–3:30 all or part-time.

Contact Mr. Thompson for more info:
thomps05@aaps.k12.mi.us



BACH ICE CREAM SOCIAL FRIDAY JUNE 5!

*I scream, you scream,
we all scream for ice cream*



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