

# BACH elementary SCHOOL news

MAY 6, 2015



## DEAR BACH FAMILIES,

Did you guess correctly that for this edition of the newsletter, I'd like to thank our wonderful Bach students?

**OUR KINDERGARTENERS** come to school each and every day with the brightest of smiles. They are truly the future of our community.

**OUR FIRST GRADERS** continue to grow and learn about the world around them. They are full of energy and creative from the start of the day to the end.

**OUR SECOND GRADERS** are maturing so much. They amaze us each day with their wit and personality. They continue to inquire about everything!

**OUR THIRD GRADERS** are kind, energetic and smart. They take care of each other and enjoy learning.

**OUR FOURTH GRADERS** are soon becoming double-digit citizens. With their leadership and teamwork, they will take Bach to the next level.

**OUR FIFTH GRADERS** are our school role models. They have earned the respect and admiration of their peers and are ready to move onto the next stage of life...middle school!

Can you see how much our children have grown since September of 2014? I bet you can!

## 2015-16 Class Placement Forms

Class Placement forms have been sent out. During the 2015-16 class placement process, please know that staff work very thoughtfully and hard on creating balanced classrooms. Along with parent input, we do our best to discuss the factors that help ensure all Bach students are successful. If you have not submitted your forms yet, please do so by Friday, May 8th. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights.

Our Bach Meet and Greet will be on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 from 4:00-5:30pm on our small playground. This is an opportunity to come and meet your teacher before the start of the new school year. We will most likely plan a picnic event this evening with PTO.

One major change from years past: You will know your class placement before you come to the Meet and Greet. Notification will go out to you before Wednesday, September 2, 2015. Check your emails and/or voicemails.

— *Hyueo Park, Principal*



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.

## 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/Franzen to Creature Conservatory 9:30am–12:30pm  
Bach Trailblazers Field Trip to Pioneer H.S. 1:20–3:20pm
- 13 5th Graders visit Middle School in the morning  
Humphrey Habitat Field Trip noon–2pm  
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  
Final Bach PTO Meeting, MPR 6:30–7:30pm
- 22 Kindergarten Screener 9am–3pm
- 25 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- 26 5th Grade Instrumental Music Evening Concert, MPR 7–8pm
- 27 Kindergarten Music Concert, MPR 7–8pm
- 28 1st Grade Field Trip to the Detroit Zoo 9–3pm
- 29 Iglewicz Field Trip to Water Tour 9–2pm  
Middle School Choir coming to sing for 5th graders 2–2:30pm
- 30 Science Olympiad

## COMING IN JUNE

- 6/2 Bach All School Field Day  
12:30–3:30pm (volunteers needed)
- 6/3 5th Grade Field Trip to Green-field Village 9am–3:30pm
- 6/5 Bach All School Ice Cream Social  
6–8pm
- 6/12 End of the Year Assembly/5th  
Grade Send Off, MPR 10:15–11:51am  
**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (HALF DAY  
DISMISSAL AT 11:51AM AT FLAGPOLE**

# Bach Elementary School



**Wednesday, May 13**

**through**

**Friday, May 15**

**Featuring kids' favorites &  
teachers' wish lists for their classrooms**

**Parents' night:**

**Thursday, May 14, from 5—8 pm**

Books  
provided by:



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2513 Jackson Ave, Ann Arbor  
734-662-0600  
[www.nicolasbooks.com](http://www.nicolasbooks.com)

## IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN. BACH'S SPRING BOOK FAIR IS MAY 13-15.

To make this event a success, we need volunteers to help kids make wish lists, find books, and cashier. We are in particular need of volunteers to help with set up on May 12 and take down after school on May 15.

Please sign up for a shift, or two!

It's quick and easy; here is the link to the [volunteer sign-up page](#):

If you have any questions about the fair or volunteering, please contact Julie Burdine at [julieburdine@gmail.com](mailto:julieburdine@gmail.com)



## Potluck & Celebration!

**When:** Friday, May 15, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Wizards, be sure to wear your red Bach WESO t-shirt to school Friday, May 15! (New shirts will be distributed the prior to the celebration.)**

**Where:** Bach Multi-Purpose Room

**Purpose:** Science wizards, coaches and families come together to share a meal and celebrate another successful season of hands-on science fun, collaboration, inventiveness and cooperation!

**Menu:** We will have pizza available (\$5-\$10 donation at the door per family) and water. Feel free to bring your own main dish if you do not want pizza. We also ask that families bring a side dish or dessert to share.

**Earth Friendly:** Please bring your own re-useable dishes, utensils, napkins, and water bottles so we keep this a low-impact event.

**Bach WESO Team Photo!** Wizards and Coaches - please wear your red t-shirts on the day of this event! New shirts will be distributed prior to celebration.

**Questions:** [weso@bachpto.org](mailto:weso@bachpto.org)





## March is Reading Month Culminating Activities!

Some of the students who read over 2,000 minutes had lunch with Michigan hockey players, including children's author Zachary Hyman. He also read his first book, *The Bambino and Me*, to Mrs. Brecht's class. Our second lunch with UM athletes is May 8.

Top readers from each grade learned a little science by making DNA models from Twizzlers and marshmallows.





The Closing Assembly included a parade of class banners (Mr. B's Kindergarteners read over 19,000 minutes!), demonstrations by the Michigan State Science Theater, and the announcement that Bach collected over 4,000 books for RX for Reading! Although we were just short of our goal (blame the nice March weather!), students--and a couple of teachers, still had the opportunity to "slime" Mr. Park!



# BACH FAMILY HELPING IN NEPAL

Many of us have been watching the news about the devastating earthquake in Nepal. Some families have inquired about what Bach School is doing to help those in dire need. We would like to share the news that one Bach Family, originally from Nepal, is heading to Nepal this week to help with relief efforts. Their town was destroyed by the earthquake and the aftershocks, including their school. This Bach Parent will be going to help rebuild the school in the village of Chyangba. If you would like to support these humanitarian efforts, a fundraising account has been set up at:

<http://www.gofundme.com/chyangbavillage>.



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## BACH ELEMENTARY PTO IS ON FACEBOOK!



## GROCERY SCRIP SPOTLIGHT: TARGET



**Do you shop at Target?** 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 stores and supermarkets. Below you will find instructions on how you can help raise money for Bach by at Target, this week's grocery Scrip spotlight store.

Register your **Target REDcard** at [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe) with Bach ID 60594. When you use your card, Target will donate 1% of your purchase amount to Bach PTO.

If you have any questions about the Target Scrip program or any other grocery Scrip program, please contact the Bach School Scrip Coordinator at [scrip@bachpto.org](mailto:scrip@bachpto.org). Thanks for your support!



Please join us for the last PTO meeting of the year!

Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 pm at Bach

We will vote on the 2015-2016 PTO Board slate.

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

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**The Bach School Yearbook is being printed now!  
Place an order to reserve a copy for your child!**

**Bach Yearbook order form:**

**Child's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of copies for \$10.00 each** \_\_\_\_\_

If paying by check, please make check payable to Bach School.

**Yearbooks will be distributed the last week of school.**



**Bach Field Day**  
**Tuesday, June 2, 2015**  
**All School 1:15- 3:15pm**

**Volunteers Needed**

The more volunteers, the better. We need assistance with field events, First Aid and water drink station.

This will be an all school, afternoon only field day.

Mr. Thompson will not contact you, but there will be Pre-Briefing for the volunteers in the gym at 12:45 pm just before field day begins.

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Please return this portion to the office or Mr. Thompson

**Field Day Volunteer Sign-up Form**  
**Yes, I will help on field Day**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

# Make Mom Smile

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at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and Amazon donates.



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Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10. Remember to shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and Amazon will donate to Bach PTO. [Follow this link to see great Mother's Day gift ideas in support of Bach PTO.](#)

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### PTO Scrip Store hours

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(main lobby)

**Our Scrip gift card profit for the year is \$2500!**



**Bach PTO**

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**Questions? Email: [scrip@bachpto.org](mailto:scrip@bachpto.org) or go to <http://bachpto.org/scrip/>**