

# BACH elementary SCHOOL NEWS

MAY 20, 2015



## DEAR BACH FAMILIES,

**Here is a question for all of you.** How do you rate the success of this past school year? I hope you take a look at many different factors such as, growth in critical thinking, happiness with peers and self, excitement to learn and perseverance. Please do not use the report card or other documents to be the sole reflection of a year enriched with opportunities, laughter and relationship building. What we emphasize to our children will be the priorities they learn about life. I'm so proud of all of you and happy that our children have this Bach village to help raise them. Bach Rocks!

### Bach Culture

Culture is defined as the arts and other manifestations of human intellectual achievement regarded COLLECTIVELY. The key word here is collectively. WE, the Bach families and staff, create the culture that is Bach. We can make it whatever we want it to look like. Here are some areas of our culture that are worth focusing on for the next school year.

**AFTER SCHOOL EVENTS** – Parents and guardians should always be in charge of their children. Please do not drop them off at the school without supervising them. Though volunteers are there to help, it is the primary duty of the parents and guardians to ensure that children are not going into rooms, running in the hallways and/or any other behavior deemed inappropriate for school.

**COMMUNITY** – What we say to each other and about each other either creates an atmosphere of positivity and safety or it brings a sense of mistrust and negativity. Whether a colleague, friend, neighbor or stranger, let's always use words that help encourage each other, uplifts our community and brings positivity and openness.

We started the year with this video on everyday leadership. Let's wrap up this year with the same goal.

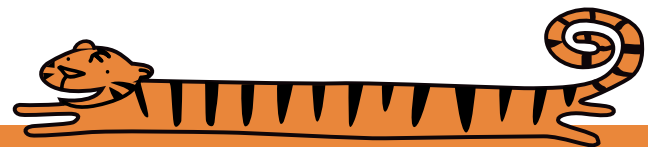
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### NEW Ann Arbor Public School Website

Check out our NEW website, which will go live around, Friday, May 29th.

### Bach PTO & Volunteers

Bach has become an amazing community and school with the support of our families. If you have not had the privilege of volunteering for a classroom, school activity or PTO, please make it a priority to do so next school year! Thank you in advance for making time for your school. **(continued)**



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.

## 2015-16 Class Placement Forms

Thank you for turning in your parent input forms!

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.

## Bach Bike to School Policy

**K-5 students** CAN bike to school but please remember that we do not have the space to safely lock them during the day yet.

**K-2 students** should be accompanied by an adult while biking to school.

**3-5 students** should be accompanied by an adult if they are not advanced with bike/safety skills.

Helmets, locks and advanced skills of safety are important when biking to school.

— *Hyeyo Park, Principal*

## *Please join us for the final PTO Meeting of the Year!*



**Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**6:30 – 7:30 pm**  
**Bach Multipurpose Room**

At this meeting, we will vote on the proposed PTO Board slate for the 2015-16 school year:

**President** - Laurie Nutt, Cassie Brabbs

**Treasurer** - Derek Vaughn, Tricia Kalosa-Kenyon

**Secretary** - Kate Funk-Carter, Melanie Rountrey

**Room Parent Coordinator** - Nieka Apell, Janelle Honeycutt

**Multicultural Outreach Rep** - Jennifer Howard, Bethany Rivera

**Upper Grade Rep** – Katie Richards-Schuster, Emily Rahim

**Lower Grade Rep** - Veronica Hannah, Emily Deedler

**PTOC Rep** - Dave McNulty, Colleen Monahan-Smith

**Teacher Rep** - Jan Smith

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


## may

- 20 Kindergarten Screener 9am-3pm  
Kindergarten Screener 4-5pm
- 21 Final S.I.T. Meeting, Media Center 4-5pm  
Final Bach PTO Meeting, MPR 6:30-7:30pm
- 22 Kindergarten Screener 9am-3pm  
4th grade Michigan breakfast
- 25 **NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day**
- 26 5th Grade Instrumental Music Evening Concert, MPR 7-8pm
- 27 Kindergarten Music Concert, MPR 3pm and 7pm
- 28 1st Grade Field Trip to the Detroit Zoo 9-3pm  
5th Grade Instrumental Day Concert 10:30
- 29 Gleason Field Trip to Water Tour 9-2pm  
Middle School Choir coming to sing for 5th graders 2-2:30pm
- 30 Science Olympiad  
WESO Tournament at Pioneer

## June

- 2 Bach All School Field Day 12:30-3:30pm (volunteers needed)
- 3 5th Grade Field Trip to Greenfield Village 9:00-3:30pm
- 5 Bach All School Ice Cream Social, Small Playground 6-9pm
- 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)**



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**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** \_\_\_\_\_

# Join Us for Our Annual ICE CREAM SOCIAL



LIVE BANDS

PIZZA

PRIZES

ICE CREAM

GAMES

DANCING

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Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

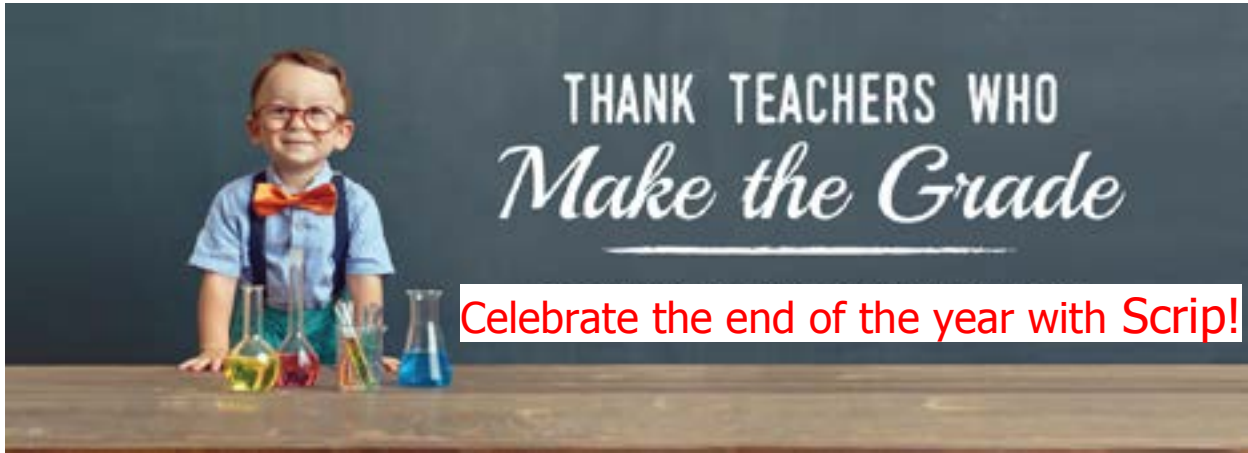
From 6 to 9pm

Come join us for an evening of ice cream, fun, and games. In addition to all the fun activities from the past, this year's Ice Cream Social will feature new educational exhibits, live bands, laser tag, obstacle course, and games for all! Please make sure to bring your family and friends!

**Want to help?** We're looking for volunteers to help with various aspects of the event. Look for an email with volunteer opportunities coming soon!

For more information, please contact:  
Wasim Somo @ (248) 756-4684 (direct line) or at [wasimsomo@google.com](mailto:wasimsomo@google.com)

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We offer cards for many local and national retailers as well as "Bach Scrip Certificates" where you decide the amount, and your teacher, staff member or coach can chose a gift card from hundreds of retailers!

**Our Scrip gift card profit for the year is \$2600!**

**PTO Scrip Store hours**

Weds 8:45 - 9:15am  
(main lobby)



**Bach PTO**

**Conveniently, we have cards IN STOCK for many of our popular stores.**

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