

BACH elementary SCHOOL NEWS

JUNE 3, 2015



DEAR BACH FAMILIES,

As a final farewell to you, it's my turn to say THANK YOU. You have made two years feel like a lifetime of friendships, acts of kindness, words of thoughtfulness and perseverance through teamwork. It's hard to imagine that there is another school out there with this much awesomeness! I will miss you all very much and hope that my time at Bach has been a positive learning experience for you. My personal email is hyeuo819@yahoo.com if you would like to keep in touch.

Last Week of School Activities/Trips

Stay on top of the many activities and trips each grade level will take by reading the classroom newsletter or emails.

2015-16 Class Placement Forms

Please know that our teachers and I will be working on class placements before I leave. Though some variables during the summer may change some placements, most of them will be done before the end of June.

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.

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.

— *Hyeuo Park, Principal*

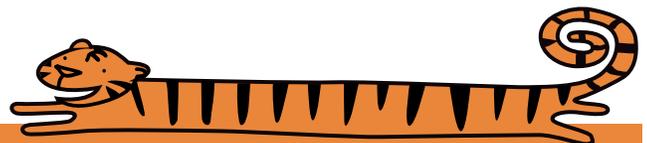
JUNE calendar

3 5th Grade Field Trip to Greenfield Village
9:00–3:30pm

5 Bach All School Ice Cream Social,
Small Playground 6–9pm

12 Report Cards Go Home With Students
End of the Year Assembly and
5th Grade Send Off, MPR 10:15–11:25am

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (HALF DAY)
DISMISSAL AT 11:51AM AT FLAGPOLE**



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.

THIRD GRADE SERVICE PROJECT: THE DELONIS CENTER

The third graders at Bach have been busy over the last few weeks. They have been learning about homelessness and have been coming up with ways that our Bach community can help! Starting this week, they are launching a drive to raise awareness, raise supplies, and raise money.

You'll see their incredible work in posters and flyers around the school, announcements in classes and over PA, and articles in the newsletter. They will be doing a drive for supplies and for donations. We would encourage you to talk with your kids about the project and ways that they can support our third graders in their efforts.

The drive will go through June 9th. As part of their drive, the students will be hosting a table at the Ice Cream Social (Friday, June 5th) to raise awareness about their drive and collect donations for the Delonis Center. Please be sure to stop by their table and show your support!

For more information about The Delonis Center visit: <http://annarborshelter.org/>

Thanks!!

Anna, Monique & Katie

(Moms of Elvin, Izzy & Dominic)

HELP THE HOMELESS

By: Rachel, Maizy, Kai, Zain, Izzy, Bryn and Neisja

People need lots of things when they are homeless such as money, food, water and toiletries. If we don't donate, their situation can get even worse. We can collect the things they need and donate them to The Delonis Center. You can donate those items to us because you'll know it is going to a good cause. Remember, if you were homeless you would want people to donate to you. In other words, treat people how you want to be treated!

We'll be at the Ice Cream Social with more information and a donation jar so you can help support our project and help those who are homeless!



WHAT YOU CAN DONATE: WISH LIST ITEMS

From : <http://annarborshelter.org/donations/wish-list>

- » Unopened hotel/trial size soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion
- » New toothbrushes & toothpaste
- » New twin blankets, new sheets and new pillow cases (please no comforters, down or wool) (MUST HAVE TAGS ON THEM)
- » New towels & new washcloths (MUST HAVE TAGS ON THEM)
- » Foot powder
- » New Socks & new undergarments in original packaging
- » Hand Sanitizer
- » Half price bus tokens, 30 day bus passes
- » Toilet paper & Paper towels
- » Facial tissue
- » Plastic utensils
- » Sturdy, disposable plates, bowls and cups
- » Disinfectant wipes
- » Combs/brushes
- » Deodorant
- » Razors/shaving cream
- » Bottled water



AS WE END OUR YEAR, 5th graders and kindergarteners are finishing up clay projects. The kiln was on the fritz so it has been a push to give every grade the chance to work in clay. 5th graders also traveled this week to the Ann Arbor Art Center to work on an animation project. 4th graders finished their Mackinaw bridge projects (hanging by the office) and I think they did a fabulous job drawing and painting this complicated landmark. Mrs. Ward's class finished up their paper mache bees just in time to be hung for their poetry café. 3rd graders finished up their self-portraits, and have been working on Blue Dog and Keith Haring inspired works.

The biggest news for me to share is the creation of David Zinn's mural on the big playground. I applied for and received a Great Ideas grant last fall to pay for David Zinn to create and paint a mural on the ugly cement retaining wall. Our goal was to have it done in time for field day. 5th graders will add their own symbol created in art class to the mural. David Zinn also gave a fantastic presentation to them about his own work and public art.

The quote to the left is posted by the door in my room as a reminder of why I love to teach art at Bach, and all the rewards an art program can realize. I am so lucky to have the opportunity to teach art to all my hardworking, imaginative, and courageous Bach students. I am particularly reminded of this as our year draws to a close, and I reflect back on all the wonderful things that have happened in the art room. You see a glimpse of this by their work hanging in the halls, but I get the opportunity everyday to witness their enthusiasm, creativity, and eagerness to learn about and create art. I cannot imagine a more rewarding and satisfying place for me to be. Thank you Bach students! I hope your summer is filled with some of your own art adventures.

ART CLASSES TEACH KIDS TO:
RESPECT OTHERS START A DIALOGUE
EXPERIMENT WITH MATERIALS OBSERVE
FIND THEIR VOICE SELF-EVALUATE
MAKE CONNECTIONS EXPRESS THEMSELVES
LEARN FROM THEIR MISTAKES
CLEAN UP REFLECT ON THEIR WORK
EMBRACE DIVERSITY PERSEVERE
HAVE AN OPINION APPRECIATE BEAUTY
BREAK AWAY FROM STEREOTYPES
ENVISION SOLUTIONS VALUE AESTHETICS
SEE ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW INNOVATE

Artfully yours,
Kim Furey

new BACH PTO BOARD

Congratulations to the 2015/2016 Bach PTO Board, which was elected at the May 21 meeting:

PRESIDENT Laurie Nutt, Cassie Brabbs
TREASURER Derek Vaughan, Tricia Kalosa-Kenyon
SECRETARY Kate Funk-Carter, Melanie Rountrey
ROOM PARENT COORDINATOR Nieka Apell, Janelle Honeycutt
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UPPER GRADE REP Katie Richards-Schuster, Emily Rahim
LOWER GRADE REP Veronica Hannah, Emily Deedler
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Thank you to these wonderful leaders for stepping forward to give of themselves in the coming school year!



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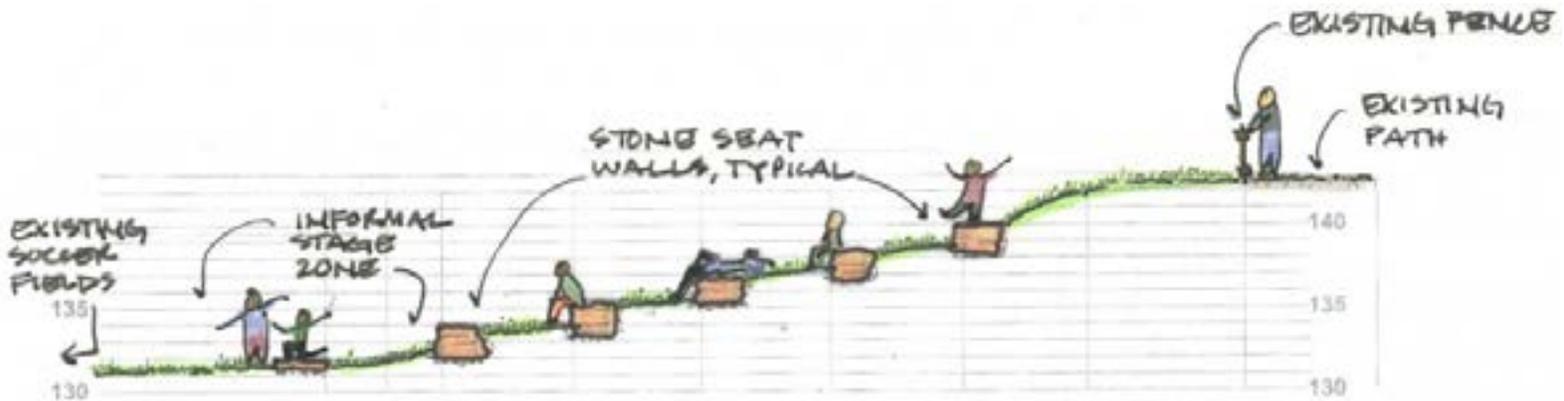
Teacher's name: _____

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.

UPDATE ON STEPHEN'S THEATER



Thank you Bach for your wonderful support of Stephen's Theater.

In case you don't know, Stephen's Theater is a proposed outdoor informal amphitheater to be built on Bach's big playground. It will include limestone seating set into the hill overlooking the soccer field. The Theater is a way for us to honor Bach student, Stephen Easter, who died in July of 2013, after finishing his 2nd grade year here.

The Stephen's Theater Project Committee raised over \$40,000 to build the Theater, including a generous grant from the Buhr Foundation. Because this project is being built on school property, there are many steps we must take before we can begin construction. We are currently in the process of securing approval from the State of Michigan, the City of Ann Arbor and the Ann Arbor Public School District along with the Board of Education. Each of these approvals happen in different phases and is an on-going effort.

It is our true hope that construction will begin this summer and that Stephen's Theater will be completed in the Fall, in time for Stephen's classmates to enjoy it during their 5th grade year at Bach.

If you have questions about the project, want to donate, stay informed or help, please contact Colleen Monahan Smith at monahanc@yahoo.com; 734-214-2995 or email stephenstheater@bachpto.org

Thank you for your generous and positive support of this special project.

**BACH ELEMENTARY
PTO IS ON FACEBOOK!**





Congratulations to all our WESO Wizards!

Bach teams earned 24 medals!

With 38 teams participating in the competition, this is truly an impressive number.

Thank you to all the coaches and other volunteers who make Science Olympiad possible.





Congratulations,
WESO Wizards!



Join Us for Our Annual ICE CREAM SOCIAL



LIVE BANDS

PIZZA

PRIZES

ICE CREAM

GAMES

DANCING

MUSIC

Friday, June 5th

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

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY THE BACH ELEMENTARY PTO

Popsicles on the Playground with Mr. Park!



Please join us on the Bach playground on **Friday, June 12th** right after school to say Goodbye, Best Wishes, and Thank You to Mr. Park!

We have been so fortunate to have Mr. Park leading the Bach community over the past two years. He has devoted a tremendous amount of time and energy into ensuring that Bach is an outstanding school, and a warm and caring community. We will miss his cheerful manner, strong leadership, and, of course, his morning announcements!

So stop by the playground right after the bell rings on the last day of school to thank Mr. Park for his dedication and hard work, and to wish him well as he embarks on a new adventure!



Mr. Park ... You're the BOMB!

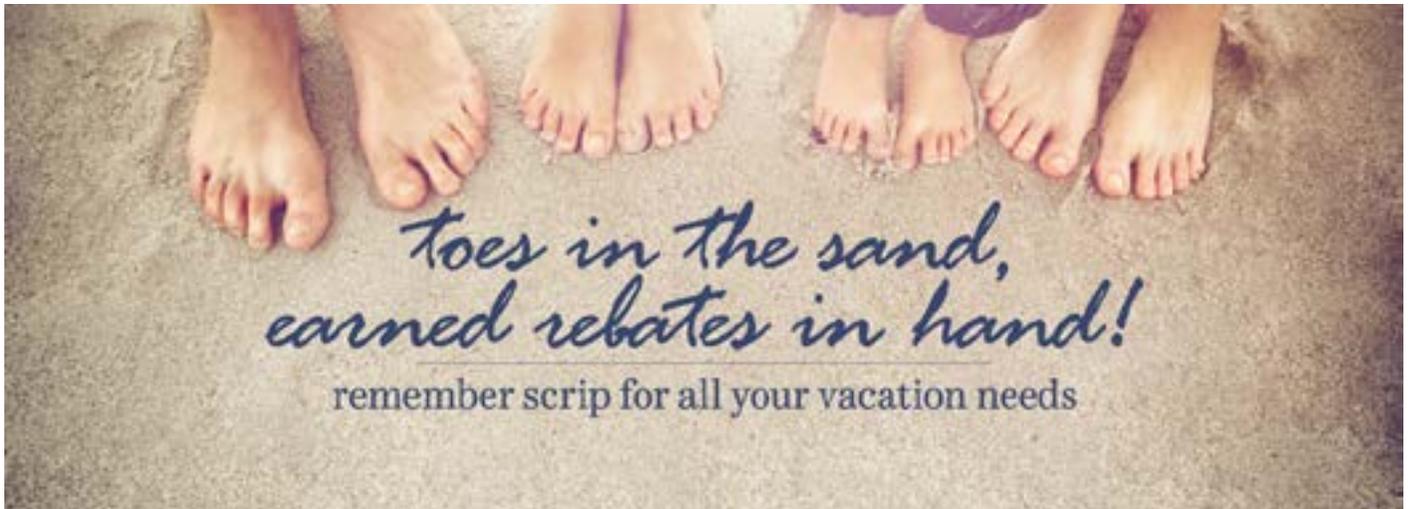


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