

# BACH eLeMentary SCHOOL NEWS

NOVEMBER 4, 2015



## HELLO BACH FAMILIES!

You and your child’s teacher share a unique partnership. You both have the same goal in mind: the well-being of your child. Parent-teacher conferences at Bach provide you with the opportunity to share things about your child that his teacher may not know. In turn, you may discover new things about your child as a learner.

The following tips adapted from the Harvard Research Project, an online resource, may help you make the most out of the fifteen minutes you have with your child’s teacher:

- » Be prepared to have a conversation. The purpose of the conference is not to listen to your child’s teacher talk the entire time. Be willing to share your thoughts as well as ask questions.
- » Be objective. More than likely, your child’s teacher will share his strengths as well as areas in which he can improve. While we naturally want our children to excel in every aspect of school, this is not often the case. Come prepared with your own thoughts about his strengths and weaknesses. Discuss them with his teacher.
- » Be supportive. Your child’s teacher wants him to succeed as much as you do. Ask her how you can reinforce her efforts at home and, if applicable, help her problem-solve situations that may exist in the classroom.
- » Be realistic about data. You may receive your child’s fall NWEA reading and math scores. Keep in mind that these scores provide one data point about his progress. When coupled with his performance on tests, quizzes, homework, and everyday assignments, they help paint a larger picture.
- » Talk to your child. If your child is not present at the conference, he will most likely be curious about what you discussed. Be sure to emphasize the positive, but do not hesitate to point out some of the challenges you may have discussed. Remind him that you and his teacher are united in an effort to support him.

Here’s to a productive and successful conference for you, your child, and your child’s teacher! Common evening conferences will be held this Thursday, November 5th. Remember to stop in and see specials teachers.

—*Alison Epler, Principal*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**All School Conference Night**  
Thursday 11/5

**Principal’s Coffee Chat**  
Tuesday, 11/10 5:30–6:30 pm

**3rd Grade to Wild Swan Theater**  
Thursday, 11/12

**Picture Retake Day**  
Morning, Wednesday 11/18

**2nd Grade to Natural History Museum**  
Wednesday, 11/18

**PTO Meeting in MPR**  
Thursday, 11/19 6:30–7:30 pm

**Fun Run pledges are due**  
Friday, 11/20

**Report Cards go home**  
Monday 11/23

**Hearing & Vision Rescreening**  
Tuesday 11/24

**No School – Thanksgiving Break**  
Wednesday – Friday 11/25–27

**Family Science Night**  
Friday, 12/4 6–8 pm

**Scholastic Book Fair**  
December 7–11



**BACH ELEMENTARY PTO  
IS ON FACEBOOK!**

## Science NIGHT is coming soon!

Friday, December 4th from 6:00-8:00, please come to the Bach Elementary Multi-purpose Room to enjoy our annual Science Night! The Hands-On Museum will have a wide variety of different experiments for kids and parents to explore together. All of the projects demonstrate simple scientific principles in engaging ways.

For more information or to register as a volunteer, please contact Coordinator

Melanie Rountrey [mroundrey@gmail.com]. We are in need of volunteers to help advertise and prepare for the event.



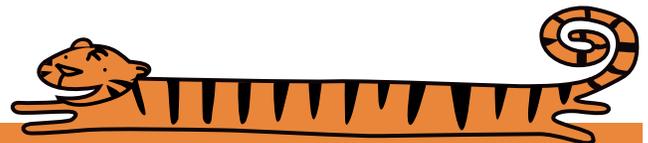
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**THANK YOU**



# 2015 **FUN** **BACH** **RUN**



The Bach School Fun Run was a great success! We want to thank all the parents for their help on Friday and Sunday. Your support was very much appreciated!



**We are still collecting pledges. Send in pledge envelopes or donate online at [bachpto.org/funrun](http://bachpto.org/funrun). All pledges are due by November 20th.**



See you next year, The Bach Fun Run Team

