

BACH eLeMentary SCHOOL nEWS

DECEMBER 9, 2015



DEAR BACH FAMILIES,

With the exception of a few days, we've managed to escape our typical, snowy, December weather. Just a reminder, students should be coming to school dressed for the colder temps. Full winter gear includes coats, boots, snow pants, hats, and mittens/gloves. Students go outside at recess for up to 30 minutes. Please be sure your children have all the winter gear they need to stay warm and play at recess. If you are in need of any of these winter items for your child, please stop in and see me, call, or send an email, eplera@aaps.k12.mi.us.

In the event of a possible snow day, the district will always strive to make weather-related decisions on regular schools days by 5 am when possible, and we will brief media outlets & post on our AAPS website right away once the decision is made. Checking in to local media is a good way to stay in the 'know' regarding weather-related district closures. Also, we only notify when schools are closed, so 'no notification' means that school is open for the day.

Weather protocols and school safety information can be viewed using this link: <http://aaps.schoolwires.net/domain/2601>. Please notify Kim Kauffman in the main office if your contact information has changed. If your phone number is not current, or if you opt out of notifications, you will not receive calls from any AAPS building, including inclement weather notifications.

January is School Board Recognition Month. This January, I invite you to join me in thanking members of our Board of Education for their dedicated service to our students. It only takes a few moments to express gratitude – write a note, send an email, make a phone call, or simply say 'thank you' when you see them out in our community.

On behalf of all staff at BES, I wish you and your families the warmest greetings and happiness in the New Year.

See you all next year!

Alison Epler, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Scholastic Book Fair

December 7–11

Evening shopping hours:

Thursday, 12/10, 5–7 pm

Restaurant Fundraiser at Argiero's Italian Restaurant

Sunday, 12/13 2–7:30pm

4th grade performance

Tuesday 12/15 3pm & 7pm

PTO Meeting

Thursday, 12/17 6:30–7:30pm

2nd grade Game Party

Friday, 12/18 2:30-3:30

Winter Break

Monday 12/21 – 1/3

Return from Winter Break

Monday, 1/4

Martin Luther King Day

NO SCHOOL Monday, 1/18

PTO Meeting

Thursday, 1/21 6:30-7:30

No School for Students

Monday, 2/1

Movie Night

Friday, 2/5 6:00-8:00

MOVIE NIGHT IS COMING! Save the Date!

Friday, February 5th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Grab your blanket and stuffed animal and join us for a family-friendly movie in the Bach Multipurpose Room!

*NOTE: We will only be able to offer this event if we can find another co-coordinator! If you are interested in helping our experienced coordinator to organize this event, please email president@bachpto.org.

a SUCCESSFUL SCIENCE NIGHT!

Over 200 Bach kids and families experimented and practiced their powers of scientific investigation at Bach's annual Family Science Night on Friday, December 4th! Thank you to the Hands-On Museum for bringing the engaging materials, and to all of the fabulous volunteers from Ann Arbor high schools and U of M. And a HUGE thank you to **Melanie Rountrey** and **Cathy Leitner**, Bach parents, for organizing such a fun and well-attended event!

BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THIS WEEK!

The annual Scholastic Book Fair is going on and we still need volunteers for the rest of this week! If you can help during the day or during our evening shopping hours (**Thursday, December 10, from 5-7 p.m.**) please sign up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4ba4a62eab9-scholastic>

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Burdine, Book Fair Coordinator, at julieburdine@gmail.com.

GROCERY SCRIPS

MEIJER 1% BONUS CONTRIBUTION



November 21 – December 18!

Stock up for holiday shopping with a Meijer® 1% bonus contribution from Saturday, November 21 through Friday, December 18. Customers who purchase Meijer gift cards or Reload products will receive a 4% contribution instead of the standard 3%.

Stock up on Meijer gift cards for holiday entertaining and gift giving. They can be purchased at the Scrip store in Bach's lobby on Wednesday mornings. Visit mperks.meijer.com to save even more with digital coupons. For more information email scrip@bachpto.org.



THANKSGIVING assembly



science NIGHT

KINDERGARTNERS Songs of the season bring us the chance to create and feel community. We are studying traditions steeped in music this next few weeks.

FIRST GRADERS WOW! Have you seen the music composing your son or daughter can do? We are writing our own rhythms and now melodies on the staff! How amazing!

SECOND GRADE The next few weeks and into January bring us the opportunity to learn about the Science of Musical Sound. This will parallel the classroom science unit about sound. We will also learn about the Nutcracker Ballet and the music by Peter Tchaikovsky.

THIRD GRADE We are currently studying what it means to be a Music Historian. This is in conjunction with the classroom teachers' discussions with the students about studying history and being a historian. In Music (Humanities) we learned about Musicologists and Ethnomusicologists. We surveyed the music room library for examples of books written by or for musicologists. We watched an interview of a musicologist. We wrote about our individual interests in the fields of musicology and what that profession entails. We are excited to continue being musicologists!

FOURTH GRADERS continue to work on their musical play, *Too Many Suns*. We can't wait to share it with you! Be sure you know what color T-shirt your son or daughter needs.

FIFTH GRADE Our study of the purposes of music in culture has brought us to a new project: to write our own protest songs. I love the varied passions this group has: everything from politics to world events to square pizza!



Bach presents....

a Restaurant Fundraiser at Argiero's Italian Restaurant on

Sunday, Dec 13, 2-7:30pm!

Just mention Bach School Fundraiser and a percentage of your total will be donated to Bach!

So come enjoy a meal and help raise funds for Bach Elementary. It's that easy!!



GOT A TICKET? YOU'LL NEED ONE TO WIN!

ANN ARBOR PTO THRIFT SHOP PRESENTS A

RAFFLE!

1ST PRIZE: NEW CAR!!*

2ND PRIZE: \$5000

3RD PRIZE: \$1000

RAISE \$ FOR BACH! THE MORE
TICKETS SOLD, = MORE \$ FOR BACH!

GET YOUR TICKETS@

- MAIN OFFICE, ANYTIME
- SCIENCE NIGHT, DECEMBER 4

WINNER!

SUBMIT YOUR DRAWING

* 2 Year 12,000 mile/year lease of a 2016 Lincoln MKZ Hybrid, courtesy of Sesi Lincoln, 3990 Jackson Rd.

Prizes subject to Federal and Michigan income withholding. **\$10/ticket, \$40/book of 5.**

Drawing is January 2, 2016. You don't have to be present to win!





Dashing through the snow for last-minute gifts?

Just a few days left!
Shop at the Scrip Store on
Wednesdays 8:45- 9:15
Thursdays 3:45-4:15
And Fridays 8:45- 9:15
Earn money for Bach School!

Our Scrip gift card profit for the year is \$1200!




Conveniently, we have cards IN STOCK for many of our popular stores. At no cost to you, there is no easier way to support Bach PTO!



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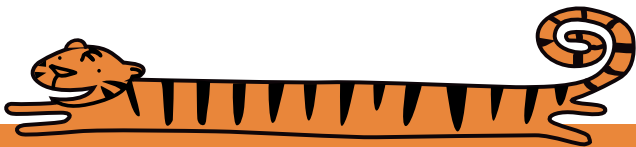
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At Bach School we are dedicated to creating an environment that inspires learning. We strive to challenge each student to achieve full academic potential and maintain consistent standards for socially responsible behavior. We believe education is a 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.



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