

BACH elementary SCHOOL news

JANUARY 27, 2016



DEAR BACH FAMILIES,

Dear Bach Families,

It was a great week to be a Bengal! I'd like to extend a public "thank you" to Emily Preston Rahim for her work to coordinate and lead winter enrichment activities for our students. Each activity could not have taken place without our parent volunteers. Thank you to everyone who donated time or materials. If you would like to volunteer, there are still opportunities over the coming weeks.

Kristi Bishop led our school community in a celebration to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Thank you to Kristi, our teachers who helped with rehearsals, our students, and our parents who were able to attend Thursday's assembly.

Next month will be busy with Family Movie Night (2/5), Parent Involvement Day (2/8), and Kindergarten Round Up (2/23). Monday, February 1st, our teachers will be participating in professional development. There is no school for students. Mid-winter break is just around the corner. There is no school for students February 15th through February 19th.

Thank you for your continued support to our students, teachers and community. Your support and positive contributions make our school the best!

Alison Epler, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

2nd Grade to Jiffy Mix
Wednesday, 1/27

NO SCHOOL for Students
Monday, 2/1

Movie Night
Friday, 2/5 6:30-8:30

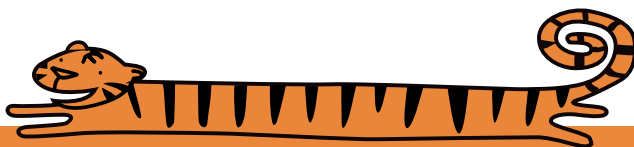
Parent Involvement Day
Monday, 2/8

Student Count Day
Wednesday, 2/10

NO SCHOOL Mid Winter Break
Monday-Friday 2/15-19

Kindergarten Roundup
Tuesday, 2/23 6-7:30

PTO meeting
MPR, Thursday 2/25 6:30-7:30 pm



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.



BACH ELEMENTARY PTO IS ON FACEBOOK!

CAN YOU HELP WITH LUNCHTIME ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES?

Our winter lunchtime enrichment activities have been really popular so far!

Last week, we had students building forts, sewing projects, making snowflakes, and having fun playing board games!

We have 5 more weeks to go and many volunteer spots remaining. Maybe you can bring in supplies like yarn, felt, games, baking ingredients? Maybe you can come in at lunchtime one day to lead an activity. It works really well to have two volunteers leading an activity, so feel free to bring a friend with you or sign up along with someone else!

Please check the schedule for the next 5 weeks and see if there is anything you could work into your day to help out with this new and exciting optional indoor recess!

TO VOLUNTEER:

1. Follow this link: <http://bit.ly/1Og9EaB> OR
2. Visit www.bachpto.org, click the 'volunteer' button, and sign up on the google doc.

Questions? Contact Emily Preston Rahim at eprestonrahim@gmail.com.



**LUNCHTIME ENRICHMENT FUN:
FORT BUILDING & TWISTER!**



BACH IS LOOKING FOR a FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR!

Do you have experience in fundraising/development? Would you like to share your talent and experience with our Bach community? We would like to create a new Fundraising Coordinator position in the PTO leadership. If you are interested or just curious about this position, please email president@bachpto.org. Here is a detailed description of the position:

The FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR will serve as the general organizer for revenue-generating PTO-sponsored programs. S/he will present for approval to the PTO board a fundraising strategy to meet the PTO's revenue needs. S/he will identify a chairperson (or chairpeople) for each activity, work with the chairperson and the co-Treasurers to devise a budget for the activity, including a revenue target and overall budget. In addition to coordinating PTO-initiated activities, s/he will maintain records of community and business solicitations for funds and in-kind donations.

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2. Select Bach PTO as your non-profit of choice.
3. Shop as you normally would! It's that easy!

This is an easy way to raise money for our children!



LAST BOX TOP DRIVE OF THE YEAR!



It's Box Tops submission time! Box tops are a great way to help earn money for Bach School with very little effort required. If each student in the school brought in 25 Box Tops, we would earn \$1,000!

Please watch your child's backpack for a Box Top Collection Sheet. This year we'd like to create a friendly competition and see which classroom can bring in the most Box Tops by Friday, February 12.

Tape or glue Box Tops on a collection sheet or simply send in a bag uncounted. We'll do the work!

The winning classroom will decide with their teacher on a reward whether it be extra recess minutes or a pj day!



"THERE IS NO EARTH WITHOUT ART."

After the holiday break, students have been busy, focused, and growing their skills in the art room this January. Here is a sampling of what we have been up to:

KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST GRADES have been learning about what animals do in winter. They are making books that describe how animals adapt, hibernate or migrate. They have also been creating clay projects. Along with the second graders we have been using winter themes for ideas, easier now with the colder temperatures and some snow on the ground.

THE 2ND GRADERS used the painting, *Skating under the Starry Sky* by Kathe Soave, for inspiration in their collage skating pond mixed media project. This was a multi-step project and all students' works were very successful!

3RD GRADERS explored Van Gogh's paintings and his use of color, particularly complementary colors. They have been working on a pop-up chair in a decorated room based on his series of paintings of his chair and bedroom. As a side note, the Art Institute of Chicago will be opening an exhibition of Van Gogh featuring these paintings. It opens February 14th (our mid-winter break) in case you plan to visit Chicago during this time.

4TH GRADERS studied the art of pop artist Keith Haring whose work is filled with simple figures showing action and motion. After creating a mural of Keith Haring figures on student-designed snowboards, they have begun work on their own paper mache action figures.

LASTLY 5TH GRADERS are finishing up their plush pal/ sewing projects. I am so proud of my 5th graders and their can-do and willing attitudes of helping each other to thread needles, tie knots, share materials, and to have fun and for many, to learn a new skill.

As we enter the new year of 2016, I cannot help to reflect on my teaching practice and the important role art can play in my student's lives. It often seems the news is growing worse and critical global issues can seem especially daunting to all of us young and old. But because art is based on symbols and a universal language, students can use art to explore and to make sense of their world, and to know that through artistic expression we are all connected.

Happy New Year!

Artfully yours,

Kim Furey



Bach Movie Night

When Feb 5th 6:30 -8:30pm

Come relax with your Bach friends watching a fantastic movie. The students voted and Home won!

Admission is free!

Important Movie Night Information

- Snacks will be available for purchase.
- Children can bring blankets and their favorite stuffed animal and are welcome to come in their pj's.
- All children must be signed in and out in the MPR. No drop-offs allowed. Please do not ask your child to meet you at the front.
- Younger siblings (under the age of 5) are welcome but need to be supervised by an adult.
- To volunteer please contact Emily at eprestonrahim@umich.edu or Kellie at chestler@umich.edu





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