

# BACH elementary SCHOOL news

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## DEAR BACH FAMILIES,

Through our PTO newsletters, I've reached out with parking reminders and guidelines for the most important reason...student safety. Thankfully, each time a reminder has been sent, there has been great improvement. And then after a few weeks, another reminder is needed.

This past week I received an email from a resident. It started, "I am a resident of Fourth Street and have long complained about parents parking illegally on the street when they drop off and pick up their children." She shared specific examples with concerns for student safety. Recently she was unable to leave for work because her driveway was blocked.

The resident ended her email with, "I am appalled at the blatant disregard parents have for the safety of the school children and residents of the neighborhood. I expect that it will take a tragedy for these drivers to comply with the law. It seems that existing efforts have not solved the problem. Please do what you can to remedy the situation before that occurs." In her email she expressed appreciation for the cones we place at intersections each morning but she feels more is needed.

Although it was just one complaint, it was important enough to share with our families. Our Bach Community is too great for residents to have the sense that there is a disregard for student safety and residents of the neighborhood.

You will notice Officer Martelle at our intersections during arrival next week. He will help with providing reminders to our families who are not following parking guidelines. Please receive reminders from our staff and teachers with respect, patience, and gratitude. They are all working to keep our kids safe.

*Alison Epler, Principal*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Student Count Day**  
Wednesday, 2/10  
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**Box Tops for Education deadline**  
Friday 2/12  
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**NO SCHOOL Mid Winter Break**  
Monday–Friday 2/15–19  
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**Kindergarten Roundup**  
Tuesday, 2/23 6–7:30  
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**PTO meeting**  
MPR, Thursday 2/25 6:30–7:30 pm  
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**4th Grade to UMMA**  
Thursday 3/3  
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**1st Grade Concert**  
Thursday 3/10



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 KIDS LOVE WINTER ENRICHMENTS!

Over the past three weeks, our kids have tried some really cool lunchtime enrichment activities: duct tape projects, painting with shaving cream, and circle games, just to name a few! Here is a quick look at what's ahead:

**Week of Feb. 8:** card games, balloon ball, yo-yo's, stacking cups, valentine-making

**Week of Feb. 22:** musical chairs, twister, hopscotch, coloring, stamping, marble run

**Week of Feb. 29:** bean bag toss and bowling, card games, play doh fun

TO VOLUNTEER:

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

A huge thank you to all the parents who have helped out to date. This would not be possible without the great Bach community!



LUNCHTIME  
ENRICHMENT  
FUN!





## BACH KIDS FELT RIGHT at HOME at movie NIGHT!

Bach's annual Movie Night was a big hit this year! Many Bach families spread out their blankets, munched on popcorn, and snuggled with their stuffed animals as they enjoyed watching the animated feature 'HOME' on Friday, February 5th. Many thanks to Emily Preston Rahim, Kellie Chestler-Root, and Tricia Kalosa-Kenyon, Bach parents, for organizing such a fun and fabulous event!

## CUPSTACKING

Perhaps you heard from your kid/s, we just completed a unit on "cupstacking" in the gym. This is a great sport for eye/hand coordination and mental focus.

The unit is always interesting as the students that shine are not always the usual suspects. Cupstacking can be timed for competition. This year our fastest stackers were 4th graders Khoi followed by Ava D. in close second.

Cupstacks can be purchased at "speedstacks.com".

— Mr. Thompson



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**Bach PTO**

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