

BACH elementary SCHOOL NEWS

APRIL 12, 2017



Spring is upon us. I hope your family is enjoying the sights, smells and sounds of spring. March has been a time to celebrate community. I particularly like this definition of community "A feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals." Your family may experience this in different ways at Bach, whether it is by snuggling in on the floor in the MPR for Movie Night, celebrating March Is Reading Month at Family Reading Night, watching your child perform in a class concert, or by joining one of the numerous Science Olympiad teams led by parent volunteers. The Bach PTO strives to support our students to help them thrive. This is always at the forefront of the decisions we make.

I wanted to thank you all for taking the time to complete the survey the Bach PTO sent out regarding decisions around our reserve fund dollars. To see the full survey results use this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-3HBC2DDB/>

The question, "Funding Priorities: The PTO keeps a reserve of \$15,000 in order to pay for unexpected costs that may arise. This year we have more than \$15,000 in reserve so we are financially able to allocate funds to other areas or projects with this extra money. In your opinion, which areas should be of high priority? You may check more than one." Here are the responses: teacher requests 72%, playground updates 32%, other at 28%, new paint and decor at 27%, and sensory items at 22%. Items suggested in the category other were: before and after school activities, improved lunch program, a fence around the playground, a gate around the playground, music equipment, sound system upgrades, lockers outside the classrooms, secure bike parking, and replacing the school's tiles and chairs. The PTO will use these results moving forward to help make our financial spending decisions.

Just as a reminder our next PTO meeting on April 20th will be a morning meeting. We will meet from 9-10:30am in the conference room just outside the cafeteria. Coffee and baked goods will be provided. Our last and final meeting will take place May 18th from 6:30-8pm in the MPR. We will be holding elections for new positions during this May meeting. Still up for consideration: vice president, secretary, a multicultural outreach coordinator, upper and lower elementary representatives, a wish list coordinator, and a PTOC (Parent Teacher Organization Council). If you are interested or even thinking about what this would look like please reach out to one of the current board members and we can help you find the best fit.

On April 14th from 2:30-3:30pm our Fundraising Chair we will be holding a fundraising meeting to discuss new creative ways to secure dollars for Bach. This invitation is open to all. We will be meeting at Bach in the conference room just outside the cafeteria.

Lastly, 30 of you are interested in making positive changes in the food our children are served (as indicated by the survey results). I will be sending out an email invitation soon to get these planning meetings underway. There are several Student Council members who are also passionate about making changes to our breakfast and lunch options as well and I am hoping to blend these like minded adults and youth together.

As always, I wish you the best. Happy Spring.
—Bach PTO President Emily Preston Rahim

Friday, 4/14

PTO fundraising committee 2:30 in conference room

Wednesday, 4/19

2nd grade performance, 2pm & 7pm

Thursday, 4/20

PTO 8:50-9:45 in conference room

Monday, 4/24

Tarchinski to Water plant 9:30-2:30

Tuesday, 4/25

3rd grade Rural Education 9:30-12:30

Friday, 4/27

Fun Run Assembly 9-11

Thursday, 5/4

2nd grade to Towsley Auditorium 9:30-11:25

Monday, 5/8

Kdg to Creature Conservancy 10-1:30

Wednesday, 5/10

5th grade Middle School Visit

"Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a show full of slush." ~ Doug Larson

Burns Park Run Coming Up on May 7th! Register now and earn \$ for Bach PTO!

The 39th Annual Burns Park Run "Run for the Schools" program benefits any local school PTO program and promotes youth health and fitness. For each registered Kindergarten through 12th grade student participating in the Burns Park Run 5K or 10K event, parents can designate to have \$10 of their child's individual registration fee donated back to their school's PTO. Parents simply indicate their interest in participating during the online registration process (<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/AnnArbor/burnsparkrun>) and designate the name of the school to have your school receive the \$10 donation. All "Run For Schools" donations will be processed post-race and will be paid as a lump sum directly from Burns Park PTO to the designated school PTOs.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to sell script cards and for someone to assist in the Ice Cream Social. If anyone is interested, please email Emily Preston Rahim at eprestonrahim@gmail.com



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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 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.



Bach Bike/Walk to School Day

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

(Rain date Thursday, May 11)

12, 2017

Join in the spring Bach Bike/Walk to School Day to encourage and support young people to bike or walk to school!

All bikers and walkers are invited to arrive at the Bach playground at 8:40 for a group photo!

Bike/Walk Route Planning: The National Center for Safe Routes to School provides helpful information, including safe route planning, at walkbiketoschool.org/. Please consider planning a group ride or walk with other families in your neighborhood.

Bike/Walk Safety: Parents are responsible for children's safety traveling between home and school, so please accompany your young biker(s) and walkers to school. All children must have a helmet and a bike lock. Bach cannot be responsible for unsecured bikes. Parents may also bring a child's bike home. Please do not leave bikes at school overnight. **Let your bus driver know** if your child won't be riding. **PARENTS: BE A GOOD EXAMPLE—WEAR A HELMET!**

Questions?

John Beeson, Erica Briggs, Kelly Fitzsimmons—Bach BWTS Day coordinators, biketoschoolday@bachpto.org or 734.945.0442.

Tips and tricks for riding with kids: Riding with kids slows you down, and that's not a bad thing. Beyond creating future bike riders, ingraining street skills, and engaging in physical activity, biking with kids is fun. Here's how to make the most of it. <http://pfb.peopleforbikes.org/take-a-brake/coasting-with-kids/>

2017 Sinking Fund Millage Community Information Meetings

Please join
Superintendent
Jeanice Swift for an
information meeting and
Q & A session
on the
2017 Sinking Fund
Millage

6:30 PM – Middle School Media Centers

Thursday, April 13	Scarlett Middle School 3300 Lorraine
Tuesday, April 18	Forsythe Middle School 1650 Newport Road
Thursday, April 20	Tappan Middle School 2251 E. Stadium Blvd.
Tuesday, April 25	Clague Middle School 2616 Nixon Rd.
Thursday, April 27	Slauson Middle School 1019 W. Washington



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