



Hampton Happenings

APRIL 2017 EDITION

BAY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FUN FAIR - APRIL 21 !

HAMPTON ELEMENTARY MISSION

The Hampton Elementary Staff is committed to fostering an environment where all children feel safe, respected, and valued. We provide the foundation for students to reach their maximum potential in their academics and encourage them to strive for personal excellence.

Fun Fair will be Friday, April 21st from 4-7 pm. Join us for games, prizes and food! We will also have karaoke, face painting, photo booth fun plus inflatables!

We are trying something new this year for our Fun Fair! Instead of purchasing a ticket to play every game, we are asking for a \$5 donation per child (\$20 max per family. If you are willing to donate more, we greatly appreciate it!). With this \$5 donation, kids will be able to have unlimited play with the games and inflatables! All money donated will go directly towards our Playground Fund! We are so close to our goal!

Two flyers were sent home with students recently. One was to order tickets and the other was asking for volunteers to help with the Fun Fair. If you have any questions, or can volunteer, please e-mail the Volunteer Coordinators at: hamptonvolunteer@bcschools.net.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Board of Ed. Meeting at Western High	7 pm	April 10
Fun Fair	4-7 pm	April 21
Popcorn Days		April 7 & 21
No School		April 14 & 17
Spring Pictures		April 24
College Day		April 26
Music Program		May 19
No School - Memorial Day		May 26 & 29
Field Day Gr.3-5 in AM		June 7
Last Day of School Half Day—dismiss at 12:22 pm		June 14

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

School is in session from 8:40 am - 3:32 pm.

If a student comes late: 8:40 - 9:10 am is TARDY; 9:10 am - Lunch is considered an AM absence

If a student has to leave early: Lunch - 3:02 pm is a PM Absence; 3:02 - 3:32 pm is a Reverse Tardy

Please make sure that you have any doctor's notes / counseling notes / court orders, etc....on file that might help to excuse any absences should question arise.

If you receive a truancy letter/postcard and have questions, feel free to contact our office. Our goal is to maximize education for all students. We are willing to help any way we can.

CHUCKIE CHEESE FUNDRAISER NIGHT

Thanks to a couple of “go-getting” Delta College students that helped at Hampton during their Spring Break, we will be having fundraiser at Chuckie Cheese in Saginaw on May 2nd from 4-9pm. It works a lot like the Buffalo Wild Wings fundraisers you may be familiar with. A percentage of all proceed will come back to us for our Playground Fund! One of the Delta College student’s that organized this fundraiser is a Hampton Alumni so she knows how much we want and need to get new playground equipment!

More information will be coming home with your child soon.



DRESS CODE

As the weather gets nicer, dress code questions always come up. Here are the general rules of thumb, or finger widths (we do this because 2” on a kindergarten student is much different than 2” on a 5th grader):

- Flip Flops ARE allowed but NOT recommended. We see many injuries during lunch due to lack of protective and supportive foot wear. Students may wear at their own risk.
- Tank tops - straps should not be thinner than two student fingers wide. NO spaghetti straps, nothing lower than two fingers below the collar bone.
- Shorts - cannot be higher than the ends of fingertips with arms at sides.
- Skirts - cannot be higher than two finger widths above the knee.

REMINDERS

There will be no school on Friday, April 14th and Monday, April 17th. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 18th. .

Fun Fair Volunteers Needed!
Hampton Fun Fair
Friday, April 21st / 4-7 p.m.
Contact : hamptonvolunteer@bcschools.net

There will be a special “Spring Sale” during the lunch hour on Thursday, April 13th. Similar to our “green” sale in March, the Booster Club will sell special treats to welcome in Spring! Proceeds will go toward the Playground fund.



TEACHER REQUEST FORMS

Teacher Request Forms for the 2017-18 school year will be available in our office on April 4th. They must be completed and turned in by May 19th. Teachers and administrators will consider all requests, but there are no guarantees. Our primary goal is to develop balanced educational classrooms. You can pick up a request form from the office, indicate a first choice and second choice, and indicate your educationally based rationale for the request.

Please note that if a request is granted and the teacher leaves Hampton at the end of the school year or makes a grade level change, your child will have the replacement for the requested teacher.

M-STEP IS COMING SOON!

Once again this year our 3rd - 5th grade students will be taking the M-STEP test online. The tests will include, ELA (3-5), Math (3-5), Science (grade 4) and Social Studies (grade 5). Testing begins the week of April 10th for **5th grade** and continues through May 5th. Testing for **3rd & 4th grades** begins the week of May 1st and continues through May 26th. Here are some helpful hints for testing:

- Make sure your child is in school to prevent make-up testing.
- Make sure that your child has a nutritious breakfast each morning.
- If you talk about the test, please let your child know that we just want them to do their best and not get stressed out about it.
- Some changes have been made this year to make the test more student friendly.
- If your teacher sends home websites on which to practice, please check these out with your child.



SPRING MUSIC PROGRAM

Our Spring Music Program will be held on Friday, May 19th. Mr. Stuijbergen and the students are working hard to prepare for this program! We know many of you need to make plans ahead of time to make arrangements with your employer if you wish to attend school events. Here is a schedule of the times of the program:



Kdg. 9:00 am	1st Grade: 9:40 am
2nd Grade: 10:20 am	3rd Grade: 11:00 am
4th Grade: 1:30 pm	5th Grade: 2:10 pm