

Hampton Happenings

APRIL 2018 EDITION

BAY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SPRING MUSIC PROGRAM

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.

Our Spring Music Program will be held on Friday, May 11th. Mr. Stuijbergen and the students are working hard to prepare for this program! 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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Board of Ed. Meeting at Handy Middle School 7pm	April 9
Popcorn Day	April 20
No School	April 27
College Day	April 24
Mother / Son Bowling	May 4
Career Day	May 9
Music Program	May 11
No School - Memorial Day weekend	May 25 & 28
Field Day Gr. 3-5 in Am K-2 in PM	June 12
Last Day of School Half Day—dismiss at 12:19 pm	June 14

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

School is in session from 8:40 am - 3:29 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 until 2:58 pm is a PM Absence; 2:59 - 3:29 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 questions 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.

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.

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 5) and Social Studies (grade 5). Testing begins the week of April 9th for **5th grade** and continues through May 4th. Testing for **3rd & 4th grades** begins the week of April 30th and continues through May 25th. 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.
- Check out the on-line training tools at:
<https://wbte.dracedirect.com/MI/portals/mi/>



CAREER DAY

Calling all Parents! Would you like to share your time and talent at our Annual Career Day in May? If you are interested in being a presenter this year, please contact Ms. Walsh - 5th Grade Teacher at: walsh1@bcschools.net



MOTHER & SON BOWLING

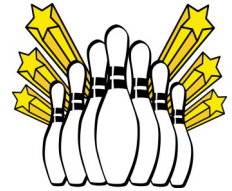
Mothers (aunts, grandmas, and female role models) join the boys for a special night of fun. Let's have a ball on Friday, May 4th. Join us from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Monitor Lanes! Cost is \$10 per person which includes two games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, dessert and a soft drink. Please RSVP by April 20th. Advanced payment only. No ticket sales at the door. Space is limited to the first 150 people! Don't forget your socks!

Watch D.O.G.S. Mother & Son Bowling RSVP

Mom's Name _____

Son's Name _____ Teacher _____

Son's Name _____ Teacher _____



Total number attending x \$10 _____ (checks payable to Hampton Elementary)

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.

REMINDERS

There will be no school on Friday, April 27th. Teachers will be in Professional Development meetings all day.

If you haven't filled out a Transportation Form for the 2018-19 school year, please fill out the inserted form and have your child return it to the office. Transportation needs to keep track of all students, so even if your child does not ride a bus, the form still needs to be filled out and returned to the office.



PARKING LOT REMINDERS

- Students should not be dropped off before 8:00 a.m. unless permission is granted. Front doors are unlocked at 8:00 a.m. and supervision starts at 8:00 a.m.
- During Drop-Off, **DO NOT PARK BY THE CURB** — it clogs up the flow of traffic.
- If you see your child in the “pick-up” line after school, *please* let the teacher know *before* you retrieve him/her. Please do not “grab and go”. The teacher is responsible for making sure your child is safe at the end of the day. We need to work together to make sure your child is in a safe place.
- PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY in the parking lot.
- ONLY DRIVE IN THE DIRECTION OF THE ARROWS in front of the school — East to West. Driving in the opposite direction clogs traffic.
- ONLY use the pick-up lane if it is inconvenient for you to get out of the car and get your child (pregnant, hurt, or unsteady on your feet).
- Students **MAY NOT** walk in the parking lot unattended — even from feet away. ONLY drop off your child in the drop off lane — **DO NOT make a second lane and have your child walk in front of cars.** Stay in the line or park your car in a spot and walk in.



SAFETY IN THE BUILDING

We ask that all visitors or volunteers that enter our building to please sign in at the office. We have badges that we ask all of our visitors and volunteers to wear. The badges let us know that you checked in at the office and we are aware that you are here. If someone is in the building without a badge, we know they are unsafe.

When entering our main front doors, you will find a second set of doors that remain locked during school hours. There is a button on the left wall that you can push to get “buzzed” in. We have cameras in our front office so we can see the people that we let in the second set of doors. It is imperative that once you enter the second set of doors that you enter the office and do not proceed down the hall. Student safety is always our main focus.

**SAFETY
FIRST** 