



BAY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HAMPTON HAPPENINGS

MARCH 2017 EDITION

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.



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for all incoming kindergarten students for the 2017-18 school year will begin on March 6th. Enroll your child in our office from 8-11:30 am and 1:00-3:00 pm. Please share this information with other parents of kindergarten age children that may not have a child in school. Parents are asked to bring a birth certificate, an up-to-date immunization record, and a proof of residency. Any child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2017 may attend kindergarten next year.

In order to better accommodate parents, Hampton School will be open for Kindergarten Registration the evenings of Tuesday, March 14th and Thursday, March 16th from 4-7 pm.

Registration will NOT be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Priority will be given to students who reside in a specific Bay City School attendance area insofar as the school's physical space and class enrollment capacity will allow. In addition, every effort will be made to accommodate choices of other resident and non-resident parents for their students to attend the Bay City Public School of their choice.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kindergarten Registration 8am-3pm	March 6 - 23
Half Day - dismissed at 12:22 pm	March 10
Popcorn Dates	March 10 & 24
School Board Meeting at MacGregor School 7pm	March 13
College Day	March 15
Parent / Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00pm	March 14 & 16
Spring Break	March 27 - 31
Classes Resume	April 3
20-minutes a Day Celebration at Handy 11 am - 1 pm	April 8

MARCH IS READING MONTH

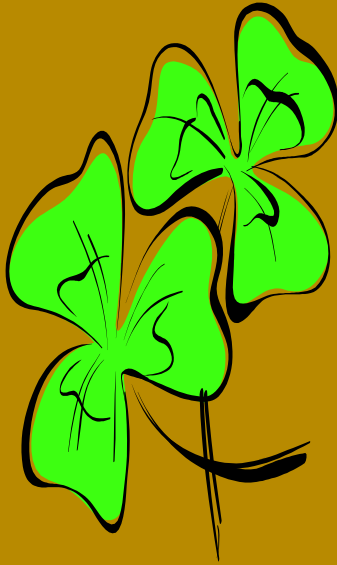
Hampton is celebrating in a BIG way! Our theme for this month is "Wild About Reading!" Watch for flyers, reading logs, and different activities that will be going on this month.

We will once again be having the **Great Book Exchange!**

We will be having a Crazy Dress Up Week March 20-24. (see below)

- 3/20:** Twin Day
- 3/21:** Crazy Hair Day
- 3/22:** Mismatch Day
- 3/23:** Dress up like an animal
- 3/24:** PJ Day - whole school reads at the same time

Read-a-thon in Media class the week of March 20th. The Bay City Public Schools 20-Minutes-a-Day celebration is April 8th.



Miscellaneous

HALF DAY IN MARCH

Friday, March 10th is a half day and students will be dismissed at 12:22 pm. Students will be fed lunch before they are dismissed. This is our last half day for this school year.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

- Tuesday, March 14 & Thursday, March 16th 4:00-700 p.m.

Spring Conferences will be schedule on a “need” basis. A letter was recently sent home with your child regarding upcoming conferences. If you have any questions, please contact your child’s teacher.

SPRING BREAK

Monday, March 27th through Friday, March 31st. Classes resume on Monday, April 3rd.

NEWS FROM MRS. DINE, MEDIA SPECIALIST

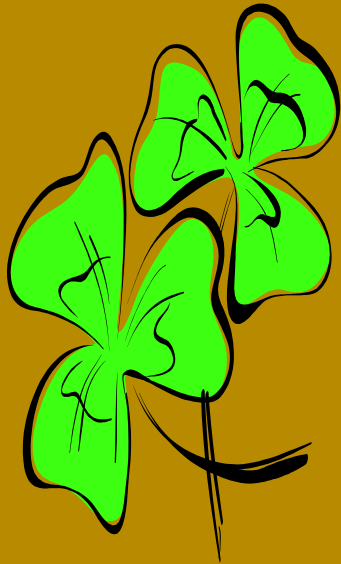
Our Spring Book Fair coming! It will be held March 13-17 and will be open for sales before and after school as well as during Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please remember to stop by and shop! The proceeds help keep our school library fresh and up-to-date with new books to read. If you are interested in helping with set-up, tear-down, or working the Book Fair, please contact Mrs. Dine at: dinec@bcschools.net

To celebrate reading month, Hampton students will be participating in a Read-A-Thon. The money we raise will go towards our playground funding. Look for notes to come home soon.

We have secured a program for free e-books! If you would like the app on your mobile device, contact Mrs.Dine for further instructions and a code to get your kids logged on to this great program.

Booster Club News

- ◆ Please continue to upload your receipts to Shoparoo!
- ◆ Popcorn dates for March are on the 10th & 24th.
- ◆ We will be selling special goodies on Friday, March 17th for kids to purchase with all sales going towards our Playground Fund! We tried it for Valentines Day and it was a HUGE success bringing in over \$150.00!
- ◆ Heads Up! Fun Fair will be held on April 21st from 4-7 pm. Additional info will be sent home in the coming weeks. If anyone would like to donate a basket to be raffled off, it would be greatly appreciated.
- ◆ E-mail: hamptonvolunteer@bcschools.net to contact our Volunteer Coordinators.



Smile, It's the Dental Bus !

It's time to brighten up the smiles of students with a visit to the Dental Bus. The Health Delivery, Inc. Dental Bus is making round to area schools, and Hampton Elementary is one stop on it's mission to provide a dental home for students once they visit the bus for continuing care.

The Dental Bus will be on-site Thursday, March 2nd through Tuesday, March 7th. Information about specific services the Dental Bus provides and permission slips were already sent home with students a few weeks ago.

Visiting the Dental Bus is optional. Parents allowing their students to participate will receive an oral examination and recommendations for further oral health care if necessary. Health Delivery, Inc. will bill your insurance. If your child does not have health insurance coverage, a reduced fee of \$40.00 for the dental service will be required.



M-Step Testing 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.

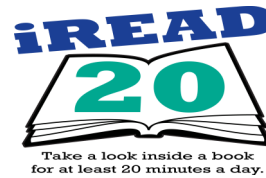




20 Minutes a Day Celebration!

All Bay County families are invited to attend the “**20 Minutes a Day!**” Reading Celebration in the **Handy Middle School** Large Gym on **Saturday, April 8th from 11:00 am - 1 pm**. There will be fun activities for kids of all ages. Doors open at 10:30 am.

Remember to read to your child 20 minutes a day from the day they are born. Children who are read to are more likely to be successful in school and successful in life.



Mother & Son Bowling

Hampton Elementary will be having a Mother & Son bowling event at Monitor Lanes on Friday, April 7th from 5 -7 pm. Mothers (aunts, grandmas, and female roll models) will join the boys for a special night of fun. The cost will be \$15 per family and includes 2 games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and a soft drink.

A flyer will be coming home soon so you can sign up in advance. There will be no ticket sales at the door. Space is limited to the first 125 people! Don't forget your socks!



Spring Music Program

Mark your calendars! Our Spring Music Program is scheduled for Friday, May 19th. More information with performance times will be coming in April.

