



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 2018-19 school year will begin on March 12th. 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 yrs. old by September 1, 2018 may attend kindergarten next year. If the child will be 5 yrs. old by December 1, 2018, the child may attend kindergarten with a signed waiver. Waivers will be available when you register your child.

On Monday, March 5th, there will be a Parent Informational Meeting: "Countdown to Kindergarten!" from 5:30 - 7:00 pm here at Hampton. You will be able to register your child at this time. Please bring the necessary documentation with you to the Parent Informational Meeting if you plan on registering.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kindergarten Count-down at Hampton 5:30-7	March 5
Literacy Night 5:30-6:30 pm	March 6
Kindergarten Registration	March 12 - 29
Half Day - dismissed at 12:19 pm	March 9
Popcorn Dates	March 9 & 23
School Board Meeting at Western High 7pm	March 12
Parent / Teacher Conferences 4 -7:00pm	March 13 & 15
20-Minutes A Day Celebration - Handy Int.	March 24
College Day	March 27
Spring Break	March 30 - April 6
Classes Resume	April 9

In order to better accommodate parents, Hampton School will be open for Kindergarten Registration the evenings of Tuesday, March 13th and Thursday, March 15th from 4-6:30 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.

Family Literacy Night



On Tuesday, March 6th from 5:30 - 6:30 pm, we will be having our Family Literacy Night in the Hampton Gym. There will be so much to explore! Use your hands, eyes, and ears to discover how much fun reading and writing can be! This event is being brought to us from the Michigan State University Extension Program and 4-H.

Booster Club News

- ◆ Popcorn dates for March are on the 10th & 24th.
- ◆ We will be selling special goodies on Friday, March 16th and on Thursday, March 29th for kids to purchase

March is Reading Month

Hampton is celebrating in a BIG way! Our theme for this month is “Disney” Let’s make Hampton the “Happiest Place to Read!”. Watch for flyers, reading logs, and different activities that will be going on this month.

We will celebrate with an all-school reading assembly, as well as a Literacy Night on March 6th. Be sure to check out our door decorations that will be on display for the month. We will once again be having the Great Book Exchange! Look for notes coming home soon.

There will be a reading contest for all students this month. Notes will come home WEEKLY to keep track of student reading at home. Please fill these out each night and turn them in to school each week. The class with the most minutes / books read will get a prize!

We will be having **Crazy Dress Up Week** March 26-29. (see below)

- 3/26:** Mouse Ear or Hat Day
- 3/27:** Read my Shirt Day (wear a shirt with words for all to read)
- 3/28:** Disney Day
- 3/29:** Pajama Day

NEWS FROM MRS. DINE, MEDIA SPECIALIST

Our Spring Book Fair coming! It will be held March 12-16 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

Miscellaneous

HALF DAY IN MARCH

Friday, March 9th is a half day and students will be dismissed at 12:19 pm. Students will be fed lunch before they are dismissed.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

- Tuesday, March 13 & Thursday, March 15th 4:00-7:00 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

Friday, March 30th through Friday, April 6th. Classes resume on Monday, April 9th.



Playground Update



Great news! We have the money, we have to approval, and we have the go ahead to order! The structure should be here around the end of April, and then once the ground thaws and is in the right shape, the company will come in and install!! We are so excited to be able to offer an alternate play experience... one that is different from what our current structure offers, since that piece will stay. We looked for a structure that promoted movement, coordination, and balance, and I think we hit the nail on the head!

Thank you to everyone that supported our fundraising efforts. It took a long time to raise the \$25,000, but we think it will be worth it! The other good news is that the company is leaving enough room so that if we wanted to add additional pieces (that are much cheaper) that we could along the way. We can't wait to see it FINALLY in our play yard!

Blue, Green and red



New lime and red



Mother & Son Bowling

Hampton Elementary will be having a Mother & Son bowling event on May 4th. Mark your calendars! More information will be coming out in the April newsletter.

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 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.drctdirect.com/MI/portals/mi/>



20 Minutes a Day Celebration!

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

Bay County Families

“20 Minutes a Day!” 18th Annual Reading Celebration

Handy Middle School — Large Gym

601 Blend St., Bay City

Saturday –March 24, 2018 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Doors Opens at 10:30 a.m. Program begins at 11:00 a.m.

Make sure you stop at a welcome station when you arrive to pick up your free book and a ticket for the free prize drawings. Drawings are every 15 minutes with the first drawing commencing at 11:00 a.m. in the stage area. Grand Prize drawing will be at 12:30 p.m. You must be present to win.

Open a Book & see the World.



READ

Be a Reader!

READ with us!

Pop open a GOOD BOOK!

Catch A Good Book!

Special Guest to MC

Prizes! Prizes!

Local Celebrities

Refreshments

Story Book Characters

Grand Prize – Bikes

Free books to all boys and girls!

