

Bay City Public Schools

HAMPTON HAPPENINGS



SEPTEMBER 2017

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WELCOME!

The Hampton family is extremely excited to have your children back with us and are eager to make this a very successful year. A warm welcome goes out to the new students and their families. We are looking forward to working with you to help your children reach their maximum potential. Welcome back!

Mrs. Kim Offenbecker, Principal

New Staff and Staff Changes

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new staff members:

Stacey Brink — Kindergarten Teacher
Jeanne Weenink — Kindergarten Teacher
Carol Martin — First Grade Teacher
Kayla Panzner — Resource Room Teacher



We had a couple of staff changes also — Mrs. Grew is now teaching 1st grade.

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/11 Board of Education Meeting 7pm at Adm. Bldg.

9/12 Skyward Parent Night 4-6pm

10/6 School Pictures

10/9 Board of Ed. Meeting at Handy Middle School 7pm

10/26 Harvest Night at Hampton 6-7:30 pm

Breakfast / Lunch Times

Universal Breakfast is served to our students at 8:30 a.m. in the classroom. It is free to all students and is optional. The lunch schedule is as follows:

Kdg.	Eat:	12:00-12:20	Play:	11:40-12:00
1st Gr.	Eat:	11:30-11:50	Play:	11:50-12:10
2nd Gr.	Eat:	12:45-1:05	Play:	12:25-12:45
3rd Gr.	Eat:	12:20-12:40	Play:	12:40-1:00
4th Gr.	Eat:	12:10-12:30	Play:	12:30-12:50
5th Gr.	Eat:	12:30-12:50	Play:	12:50-1:10



Lunch price is \$2.40 and reduced price is .40 cents.



Safety / Parents in the Building

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

Student Attendance

Your child may be absent from school for a variety of reasons throughout the school year. These are usually unavoidable situations resulting in an absence for the full day, half day, or maybe just an hour out of the school day. We encourage you to try to schedule appointments so that your child does not miss classroom instruction during the school day. In the event this is not possible, please contact our office at 989-893-1100 to report your child's absence from school.

If the absence is an extenuating circumstance (BCPS Student Code of Conduct page s #14-16), please provide documentation such as a doctor or dentist visit receipt so that the absence can be coded as an extenuating circumstance and you will avoid attendance policy procedures (letters and action steps). Students will be marked 1/2 day absent if they arrive later than 30 minutes to school in the a.m. and leave 30 minutes before the end of the school day in the p.m.

If you have any questions regarding your child's attendance record or the BCPS Elementary attendance policy, please contact our Attendance Office Associate, Mrs. Tina Miens between the hours of 8:15 - 11:45 a.m. at (989) 893-1100, ext. 1501.

Student Insurance

BCPS does not provide health or accident insurance for injuries incurred by your child at school. A plan is available for a nominal cost through First Agency, Inc. Information can be found on their website at www.1stagency.com

Alternate School Bus Plans

Due to reductions in school bus routes the BCPS Transportation Department will not make accommodations for alternate bus rides for students (rides to friends home, etc.). Unless prior approval for before or after school care has been granted, permission for students to ride a different bus than their regular assigned bus will not be allowed. If you have any questions, please contact the BCPS Transportation Department at (989) 662-4416.

HAMPTON ELEMENTARY MISSION

The mission of the Hampton Elementary School Community is to foster 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.

Stay in Touch with Us!

Like us on **Facebook** to stay up to date! Look for our Hampton Hawk as the profile picture (there are other unofficial sites). Also, follow us on **Twitter** @ Hampton_Hawks.

Skyward

Skyward is the Bay City Public Schools on-line student data base and it can be accessed by parents and students through internet or a cell phone application. Attendance, academic grade books / progress reports and messages from your child's classroom teacher(s) can be viewed on Skyward. All you need is an e-mail address to have access to academic and attendance information for your child(ren), receive messages from your child(ren)'s classroom teacher(s), school newsletters or other school community related information.

If you are not already able to access Skyward, or you forgot your password, please contact the school office, confirm or provide an e-mail address and a Skyward account user e-mail will be sent to your e-mail address. Once you log in, you will be prompted to change your password and you can then begin using Skyward. **A very important Parent Training is coming up on September 12th from 4-6 pm. — see the last page of this newsletter for further information.**



STUDENT AWARDS

At Hampton, we like to recognize our students for living by the standards of being **Safe, Only Respectful, Always Kind, and Responsible**. Thanks to the Noon Optimist Club, we are able to honor in a special way. There are 3 different awards that a student can receive.

Superb SOARer: If a student does something that is very safe, responsible, respectful, or kind, they get an award that will be announced to the school in the morning during announcements. They will also get a ticket to put in their teacher's bucket in their room (see Ultimate Hawk).

BUG (Bringing Up Grades): Students that do their best and work hard can receive a BUG award. Those are given on Wednesdays over the announcements.

Ultimate Hawk: As students are caught doing something wonderful, they are given a ticket that goes in the teacher bucket. At the end of the month, up to 3 student names will be pulled from the bucket and those students are the Ultimate Hawk for that month from that classroom. Awards will be given to the student at a SOAR Assembly in front of the student body, and we will have their picture taken with the award both individually, and as a big group. Along with the award will be an invite for the students to give to their families. The invite will be for the Ultimate Hawk Reception that will be held a couple weeks after the assembly (so that parents can make arrangements). At the determined date, we will have a reception for the Ultimate Hawks and their families in our cafeteria. Guests will meet outside the office and at 2:45 Ms. Offenbecker will make an announcement to the school stating that the Ultimate Hawks (she will announce their names again) need to get their items together, and that their families will be coming to the classroom to retrieve their child so that they can escort them to the Ultimate Hawk Reception. At the reception there will be cookies and punch, and we will encourage families to bring games, cards, crafts....whatever their child likes so that they can spend quality time with their Ultimate Hawk. At the reception you will receive the picture of your child with his/her award in a frame for you to keep. Further, the group photo will be posted in our main hallway for the whole year.

We know how difficult it can be to find one-on-one time with your children so we hope this will make the award extra special for you both. Once families are done playing, parents may take their children home early if they choose. If the child needs or wants to go back to class, that is fine too. If families want to take a sibling, that sibling will need to be signed out and called to the office (much like previous years).

Lunch Bag Award: We give lunch bag awards to classrooms that earn the most tickets for being polite, cleaning up after themselves, and following directions. After a classroom has earned 2 lunch bag awards, they will receive a special lunch that has extra treats for the kids. To make it even more special, we put a tablecloth down, and they are served by Ms. Offenbecker.

We have awesome kids here.....it is important to celebrate that! Again, a special thanks to The Noon Optimist Club for partnering with us and funding all of the awards, the ceremony, the frames, and the special lunches. We are truly grateful.

Hampton Booster Club News

DISTRICT VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Anyone interested in volunteering must turn in a Bay City Public Schools Volunteer Application. If you plan to participate in your child's classroom in any manner, we encourage you to turn in the application as soon as possible. Even if you have previously volunteered, **we must have this application completed**. This includes field trips. We must have a volunteer application on file two weeks before attending any field trips.

HAWK PRIDE!

We have car stickers for sale in the office for \$1.00! Profits will go toward the playground. Pride and Playgrounds!! :) Stickers are 4" x 4".



K-5 Parent Training - VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION



SKYWARD

on-line communication tool for parents

September 12, 2017

Drop in format from 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Bring Smart Phone if you have one

***All Bay City Public Schools are paperless
(unless requested), so understanding Skyward is
important in order to stay up to date.***

Through Skyward you can:

Check/change home information

View grades, midterms, and report cards

Check attendance reports

Look at discipline records

Receive school information

Communicate with teachers

...and so much more



Training will consist of:

Getting your log-in

Learn how to navigate by computer

Downloading and navigating through the app on your phone

For those with smartphones

Again, very important that you understand Skyward!