



HAMPTON HAPPENINGS



DECEMBER 2019

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

POPCORN DAYS / .50	DEC. 6 & 20
HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP	DEC. 10, 11, &
SCHOOL BOARD MTG . AT BC CENTRAL HIGH 7PM	DEC. 9
WINTER RECESS	DEC. 23 - JAN. 3
CLASSES RESUME	JAN. 6, 2020
HALF DAY — DISMISS AT 12:20 PM. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED	JAN. 17
END OF 1ST SEMESTER	JAN. 17

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

SCHOOL OFFICE OPENS	7:45 A.M.
STUDENT ARRIVAL	8:06 A.M.
TRANSITION TO CLASSROOMS	8:26 A.M.
SCHOOL BEGINS	8:36 A.M.
STUDENT DISMISSAL	3:30 P.M.
SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSES	4:00 P.M.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

It has been our observation, that students are NOT coming to school prepared for WINTER. Please help us in the following manner:

1. During cold, snowy weather, encourage your child to wear boots, hats, gloves, warm coats, etc.
2. On days they wear boots, be sure another pair of shoes are sent to school. Wearing boots all day in school is not a comfortable, healthy or safe situation.
3. Send an extra pair of shoes for “muddy” days.

Remember: All children must go outside for at least 15-20 minutes during their lunch hour. The only exception to this is during rain days. Once it starts getting colder, our district rule is to only keep students inside if the temperature with wind chill is below 10 degrees. We check a few different sources if it is close and make a judgment call, so please watch the weather and try to pack accordingly. Our children need to get outside and have a fun and energetic break. Please help us make sure that all students are prepared for that fun!

WINTER RECESS

This year’s Winter Recess will begin after school on Friday, December 20th through Friday, January 3, 2020. Classes will resume for all grades on Monday, January 6, 2020.



TINSEL TREE CHALLENGE

Mrs. Brzezinski's & Miss Toyzan's classrooms will be participating in the Tinsel Tree Challenge on Saturday, December 7th at Christa McAuliffe Middle School, 3281 Kiesel Rd. in Bay City. Classrooms from around our area submit a decorated tree and visitors will vote on their favorite tree to raise money for their classroom. Tickets to vote for your favorite tree are \$1.00 each. There are crafts and games for kids, a DJ & Holiday Karaoke, and free holiday goodies. Doors open at 10am. For more information, you can visit their Facebook page, just type in Tinsel Tree Challenge in the FB search engine.



GIFTED & TALENTED PROGRAM

The Gifted & Talented Office will open the referral window for its program beginning in January. The program is designed for 1st through 8th grade students whose learning characteristics indicate a need for unique educational experiences beyond the regular classroom curriculum. Teachers will be asked to submit their student referral(s) during this time, but parents may also refer their student for consideration for the Gifted & Talented program.

Teachers and parents may refer students by going to the Gifted & Talented website at: www.bcpsgifted.com.

The online referral window will be open and accepting responses for students currently in grades Kdg. through 7th grade from January 6 through February 14, 2020.

Informational Meetings:

- January 8, 2020 from 6-7pm. Honors Parent Meeting at Western Middle School Media Center.
- January 23, 2020 from 6-7pm. Honors Parent Meeting at Handy Middle School Media Center.
- February 5, 2020 from 6-7 pm. Elementary GT Parent Meeting at McAlear Sawden Elementary.
- February 11, 2020 from 6-7 pm. Elementary GT Parent Meeting at Kolb Elementary.

Middle School Program — Placement consideration for the middle school program consists of reviewing the students' standardized test scores for the past several years, and teacher recommendations. In addition, students applying for this program will take the SAGES: Reasoning subtest and depending on the course they are applying for, Math / Science or English Language Arts / Social Studies test(s).

Elementary Program — Students who are being evaluated must take SAGES: Screening Assessment for Gifted Elementary and Middle School Students. That scoring will be considered along with their academic accomplishments, standardized test scores and teacher / parent recommendations.

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

NO SCHOOL STORE IN DECEMBER

We only have 3 weeks when we return from Thanksgiving Break, plus the way the dates of the Holiday Gift Shop fall, we will not be able to have our School Store for the month of December.

POPCORN DAYS

December 6th & 20th.
January 17th & 31st.
.50 cents per bag.



CANDY CANE SALES

For the month of December, the Booster Club will be selling candy canes during the holidays on Tuesdays. Candy canes are .50 cents each and will be sold at lunchtime on 12/3, 12/10, and 12/17.

HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP

On December 10, 11, & 12, students will have the opportunity to purchase their own special holiday gifts for family and friends. The gifts range in price from .25 cents to \$12.00 but there many affordable options. The children enjoy making decisions and learning about economics.

We are in need of MANY volunteers to make this event a success. If you are able to donate any of your time on any of the above mentioned days, please contact Christie at 893-1100 or send us an e-mail at hamptonvolunteer@bcschools.net with your availability. We will be in touch with you before the gift shop starts to confirm.

TEACHER APPOINTMENT COURTESY

The Hampton staff is here to help you and your child. We are committed to the education and well being of your child and it takes a lot of time to prepare for each school day's learning experiences for your child.

We know that communication is critical and we appreciate all of the support you provide to our staff. We will meet with you in person, or respond by email or phone if you have a question or a need. If you do need to meet with our staff in person, please give them a courtesy call to set up a time to meet. Please avoid a drop-by, drop-off or pick-up meetings so that staff can focus their attention on student arrival, lesson planning/preparation and student dismissal. When you do arrive, please check-in at the school office with the Office Staff.

STAYING IN AT RECESS DUE TO ILLNESS

Students must have a note from a doctor in order to stay in at recess. Many students do not prefer to go out when it's cold, but it is very good for them to get the fresh air. So unless a student has a doctor's note excusing them from outdoor activity, they will go outside. Please dress them according to the weather.



SAFETY / PARENTS IN THE BUILDING

We ask that all visitors or volunteers in our building please sign in at the office after buzzing in. We will need to print you a badge through our RAPTOR Security System. NEVER enter the building without checking in at the office.

GENTLE REMINDERS - PARKING LOT



We need to leave the handicap parking spaces available for those who need to use them. Please leave the spaces open for those that have a handicap sticker.

As winter weather approaches, we've asked our maintenance department to push the snow a little further to maximize our parking. We ask for everyone's patience during the snowy months — we want to get everyone safely in and out of our parking area. Please drive slowly and watch for others.

Also, in the morning, when dropping off your child, please make sure that you pull up to the sign or next available spot behind the front car and let your child out. Once they are on their way into the school, please, to keep the flow of traffic moving nicely, please make your way toward the exit. We are finding that the line gets rather long and held up at times.

SAFETY / DISMISSAL

For the safety of all of our students, **please keep the hallways clear at the end of the day.** If you need to pick your child early for any reason, please sign them out in the office. If you do not have a badge showing that you signed in at the office, you may be asked to do so. No badge tells us that no one in the office knows that a person is in the building, and that does not promote safety for our students. If you see someone without a badge, please contact the office. They are probably safe, but we like to be on the safe side — **so please follow our guidelines.** Kindergarten parents picking up their children may wait outside the red gym doors. They will be opened once the students are in the gym.

“FREE BOOK” CART FOR STUDENTS

Are you looking to add to your child's book library at home? We have many good choices in picture, chapter and reference books for your child to choose from in our “Free Book Carts”. Please encourage your child to take a look and feel free to send them with a bag to choose as many books as they need.



NEW DISTRICT-WIDE COMMUNICATION

We are excited to share that Bay City Public Schools is rolling out Remind districtwide. If you're not already familiar with Remind, it's a communication tool that makes it easy to stay connected with your child's teachers, school, and the district. Remind is free to use, and you will be able to get and send messages on any device - even a simple text message from your phone.

Accounts will be created for all educators, parents, and students in BCPS. On November 26th, you should have received an e-mail or text message from Remind. All you need to do is follow the steps in the message to finish setting up your account.

If your child's teacher is already using Remind or another service to keep in touch, don't worry about anything changing right away. For now, just know that we are supporting Remind districtwide, and we are excited to connect with our families in this new way.