



HAMPTON HAPPENINGS



MARCH 2019 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 2019-20 school year will begin on March 1st. 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 proof of residency. Any child who will be 5 yrs. old by September 1, 2019 may attend kindergarten next year. If the child will be 5 yrs. old by December 1, 2019, the child may attend kindergarten with a signed waiver. Waivers will be available when you register your child.

In order to better accommodate parents, Hampton School will be open for Kindergarten Registration the evenings of Thursday, March 21st and Tuesday, March 26th 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

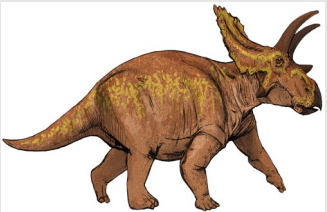
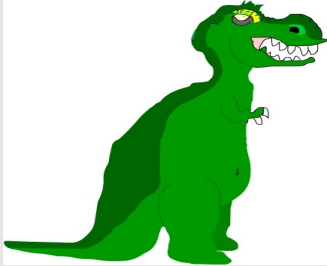
Kindergarten Registration	March 1 - 29
Popcorn Dates	March 1, 15 & 29
School Board Meeting at Western High 7pm	March 11
Snapology Family Night 5:30-7pm	March 12
Parent / Teacher Conferences 4 -7:00pm	March 21st & 26th
Spring Break	April 1st – April 5th
Classes Resume	April 8
No School	April 19

Snapology Family Night

We will be having a Snapology Family Night on Tuesday, March 12th from 5:30-7pm. Snapology is a learning concept that combines play with STEAM education. We will have stations set up in the gym. Some of the stations will be: Lego City, Fidget Spinner, Robotics & Programming, Amusement Park, and Pokemon. Please join us for a night of STEAM fun!

Booster Club News

- ◆ Popcorn dates for March are on the 1st, 15th & 29th.
- ◆ We will be selling special goodies on Thursday, March 14th.
- ◆ Our candy sales this month will be on March 5th, 12th, & 19th for grades Kdg. - 5th.
- ◆ We will have a Spring Apparel Sale beginning March 1st - 15th. It will be similar to our sale last Fall but will include more Spring styles.



March is Reading Month

Hampton is celebrating in a BIG way! Our theme for this month is Dinosaurs! Let's STOMP, CHOMP, & READ our way through March!. Watch for flyers, reading logs, and different activities that will be going on this month.

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

Mrs. Mach will be hosting the Big Book Exchange again this year. Look for more information to come for kids to exchange their gently used books.

We will be having **Reading Month Spirit Week** March 25-29. (see below)

- 3/25:** Dino Safari Day (wear your dinosaur shirt or a safari outfit)
- 3/26:** Read my Shirt Day (wear a shirt with words for all to read)
- 3/27:** Crazy Hair / Hat Day
- 3/28:** Mismatch Day
- 3/29:** Pajama Day

DINO-MITE BOOK FAIR

Our Spring Book Fair coming soon! It will be held March 20-26 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 made during the Book Fair help keep our school library fresh and up-to-date with new books for all kids to read. New this year, we will have the Scholastic e-wallet. If you don't like the idea of sending money with your kids, you can put money in the e-wallet ahead. Mrs. Dine will send home more information as the Book Fair get closer.

Miscellaneous

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

- Thursday, March 21 & Tuesday, March 26th 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

Monday, April 1st through Friday, April 5th. Classes resume on Monday, April 8th.



Gifted / Talented Program



Upcoming dates about the Gifted & Talented Program:

Kindergarten IQ testing and Preschool DIAL Screening at Kolb Elementary — Saturdays, March 9th, & March 23rd — 30-minute appointments begin at 9am.

If you are interested in the First Grade Cluster or Magnet Program or Accelerated Kindergarten, Saturday appointments are now being scheduled for both preschool and kindergarten students. Please call the GT office at (989) 671-8170. If you have a current 2nd grade through 4th grade student, please go to the Gifted & Talented website on the Bay City Public Schools website (www.bcschools.net) and complete the online Gifted & Talented online application: bcpsgifted.com.

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 8th for **5th grade** and continues through May 3rd. Testing for **3rd & 4th grades** begins the week of April 29th and continues through May 24th. 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>

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