

# HAMPTON HAPPENINGS

November 2018 Edition

## Reminders from Ms. Offenbecker

- Students should not be dropped off before 8:00 a.m. unless permission is granted. Drop off doors (by the gym) are unlocked at 8:00 a.m. and supervision starts at 8:00 a.m.
- During Drop-Off, **DO NOT PARK BY THE CURB** — it clogs up the flow of traffic.
- If you see your child in the "pick-up" line after school, *please* let the teacher know *before* you retrieve him/her. Please do not "grab and go". The teacher is responsible for making sure your child is safe at the end of the day. We need to work together to make sure your child is in a safe place.
- PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY in the parking lot.
- ONLY DRIVE IN THE DIRECTION OF THE ARROWS in front of the school — East to West. Driving in the opposite direction clogs traffic.
- ONLY use the pick-up lane if it is inconvenient for you to get out of the car and get your child (pregnant, hurt, or unsteady on your feet).
- Students **MAY NOT** walk in the parking lot unattended — even from feet away. ONLY drop off your child in the drop off lane — **DO NOT make a second lane and have your child walk in front of cars.**



### 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

No School	Nov. 6
Popcorn Days	Nov. 9 Dec. 7 & 12
Bd. Of Ed. Mtg. at Western High 7pm	Nov. 12
Picture Make-Up Day	Nov. 14
No School— Thanksgiving Recess	Nov. 21-23
College Day	Nov. 28
Winter Recess	Dec. 24 - Jan. 2
Classes Resume	Jan. 3

## End Of Day – Calls to Change Pick-up

To help us with the end of the day confusion, we are asking that all pick-up arrangements be called in prior to 3:00 p.m. Any calls that come in are put on a special note and then delivered to the classrooms at that time.

## Parent / Teacher Communication — Phone Calls

In an effort to maximize instruction time, all calls to teachers will NOT be sent to the classroom during normal classroom hours. Please leave a message with the office and the teacher will return your call as soon as possible. Another option would be to communicate with your child's teacher by e-mail.

## 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!

## Safety / Parents in the Building

All visitors or volunteers that are visiting our building must please sign in at the office. We have visitor badges that all of our visitors and volunteers must wear.



## Upcoming Days Off

There will be no school on Tuesday, November 6th. Teachers will be in Professional Development meetings.

There will be no school on November 21, 22, & 23 due to Thanksgiving break. Enjoy the time with family and friends!



## Fall Book Fair

Our Fall Book Fair is coming! Our Book Fair will be held November 7th-13th. It will be open for sales before and after school as well as during Parent/Teacher Conferences. Students will be making wish lists and bringing them home. Teachers will also be making wish lists for book donations for their classrooms. Please remember to stop by and shop! The proceeds help keep our school library fresh and up-to-date with great books to read! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Dine at [dinec@bcschools.net](mailto:dinec@bcschools.net).

### STAY CONNECTED!

Like us "Hampton Elementary" on Facebook for up-to-date information about school events! Be sure to look for our "Hampton Hawk"! There are a few Hampton Elementary School's in the United States, so be sure you "Like" the right one!

## Booster Club News

### POPCORN FRIDAYS

November 9th  
December 7th & 21st  
\$.25 cents Per Bag

### SHOPAROO

If you have not already downloaded this app., we encourage that you do so. This is a great and easy way to earn money for our school. You can find the app on Google Play or the Apple App Store. It is free and so easy!

### REMINDER!

Volunteers — Please remember to sign in at the office. We log your hours and want everyone's time to be accounted for. Hampton is one of the schools that logs the most volunteer hours! Let's keep it up!.

If you plan to volunteer and have not filled out a form yet, do so... the sooner the better.

### HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP

Just a heads up to watch for info to come home towards the end of the month for our upcoming "Holiday Shop" which is scheduled for December 11th -13th. Students will be shopping during their Phys. Ed. class time. We are also looking for volunteers to help run the Holiday shop as well! Contact us at: [hamptonvolunteer@bcschools.net](mailto:hamptonvolunteer@bcschools.net)

### THANK YOU!

A big thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped make Harvest Night a success! Also, thanks to all the families who were gracious enough to donate candy toward this event. The kids had a great time!

## Rokooj / Online Fundraiser

We are trying a new on-line fundraiser called Rokooj. When you visit [www.rokooj.com](http://www.rokooj.com) you will find thousands of high quality, everyday products at discounted prices for people of all ages. For each order generated by our students, staff, or family members, rokooj will donate 10% of the total purchase price to our school — every month!

Products include school & office supplies, clothing, cosmetics, jewelry, sunglasses, outdoor products, household items, toys, frozen meals, coffee, bedding, and more! Plus, they will be continually adding exciting new products and brands each month, so please visit the site frequently. In order for us to be successful and raise funds every single month, we respectfully ask that whenever you shop online, please remember to visit rokooj as your first option. You may just find what you're looking for and need to go no further!

Hampton Elementary has been assigned the Cart Code: **HE10** for our community's members to use upon check-out so our orders can be tracked and properly credited. We encourage you to share the code with members of your extended family and friends as all purchases by anyone using our code will provide our School with a 10% donation. If at any time you forget our code, you can always "search" the school directory on the rokooj site.

For more information please visit [www.rokooj.com/pages/how-rokooj-works](http://www.rokooj.com/pages/how-rokooj-works) or Ms. Offenbecker at: [offenbeckerk@bcschools.net](mailto:offenbeckerk@bcschools.net). Thank you for helping contribute to Hampton Elementary School's success and happy shopping!

## Girls on the Run Update!

Hampton's Girls on the Run Team will be running the Reindeer Run 5K in Saginaw on Saturday, November 17th. It's a fun event and the girls would love to have more supporters there to cheer them on or even run with them! Public runners/walkers are welcome! Here's the link — <http://m.gotrsaginawbay.org/race/312-girls-on-the-run-5k>



## Over-the-Counter Medication

Just a reminder that Bay City Public Schools has a policy regarding children having "Over-the-Counter" medication at school. The policy considers cough drops, medicated chap stick, nose spray, Tylenol, Visine and many other common remedies as "Over-the-Counter" medication. For a student to have these at school, we have a form that must be signed by a Physician, and on file in the office. As a parent, you are allowed to come administer these OTC medications without the form on file.

## Winter Music Program

Mark your calendars for the Winter Music Performance happening Tuesday, December 18! Your child will perform with his/her grade level in a culmination of this semester's music instruction. I hope you can take the time to join us. Performance times are:

<b>Kdg.:</b> 9:00 am	<b>1st Grade:</b> 9:40 am	<b>2nd Grade:</b> 10:20 am
<b>3rd Grade:</b> 1:20 pm	<b>4th Grade:</b> 2:00 pm	<b>5th Grade:</b> 2:40 pm

## Tinsel Tree Challenge

Miss Toyzan's & Mrs. Brzezinski's classrooms will be participating in the Tinsel Tree Challenge on Saturday, December 1st at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple, 614 Center Ave. 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.

## Inclement Weather and School Closings

During the weeks and months ahead, we can possibly expect freezing rain, ice, snow, and fog. Severe, adverse weather conditions will undoubtedly force the closing of some or all of our school buildings at some time or another during the school year.



Please listen carefully to local radio or TV stations if the weather is questionable or check the Bay City Public Schools website at [www.bcschools.net](http://www.bcschools.net).

## Mindfulness

We are excited to share with you that Hampton School continues to integrate Mindfulness into our daily activities. Carol Mathews, retired school counselor & teacher will meet with students twice a month to help them regulate strong emotions, resolve conflicts & look mindfully at their choices to help students make decisions that are thoughtful & kind.

Mindfulness guides us in learning to calm our minds so that we can live more in the present moment. By taking a few moments each day to tune into our bodies, breath, & mind, we are learning to stay present in the moment and to feel less stressed. The techniques we are utilizing are scientifically proven to improve mental well-being, dissolve anxiety, & enhance learning. It is our goal to help our students feel happier, more focused & calmer as they possibly encounter social & academic challenges in school.

We would invite you to join us & cultivate this practice at home with your child. Find a comfortable place to sit together for a few minutes; your child can show you the way!