

# Bay City Public Schools

# **HAMPTON HAPPENINGS**



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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!  
Ms. Kim Offenbecker, Principal

## **New Staff and Staff Changes**

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

Lori Bukowski — First Grade Teacher  
Lisa Simonds — Resource Room Teacher  
Tiffany Jaime — Music Teacher

We had a couple of staff changes also — Mrs. Grew is teaching 4th grade, Mrs. McComb is teaching 2nd grade, and Miss Toyzan is teaching 1st grade.



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**9/10** Board of Education Meeting 7pm at Adm. Bldg.

**9/12** Skyward Parent Night 4-6pm

**9/13** School Store starts at lunchtime. Grades 1-5.

**9/14** Popcorn Day. 25 cents per bag.

**10/1** School Pictures

**10/8** Board of Ed. Meeting at Handy Middle School 7pm

**10/24** Watch D.O.G. Pizza Night

**10/25** Harvest Night at Hampton 6-7:30 pm

## **Safety / Parents in the Building**

To ensure the safety of the students by limiting hallway traffic and congestion, ALL students being dropped off should enter through the doors in the corner by the gym (someone will be there to greet). Parents walking students in should park in a parking space and give hugs in the hall prior to the student entering the gym to sit with classmates. For students that do not want to sit in the gym, you may wait in the comfort of your car until the first bell rings at 8:30 am and then send them in through the gym doors. Only the corner doors will be unlocked between 8:00-8:40 am — ALL families must enter through that door. The front doors will be locked until 8:40 am.

Any adult in the hallway MUST sign in and have a VISITOR or VOLUNTEER pass from the office.

Thank you for helping us create a safer environment for your children.



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

# Attendance Reminder

School is in session from 8:40 am - 3:28 pm.

*If a student comes in late:* 8:40 - 9:10 am is TARDY. 9:10 am until lunch is considered an AM absence.

*If a student has to leave early:* Lunch until 2:59 is a PM absence. 2:59 – 3:28 pm is a Reverse Tardy.

Please make sure that you have any doctor's notes / counseling notes / court orders, etc. .... On file that might help to excuse any absences should questions arise.

If you receive a truancy letter and have questions, feel free to contact our School Service Worker, John Simmons at (989) 893-1100 ext. 1539. Our goal is to maximize education for all students. We are willing to help in any way we can.

# 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:	11:00-11:20	Play:	11:20-11:40
1st Gr,	Eat:	11:40-12:00	Play:	12:00-12:20
2nd Gr.	Eat:	11:20-11:40	Play:	11:40-12:00
3rd Gr.	Eat:	12:20-12:40	Play:	12:40-1:00
4th Gr.	Eat:	12:00-12:20	Play:	12:20-12:40
5th Gr.	Eat:	12:40-1:00	Play:	1:00-1:20



**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.



## 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.

These forms have to be filled out every other year, so if you filled one out last year, you should be good for this school year.

### BOOSTER CLUB REMINDERS

School Store will be every Thursday during the lunch hours for Grades 1 thru 5. This will start on Thursday, September 13th.

Popcorn Day is every other Friday starting Friday, September 14th. Popcorn is .25 cents a bag.

Picture Day is Monday, October 1st. More information will be coming home with your student soon.

We have a new fundraising opportunity starting in October. More information will be coming soon!

### 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.



# STUDENT AWARDS

**Helpful Hawk** - When a student is caught doing something helpful, kind or responsible they will be given a raffle ticket. Students will write their name on their raffle ticket and place it in their grade level bins outside of the office. Each week there will be a live drawing for each grade level over the announcements for one Helpful Hawk award per grade level. Students will have the opportunity to choose their reward from a list of fun activities.

**Ultimate Hawk** - At Hampton we strive for our students to live by the standards of being **Safe, Only Respectful, Always Kind, and Responsible**. Throughout each month classroom teachers and resource room teachers will be looking for students who are displaying the above standards as well as, outstanding behavior, and academic effort. Teachers will nominate one student a month per class. In an effort to keep the award special, students will only be able to receive the award once a school year.

At the beginning of the month we will hold a SOAR Assembly with the whole school. Students who have been nominated by their teachers will be recognized in front of the whole student body and receive a Ultimate Hawk award. At this assembly an individual picture of the recipients will be taken as well as a group picture for the grade level.

On the back of the award will be an invitation for students to invite their families to a Ultimate Hawk Reception, which 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 the cafeteria. Guests will need to sign in at the office and wait until 2:45 when their Ultimate Hawk will be released from class to come greet you outside the cafeteria. At the reception there will be a treat and punch, and we encourage families to bring games, crafts, cards, or whatever your student might enjoy doing with you. At the reception families will receive a framed picture of their Ultimate Hawk with his/her award - the grade level group picture will be displayed in the hallway for the whole year.

We know how difficult it can be to find time to have quality one - on - one time with your children. Our hope is to make this award an extra special experience with your specially nominated student. By doing so, **we ask that any siblings remain in class during the celebration to ensure that this time is special for your Ultimate Hawk (siblings will have an equal opportunity to be nominated for their own award :)).** Once the reception is over, feel free to sign out siblings for the remainder of the school day.

**Celebration Board** - We love to hear about our students succeeding in and outside of school! Starting this year we will have a celebration board posted for students to jot down their own personal accomplishments. There will be pieces of paper available for students to grab and quickly write out their celebrations to share with the school. Celebrations will be kept up for one month and then be taken down so we can celebrate a new month's accomplishments!



## WATCH D.O.G. Event Coming Soon!

Calling all Male Role Models! Our Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) Program will be having a Pizza Night on Wednesday, October 24th for students and their male role models. More information will be coming soon!

