

January 2017

**Points of Interest
and
Upcoming Events**

1/13
Popcorn Day

1/16
PAC Meeting 4
p.m.

1/18
½ Day Students
will be released
at 12:22 p.m.

1/20
Popcorn Day

1/23 & 1/24
Hearing Testing
Kdg, 2nd, & 4th
grade.

1/26
Popcorn Day &
Family Movie
Night @ the
State Theater
6 p.m.

1/31
College Day

**February
Events**

Feb 1
Pajama Day &
Health Delivery
Dental Bus

Feb 3
Popcorn Day &
Daddy Daughter
Dance 6:30 p.m.-
8:30 p.m.

Feb 7
Limo Lunch

Feb 10 - Feb 17
PENNY WAR

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are almost half way done with the school year. With the cold weather upon us, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. Students will be expected to go outside for lunch recess if the temperature is 10 degrees or above (including wind chill).

Also, a quick reminder about changes with your child's transportation at the end of the day. Please fill out a yellow sheet if there is a change with being picked up or taking the bus. The end of the day can get hectic, and knowing ahead of time of any transportation changes will help out tremendously. If you need extra yellow slips, we have them available in the office. In addition, when picking up your child outside at the end of the day, make sure the teachers release them to you. We do not want students walking unattended in the parking lot.

There will be a change with our specials starting Monday, January 23. Mrs. Rankey, STEAM Teacher, will be at Washington Elementary the last half of the school year. Good luck the rest of the year Mrs. Rankey!

We would like to welcome back Mrs. Moore to McAlear-Sawden. Mrs. Moore will be teaching Music to our students. Some of you may remember Mrs. Moore from a few years ago.

In closing, January is School Board Appreciation Month. McAlear-Sawden would like to thank all of our School Board members for all they do for Bay City Public Schools: **School Boards lead so our children will succeed!**

Have a great January and let's hope for some snow!

Michael T. Connors

MAP Testing

Testing will begin again on January 16th. This will be completed during your child's media time. Math tests will be given first. After math testing reading testing will occur. Last, in grades 2nd-8th language testing will occur. As always, do your best to make sure your child(ren) are here on time, do not leave school early, are well fed and well rested.

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Homework Policy

If your child is absent for a very short time, they can receive their missing assignments from their teacher when they return to school. If they are going to be out of school for more than a couple days, parents may call the school to request homework. Please allow 24 hours for the teacher to put the missing assignments together.

Transportation Changes

If you have changes to your students' transportation at the end of the day please send in a yellow slip. If you are unable to send the yellow slip please call the office no later than 3:00 p.m. to ensure that we are able to communicate with the teachers before the end of the day procedures begin.

Early Risers RAZ Kid Volunteer

We are looking for volunteers to supervise our early morning reading program, Raz-Kids, in the computer lab on T, W, Th, or F mornings from 7:50-8:30. Even volunteering twice a month would help. This would include turning on the computers at 7:50, taking attendance, helping students type in teacher names, and reading quizzes to younger students. Volunteers may bring their children to the lab. If you can help or have questions contact Dawn Michalak at michalakd@bcschools.net or call 684-7702 ext. 2220.

Parent Advisory Committee (P.A.C.)

The next meeting will be Monday January 16th at 4:00 p.m. We will be planning for Daddy Daughter Dance and Fun Fair. We have other topics on the agenda and will be in need of volunteers to help with the planning and implementation of the activities. Please join us!

Family Movie Night!

The Family Movie Night will be January 26 at the State Theater in downtown Bay City. The movie starts at 6:00 p.m. and is a free event. The movie showing will be Secret Life of Pets rated PG. Concessions will be available for purchase. You will need a ticket to get in. As of Jan 11th we are out of tickets. We will send them home on Jan 23rd, if you are unable to attend after you receive your tickets, please send back so that we may allow other families to use them.

Daddy Daughter Dance

On February 3rd we will be hosting our 5th Daddy Daughter Dance in the gym. This year's theme will be a Masquerade dance. We will be providing masks for the daughters and we will have some for the dads if they would like them. Music will be provided by Hidalgo Entertainment, Photobooth by CAM Photo Booths, and pictures taken by True Tone Photography. Forms will be sent home with students in the next week with all other information with the price.

Gifted and Talented Program

The Gifted and Talented Office will open a window to take nominations for its Program beginning in January. The program is designed for 1st through 8th grade students whose learning characteristics indicate a need for a unique educational experience beyond the regular classroom curriculum.

Middle School Grade 5, 6, and 7 January 3rd through January 13th

Elementary Grades Kdg, 1, 2, 3, and 4 Jan 30th through Feb 10th

To make a nomination, please visit the Gifted and Talented Website @ www.bcsgifted.com to submit an application form. If you have any questions please call 989-671-8170.

We are increasing our social presence. We are including these two venues to notify parents of events, referral dates, field trip pics, events in the classroom etc.

www.facebook.com/bcpsgifted
@gtprogram_bcps (twitter handle)



New Drinking Fountains

Thank you to everyone that has purchased beef sticks and sent in the box tops. With box tops that were brought in at the beginning of the year, and ones from the end of last year we were able to purchase 1 drinking fountain so far. We are hoping to purchase another one by the end of the year.

We are still selling beef sticks in the office. They are \$1.00 each and we have sweet bbq, hot bbq, bold teriyaki, and pepperoni.

As an incentive, we will be having a Box Tops contest. The classroom who collects the most box tops will get to have CAM Photobooth come to their classroom for a photo booth session. The students will even get to take pictures with our school mascot. Students from the winning classroom will bring their photo strips home with them that same day. The contest will begin Monday, November 28th and go through Friday, February 17, 2017.