

Bach Elementary School News



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Information from our Principal ...



Dear Bach School Families, February is a very busy month!

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. assembly was inspiring. Under the leadership of Mrs. Bishop, every student had a chance to perform. The song sung by our fifth graders and their Kindergarten buddies, "What Can One Little Person Do?", was exceptionally relevant and touching. Thanks to all of you who were able to attend.

We need your help! Please volunteer to help paint our school hallways and lobby!

Please go to this website: <http://www.bachpto.org/paint-signup.php> to sign up to help wash, tape or paint walls on February 9, 10 and 11. The hallways will be clean (and bare!) for our Parent Involvement Day on Monday. Thank you.

Monday, February 13th, is Parent Involvement Day in honor of National African American Parent Involvement Day. Please do your best to come and visit your child/children at school —even if only for a little while. All adults are invited to have a complimentary lunch provided by our staff. Please be sure you RSVP either on line or send in the paper response you will receive if you don't get information on line. Don't forget about the PTO breakfast beginning at 8:45AM in the MultiPurpose Room and the fabulous all school slide show at 2:00. Also, don't forget to get your picture taken!

February 15th is the 100th day of school! We will celebrate the day with a visit by Zero the Hero. She will read a book to our Kindergarten, first and second graders and give them a small 100's day remembrance.

*** Kindergarten RoundUp will be Feb. 29th from 7:00-8:00.** Any student who will be 5 on or before December 1st, 2012, may attend Kindergarten. We will have a building tour for parents and their entering Kindergarten as well as a time for parents and their child/ren to meet the Kindergarten teachers and learn about the curriculum. **From 6:30-7:00, you will be able to enroll your incoming Kindergarten if you'd like.** To enroll your child for kindergarten, please bring your child's birth certificate or passport, immunization record and three proofs of residency (one proof needs to be a lease or closing papers/deed.) We will have copy machines here. PLEASE spread the word!! Tell all the families you know about our RoundUp.

All of our students will complete the second of three NWEA testing this week. Everything went much smoother this time! Results will be sent home soon.

The first bell rings at 8:45. When the second bell rings at 8:48, ALL students must be in their classrooms ready to start class. However, we continue to have students who are consistently late. When your child arrives late, he/she misses important classroom information,

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At Bach School we are dedicated to creating an environment that inspires learning. We strive to challenge each student to achieve full academic potential and maintain consistent standards for socially responsible behavior. We believe education is a shared responsibility of the staff, students, parents and the community. We value children as unique individuals and recognize their ethnic diversity and various learning styles as strengths.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ◆ **Thurs, Feb. 2nd, 2012**
PTO Meeting at 7PM
- ◆ **Sun, Feb 5, 2012**
Bach Pool Party
3:00—4:00PM
Mack Pool—FREE
- ◆ **Thurs, Fri and Sat
Feb 9, 10 and 11th**
Paint for Kids
- ◆ **Mon, Feb 13, 2012**
NAAPID
All Day
- ◆ **Wed, Feb 15, 2012**
100th Day of School!
- ◆ **Mon — Fri, 20-24th**
Mid-Winter Break
No School
- ◆ **Wed, Feb 29, 2012**
Kindergarten RoundUp
7:00—8:00PM



**See calendar on
back page for
add'l events!**

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announcements and the beginning of the day instruction. Children who miss this information find themselves playing "catch up"! PLEASE be sure your child is here on time, everyday!

Please check the overflowing **LOST AND FOUND** whenever you are in the school or ask your child to check. Items will be donated to charity soon.



Thanks again for all you do for your child/ren and our school!

Shelley

Paint for Kids is coming to Bach!

Our Principal, Shelley Bruder, has received a grant for paint and supplies through the **Paint for Kids** program.

We will be painting the 3rd/4th grade hallway (not inside classrooms), the 1st/2nd grade hallway (not inside classrooms), and the front lobby. We will get freshly painted walls under the supervision of Gene Firn, a painting contractor, who is donating his time and experience to Ann Arbor elementary schools.

We need your help to make Bach's **Paint for Kids** successful. Please volunteer for a shift on any of these dates. Two shifts are better than one! Also, if you have a 6' ladder we can use, please e-mail Harry.

Thu Feb 9th (Wash Walls):	10am – 12pm & 6pm – 8pm
Fri Feb 10th (Tape Walls):	10am – 12pm & 6pm – 8pm
Sat Feb 11th (Paint Walls):	9am – 11am, 11am – 1pm, 1pm – 3pm, & 3pm – 5pm

To volunteer, sign up online at:

<http://www.bachpto.org/paint-signup.php>

or contact Harry Sheehan at

sheehan@ewashtenaw.org or 417-7343

Visit these links for the recent Paint for Kids

[NPR story](#) and [Facebook page](#):

<http://www.michiganradio.org/post/volunteers-paint-ann-arbor-schools>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Paint-For-Kids/205959366143281>



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Bach PTO

Please join us for the
Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting
featuring a presentation from
Maria Coolican



Bach PTO

Maria is Project Director for the Ann Arbor Languages Partnership (A2LP.) Bach kids in the upper grades learn Spanish through the A2LP. Maria will present on A2LP and the World Languages program. Maria is also a Bach School parent!

Thursday, Feb. 2nd, 7-8PM

Bach School Multi-Purpose Room

Refreshments! Free Childcare!

Spanish and Japanese translation available!

利用可能なスペイン語と日本語に翻訳!

¡Interpretación al español y japonés!

ART NEWS

The PTO was so wonderful to award me a grant to bring Scott Shepherd, Strokes of Genius to Bach School. He is a teacher/actor who comes from the Chicago area. I saw him a few years ago as Leonardo da Vinci. Scott was so convincing that the older students could not believe he wasn't the real Leonardo with his costume, accent and knowledge.



Mr. Shepherd will be appearing as Claude Monet at Bach, Japanese bridge, lily pads, wisteria and much more. Since the fourth grade is studying Impressionism they will be assisting him.

Everyone please keep the date of **THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012 from 9:15-10:45** free for this magnificent all school assembly. He will be coming in the night before to start his three hour set-up. I can't wait for everyone to see his grand finale. It's a big secret.

Once again all classes will go or have gone to the University of Michigan Museum of Art. It's so nice to see the real art work instead of always seeing posters or CD pictures.

The art room is getting an electric pencil sharpener that is for colored pencil use only. That will be less frustrating for the students than the hand held sharpeners and less waste of the colored pencils. We are getting **NEW TABLES** for the art room. This will be soooo nice! **Thank you to the PTO!**

Folders will start coming home in the next few weeks but not all work will be in them. If a piece of art work is being considered for one of our three art exhibits this spring, I will be keeping it until all the shows are through. All art work will go home after the exhibits are finished. We Have Youth Art Month in March, where the art work will hang at the Citizen Bank on Main St. The Main Public Library Exhibit in April and the Exhibit at the Slusser Gallery in the North Campus Art School in May. Students that have work at these shows will all be sent an invitation home. It's so nice for families to attend these receptions. The students are so proud of their work. It's like going to a performance that your child is in.

Thank you, Ms. Babich

Campbell's Labels for Education Program



Remember to clip and save proof of purchase seals from Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm, Post, and other qualifying products. These seals can get turned into cash to purchase materials for our media center. Have your child bring proof of purchase seals to school or drop them off in the box in the media center. Thank you!

To see a list of all participating products, please go to:

<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/How-to-Earn/Participating-Products>





It's a Pool Party for Bach Families!

Grab your beach towel, we're headed to the pool! Please join your classmates for a swim at Mack swimming pool.

Where: Mack Pool, 715 Brooks Street, 48103, 734-794-6237

When: Sunday, February 5 from 3:00- 4:00. You are welcome to arrive at 2:45 to put on your swimsuit.

Price: FREE! — This event is sponsored by the Bach PTO.



To RSVP, please contact Kristin Burgard, kristinb@talkamerica.net, 734-623-0117 or return the Bach Pool Party form in your child's backpack. We need to have an accurate count to have the proper lifeguard coverage.

Bach Heritage Festival— We Need You!



The Bach Heritage Festival will be held on Friday, March 2, 2012 from 6:00- 8:30PM at Bach School

The festival will include display booths, arts & crafts projects, music, dancing, games, food samples and refreshments. Your help is necessary to make this event a success. **Please fill out the Bach Heritage**



Festival flyer sent home with your child and return it as soon as possible in your child's backpack. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Kristin Burgard, kristinb@talkamerica.net, 734-623-0117.

Bach School Competes in the Knowledge Master Open Places First in Michigan in Jan. 2012 Competition

Eighteen Bach School 5th and 4th graders placed **FIRST** in Michigan, in the Knowledge Master Open Competition held on **Jan. 25, 2012**.

The K.M.O. is a team academic contest that tests students' ability to answer questions about all the school subjects. The Bach School K.M.O. Team scored 628 out of a possible 1000 points. The mean nationwide was 548. Nationally, Bach placed in the top 20% of all teams.

The members of our team were:

4th graders: Lidewij Florusbosch, James Farmer, and Bridget Roberts

5th graders: Carl Gerisch, Francisco Fiori, Hazel Magoon, Max Bayer, Frances Schulenberg, Camille Konrad, David Russman, Elisabeth Kuras, Julia Ammer, Madelyn Gracey, Josie Leydenfrost, Cal McCullough, Connor Pellegrini, Sacha Verlon, and Ben Wyngaard

Congratulations on a fine, cooperative effort. The Bach School Community is very proud of you! Mrs. Ezekiel is the coach of the Bach KMO team. You can learn more about the **KMO** at www.greatauk.com.

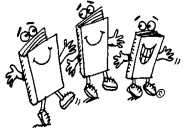


Have something for the next newsletter?

Please send it to Tricia Kalosa at pkalosa@comcast.net by **Sunday, February 12th**.

The next issue comes out on Wednesday, Feb. 15th. You can also place your information in the *Newsletter* mailbox in the Main Office.

Thank you!
Your Bach Newsletter Editor —
Tricia Kalosa



News From the Media Center



Upcoming Events

Saturdays @ 11AM

Saturday, Feb. 4

March 1

March 16

Storytime at Nicola's Books

Carole Boston Weatherford at the AADL (see below for more info)

March is Reading Month Begins

Family Reading Night

Carole Boston Weatherford at the AADL

Acclaimed author Carole Boston Weatherford makes a special appearance in honor of Black History Month with a delightful mix of storytelling, poetry and prose. This event, for grades K - 8, will include a book signing and books will be on sale.

The New York Times best-selling author began writing in first grade, when she dictated a poem to her mother. Her first book was "Trees," which she illustrated with colored pencils and bound with staples at age eight. Today, she is the author of 32 books of poetry, nonfiction and children's literature. Her book "Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom" won the Caldecott Honor, a Coretta Scott King Award for Illustration and an NAACP Image Award. She has also won the Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award, the Jefferson Cup, the Carter G. Woodson Award from National Council for the Social Studies and two North Carolina Juvenile Literature Awards.

Her books have been shortlisted on best or notables lists by the International Reading Association, Children's Book Council, Bank Street College of Education, Voice of Youth Advocates, New York Public Library and Chicago Public Library, Hornbook, Kirkus Reviews, Publisher's Weekly, School Library Journal, and Nick Jr. Family Magazine.

AADL link to the aforementioned event description: <http://www.aadl.org/events/list?search=carole%20boston>

We're Getting Ready to Launch March is Reading Month

Plans are being formalized for a host of activities to celebrate reading during our traditional March is Reading Month at Bach. With the profits from our Scholastic Book Fair in December and the support of the Bach PTO we will be offering numerous programs by authors and illustrators in March plus a host of other fun activities that promote and encourage reading.

I'm often asked why we put so much effort into celebrating this month at Bach. Well of course there is the obvious, to enrich our student's reading experience and encourage them to find the pleasure and benefits of being a "reader". However, an added bonus has been seen by classroom teachers over the years. This intense month of focused reading not only reinforces and strengthens student reading skills but **many students make significant progress in their reading outcomes** during this time because of their **focus on independent reading outside of school** hours. Teachers have shared that some students have jumped as many as two levels!






To make this a successful experience, we rely on many parent volunteers to assist with counting and recording reading minutes. Often two parents will share classroom responsibilities.

A good part of the "job" can be done at home although there is a need for time (approximately an hour) at school to disseminate incentives and post student minutes. If you are interested in helping please contact Betsy Brooks at bbrook1@earthlink.net. A special thanks to Betsy Brooks and Suzanne Kessler for all their assistance with this special month at Bach.



FEBRUARY 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 PTO Mtg 7pm	3	4
5 Pool Party Mack School 3PM 	6	7 4th grade UMS Rackham Bus leaves @ 10:25AM EDO trip MI Radio (PM)	8	9 Paint for Kids 	10 Paint for Kids 	11 Paint for Kids 
12	13 NAAPID	14	15 100th Day of School!	16 5th grade trip UMMA 10AM Ward/Ramsey trip to Jiffy Mix @ 9:30	17 1st grade to UMS Hill Aud. 10:25AM Humphrey/ Ramsey to Jiffy Mix @ 9:30	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
						
26	27 School resumes	28 MPR Lobby - Presidential Primary Election	29 K-Round Up 7-8PM			

