



MacGregor A Newsletter for Parents Messenger

October

Points of Interest and Upcoming Events

October 5
Fundraiser Forms Due

October 8
Kdg-2nd grade
Fire Truck Visits

October 9
Bucket Filling assembly
Popcorn

October 12
Columbus Day

October 13-23
MEAP testing

October 15
Coffee Club

October 23
Popcorn Day

October 27
Picture Day make up

October 29
Halloween Walk-
through

October 30
Black and Orange day

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year we will be celebrating our students' successes monthly with an all school Bucket Filling assembly. Below is a list of the awards we will be giving out and how the students can earn these awards.

BUCKET FILLERS AWARD

The award will be given by the classroom teacher. The Bucket Filler of the month will have the opportunity to have their picture taken and put on the Bucket Filling Board.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARD

Since we haven't been in school very long, we had many students that received recognition for perfect attendance. Each month we will celebrate those students who are here and on time for the month.

B.U.G – Bringing Up Grades

We are recognizing students that are bringing up their grades each month.

RESPONSIBILITY JAR

A monthly newsletter will be sent home. At the bottom of most communications is a section that you sign and your child returns to school. Each month we will draw 10 names from the Responsibility Jar and those students will receive a special prize. Our first batch will be drawn during the October Bucket Filling Assembly.

LUNCH BAG AWARD

An award will be given each month to those classrooms that have shown positive behavior during lunch and recess. Once a classroom has earned two lunch bag awards, they get a pizza, cookie and punch. We will start the lunch bag award this month.

ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT: Here is how parents can help!

At one time or another, your child will probably ask, "Do I have to go to school today?" They may be tired, afraid of a test, or they may just want to watch TV.

Here are ways to make sure your child gets to school every day—on time:

- **Get your child to bed on time.** A sleepy child can't get up. He dawdles over breakfast. He misses the bus.
- **Stay in touch with school.** If you know there's a test, help your child study—don't let them stay home.
- **Let your child see that you value education.** Tell him that when he misses a day of school, he's missing the opportunity to learn new things.
- **Don't make it fun when your child stays home from school.** Make a rule that there will be no TV, video games, or playing with friends.

Source: Dr. Roger McIntire, "Parenting Tips: School Absenteeism," ParentSuccess.com, www.parentsuccess.com/schoolabsence.php.

Important Attendance Information: "Research shows that student that is at school and on time does better in their academic environment". It is important your child is at school on time and stays until the end of the day. We are asking you do not pick up your child early unless it is an emergency. It is not only a disruption to your child's learning; it is also a disruption to the learning of others in the classroom. Let's work together to make this the best school year for your child.

Office Hours:

**7:30 a.m. to 4:00
p.m.**

Student Day:

8:20 a.m. – 3:19 p.m.

Universal breakfast

8:10 a.m. -8:30 a.m.

SEPTEMBER'S PERFECT ATTENDANCE: No Absence and No

YOUNG 5'S

GARRISON, TRENTIN
MEYERS, JAMES D.
REMAINDER, CAYDEN M.
SCHMIDT, ALEXANDER
SIMON, STEVEN J.
TACEY, DREW M.
THOMPSON, GABE J.
WOJCIK, CLAYTON A.

KINDERGARTEN

BALDWIN, CAMERON A.
BRENAI, ISABELLA
CARLSON, ELLIOTT
CUNNINGHAM, KARA A.
DIETZEL, HOPE S.
EILF, KYLEIGH C.
GARCIA, JAMAI Q.
GONZALEZ, TRISTEN R.
HARTLEY, HAILEE M.
HARTLEY, HANNAH J.
KENNEDY, CARRINGTON
LAMOthe, ANASTASIA A.
LICHT-HUTCHINS, DESSA R
MARTINEZ, MICHAEL N.
MILLER, BRODY D.
NELSON, AVERY V.
NUGENT, GAVIN
RAMOS, RIEMUNDO S.
SCAGGS, JACEN R.
SIMMONS, ALANA M.
STAUDACHER, ALIYJA
VANHAAREN, ASHLEY M.
YANICK-REYES, KADON N.

FIRST GRADE

AIKENS, TREVOR D.
AYALA, EVA M.
BOTIMER, HOPE D.
BROWN, THOMAS B.
DECATUR, DYLAN A.
FLORES, MAKAYLA R.
GARCIA, LYRIC A.
HAWLEY, JASMINE A.
HUGO, LOGAN C.
ISHAM, JASMINE J.
KUKLA, TIA A.
LASECKI, MADISON H.
LASECKI, MERCEDES A.
MALDONADO, DIAMOND
MEYER, APRIL M.
MULLINS, CONNOR J.
PRICE, ROLAND A.
SCHOOF, CYRUS J.
SIMMONS, ALONZO I.
WARREN, JAYCIE R.
WEISS, ETHAN A.
WITHERS, RONNI N.

SECOND GRADE

BALDWIN, TAYLOR S.
BEAN, KAITLYNN N.
BELLINGER, JEFFREY T.
BLAIR, MEGAN L.
BOUCHARD, GRADY J.
BROWN, JACOB A.
BURTON, JAKE T.
CARTER, ZACHARY A.
CHESNEY,
CHRISTOPHER
DANIELS, ASHLEY N.
DIETZEL, DESTINY A.
GARCIA, LUCAS A.
GILGINAS, ALIYAH J.
GONZALEZ, RAMIRO F
HALL, ALEXANDER
HALL, NICHOLAS
HANKISH, MADISEN H.
HARGRAVES, AUSTIN J.
HUGGARD, SARA V.
HURLEY, MAGGIE M.
JACKSON, GIANNA S.

MCCLEARY, KRISTOPHER
NOIA, SETH B.
OPDYCKE, ZACKERIHA
PELTIER, KYLEIGH N.
PRIME, TRAVIS W.
RAJEWSKI, RACHEL R.
SHOTWELL, ALLISON M.
STEJAKOWSKI, IVY R.
WEISHEIM, RYAN J.
WLOUDSTRA, NICHOLAS

THIRD GRADE

BROWN, HALEY D.
CHEVALIER, DUSTIN M.
DOWNING, ANTHONY D.
DOYEN, SAMANTHA K.
FELTON, JORDAN T.
FLORES, MELANIE
GATES, EMILY A.
GILBOE, MARIAH M.
GILLIS, KYLIE M.
GWIZDALA, MASON A.
HAYNES, CHLOE E.
HENGEHOLD-BAILEY,
CHANCE
HEWITT, CAITLIN R.
KIBBY, MARY A.
KLASS, ANNA E.
MCADAMS, ZACHARY H.
MEYER, EVELYN E.
MORRIS, REBECCA J.
MOUGHLER, CELESTE
MYERS, AARON P.
PELTIER, MADISYN
PINNOW, DESTYN E.
QUINNAN, ABBIGALE J.
SCAGGS, CHRISTIAN M.
SHELDON, CHRISTIANNA
SHOOK, KAINEN
TREVINO, TREY N.
WILSON, MARY-LYNN B.
WLOUDSTRA, BRENDEN
ZIOLKOWSKI, KRISTA M.

FOURTH GRADE

AVILA, GABRIELA
BASSETT, JESSEE J.
BISHOP, NICOLE K.
BROWN, NATHAN J.
CALAHAN, ASHA J.
CICHOCKI, JARED R.
CORTEZ, NOEMI B.
CUNNINGHAM, KAYLEE
EVANS, JONAE L.
GEYER, DALE R.
GIRARD, KAITY S.
HALL, RYAN
HARGRAVES, JEFFERY
HUGGARD, CODY W.
JACKSON, TRINITY M.
KANNAI, JACOB N.
KRUCHKOW, BRYCE A.
KYLONEN, HAYDEN A.
LAMOthe, ORION J.
MORALES, LANCE H.
NELLETT, KENDRA M.
NOIA, GIULIA M.
OPDYCKE, CORLISSA
OSTROM, MYA
PAULSON, MIRANDA J.
PITTMAN, MIRANDA J.
RAMOS, SIARA R.
RANGEL, SIERRA L.
ROSENBROCK,
JAZMYNN J.
RUPP, KAYLEE M.
SADLAK, NATHAN
SHIMEL, BRANDAN D.
TENEUQUE, ERIC
WILLEY, CHELSEA A.
WILLIAMS, EBONIE M.
WOJCIK, JADE J.
YAKICH, JOHN

FIFTH GRADE

ALLEN, ISRAEL J.
BANKS, DESTIN'EE V.
BASSETT, RUSSELL J.
BURZYNSKI, DELANEY
CAMPBELL,
CELESTINA M.
CHEVALIER, DYLAN M.
DEBATS, KATIE L.
DOWNING, KRISTIN A.
FRY, JEWELIE A.
GILBOE, KAITLYN E.
GILLISSE, NATALIE R.
GONZALEZ, ARIANNA-
ELIZA
HALL, SHAWN R.
HENGEHOLD-BAILEY,
MADISON
HEWITT, REBECCA A.
HOLBROOK, DUSTEN
HURLEY, MILES J.
LOCHINSKI, KATHRYN
LOPEZ, MOSES P.
LYNN, MARCUS D.
MCPHEE, ALYSSIA
MONROE, JADON M.
MURPHY, IZAAK R.
MURPHY, ROBERT H.
MUSIELAK, MARCUS A.
NEWTON, ISAIAH M.
PELTIER, TYLER J.
REED, STEPHANIE A.
ROCHA, OMAR
SHOTWELL, BRENDON
SWIATOWY, MAXWELL
Troxell, MYA A.
VANHAAREN, TAYLOR
VASQUEZ, DOMINIC A.
VASQUEZ, JOSE
VIEW, LYNNZE M.
WILLIAMS, EDWARD E.
WILSON, JOSHUA A.
WILSON, MARK A.
ZIOLKOWSKI,
CASSANDRA

Yes, I received and read the October Newsletter

Student Name

Teacher

Parent Signature

Any suggestions, concerns, or congratulations are greatly appreciated.

WANTED!

General Mills Box Tops
Campbell Soup Labels
Pop Tabs
Used Printer Cartridges
Bags of Halloween Candy

SMART CARDS ARE HERE

\$20.00

You can pick up your Smart Card at MacGregor. These booklets have hundreds

Parent Teacher Conferences

December 8th and 10th from 3:45- 6:45. Forms for scheduling conference will be sent home this week.

HALLOWEEN WALKTHROUGH

Our annual Halloween Costume Walk-thru will be Thursday, October 29th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. We are starting to collect candy donations for this event on Monday, October 5th. Please send your donations to the school office.

On October 30st we encourage the students to wear Black & Orange for our "Halloween" Spirit Day! The class that wears the most Black & Orange will win a Halloween prize.

CRAFT SHOW

DAV Wenona 1304 S.
Wenona
October 24 / 9-2:30
p.m.

MEIJER GIFT CARD **WINNERS!**

Curriculum Night
\$50.00 Meijer Gift Card
Tim and Heather Garrison

WEEKLY BREAKFAST **SCHEDULE**

Monday	Cocoa Puffs
Tuesday	Cinnamon Toast Crunch
Wednesday	Lucky Charms
Thursday	Fruity Cheerios

Saginaw Spirit "Caught Being Good" Winner

Anthony Williams & Armando Schalk

Tickets Donated by: Bay Regional Medical Center and State Farm, John Drzewicki

LUNCH TIME NEWS

Hello, my name is Ms. Ingrid, I am your child's cashier at MacGregor. If your child has any charges of \$5.00 or more they will receive a cheese sandwich and milk. Please feel free to contact me at anytime at MacGregor 892-1558 or e-mail me with any questions at wojicki@bcschools.net. All information is confidential, and will not be shared. Thank you,

Lunch weekly: Full \$10.75/ Reduced \$2.00 **Lunch Monthly:** Full \$43.00/ Reduced \$8.00

If your child is just purchasing milk at lunchtime, it will be \$.55

An extra slice of pizza on Thursdays will be \$1.50. If your child wishes to buy an extra piece, they need to see me in the morning in the cafeteria.

HALLWAY PROCEDURES INCLUDE...

- ❖ The Main hallways will be open to all students and parents at 8:00 a.m.
- ❖ Students will enter at 8:10 and report to the classroom for Universal Breakfast.
- ❖ If you are picking your child up from school, we ask that you wait outside until the students are dismissed. Please don't pick your child up early, unless it is an emergency or if they have an appointment.
- ❖ If you have an appointment with a teacher after school, please wait until the teacher is back in the building from lunch. Do not go to the classroom until you see them in the teacher's building. If you do not have an appointment with the teacher, please wait until the teacher is back in the building from lunch.

A Message from Mr. Doug Newcombe, Superintendent

October 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Friends of Bay City Public Schools,

We are very excited as the 2009-10 school year got off to a terrific start!

We had the final five school buildings under construction this past summer: Washington Elementary, Kolb Elementary, MacGregor Elementary, Mackensen Elementary, and Handy Middle School. Most of the work was completed by the start of school. Some work has continued into fall, particularly on the exterior of Washington Elementary. There will be some minor remaining bond projects during the school year and some outside work needed on building grounds, such as the Central courtyard, that will occur in Spring 2010.

Student enrollment is slightly higher than we had anticipated with the state of our economy and declining birth rates. Last year, we had 9,094 students. Originally this year, we estimated an enrollment of 8,924. Our enrollment to date, although not yet official, is about 50 students over that estimate. To accommodate the higher student numbers, we have added classrooms as well as teachers and teacher aides at eight of our 14 school buildings.

Other items of interest to share:

As part of our push on technology, the District re-designed our main webpage at www.bcschools.net. If you have not visited it yet, please check it out and let us know what you think. Our goal is that the webpage will be easier to navigate for community, parents, staff, and students. On a similar note, one of our goals underway this year and thereafter is to update school webpage information regularly.

For the second straight year, one of our art teachers has received the Michigan Art Education Association's elementary "Art Educator of the Year" award. This year's recipient, Ms. Colleen DeSanto, teaches at McAlear Elementary and at Kolb Elementary. We are very proud of Ms. DeSanto who symbolizes the hard work and dedication of our teachers. Last year's award recipient was Diane Brown who teaches at Auburn Elementary, Forest, and Kolb Elementary.

On September 22 we hosted the Taiwanese delegation at Western High School. The Taiwanese government and Bay City Public Schools have partnered on the Mandarin Chinese language program. This year we have nearly 200 students at our middle and high schools taking Mandarin Chinese as one of our foreign languages.

In September, our board of education approved the purchase of new foreign language textbooks for French, German, Spanish, and Mandarin Chinese as part of our regular textbook replacement schedule put in place several years ago.

Our middle school and high school security camera systems will be installed during October and November.

As a reminder, we are holding an open house at our newly renovated school buildings on Sunday October 18 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Elementary schools renovated with our May 2006 bond initiative are Kolb, Lindsay, MacGregor, Mackensen, McAlear-Sawden and Washington. Other schools included in the renovation project were Handy Middle School, the Western Middle/High School complex and Central High. Thanks to the support of our community, the school buildings look awesome and have significant renovations from heating and cooling to the electrical systems, floors and windows along with many other changes. If you have a chance, please visit any of those schools that afternoon.

Finally, related to the H1N1 flu concern, our schools are stocked with soap and hand sanitizer and are cleaned regularly. Information has been provided to parents and students about ways to help minimize the chance of getting sick, including the most important way which is washing hands thoroughly on a regular basis. We are also working closely with our local health officials.

In closing, I am always open to your comments or questions and can be reached at 671-8165 or a newcombed@bcschools.net. Thank you for your interest and support of the Bay City Public Schools.

Sincerely,
Douglas L. Newcombe
Interim Superintendent