

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL—Mrs. Judy Cox

As we begin the last few months of the school year, I hope your child is happy and enjoying being in school learning and being with their friends. I hope, too, that you have noticed your child developing not only in academics, but socially as well.



One behavior we continue to remind and explain to students about is bullying. Although students refer to this as “messaging with” in fun, students are sometimes unaware of the hurt feelings this causes in others. Reminders and explanations of the hurtfulness these types of bullying, intimidating, and harassing comments or actions towards others can never be repeated too often. Kids are kids, but all students need reminders. Please take the time to talk to your children on the importance of treating all people with respect, both in words and in actions.

SPRING BREAK

Spring Break begins this month. Our Spring Break begins on Monday, March 28 through Friday, April 1. Students return to school on Monday, April 4. Have a safe vacation!

MUGS OF LOVE



Washington Elementary Student Council members, from left, Sabrina Villarreal, 10, Coleman Staudacher, 11, Abby Newsham, 10, and Cody Rodriguez, 10, stand with some of the 250 candy filled mugs that they will deliver to elder care facilities on Valentine's Day.

Our Mugs of Love project was a huge success. Thank you for all your help with the mugs and candy. We delivered over 250 mugs to senior citizens in the area. If you have not seen the TV5 video, here is the web address. Check it out.

<http://www.wnem.com/news/26865394/detail.html>



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Important Dates to Remember

- March 3**—Kindergarten Parent Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- March 7**—V & O Assembly @ 1:45 PM
- March 7**—Kindergarten Registration Begins
- March 14**—Report Cards sent home with students
- March 17**—St. Patrick's/Green Spirit Day
- March 22**—Morning Coffee @ 8:30 AM
- March 22**—Evening Kindergarten Registration 4-6 PM
- March 24**—Spring Pictures
- March 25**—Schwann Delivery of Goods
- March 28-April 1**—Spring Break. Students return to School on Monday, April 4.
- April 6**—Morning Coffee @ 8:30 AM
- April 8**—V & O Assembly @ 1:45 PM

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

I am happy to share updates with you on a monthly basis and this month I'd like to focus on our Board of Education and the happenings occurring.

News from the Board of Education ...

New Board Member Appointed

Due to the resignation of Board Secretary Amy DeHaan-Legge, the Board of Education appointed a new member at the February 14 Board meeting to fill the vacancy until a regular election is held in November of this year. Please welcome our newest Board of Education member, Mr. Michael Wilcox, who is a financial advisor with Maier and Associates as well as a Western High School parent. Our board of Education members serve on a voluntary basis and we are very fortunate to have members who are dedicated to serving the best interests of our students and families in the Bay City Public Schools. **Welcome, Mr. Wilcox!**

School Visits Completed for a Second Time This Year

Our Board of Education members take their roles in supporting the educational process very seriously. Last month, board members visited schools in our district for the second time this school year, as has been their practice, and reported on their days at the February 14 meeting. Schools they visited this time include Lindsay Elementary, Mackensen Elementary, Wenona Center, and Western High School. An additional visit is tentatively planned for Handy Middle School.

Congratulations:

Western High student Stacy Lang placed first at the district level Voice of Democracy contest. She also placed second at the State level competition and was awarded a \$3,500 scholarship!

Western High School Juniors John Costello (Alto Sax) and Daniel Schindler (Trombone) were selected to the Michigan School Band and Orchestra All-State Band. They joined approximately one hundred other high school students from around the state for this honor which is one of the highest individual honors an instrumental music student can achieve in the state of Michigan. As part of their selection, the students were invited to participate in a concert at the Devos Hall Auditorium in Grand Rapids.

Gifted and Talented Program Celebration in April

Brian Johnson, director of our Gifted and Talented program as well as assessment and curriculum support services, has been meeting with a committee to plan the celebration of 25 years of this student enrichment program. A formal celebration will be held on April 10 with a formal board presentation planned for Monday, April 11 at Western High School. Please mark your calendars. A student display will be available at the board building the week of April 11 as well.

As always, if you have comments or questions, please feel free to email (newcombed@bcschools.net) or call me at 671-8165.

PARKING AT SCHOOL

We know parking is limited at Washington School. It is very busy at the end of the day when parents are picking up their children. Please do not park on McKinley St. to wait for students. This causes a lot of problems. Also,





Kindergarten or Young 5's. You are invited to attend a Kindergarten Parent Night to answer any questions you may have. If you know someone who has a child of Kindergarten age, please inform them of this meeting and registration process. Registration dates are March 7-25.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION—MR. STAUDACHER

Although it is often necessary to wear warm clothing and boots to school in the winter, they are usually not the best choices for physical education class (PE). On the day of your child's PE class, if your son/daughter could wear light clothing (i.e. short sleeve tops) under warmer clothing that would be helpful so they don't get so hot during class. While it might not be practical to wear gym shoes to school, your child could bring their shoes that day and keep them in their locker so they have them on gym days. This would be better than wearing boots in gym class

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Mr. Staudacher, regarding any PE issues, or concerns at staudacherd@bcschools.net.

STAFF OF THE MONTH—MS. LEISENTRITT

Favorite TV Show: House and CSI Miami

Favorite Hobby: I love the outdoors. Camping. Hiking. Walking in the woods. My garden keeps growing larger every year. Landscaping. Fall is my favorite season. I love pumpkins.

Pets: I have three dogs, a bird, and fish.

Favorite Color: yellow

Favorite Quote: Not a quote but this always throws people. It's just for fun. At one time I owned 996 cars. I used to own a salvage yard and have a strong automotive background

Favorite Life Skill: Perseverance: To keep at it until you get it.



SPIRIT DAY

Each month, a special Spirit Day is picked. Our next Spirit Day will be the theme of **St. Patrick's Day on March 17**.



MUSIC PROGRAM

until 9:30 AM. The curriculum focus of this meeting will be reading. We hope you can make it.

RECYCLING PROGRAM

Washington Elementary is already involved in recycling plastic and paper products. However, students want to do more to be friendlier to our environment. We are beginning to recycling other products that don't decompose and that may be able to make other products with. Please take a look at the following products and send these wrappers to school to place in the recycling bins. Please keep the back page of this newsletter and post on your refrigerator to remember the things we recycle. Thanks for your help!



SCHOOL STORE

Our school store is off and running! Each Tuesday and Thursday, our school store is open for students to purchase school supplies and healthy snacks. Prices range from .05 to \$1.50. At right, is Mrs. Blankenship and student helpers taking care of customers.



BULLYING

As you have seen in previous newsletters, bullying and teasing is being constantly addressed. Not because there is a lot of this type of behavior at Washington, but because we want to continue to discuss positive ways to interact with others. We continue to discuss different life skills so students know what they mean and ways they can demonstrate these qualities. Please continue to speak with your child on this topic so they hear this message at home and school.

EASTER EGG HUNT



Thursday, April 21, is our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Washington School. Your donation of candy or plastic eggs would be appreciated. If you would like to help with this project please call the office at 894-

BAY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



MON. MARCH 7, 2011 – FRI. MARCH 25, 2011
8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Please call your home school for late night registration date(s)

Please register at your child's "home school"

If you are uncertain which school is your "home school", please call 671-8121 for information. If you have any other Kindergarten questions, please call 671-8163.



State of Michigan Registration Requirements
Your child must be 5 years old on or before 12/01/2011
Copy of Birth Certificate
Copy of Immunization Record
Proof of Residency



Bay City Public Schools Offer:

- ◆ Full Day Kindergarten at All Buildings
- ◆ Half Day Young Fives – East & West Locations
 - ◆ Accelerated Kindergarten
- ◆ School of Choice and Building Choice Option
- ◆ Curriculum Includes: Foreign Language, Art, Music, Library/Media, and Physical Education
 - ◆ Parent Involvement Opportunities
- ◆ Kindergarten Screening for Early Registrants

It is very important that parents notify the school office of any changes in address, home, and work phone numbers, etc. When we have emergencies, it is important that we have the correct information to reach a parent as soon as possible.



If you have had any changes on your emergency/profile sheet, please let us know. Please call Mary at 894-2744 with any changes.



Our goal is to have all of our students in class, learning every day for the entire learning day, 8:20 am-3:19 pm. When it is necessary for a child to miss school for any reason, it is the parent's responsibility to call the school office at 894-2744 to excuse your child. If at all possible it is best for your child's education to schedule doctor and dentist appointments after school or during scheduled vacations.

The Learning Day

8:10—Universal Breakfast

8:20— Student's must be in classrooms ready to learn.

3:19—The end of the learning day.

Spring Break
March 28-April 1
Students return April 4!

If your child is absent for a very short term, they can contact their teachers upon returning to school. For absences more than one day, parents may call the school and request assignments that may be worked on prior to the student returning. Please request your student's homework at least 24 hours in advance only if they will be out for more than one day.



Please complete the bottom portion and have your child return it to their teacher.

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_____ Yes, I received and have read the March Newsletter.

Student _____ Parent (optional) _____

Parent Signature _____ Phone #: _____

Any comments, concerns, suggestions, or congratulations are appreciated!

SAVE THESE PRODUCTS

Please post this on your refrigerator to remind you to collect these items for Washington School. Just place the wrappers in a bag. When the bag gets half full, please send it to the school office. Thanks!



All kinds of Lays.



All kinds of bags and containers



All Kinds.



All cookie package wrappers.

All wrappers of these products—Mars Candy.

(ALL VARIETIES)



All Coke caps from
all Coke drinks.

