

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL—Mrs. Judy Cox

There are only 5 weeks of school left! WOW! Your students have been amazing! One of the greatest rewards of being an educator is seeing the growth of the children academically, socially, and physically. It is truly an honor to be part of this growth. Another wonderful thing to experience is witnessing students gaining confidence. When a student is learning, their self-confidence rises and encourages them to take risks to attempt new learning. That is what learning is really about—using what you know to learn something you don't know. Thank you, again, for allowing all of us at Washington to assist you, the parents, in educating your child. As I mentioned above, it is an honor. Have a safe summer.



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SECRETARIES' DAY



Our Secretaries, Helene Lochinski (left) and Tracey Mowbray (right) enjoy a limo ride to lunch at the Stock Pot in Bay City on Secretaries Day. Services were provided at no cost by the Stock Pot. Thank you Vince at the Stock Pot!!



SPECIAL THANKS TO AREA BUSINESSES

The Parent Group of Washington School would like to thank the staff of Washington School for all they do for our children, we appreciate all of you very much!!

We would also like to thank the parents that helped to make the Staff Appreciation Dinner a success and also the parents that sent money or food.

The following businesses donated gifts that we presented to the Staff at the dinner. We are very grateful for their generosity.

- The Doubletree Hotel
- Fund-raising Company of America
- Gordon Food Service
- Detroit Lions
- My Secret Garden

- Mr. Hot Dog
- Sunrise Family Credit Union
- The Sweet Boutique
- Shirts Mugs and More
- Souper Cafe

- Keits Flowers
- Simmons Jewelry
- Herman Hiss Jewelry
- Harvey's Grill and Bar
- Rudy J's

Important Dates to Remember

- May 3**—Teacher Appreciation Day
 - May 3**—Volunteer Luncheon @ 1:30 PM
 - May 5**—V & O Assembly @ 1:45 PM
 - May 5**—Fourth Grades to Henry Ford Museum
 - May 10**—All Students to Handy Play
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Congratulations to our Indian Education Program

Indian Education's Turtle Shell Program (after-school activities) has been awarded a **2011 Education Excellence Award** by the **Michigan Association of School Boards**. The program will be celebrated at an Excellence Awards Luncheon in Bath, Michigan on May 17. This is an outstanding program and is being recognized for its success in raising student achievement while addressing critical needs. The unique and innovative aspects of the program include:

- 1) Integration of Local Culture into Weekly Activities
- 2) Outreach to Middle-Grade and High School Students to Improve Academic Scores and Support Drug and Alcohol Use Prevention
- 3) Academic, Guidance and Mentor Advising to Strengthen Skills and Personalize Support for Each Student
- 4) A Meaningful Model of Activities that Respects Local Traditions and Provides Sustained and Cohesive Education Experiences
- 5) Consistent Family Involvement
- 6) Engagement of Local Organizations to Promote Success
- 7) Programs to Address Attendance at the 9th and 10 Grade Level
- 8) Opportunity to Participate in a Business Venture

Congratulations to Sandi Dezelah, Program Manager and Gerry Davis, Program Assistant!

Thank You to Parents and BCPS Families!

I'd like to take this time to send out a thank you to all parents and families who take the time to shuffle your children to and from all of our after-school events – including athletics. Due to cost factors, transportation services for these types of activities have been greatly reduced. We at the Bay City Public Schools recognize the efforts and sacrifices many of you make in order to provide your children with a well-rounded educational experience. Again, thank you!

T.L. Handy Distinguished Alumni – Call for Nominations

Nominations for the T.L. Handy High School Hall of Fame are being accepted until Friday, May 20, 2011. If you have a recommendation, or know someone who may, please email Fritz Stevenson at stevensonf@bcschools.net for additional information.

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

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Mr. Stuardacher

Now that Spring has arrived, it's time for the physical education classes to get outside whenever possible. With the cool temperatures, the dew covered grass, etc. it's not always easy to do.

The 3rd, 4th & 5th graders are the first classes to get outside each day (Monday through Wednesday 8:35- 11:00 am). If your son/daughter has PE on those days & times please have them wear clothes that they can go



your order. Field Day is June 3. We need many volunteers to help with this fun day for kids. Please call the school at 894-2744 ext. 1778 to volunteer. Don't forget you will need to complete a volunteer application. Thank you to all the parents for your support in fundraisers, activities, volunteering in library, etc. We could not do all the things at Washington without you! Finally, a huge thank you to our Volunteer Coordinators, Chris Sedlar, Kat Champagne, and Sandy Blankenship for organizing all of our activities

TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

On May 3, we celebrate National Teacher Day. Teachers are true heroes, who through their dedication to children work millions of small miracles every day. The vast majority of teachers in the United States are proud to help children be successful, are proud to be in public education, and are proud to be a teacher. At Washington Elementary School, we have a wonderful and caring staff working to help your child be successful in life. Please take the time to say "thank you" to your child's teacher for their efforts over the year.

STAFF OF THE MONTH—Mr. Legner

Family: Wife Wendy, three daughters, Lauren, Laekyn, Brenna

Favorite TV Show: The Mentalist

Favorite Hobby: Being involved in my children's sports

Pets: Black lab named Dylan

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Quote: Something I truly believe:
Learning does not begin with the first school bell nor does it end at the last bell.



PLASTIC BAGS



Next fall we will begin a new program in which we will need many plastic bags. To get a head start, please save any Meijer, Target, etc. plastic bags and send them to school. Thanks !

SPIRIT DAY

THANK YOU STOCK POT OF BAY CITY

Students who ride the busses in the proper way receive tickets and are entered into the Righteous Riders drawing. Each month two tickets are drawn, and those two students get a limo ride to and from school and even receive McDonald's for breakfast. All this is at no charge by Vince at the Stock Pot! Thank you, Vince!



NURSE KLOC'S NEWS

Why wear a bicycle helmet?

It's simple. If you fall from your bike, the bicycle helmet takes the force of the blow — instead of your head. Although collisions with cars or other vehicles are likely to be the most serious, even a low-speed fall on a bicycle path can be dangerous. For kids and adults, wearing a bicycle helmet is the best way to prevent a life-threatening head injury. Just remember the ground rules:

- *Make sure it fits snugly
- *Wear the helmet flat on the top of your head. If the bicycle helmet is tilted forward, the back of your head is going to be injured by the force of a crash.
- *Make sure the helmet covers the top of your forehead without tilting forward or backward, and the straps form a V shape under each ear.
- *Fasten the chin strap below your chin — not to the side or along your jaw.
- *If you're in a biking accident, throw out the bicycle helmet and replace it with a new one.





encourage our young savers that “Money Rocks!” Through April 27th we had all students participate in a coloring contest, a special contest for our Kirby Kangaroo Club members, and also gave out some really cool prizes. Our goal is to promote financial literacy to all our youngsters and show them how beneficial saving their pennies can be. Not a member yet? No problem – come on by FinancialEdge Community Credit Union at either our Euclid or Sherman branches, open up a Kirby Kangaroo Club account of your own, and learn how to save with Kirby the Kangaroo! Kirby and his friends at FinancialEdge Community Credit Union would like to extend a big Thank You to all students and staff members for all of the participation, and time that was put into our program and also for another successful year for our Student Credit Union. Also a special Thanks goes to our credit union volunteers for taking time out of their normal school day to help us out! Our last deposit day for the 2010-2011 school year will be Wednesday, June 1st 2011 so be sure to stop on by the student credit union for your last deposit. Parents or Guardians if you have any question please feel free to contact our Marketing Manager, Pam Swope, at (989) 892-6088 EXT. 225. We hope that everyone has a safe and fun summer vacation and we will see you back in the fall!



BOOK FLIX



Bay City Public Schools has access to Scholastic BookFlix. This is a great way for students to read! Scholastic BookFlix is a new online literacy resource that pairs classic video storybooks from Weston Woods with related nonfiction eBooks from Scholastic to build a love of reading and learning. The engaging way to link fact and fiction, BookFlix reinforces early reading skills and introduces children to a world of knowledge and exploration.

You have access, too. Just go to <http://bkflix.grolier.com>. User name: washbcs and Password: home Enjoy using this neat website!

Appreciation Day

May 3—Volunteer Luncheon @ 1:30 PM

May 5—V & O Assembly @ 1:45 PM

May 5—Fourth Grades to Henry Ford Museum

May 10—All Students to Handy Play

May 11—Morning Parent Meeting @ 8:30 AM

May 12—Buckle Your Brain Assembly—9 am for K-3.

May 16—Last week to check out books.

May 19—Cookie Dough Delivery

May 23—Dental Bus

May 27—3rd Grade to Mackinaw Island

June 1—Field Day

June 2—Challenge Course for Cookie Dough Sellers

June 3—V & O Assembly at 1:45 PM

June 8—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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.

3:25—The end of the learning day.



***Last Day of School
Wednesday, June 8
Have a Great Summer!***

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 May Newsletter.

Student _____ Parent (optional) _____

Parent Signature _____ Phone #: _____

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

