



Washington Elementary School

April - June 2018

NOTE FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL—Dr. Sara Moore

Hello Washington Families,

It has been a pleasure to get to know so many students and their families better in my new role. Thank you for being a part of our Washington Family!

We are starting to review some of our family's norms or expectations with students. One of these is the **Washington Way**, which is represented by the three Rs: **Respectful, Responsible, and Ready**. Another is the meaning behind our V&O assemblies. V&O stands for **Victories and Opportunities** and we celebrate students' achievements and growth both academically and socially. Ask your students if they can tell you about the three Rs and V&O. It would be a great conversation starter about the life skills that help make our children successful.

In April we will be starting a school wide focus on kindness. This will be the first focus of a planned series of monthly character education themes. On the return section of this note you will notice a student section where your child is invited to share "what kindness means to me." Please encourage your student to fill this in. We will be using the ideas they share to start discussions about how we can model and practice kindness.

Happy Spring!
Dr. Moore

SPRING Fling! April 26th

Washington is excited to host a Spring Fling Dance & Social on Thursday April 26th. This will be a special night for your student and one "special" adult to share the evening with.

There will be music, dancing, refreshments and other activities, including representatives from community organizations that provide free or low cost summer activities for our students.

Important Dates to Remember

Apr 16-20 —Dental Bus

Apr 25—V & O Assembly
1:45 PM

Apr 26th—Spring Fling
5:00—7:00

Apr 27— NO SCHOOL:
Professional Development
Day

May 1st—Teacher Request
open for 2018-19

May 25— No SCHOOL
Memorial Weekend

May 28— NO SCHOOL
Memorial Day

May 30— 5th Grade to
Loons Game

Jun 6—V&O Assembly
1:45

June 7—Field Day

Jun 8—3rd Grade to
Mackinaw Island

Jun 12—5th Grade Send
Off 10:00

June 14—1/2 Day of School
LAST DAY!

M-Step Testing

M-STEP, the Michigan Assessment, is coming up for the 3rd—5th Graders as follows. This test is taken on the computer and is administered in the mornings. It is very important that your child be ready, mentally and physically, for this task. Please be sure that your student is getting a good night's sleep the nights before the testing! If you would like to look at sample questions, testing tools or other M-STEP info, please visit:

http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_70117---,00.html

5th Grade: April 9th - May 4th

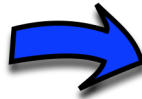
3rd & 4th Grade: April 30th - May 25th



Is it Bullying?

Children often think that one unpleasant interaction with another student is “bullying”. Not every unkind comment, action or expression indicates bullying. When we talk to students about bullying, these are the guidelines we are sharing with students.

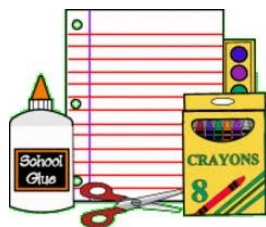
- When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it once, it is **RUDE**. - this could be bumping into someone, cutting in line, ignoring, pointing, etc.
- When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, it is **MEAN**. - this could be a direct push in line, name calling, talking unkindly about child out loud, etc.
- When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they keep doing it even when you tell them to stop—**That’s BULLYING!**



It is important for students to let a teacher or adult know when another student is being unkind repeatedly. No child should be subjected to bullying. However, it also important for children to develop the skills to communicate their feelings in such situations to other children and adults. Our staff work to help students develop these life skills. Please help us to help your child understand the differences and appropriate responses!

School Sales

Just a reminder, every **TUESDAY** during lunch hour is School Store. Students can purchase small items, such as pencils, stickers, erasers, etc. for a small price. Generally \$1 or \$2 is plenty of money to send for these items.



WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY are **PICKLE** sales. This is a fund raising activity for the 3rd grade trip to Mackinaw island at the end of the school year. Pickles are **HUGE** and **only \$1!**

(write the word “**PICKLE**” in the comments at the end of the Newsletter to give your child the chance to win a free pickle!)



Library Outings

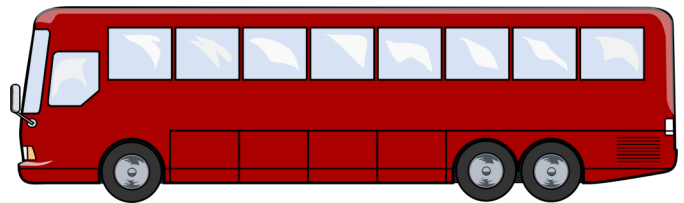
In Mid March, a letter went home with your student regarding an outing to the Wirt Library and breakfast @ Washington. This is a unique opportunity for a parent and student to spend time together in the community, as well as nurture their reading interests. This field trip was on a first come first server basis, as we were not sure how many people would be able to attend. There was an overwhelming response! This is great, however, it does mean that not everyone was able to take advantage of this offering. Based on the high interest in this event, we will most likely be offering this same type of trip next year, for those students who were not able to attend this year.



Thanks for showing such great interest in this fun, educational activity! We look forward to hosting more trips next year.

Dental Bus

The Dental Bus will be here April 16th—20th. If you want your child to receive services on the Dental Bus, please fill out and return the forms, which will be sent home in the near future.



Field Day



Field Day will be **Thursday June 7th**, more information will be forthcoming. If you would like to help for this event, you must have an approved Volunteer form on file. Forms can be picked up in the office.

Produce Giveaway!

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The Salvation Army and Food Bank of Eastern Michigan are offering a Produce Giveaway on the following dates @ the **Salvation Army Church, 401 Tenth St., Bay City MI.**



of Eastern Michigan

Note: This is an emergency feeding program intended to provide a supplemental food source to families and or individuals who are in need.

**April 19th
May 17th
June 21st**

**July 19th
August 16th
~ Bring Boxes or Bags~**



**CHANGE OF ADDRESS/
PHONE/EMERGENCY FORMS**

It is very important that parents notify the school office of any changes in address, home, and work phone numbers, etc. If we have an emergency, 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 the office at 894-2744 with any changes.

**Transportation Requests for
the 2018-19 school year**



Please print and complete the attached transportation form for the 2018-19 school year. If your student is currently in 5th grade and will be starting at Handy or Western Middle School next year, the form does still need to be filled out. Forms can be returned to Washington or mailed directly to the Transportation Department per the instructions on the attached letter. If you have any questions, *please contact the Transportation Dept. @ 662-4416.*

**Remember, Last Day of
School is a 1/2 day.
Thursday June 14th.**

**Start of Day
Procedures**

Students are encouraged to arrive between 7:50 and 8:10 and report the gym. Student's arriving after 8:20 will be marked tardy. The building will not be open to students prior to 7:30.



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

_____ Yes, I received and have read the April—June Newsletter

Student _____ Parent (optional) _____

Parent Signature _____ Phone #: _____

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

"Student Section"

This is what **KINDNESS** means to me: _____



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Stephen C. Bigelow, Ph.D.
Superintendent

TO: Parents of Bay City Public Schools Students

FROM: David H. Pfund, Director

DATE: January 10, 2018

RE: 2018-2019 Bus Transportation Information Requested by June 14, 2018

Dear Parents,

This letter contains information vital to providing your child with safe and reliable transportation during the **2018-2019 school year**. Please take a few minutes to provide **Transportation** with the most **current home, Daycare or Shared-Custody information or no bussing needed** for your child/children on/before June 14, 2018 by completing the form attached to this letter. In addition, bussing for those students enrolled in School of Choice/Building of Choice, Special Education, Gifted & Talented & Wenona Alternative Center are addressed on the form also.

Mail the completed forms (**one form per child - please combine multiple forms in one envelope**) back to our office at: BCPS Transportation Department, 480 Midland Road, Bay City, MI 48706.

As a reminder, students are limited to 2 (two) addresses for daily transportation to-and-from school. Child Daycare/Sitter & Shared-Custody information (pick-ups/drop-offs) needs to be updated each school year; information does not carry over year-to-year.

*We transport more than 5,500 students to and from our schools every day, across 254 square miles, driving 6,000 miles per day! It takes accurate information from you and the knowledge and background of our staff to determine more than 5,428 pick-up and drop-off sites. We appreciate your assistance in helping us input your information into our computer in a timely fashion. **With your assistance, our goal is to continue to provide you with accurate, timely notification of your family's bus route(s), thus allowing you time to plan for your family. Expect a postcard from us in late-August with the bus route information. Thank you very much for your anticipated assistance and cooperation.***

If you have additional questions, please feel free to call our Dispatch Office phone at 662-4416. *Printable* copies of our Transportation form are available online at www.bcschools.net. From the Transportation page, select file named **Student Transportation/Daycare /Shared-Custody form for 2018-19** and print.

Sincerely,

David Pfund

Bay City Public Schools Transportation Department
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION/DAYCARE/SHARED-CUSTODY FORM

PLEASE USE ONE FORM PER CHILD!

Student Name _____ **2018-19** School Attending _____

Telephone No. _____ Alt. Phone No. _____ **2018-19** Grade _____

Home Address of Student _____
(No.) (N.S.E.W.) (Street) (St. Rd. Dr. Cir. Ave. Ln., etc.) (City) (Zip)

1st Cross Street _____ 2nd Cross Street _____

CHECK ANY THAT APPLY:

- Our child *does not need* transportation in 2018-2019. Stop here, please check the box and return this form with your student's name/address at the top as indicated.**
- Our child *needs* transportation to & from HOME ONLY - no other sites in 2018-2019. Stop here, please check the box and return this form with your student's name/address at the top as indicated.**
- Our child *does not need* transportation to & from HOME, only from following Day Care/Shared-Custody Sites in 2018-2019.**
- Our child *needs* transportation to or from HOME and also from following Day Care Shared-Custody Sites in 2018-2019.**
- School of Choice (*Out of District*) / Building of Choice (*Other than home school*)**
Please complete entire form.
Dispatch Office will review your requests & provide transportation as allowed within their guidelines.
- Gifted & Talented Program**
Please complete entire form.
Dispatch Office will review your requests & provide transportation as allowed within their guidelines.
- Special Education**
Please complete entire form.
Bussing is provided for this program of need. If however, a program is offered in two locations and a parent opts for a choice that involves additional transportation, bussing will not be provided.
- Wenona Alternative Center**
Please complete entire form.
Dispatch will review your requests & provide transportation as allowed within their guidelines.

DAYCARE/SHARED-CUSTODY INFORMATION

AM Pick-up Address (for Day Care/Sitter/Shared -Custody (*name/phone*): _____):

(No.) (N.S.E.W.) (Street) (St. Rd. Dr. Cir. Ave. Ln., etc.) (City) (Zip)

1st Cross Street _____ 2nd Cross Street _____

PM Take-home Address (for Day Care/Sitter/Shared -Custody (*name/phone*): _____):

(No.) (N.S.E.W.) (Street) (St. Rd. Dr. Cir. Ave. Ln., etc.) (City) (Zip)

1st Cross Street _____ 2nd Cross Street _____

Your signature on this completed form and returned to us indicates your understanding and agreement of the Transportation Policy.

(Parent/Guardian's Signature)

(Date)

Please return form to: Bay City Public Schools, Transportation Dept., 480 Midland Road, Bay City, MI 48706