

HAMPTON HAPPENINGS

November 2019 Edition

Reminders from Ms. Offenbecker

- Students should not be dropped off before 8:05 a.m. unless permission is granted. Drop off doors (by the gym) are unlocked at 8:05 a.m. and supervision starts at 8:05 a.m.
- During Drop-Off, **DO NOT PARK BY THE CURB** — it clogs up the flow of traffic.
- If you see your child in the "pick-up" line after school, *please* let the teacher know *before* you retrieve him/her. Please do not "grab and go". The teacher is responsible for making sure your child is safe at the end of the day. We need to work together to make sure your child is in a safe place.
- **PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY** in the parking lot.
- **ONLY DRIVE IN THE DIRECTION OF THE ARROWS** in front of the school — East to West. Driving in the opposite direction clogs traffic.
- **ONLY** use the pick-up lane if it is inconvenient for you to get out of the car and get your child (pregnant, hurt, or unsteady on your feet).
- Students **MAY NOT** walk in the parking lot unattended — even from feet away. **ONLY** drop off your child in the drop off lane — **DO NOT make a second lane and have your child walk in front of cars.**



HAMPTON ELEMENTARY MISSION

The mission of the Hampton Elementary School Community is to foster an environment where all children feel safe, respected, and valued. We provide the foundation for students to reach their maximum potential in their academics and encourage them to strive for personal excellence.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Popcorn Days	Nov. 8 & 22
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Parent /Teacher Conferences 4-7 pm	Nov. 5 & 7
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Bd. Of Ed. Mtg. at Western High 7pm	Nov. 11
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No School	Nov. 27-29
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Winter Recess	Dec. 23 - Jan. 3
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Classes Resume	Jan. 6

End Of Day – Calls to Change Pick-up

To help us with the end of the day confusion, we are asking that all pick-up arrangements be called in prior to 3:00 p.m. Any calls that come in are put on a special note and then delivered to the classrooms at that time.

Parent / Teacher Communication — Phone Calls

In an effort to maximize instruction time, all calls to teachers will NOT be sent to the classroom during normal classroom hours. Please leave a message with the office and the teacher will return your call as soon as possible. Another option would be to communicate with your child's teacher by e-mail.

Dress for the Weather

It has been our observation, that students are NOT coming to school prepared for WINTER. Please help us in the following manner:

1. During cold, snowy weather, encourage your child to wear boots, hats, gloves, warm coats, etc.
2. On days they wear boots, be sure another pair of shoes are sent to school. Wearing boots all day in school is not a comfortable, healthy or safe situation.
3. Send an extra pair of shoes for "muddy" days.



Remember: All children must go outside for at least 15-20 minutes during their lunch hour. The only exception to this is during rain days. Once it starts getting colder, our district rule is to only keep students inside if the temperature with wind chill is below 10 degrees. We check a few different sources if it is close and make a judgment call, so please watch the weather and try to pack accordingly. Our children need to get outside and have a fun and energetic break. Please help us make sure that all students are prepared for that fun!

Upcoming Days Off

There will be no school on November 27, 28, & 29 due to Thanksgiving break. Enjoy the time with family and friends!



Fall Book Fair

Our Fall Book Fair is coming! Our Book Fair will be held November 4th-7th. It will be open for sales before and after school as well as during Parent/Teacher Conferences. Students will be making wish lists and bringing them home. Teachers will also be making wish lists for book donations for their classrooms. Please remember to stop by and shop our Book Fair! The proceeds help keep our school library fresh and up-to-date with great books to read! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Dine at dinec@bcschools.net.

STAY CONNECTED!

Like us "Hampton Elementary" on Facebook for up-to-date information about school events! Be sure to look for our "Hampton Hawk"! There are a few Hampton Elementary School's in the United States, so be sure you "Like" the right one!

Booster Club News

SHOPAROO

If you have not already downloaded this app., we encourage that you do so. This is a great and easy way to earn money for our school. You can find the app on Google Play or the Apple App Store. It is free and so easy!



HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP

Just a heads up to watch for info to come home towards the end of the month for our upcoming "Holiday Shop" which is scheduled for December 10th -12th. Students will be shopping during their Phys. Ed. class time. We are also looking for volunteers to help run the Holiday shop as well! Contact us at: hamptonvolunteer@bcschools.net

Make sure you have been approved as a volunteer. Every volunteer needs to fill out a Volunteer application at bcschools.net.

POPCORN FRIDAYS

November 8th & 22nd
December 6th & 20th
\$.50 cents Per Bag



Safety / Parents in the Building



All visitors or volunteers that are visiting our building must check in at the office. You will need to have a badge printed from our Raptor security system. Have your driver's license with you unless you have already had your information put in the system. All of our visitors and volunteers must wear a badge in the building

Fun Run Success!

We are excited to announce that not only did the kids raise over \$5,000 to get Ms. Offenbecker & Mr. Simons on the roof, but they continued to raise thousands more! We ended up with over \$10,000, so our profit was \$8,000 after program costs. Each grade level took their turn funning laps for about 40 minutes. They all did really well. Thank you for your support and sponsorships.

We would like to congratulate our top 10 earners: Reagan Schabel, Anneliese Dinsmore, Vaugh Dinsmore, Clara Ritter, Camlin Cwiklinski, Liam McMann, Ian Payk, Michael Schnell, Jaxon Badour, and Vanessa Cogan. Our top earning class was Mrs. Brzezinski's class.

We would also love to give a huge shout-out to our sponsors: O'Donnell's Earthworks, United Financial Credit Union, Falasz Tax & Accounting, LLC, Day Escape Salon & Spa, Bone & Bailey Insurance Agency, Acension St. Mary's, Emily McMann, Wirt Stone Docks, Mackenzie's 7-11, and Ritter Farms. Without these wonderful sponsors, we would not be able to have the fun shirts to mark their laps!

Girls on the Run Update!

Hampton's Girls on the Run Team will be running the Reindeer Run 5K in Saginaw on Saturday, November 23rd. It's a fun event and the girls would love to have more supporters there to cheer them on or even run with them! Public runners/walkers are welcome! Here's the link — <http://m.gotrsaginawbay.org/race/312-girls-on-the-run-5k>



Over-the-Counter Medication

Just a reminder that Bay City Public Schools has a policy regarding children having "Over-the-Counter" medication at school. The policy considers cough drops, medicated chap stick, nose spray, Tylenol, Visine and many other common remedies as "Over-the-Counter" medication. For a student to have these at school, we have a form that must be signed by a Physician, and on file in the office. As a parent, you are allowed to come administer these OTC medications without the form on file.

Vision Testing

The Bay County Health Department will be offering vision testing for 1st, 3rd, 5th, and all Special Education students on November 25th & 26th. If your child is not scheduled to be tested, you may still call and ask that they be tested by the technician.

Tinsel Tree Challenge

Mrs. Brzezinski's & Miss Toyzan's classrooms will be participating in the Tinsel Tree Challenge on Saturday, December 7th at Christa McAuliffe Middle School, 3281 Kiesel Rd. in Bay City. Classrooms from around our area submit a decorated tree and visitors will vote on their favorite tree to raise money for their classroom. Tickets to vote for your favorite tree are \$1.00 each. There are crafts and games for kids, a DJ & Holiday Karaoke, and free holiday goodies. Doors open at 10am. For more information, you can visit their Facebook page, just type in Tinsel Tree Challenge in the FB search engine.

Inclement Weather and School Closings

During the weeks and months ahead, we can possibly expect freezing rain, ice, snow, and fog. Severe, adverse weather conditions will undoubtedly force the closing of some or all of our school buildings at some time or another during the school year.



If the weather is questionable, check the Bay City Public Schools website at www.bcschools.net, TV, Skyward messenger, Facebook or Twitter.

Mindfulness

We are excited to share with you that Hampton School continues to integrate Mindfulness into our daily activities. Sheri Lupo, retired school counselor & teacher will meet with students twice a month to help them regulate strong emotions, resolve conflicts & look mindfully at their choices to help students make decisions that are thoughtful & kind.

Mindfulness guides us in learning to calm our minds so that we can live more in the present moment. By taking a few moments each day to tune into our bodies, breath, & mind, we are learning to stay present in the moment and to feel less stressed. The techniques we are utilizing are scientifically proven to improve mental well-being, dissolve anxiety, & enhance learning. It is our goal to help our students feel happier, more focused & calmer as they possibly encounter social & academic challenges in school.

We would invite you to join us & cultivate this practice at home with your child. Find a comfortable place to sit together for a few minutes; your child can show you the way!
