

April 2016

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Howard Newsletter



Principal News

Just like that, we are winding down the school year. The weather may be tricking us into believing it's still mid-year, but in reality, we are in the home stretch! Thank you for working hard with your student all year to make this a great school year! This month, we will begin our state assessment for grades 3-5. Students will be supported and encouraged to relax, breathe and do their very best. Their well-being is my first priority.

We are still accepting nominations for the PTA board, until April 20th. The PTA has been an integral part of our learning community for years. We hope to make it stronger than ever!

I want to remind all of you that parenting is the hardest and most important job any of us will ever have. I really appreciate how you support your students' hard work in school. You may not realize it, but every visit to the museum, park, relative's home, grocery store, library, etc... is a time for you to expand your child's knowledge of the world. Their constant questioning makes us feel slightly interrogated, and sometimes annoyed, but they see you as the ultimate fount of knowledge. Congratulations, you know everything :-). So, keep talking to and exploring with your kids. You are their first and best teacher and you are appreciated.

If you are looking for things to do around town, Metro Parent has listed a ton of things for the month of April. In addition to the mom-to-mom sales around metro Detroit, the local museums and theaters are showcasing the talents of artists, past and present. At the DIA, The Dance America exhibit opened recently; the Ann Arbor/U of M museums have events on Friday evenings and weekend afternoons; and the City Theater in Detroit is featuring "Pinkalicious" next weekend! Check out their website for more info! If you haven't had brunch in the D, Bobcat Bonnie's, Mudgie's, and The Majestic as my top, kid-friendly brunch spots with the most AMAZING selection of food. Enjoy!

I hope to see you all very soon. Until then, take care and think SPRING!



Kindergarten Roundup

There will be an informational meeting for parents on Thursday, April 14th in the gymnasium. Letters were already mailed out.

2nd grade Field Trip

The 2nd graders will be going on a half-day field trip to the Dearborn Historical Museum on April 12th and April 13th. Permission slips were sent home.

3rd grade Field Trip

The 3rd graders will be attending the Miller one-room schoolhouse during the week of April 18th. Permission slips were sent home.

M-STEP

Please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep and eats a good breakfast during this time. The 3rd graders will begin testing the week of April 25th. The 4th graders will begin testing the weeks of May 9th and May 16th. The 5th graders will begin testing the week of April 11th. Students will be practicing for the online version of M-Step testing in school but they should also be practicing at home. <https://wbte.drceidirect.com/MI/portals/mi/ott1>

Bryant Orientation

Orientation for parents and students will be on Thursday, April 28th at 6:30. Letters will be coming home next week with more information.

Music

3rd/4th, 4th/5th, and 4th grade classrooms can now take advantage of Google Classroom for recorder.



Students, why settle for white belt when you can advance by using the fun "toot-orials!" All recorder students have registered at school. You may need an adult to help you send in a video of your playing test.

Dearborn Public Schools won this award AGAIN for 2016.



Absence Line 313-827-6351 (Please report no later than 9:30 a.m.)

1st grade Music Performances

Parent and Grandparents are invited to their child's music classroom for an interactive presentation by the first graders. Check in at the office and come down to room 8!

Mrs. Lippert: Thursday, April 21 @ 2:00
Mrs. Korte: Friday, April 22 @ 9:20
Mrs. Swanson: Friday, April 22 @ 3:00



STAND Field Trip

The STAND students will be donating supplies to help support the Michigan Humane Society on Thursday, April 14th.

Physical Education

The Jump Rope for Heart event/stations will be during the 1st-5th grade students' physical education class the week of April 11th – 15th. The final donations will also be due that same week. I hope all of the students have fun practicing the jump roping skills and exercising during the Jump Rope for Heart unit!



Art Show



The City Wide Art Show will be on Wednesday, April 13th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Padzieski Gallery in the Dearborn Performing Arts Building.

School of Choice

Applications are due no later than May 1st

Public Service Days

To ensure your services are provided in a safe, effective manner, do not park on the streets on Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on your trash day, which is also your Public Service Day.

Tickets will be issued to vehicles parked on the street during this time.



GOOD LUCK TO OUR
MARTIAN MARATHON
RUNNERS TOMORROW!

Save the Date

April 12th

2nd grade Historical Museum
(Philips)

April 13th

2nd grade Historical Museum
(MacDonald/Turk)

City Wide Art Show

April 14th

Kindergarten Roundup

April 18th

Schoolhouse Field Trip (Minier)

April 19th

Schoolhouse Field Trip (Caito)

April 20th

Schoolhouse Field Trip (Martin)

April 21st

Music Performance (Lippert)

April 22nd

Music Performance
Korte @ 9:20
Swanson @ 3:00

April 28th

Bryant Orientation @ 6:30

May 1st

SOC applications due