

# Howard Newsletter

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## Principal News

This is it!!!! For those of you old enough to remember the Kenny Loggins song, I apologize. It will be burned into your brain all day. But seriously, I can't believe the end of the year is already upon us! As we wrap up M-Step and NWEA testing, we have so much to look forward to in our closing weeks of school. Please see dates listed on this newsletter, and refer to blogs often for the most up-to-date information.

If you haven't already, please fill out the parent survey by typing the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/a/dearbornschools.org/forms/d/1R01uaDc\\_iJRVfmyltjGSGCPw8ZtqAxG7PemCOcvdk3l/vi\\_ewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail\\_form\\_link](https://docs.google.com/a/dearbornschools.org/forms/d/1R01uaDc_iJRVfmyltjGSGCPw8ZtqAxG7PemCOcvdk3l/vi_ewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link)

I have asked parents to fill out the survey for my own reflection. I want to be the principal your students deserve, so I am continuously looking for feedback to improve my practice. It's completely anonymous. Thank you in advance!

In the coming weeks, please look for links to a summer work packet for each grade level. It is extremely important that you ask your child to spend the first 20 minutes of the day doing a few pages as a refresher. Talk about summer novels (or age appropriate books) that you want to select with your child, and you both can have a book in your hand at the beach. We are tentatively scheduled to open our library this summer, too. More information to come.

Over the summer, continue to check the school blog and Facebook page for updates. Please share your experiences with us as well!

I am sure I will run into a lot of families over the summer! I live here in Dearborn, so if you see the kids and me riding our bikes across Telegraph, don't honk too loudly and make us fall (kidding). Hopefully, a lot of our time will be spent up north, although I would like to take them to the free Smithsonian museums in D.C. again. While we are in town, it's all Tigers and bike riding through midtown, the river walk and Corktown. I plan to enjoy every moment I can with my kids; my time off with them in the summer is the best compensation I receive from my work as an educator. Your kids, however, will be in my heart as I spend time with mine. For those of you I won't see, have a great summer, and Ramadan Mubarak to all who celebrate.

With Love,  
*Martha Burch*

## Kindergarten

The kindergartners will be going to the Detroit Zoo on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Donuts with Dad will be held on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

## 1<sup>st</sup> grade

The 1<sup>st</sup> graders will be going to the Toledo Zoo on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be going to the Detroit Zoo on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade birthday bash will be on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be touring the Edsel Ford Estate on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

## 5<sup>th</sup> grade

The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be enjoying a day at the Rolling Hills Waterpark on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Music

The 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders will present a music concert for their parents on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the Howard gymnasium. All 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be playing their recorders. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the instrumental music program are also performing.

Final Instructions for the Concert:  
REPORT TO CAFETERIA – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

5:30 – Strings

5:40 – Band

“Dress in your Best”

REPORT TO GYM – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade\*

5:45 Recorders

Dress nicely, but wear clothes that you can sit on the gym floor in! Please have your neck strap on your recorder. Parents should hold your coats, recorder bags, etc...there should be nothing but your instrument in your hands.

\* includes Ms. Martin's 5<sup>th</sup> graders not in band/strings

NOTE: All performers will remain for the entire concert. It will start at 6:00 and should be about an hour long.



