

# Friday Note 3/10/2017



Please remember that when you call the main Washington School office, 663-4515, you will now be prompted to enter a selection on your telephone keypad. To leave a message regarding your child's absence or tardiness, please press 1 and you will be directed to the attendance voicemail. If you need to talk to Mrs. Simcoe, press 0 (zero) or remain on the line through the rest of the options. If you need to talk to Mrs. Bergquist, please press 4. There are also other options available. You can dial directly to an extension if you know the number and you can dial by name. This is an internet-based telephone system so if our internet is ever out, our phone system will be also.



Snack milk money for grades K-3 was due today but may still be paid on Monday.



**REMINDER: The deadline to be registered to vote in the next election is quickly approaching. You must be registered at least 30 days prior to an election in order to be eligible to vote in that election. To vote in the May 2<sup>nd</sup> school election, you must be registered by March 31.**

Michigan law does not allow you to register on-line. You can also Google "Michigan voter registration form" and print a form if needed. Completed forms can be turned in to: City of Bessemer - Jim Trudgeon (for city residents) or Bessemer Township - (Ramsay and other township residents) - Deb Janczak. If you have any questions regarding the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Bessemer Area Schools Bond proposal vote, please refer to our website at [www.bessemer.k12.mi.us](http://www.bessemer.k12.mi.us). We will also be posting some information on our Facebook page or you may contact Superintendent Dave Radovich by phone at 906-667-0802 or by email at: [dradovich@bessemer.k12.mi.us](mailto:dradovich@bessemer.k12.mi.us).

**\*\*\*\*\*** M-STEP testing will be starting immediately after Spring Break on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a state mandated test. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class will be starting first this year. Please try to NOT plan any extended vacations during this time as there is a very limited time window for the testing and make-up days. If you have a vacation already scheduled, please contact the school as soon as possible. Also, please remember that any vacations that will require your child to miss more than five (5) school days must be pre-approved by the superintendent, Mr. Radovich in writing.



The Boaters Safety course for Washington School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students who are attending Camp Superior this year will be held next Monday and Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:10-11:50 am in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.

Family Wellness Night will be held on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 5-7 pm in the Washington School Gym. There will be a lot of different displays set up. Each one will represent a different aspect of health and wellness for the human body. The event is open to the public. Also, the winner of this year's Snowman Contest will be announced. Please come and enjoy a fun, educational evening out with your family.

### **PTO NEWS:**

- The Washington Elementary PTO will be having a meeting next Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the Washington School cafeteria. This is an important meeting as we are looking for parent/family input as to upcoming events and fundraisers along with ideas as to how to use the current funds we have. We are trying to arrange child care in the gym for anyone who needs to bring their child(ren) with them to the meeting. If you are able to attend, please do. Together, we can make great decisions for our children.
- The orders and money for the Little Caesar's Pizza Kit fundraiser are due in the school office no later than Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Kindergarten Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will be held on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 8-11 am and 12-2:30 pm. THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS THAT DAY. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age before September 1, 2017 and plan to enroll them in the Bessemer Area Schools for next school year, please contact Mrs. Simcoe with your contact information along with your child's name at 906-663-4515 or by email at: [jsimcoe@bessemer.k12.mi.us](mailto:jsimcoe@bessemer.k12.mi.us). Registration packets will be sent out soon.

**There will be early dismissal for students in the Bessemer Area Schools on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> due to Parent/Teacher Conferences at Washington School. Dismissal will be at 11:17 and buses will run their normal routes.**

**Spring Break for the Bessemer Area Schools Students is April 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> this year. There will also be no school on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.**

