

Friday Note 3/31/2017

Spring Break for the Bessemer Area Schools is next week, April 3-7.

Classes will resume on Monday, April 10th.



There will also be no school on Friday, April 14th.

The main office of the Washington School (Mrs. Simcoe's office) will be closed during Spring Break. Mrs. Bergquist will be in the Business Office Wednesday through Friday, April 5th-7th. If you need to come to the school, please call ahead to be sure someone is available to let you in.

SCHEDULE/CALENDAR CHANGE: Tuesday, May 2nd will be 1/2 day for students. Students will be dismissed at 11:17 am and buses will run their normal routes. We are dismissing early so that all staff can attend a very important Professional Staff Development session in the afternoon. *Both school buildings will be closed early that day.* This is a change from our original district calendar.

If you plan to nominate a teacher or support staff member for one of the "Award for Excellence" awards, please have the nomination form turned in before Friday, April 7th. Both forms and instructions can be found on our Facebook page or our school district web page at: www.bessemer.k12.mi.us.



The Mobile Dentist will be back at our school on Monday, April 17th. Permission slips were sent home last week. Please fill them out and return them as soon as possible if you would like your child to be seen. We can still accept them until the day of the visit, but it is much easier if we have them in advance.

M-STEP testing will be starting immediately after Spring Break on Monday, April 10th. This is a state mandated test. The 5th 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.

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Calendar

SAVE THE DATES - A Town Hall meeting regarding the bond referendum will be held on Tuesday, April 11th at 6PM in the ADJ multipurpose room. A short presentation will be given by the Citizens Committee to explain the funded projects in the bond, followed by a tour of the building with explanation of the proposed changes and additions. Also, on Tuesday, April 25th at

6pm at the Bessemer Township Town Hall will be the 2nd Town Hall Presentation given by the Citizens Committee. There will be a short presentation regarding what projects are included in the bond referendum.

Washington School 6th grade students will be attending Camp Superior on May 10th-12th. More information will come home as soon as it is available to us. Any student not attending Camp Superior must still attend school while the rest of the class is gone. For questions about absences, please call the school.



The Spring Vocal Concert for Washington School Students will be on Friday, May 19th. The main performance is at 1:00 pm with a dress rehearsal at 9:00 am that you are welcome to attend if you can't make it in the afternoon.

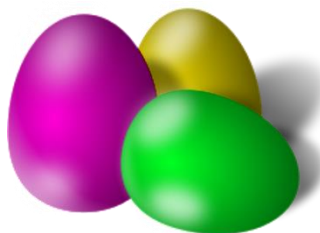
The Band Concert and Spring Art Exhibit will be held on Friday, April 21st in the AD Johnston Jr/Sr. High School Gym. The concert begins at 7:00 pm and the art exhibit will be in place prior to, during, and after the band performance.

If you have any questions regarding the May 2nd Bessemer Area Schools Bond proposal vote, please refer to our website at 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.



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. 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.

The April Lunch Menu is included with this Friday Note.



EASTER EGG HUNTS: We have been notified of two different Easter Egg Hunts coming up. The first one is on Saturday, April 8th at the Bessemer VFW Post. It will start promptly at 11 am and is open to children through age 12. There will be a visit from the Easter Bunny, craft stations, and a light luncheon and treats. It is a free program open to all. For more information please call 906-667-0812.

The second one is on Thursday, April 13th from 4 pm to finish at the Bluff Valley Park in Bessemer. This is a fundraiser for the Gogebic Range Robotics Team to help them raise money for their trip to the World's Competition in St. Louis, Missouri. The cost is \$5 for ages 9 and up and \$3 for ages 8 and younger. Please arrive at the park at around 3:40 for registration. Parents are advised to accompany their children. If there is bad weather, the hunt will be rescheduled for Friday, April 14th.