

From Mrs. Goedert, Principal
January 2010

Auburn Families,

Do you want to give your students an experience that will improve their MEAP scores??? Get your students involved in the **G"RRR"REEN 2010 SCIENCE FAIR**. Go to our website at www.protopage.com/sciencefair to find all the information for the 2010 Science Fair. See the list below for a quick glance at some of the new things this year:

- Online registration
- New location (at one of the newly renovated BCPS buildings)
- Online purchasing of science fair products
- Important experience for 5th and 8th grade science MEAP
- Workshops for students (times TBA)

ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN (Modified to fit the Auburn Parking Lot)

- **Share everything** - *If you are handicapped...use the blue spaces. If you aren't...don't.*
- **Play fair.** - *Thank you for parking carefully between the lines so there is the maximum number of parking places for everyone.*
- **Don't hit people.** - *Or their cars.*
- **Don't take things that aren't yours.** - *The striped lines are not parking spaces, and neither is the bus lane.*
- **Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.** - *The lane closest to the building is for the buses only. Park in the lot and walk in so the drivers can get the buses through.*
- **Wash your hands before you eat.** - *Make sure your kids are ready to exit the car when you pull up.*
- **Flush.** - *Think of those who come after you and move forward in the drop off-lane.*
- **Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.** - *Keeping the speed down will keep everyone safe.*
- **When you go out in the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands and stick together. And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK.** - *Please be careful and keep everyone safe.*

Many thanks to the Auburn PTO for the generous funding of assemblies at Auburn Elementary. The PTO recently sponsored recently a wonderful visit by Carol McLoud, the author of "Have you Filled a Bucket Today?". All K-5 students had a chance to hear and participate in the assembly. On the back of this page you will find a copy of the grid of **Minimum Behavior Expectations** for Auburn Elementary School students. The Bucket Filler Program evolved from this grid.

Please remind your child to dress in layers! We go outside each day when the weather is 10 degrees above zero! The inside temperature is maintained at a cool 68 degrees...just the right temperature to be comfortable **IF** your child is dressed in layers!

Communicable Disease Reminders: *Colds and flu are spread easily when sick children come to school. Please keep your child home if she/he has any of the following symptoms: *fever *cough, if persistent & productive *pain/stiffness of neck or headache *sore throat *swelling/tenderness of glands *nausea/vomiting *rash *red or runny eyes, sneezing or discharging nose.*

Mid Marking Period Ends Our mid-marking period ends on Friday, January 29. Mid-Marking Reports will be presented to parents at our Winter Parent Teacher Conferences scheduled for February 11 and February 16.

Popcorn January popcorn money is **due on Tuesday, January 5**. Beginning with the February popcorn day, you will receive a notice and form for pre-paying for the remainder of the year (February-May).....Parents will be asked to **pre-pay one time for remaining popcorn days....\$1.00**. **Note:** January is still a quarter. February-May is \$1.00 - total.

Points of Interest and Upcoming Events

JANUARY

Please read special message from Mr. Newcombe, Interim Superintendent

- 4 . . School resumes
- 5 . . . Popcorn money due for January - \$.25 cents each bag.
- 6 . . Box Top Drawings
- 8 . . Scrapbooking/Craft Night 4-10 pm
- 12 . . . Roller Skating 6-8 p.m.
- 13 . . Family Burger King Night 4- 8 p.m.
- 15 Spirit Day Tropical Dress/Hawaiian Shirt Day
- 18 Ronald McDonald Assembly
- 19 PTO Meeting 6:30 - child care provided - Join us!
- 19-21 . . Benchmark Testing grades 2-5
- Jan. 20 - Feb. 3 . . Taiwanese Children from Hui-Wen Elementary School Visit Auburn Elementary

- 22 . . . Math Game Day
- 25 . . Geskus Photography at school taking candid shots for yearbook
- 27 & 28 . . . Hearing Tests grades K-2-4
- 29 Mid Marking period ends
- 30 . . Auburn Spirit Hockey

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb. 1

No School
(Staff Professional Development)

Feb. 19 & 22

No School
(Mid Winter Break)

Feb. 11 & 16

Conferences

Auburn Elementary Minimum Behavior Expectations

	Classroom	Hallway	Playground	Cafeteria	Bathrooms	Media	Bus	Gym
Choose Respect	*Raise your hand *One person talks at a time *Everyone has a right to learn	*Walk *Keep it clean	* Listen to staff without talking * Take turns and share * Use kind words and actions	* Use manners * Use inside voice	* Use inside voice * Respect other's privacy	* Use inside voice * Be respectful of materials and property	* Stay in your space * Use inside voice	*Use appropriate voice
Act Responsibly	* Stay in your space *Take care of your belongings	* Stay in your space *Take care of your belongings	*Use helping hands * Stay in your space * Use equipment properly	*Clean up after yourself *Stay in your space	* Go, flush, wash * Use restrooms appropriately	* Return materials on time	* Follow adult direction immediately * Stay in your seat	* Use walking feet *Face Forward *Stay in appropriate place
Ready to Learn	* Be prepared (materials) * Be on time	* Use inside voice * Have everything with you	* Dress for the weather * Return to class at your grades time *Accept help	* Follow directions * Be on time	* Return to class promptly	* Follow the adult directions	* Walk directly to gym or cafeteria	* Be on Time
Do your Best	* Listen to lessons * Follow directions *Try new things	* Go directly to your destination * Be considerate of others	* Learn from mistakes * Be a problem solver	* Walk *Always eat and make it healthy	* Use best behavior	* Walk * Be patient	* Walk directly to bus * Enter and exit bus correctly	* Keep hands and feet together
Show Character	* Treat others the way you want to be treated	* Use good manners	* Play by the rules * Invite others	* Include others * Be patient	*Be trustworthy * Protect our environment	* Be helpful	* Use appropriate language *Follow Bus Rules	* Be a good listener

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Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Friends of Bay City Public Schools,

I hope you had a restful and joyous holiday break. January is School Board Recognition Month. If you have an opportunity to share your appreciation with any of our board members, I know they would be happy to hear from you. Our very dedicated school board members are: Marie McFarland, President; Pauline Helmling, Vice President; Amy DeHaan-Legge, Secretary, Patrick O'Shea, Treasurer; Ben Gibson, Trustee; Charles Hewitt, Trustee; and Phyllis Meeth, Trustee.

At our December Board of Education meeting, I was happy to report the status of our 2009-10 district goals. We are in line with our anticipated progress and many goals will remain a work in process. If you would like to review our district goals' brochure, you may access it at our website, "Inside our District" then "Board of Education." Or you can input this web address: http://bcschools.net/images/stories/board-of-ed/2009-10_BOE_Brochure.pdf

In January, we'll be holding two Town Hall meetings – one at Western High School on Wednesday, January 13 and one at Central High on Thursday, January 21. Both meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and be held in the high schools' commons area. I hope you will consider participating.

At this writing, the Governor has given public education a one-month reprieve from an additional \$127 per-pupil reduction. That is on top of an already planned reduction of \$167 per pupil. Please know that, in spite of the financial challenges we currently face, we are taking every measure to continue to provide a high quality education for all of our students.

If you have comments or questions, I can be reached at newcombed@bcschools.net or 671-8165. I remain thankful for your interest and support of the Bay City Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Douglas L. Newcombe
Interim Superintendent