

**OUR MOTTO SAYS IT ALL—
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Our motto says it all—“Bingham Farms Eagles: Making a Difference Everyday, Soaring With Character.” This year once again we – students, staff and parents -- were able to soar even higher.

This year, our efforts to “make a difference every day” were culminated when we Lexxe Lipsey (student council representative) and Patty VanLoo (CSO) accepted Bingham Farms’ Green Award for our efforts in recycling.

We also “made a difference” closer to home as well with several other activities. Just to



name a few, we hosted two blood drives for the Red Cross this year, our kindergarteners collected stuffed animals for Care House, we held our Souper Bowl drive for the Open Hands Pantry, Another effort this year in helping our environment was our efforts to curb the use of plastic bags. We said no to the “bag monster” as we sold Chico reusable bags and increased everyone’s awareness of the need for this change.

This year we also firmly grasped the focus on 21st century skills of creativity, collaboration, inquiry and seamless technology applications. In our 3rd and 4th grades, the Ignite program was rolled out. It was very successful, and spawned an overall revival of technology integration across all grade levels—from flip cameras in first grade to moodles (online discussion forums), wikis and blogs in various grade levels—the entire staff was energized from this!

This year we also “Soared with Character” once again. From the work the staff did with the Character Education Committee, to the various activities and assemblies we had, Bingham took one more step becoming a more caring community of character. Some examples of activities and assemblies were our Peace Day Celebration, our MLK Day Peace March, Doug Sheer Character detective, Character Ed through Film, Jerry Jacoby, Omni Arts, “Roary” (Lions), “Paws” (Tigers) and Coach Steve (Pistons). All of these



shows and activities, in addition to the ones listed under the Points of Pride below, make Bingham Farms Elementary such a special place of character for all of our school community members. Read more to see to what heights we soared to this school year!

Bingham Farms- Making a Difference Every Day, Soaring With Character.

Welcome to Bingham Farms



The Mission of Bingham Farms Elementary School is to promote rigorous academic standards, encourage positive risk-taking and foster life-long learning in our rapidly-changing world. The staff, students, the parents and other community members commit to creating a respectful, safe, and caring environment that celebrates diversity, encourages growth and addresses all learning styles.

Our Points of Pride

- Awarded a Green Award for our recycling efforts;
- Converted to plastic reusable trays in the cafeteria, recycling efforts for plastic, paper, batteries, cell phone, ink cartridges, bottles and cans;
- Public Community effort with Chico reusable Bags & Held "Bag Monster" assembly;
- Principals for the Day- Maggie Miller & Nathan Moore
- Staff Development measures: Professional



Learning Communities (11 members on our steering committee now), True Colors, In-service by *Boy Writers* author Ralph Fletcher; Instructional Leadership model, development of LEAD Team, focus on achievement gaps and underperformance by all staff measures.

- 21st century skills became a common theme for our Professional Development with Wikis, Blogs, Moodles, Audiocity, Movie Maker, and other technology integration pieces to support collaboration and creativity in the classrooms;

- Tech Expo- Celebrating our 21st century skills and our theme of creativity, we had over 75 students present their projects to the community.
- Tonya Paige our 4th Grade Ignite teacher was nominated for Outstanding Teacher of the Year in Oakland county;
- Kindergarten donations of stuffed animals at holiday time to CARE house;
- Community Ed Family nights this year featured great activities and dinner for families; These events included "Bingo" and dances like the Bingham Boo and the Family Dance
- Bingham partnered with Youth Assistance (BYA) to host the annual Touch a Truck event. Hundreds of families came to climb in big rigs, fire trucks and cranes;
- Successful Book Fairs in the Fall & Spring; a Community Ed Book Sale in May
- Successful participation in Battle of the Books, Science Olympiad; Student Council & School Store;
- 2nd Grade Medieval Feast, 1st Grade Egypt unit, featuring a concert and "visit" to Egypt.
- 5th Annual Soaring Eagles Bingham Farms Talent Show;
- Another phenomenal Art Show with hundreds of student's work displayed throughout the school;
- Proud Dads events like Moms and Dads Eat-n-Run Lunches, Movie Night, our Annual Daddy Daughter Dance, Muffins with Moms, Donuts with Dads, and our first Granola with Grandma, and our first Proud Day where we planted 6 trees out in the playground;
- BBC Early Morning program that helped over 40 students with math skills;
- PTA Sponsored Reflections contest which had over 80 entries and several state finalists;
- 5th grade Spelling Bee champ Deja Webber
- "D Day" assemblies which featured Roary from the Detroit Lions, Paws from the Tigers, the Pistons Partners; Jerry Jacoby, Diversity Circus; Mr. Molecule, Animal Magic;
- Young Authors Day with full participation in book creation, and Groves theater student performing various student's stories;
- Technology projects like 2nd grade Audiocity, Wikis, Moodles & Blogs in virtually every 2nd – 5th

classroom; Poetry Blogs, various I-Movies, Energy Powerpoints, Travel Brochures, Author Research, Revolutionary War Character Sketch; Inspiration and Kidspiration for organization and writing;



- Strong tie in classroom cultures to our Character traits- includes classroom meetings, assemblies, and an anti-bullying curriculum and activities in all grades; lead by Mrs. St. Amour, our counselor and our Character Ed Committee;
- Awesome Field Trips- 5th Grade Camp at the Howell Nature Center; Detroit Science Center, Youththeatre, Cranbrook, WSU Planetarium, Detroit Historical Museum, Detroit Zoo, and Environmental Ctr. and the 3rd 4th and 5th grades all saw Disney's EARTH on Earth Day;
-And many other ways the Bingham Farms Eagles "Soared with Character", "Made a Difference Every Day" and pushed ourselves with innovation further into the 21st century!!

