



Week of

Welcome Back!! We hope you enjoyed a wonderful, healthy and restful vacation!

**January 3,
2022**

January finds us in the middle of winter weather and with COVID case counts rising. However, amongst all of this, our students entered our building with joy and excitement! Today was a great day to welcome them back and enjoy the start of 2022.

A-Jan. 3

B-Jan. 4

The winter weather is upon us so please make sure your children are dressed for the weather and ready for outdoor recess. As a reminder, we go outside every day with real feel temperatures of 10 degrees or above.

C-Jan. 5

I also wanted to reach out to the Pembroke Community and let everyone know how touched and thankful everyone is to those families that contributed to Gift Crowd for the Pembroke Staff. The inspiring messages of support and encouragement were truly heartwarming. The entire staff wanted me to extend their heartfelt thanks for this generous contribution to them. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated more than you can imagine.

D-Jan. 6

A-Jan. 7

The district sent an email on Saturday reminding everyone of our return plans

**Upcoming
dates**

Happy New Year!

COVID PROTOCOL REMINDERS

Please see below for important COVID Protocols:

Jan. 12

Your child should not come to school if:

PTA
Meeting
@7:00 pm

- Someone in your home is awaiting testing results for COVID.
- Someone in your home is COVID positive.
- Your child has been exposed to someone awaiting testing results for COVID.
- Your child has been exposed to someone who is COVID positive.
- Your child is awaiting testing results for COVID*.
- Your child is COVID positive.

Jan. 14

½ day for
students

*PCR test results for the student must be shared with the school.

Students experiencing **ONE** or more of the following symptoms unrelated to a known pre-existing condition (e.g. asthma, allergies) should consult their pediatrician for

Jan. 26

Kdg.
Round Up
@ 6:30 pm

Pembroke

Elementary School

955 N.
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MI

48084

Phone: (248)203-3888

TO REPORT ABSENCE:
248-203-3888 Press 2

guidance. Please provide a note from the pediatrician if they are not recommending testing or quarantine.

- New cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell

Students experiencing **TWO** or more of the following symptoms unrelated to a known pre-existing condition (e.g. asthma, allergies) should consult their pediatrician for guidance. Please provide a note from the pediatrician if they are not recommending testing or quarantine.

- Fever* (100.4 degrees or higher) – required to be symptom free for 24 hours, without fever reducing medication, to return to school.
- Chills (rigors)
- Muscle aches (myalgias)
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Diarrhea* (2x in 24 hours) – required to be symptom free for 24 hours to return to school.
- Nausea or vomiting* (2x in 24 hours) – required to be symptom free for 24 hours to return the school.
- Congestion or runny nose

*For general wellness, students who are experiencing fever, diarrhea and/or vomiting must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to schools.

Student with a Positive COVID test:

Students who test positive for COVID will be required to quarantine for 10 days and return on the 11th day. Day zero is the onset of symptoms. If asymptomatic, day zero is the day they tested which resulted in a positive result.

Students who are exposed will have three options:

- Students who are exposed to someone COVID positive will be required to quarantine for 10 days and return on the 11th day. Day zero is the last day the student was exposed to a positive COVID person.
- Students who are exposed to someone COVID positive can have a PCR test done on Day 5 as long as they remain asymptomatic. They will be allowed to return to school with that negative PCR test on Day 8. The results must be shared with the school before the child returns. Day zero is the last day the student was exposed to a positive COVID person.
- Students who are exposed to someone COVID positive at school will have the option for daily testing at the EAC with appointments needing to be made the preceding day by noon. The results are shared with the school so the student can attend school that day. Day zero is the last day the student was exposed to a positive COVID person.

If your child is fully vaccinated and two weeks out from their second vaccination, they will be exempt from a quarantine, unless they are experiencing symptoms or have a positive COVID test.

When students are quarantined due to a positive COVID test or exposure we will provide work from their teachers as well as a zoom link for the students to continue connecting with their classrooms during their time missed.

Thank you for your continued partnership and we will continue to collaborate on the new paths that are ahead of us together!

Bring in your Winter Gear!

In order for our Pembroke students to fully participate at recess, they must have all of their winter gear. We recommend, boots, snow pants, coat, hat and mittens/gloves. Labeling all of their items is absolutely beneficial! We will be outside for our recess in temperatures that are 10 degrees and above.

2nd - 5th Grade Parents!

You can help your student practice for their upcoming music concert at home. Use the links below to sing along to the songs so we can have a FANTASTIC show in January. Thank you for your support!

~ Mrs. McDonald

2nd-3rd Grade Concert: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vRb-exOiOCsc9mEjRVZZKF_ollGRfO5jnySqNBfEKran9yQ8ZHdg1BRsrsYvuoxQCysE6TW4vO6MEWp/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000

4th-5th Grade Concert: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vS3c0jqxvpNxswSec24CMfYupsxKbcjOYQgnh0Mr1-gU2ynuykAMmrT5-rgFG-53O8DIIIw1GXGDELB/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000>

Strategic Plan

BPS staff, parents and community members are invited to participate in our Strategic Plan work. In the coming months, BPS will issue a survey for feedback that will be shared with all stakeholders. At this time, we are soliciting volunteers interested in serving on the BPS Strategic Plan Committee. Please consider the commitment carefully, as full participation will be required to ensure equal representation of stakeholders and a quality strategic plan that will guide our district for the next five years. To be considered, please [complete this form](#), which includes more information from Superintendent Dr. Embekka Roberson. We will follow up with selected representatives following the Winter Break.

Counselor's Corner

I hope you and your family have a safe and warm winter break. We will look forward to seeing everyone back in 2022!

Coping Skill of the Week

Try [this winter figure 8 breathing](#).

Referral Process

Please fill out this [Counseling Referral Form](#) if your student wants to set up a meeting to talk with me. Once I receive your referral, I will coordinate with the teacher to set up a meeting with your kiddo. You may also fill out the same referral form if you would like to meet with me directly.

Reporting Absences

Please report **EVERY** day your student is absent or tardy.

School Absence Reporting Line: (248) 203-3888 option #2

Report all absences and tardies each day your child is absent or tardy. Call the attendance phone line or email Barbara Fisher at bfisher@birmingham.k12.mi.us

For **extended absences**, (students out 5 or more days) please inform the office prior to the student's absence. Please complete the extended absence form prior to the absence.

District News

Birmingham Education Foundation

Please support the Birmingham Education Foundation in their Annual Fund Campaign by donating TODAY!

The mission of the BEF is to create exceptional education experiences by connecting innovative teachers with community support. Each year the BEF provides teacher grants for activities that directly impact your children. Visit supportBEF.org to learn more and to donate.

Openings in the GSRP preschool program!

The BPS Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), a preschool program, located at Bingham Farms, has available openings for children who are 4 years old. GSRP is a state-funded, grant program that is FREE for families who qualify. For more information, please contact Laura Tinsley, 248-203-5805, LTinsley@birmingham.k12.mi.us.

BPS Saturday School: 9 – 11 am

The BPS Saturday School is back again this year and running virtually throughout the 2021-2022 school year. The BPS Saturday School provides free tutoring for BPS students grades K – 12 who need help in any grade level and in any academic area. Our BPS staff that serve as coordinators and their National Honor Society volunteer tutors are

looking forward to working with students in need of tutoring on Saturdays from 9 am – 11 am each week (see official dates below). **All K-12 BPS students** are welcome to receive this free tutoring opportunity for ALL subject areas.

How to Join Saturday School

To join Saturday School, please click on the following Zoom link:

Zoom

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2047672482?pwd=T3pVU1REUXZTN09NM1MvSSsrVTJiZz09>

Saturday School sessions for the 2021-2022 school year:

January: 8, 22, 29

February: 5, 12, 19

March: 5, 12, 19

April: 9, 23, 30

May: 7, 14, 21