



# Pembroke Elementary



## Week of

## Parent Teacher Conferences

October 25, 2021

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 and 5-8 p.m. You will have the opportunity to sign-up for conferences via zoom or in person as well. With everyone's busy schedules and ability to zoom from just about anywhere, we are excited to provide this once again. On Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> we will send out the PTCFast link for families to sign-up.

C-Oct. 25

## 4th and 5th grade Families - Battle of the Books!

D-Oct. 26

Battle of the Books 2022 is approaching for 4th and 5th grade readers! Battle of the Books is an optional program offered to all BPS 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders through Baldwin Library to encourage reading. Students form teams with an adult coach and read from a selected list of 6 books. In March, the teams participate in a competition answering trivia questions about the six books.

A-Oct. 27

Pembroke Library is offering a Battle Book Bundle for any student who is interested in purchasing and owning their own set of Battle books. Battle Book Bundles contain all 6 titles. The cost for each bundle is \$56 which includes 6% MI sales tax. The bundles will go home with students on December 6<sup>th</sup>, which is the day all 6 titles will be revealed. This is a fundraiser for the school library. Ordering a book bundle is not required to participate in the Battle. Also know that both Pembroke's library and Baldwin Public Library will have multiple copies for children to check out. If you choose to order a book bundle, return the form linked below with a check by November 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Green at [JGreen@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:JGreen@birmingham.k12.mi.us)

B-Oct. 28

C-Oct. 29

Half day of school for students

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gcwjJNigJqBm2UVIFZejqiLRne4YuGdVPw9D2fEQITg/edit?usp=sharing>

## Cafeteria Update

Parents – please check your child's lunch account! Although breakfast and lunch are free this year – our cafeteria needs to charge your student's lunch account if they get extras or seconds. We have quite a few students with small negative balances. If you don't want your child to get seconds, please let our cafeteria manager know. Dorothy Morlock – [Dmorlock@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:Dmorlock@birmingham.k12.mi.us) If you haven't set up a lunch account yet, contact the office for your child's student number.

Upcoming dates

Link to lunch accounts:

<https://www.sendmoneytoschool.com/Dashboard/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

**November 2**

No school for students

Records Day

**Pembroke**

**Elementary School**

955 N. Eton  
Troy, MI

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## **Counselor's Corner**

### **Calm Down/Safe Spaces**

Thank you so much to all the parents and guardians that have reached out so far this school year for support. I am so thankful to be a part of this community and to be your partner in education. I have noticed an increase of people that have reached out for support at home. Sometimes, children are able to hold it together all day at school, but when they get home, they lose it. They may throw tantrums, cry, or completely check out. It might be beneficial for you and your child to create a Calm Down Space in your home. This promotes well-being and allows your child a lot of choice. It also helps them begin to learn to use coping strategies independently. Please check out how to create a Calm Down/Safe Space in your home [here!](#) Please let me know if you have any questions about this idea! 😊

### **Coping Skill of the Week**

Ghost Breathing! Check it out [here!](#)

### **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. Please contact me at [klandfair@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:klandfair@birmingham.k12.mi.us) if you have any questions or concerns.

### **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](mailto: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**

### **Friends of Different Learners**

November 4, 2021 @7pm at Covington (Masks required)

Mental Health: Breaking the Stigma & Finding Solutions in the Era of Covid-19  
Presented by: Dr. Gretchen Moran Marsh, Ph.D. Licensed Psychologist

Learn how anxiety impacts how we feel, how we think, and how we behave, plus:

- The continuum of anxiety and how this constant stressor (COVID-19) can result in symptoms of anxiety and depression
- How anxiety impacts us and those around us
- Specific actions to decrease/eliminate anxiety and depression
- Tips and tricks for individuals, teams, and families
- When, where and how to get help

### **Groves Student Congress – Trunk or Treat 2021**

On Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 5:45 -6:30 or 6:45 – 7:30pm in the Groves High School Parking Lot, PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to come to the Groves Student Congress Trunk or Treat. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and sign up in advance to participate. See link below.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eaaa92fa1ffc34-trunk>

### **High School Open Houses**

**Groves Open House**  
**Thursday, Nov. 4, 5-7 p.m.**  
**20500 W. 13 Mile Road**  
**Beverly Hills, MI 48025**

Join Groves staff and students for the 2021 Groves Open House! Learn what makes the school special and how students are supported for success. National Honor Society students will guide you in a private tour of the building and give you the opportunity to talk with Department Leads and family engagement groups. Please contact Liz Sak in the Groves Community Service Office with any questions at [esak@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:esak@birmingham.k12.mi.us). More information about Groves can be found at [www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/Groves](http://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/Groves).

**Seaholm Open House**  
**Monday, Nov. 1, 5-7 p.m.**  
**2436 W. Lincoln**  
**Birmingham, MI 48009**

Join Seaholm staff and students for the 2021 Seaholm Open House! The open house is a great opportunity to visit the building and learn about the wonderful things that Seaholm has to offer our students and families. National Honor Society students will be providing tours of the building and classrooms where Department Chairs will be available to share information and answer questions. Please contact Suzanne O'Leary, [soleary@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:soleary@birmingham.k12.mi.us), Community Service Organizer, with any questions. More information about Seaholm can be found at [www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/Seaholm](http://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/Seaholm).

**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:**

**October:** 2, 9, 16, 23

**November:** 6, 13, 20

**December:** 4, 11, 18

**January:** 8, 22, 29

**February:** 5, 12, 19

**March:** 5, 12, 19

**April:** 9, 23, 30

**May:** 7, 14, 21

### **Lunch Update**

Students will have a choice of a grab and go “cold meal” or “hot lunch”. Please see the [“what's on the menu”](#) to help your family make informed choices. As a reminder, menu changes may occur due to the nationwide food shortage, but the menus on the website will reflect the changes. If you have any questions, please email [pguck@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:pguck@birmingham.k12.mi.us). Thank you!

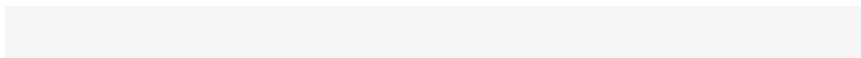
As a reminder, if your family would qualify for free or reduced lunch prior to COVID, please fill out the application by clicking on this easy [link](#). Please see the flyer from Chartwells [here](#) for more information.

Finally, are you looking for flexible work hours while your kids are at school? Chartwells is now hiring! If you are interested, please click [here](#).

### **FERPA**

Please review the following link

- <https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/domain/1903>



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