



**Week of**

Good Afternoon & Happy Monday!

**March 8,  
2021**

I hope you are all able to get outdoors and enjoy the beautiful weather this week!

**March 8**

We are working feverishly to finalize all of the staffing and scheduling, adjusting procedures and protocols, and outfitting our buildings with necessary furniture for our fast full F2F return! Please stay tuned, as I will be sending stand alone ENews messages to update you on the details as they are finalized.

**March 9**

😊 Be Well,

Susan

**March 10**

**REMINDER:**

PTA  
Meeting  
@ 7:00  
pm

As a reminder, **elementary students will not have school on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, March 10-12**, as teachers prepare their classrooms for the return on March 15. Families that have chosen to remain or join the BVA will also not be in session those days, with a return to their virtual classroom on Monday, March 15.

**Kids Club**

**No  
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for  
students**

Our Kids Club program will be opening on March 15. For more information please visit [our website](#) or [email](#) Nanci Lasser-Fearon or call 248-203-3880.

**Calling All 5th Grade Parents!**

**March 11**

We will be holding our 5th Grade Parent Night virtually on Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 pm. Please join the members of the Derby Team for a presentation about the transition to middle school. We look forward to welcoming our new Dragon parents!

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Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4532249714?pwd=UmkwNVlwU0VNWki0a3o5THNzejIPZz09>

**March 12**

Meeting ID: 453 224 9714

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## March is Reading Month and Pembroke is having an online Scholastic Book Fair all month long!

Looking for a place to purchase new books for your favorite readers? Take a peek at our online book fair! The book fair has a wide selection of materials for all ages—pre-K through high school—including books, educational workbooks, puzzles, arts and crafts, building sets, and more.

Please visit [here](#) and then scroll down to shop!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/pembrokeelementaryschool10>

All purchases ship directly to customers, with FREE standard shipping on book-only orders of \$25 or more. The book fair will be open from March 1<sup>st</sup>-March 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support and for sharing the love of literacy with your children!

### ***Kids Heart Challenge™ is coming to Pembroke!***

We are kicking off Kids Heart Challenge on Monday March 8<sup>th</sup>.

***Our goal is for EVERY student to register and choose a heart healthy pledge: be active, choose water, or do a good deed each day during the program!*** Each student that registers and chooses a heart healthy pledge will earn a Kids Heart Challenge wristband to wear during the program!

We also will be raising donations for the American Heart Association.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER YOUR STUDENT!](#)

or download the Kids Heart Challenge app.

### **Spirit Days**

Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – wear your favorite mask to school

Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – wear green in honor of St Patrick's Day

Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – wear brightly colored socks, long socks, or printed socks in honor of World Down Syndrome Day on March 21<sup>st</sup>. For more information about World Down Syndrome Day visit <https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/>

### **Preschool**

Do you have a child who will be ready to attend 3's or 4's preschool in the fall of 2021? Preschool Registration is open for the 2021-2022 school year. Click here for more

information about our program <https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/domain/462> Click here to register [https://www.daycareworks.com/reg\\_birmingham/start\\_registration.jsp](https://www.daycareworks.com/reg_birmingham/start_registration.jsp)

### **Counselor's Corner**

As our hybrid students make a switch to full time in person learning, please don't hesitate to reach out to me if your child is nervous or has any reservations about being back at school for the full day. BVA families, I am here to support your kiddos as well! If you would like me to meet with your child, please fill out [this](#) Google Form and I will be in contact with you soon. We will get through this school year together!

### **Grounding Strategy**

Is your kiddo feeling overwhelmed, anxious, or upset? Perhaps they are having a difficult time focusing, staying on task, or being productive? Try [this](#) technique called grounding. It activates the senses and brings you back to the present moment. It can help to clear and calm the brain and settle the heart rate. It can be used for adults too! 😊 Please reach out at [kdreyer@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:kdreyer@birmingham.k12.mi.us) if you have any questions.

### **Reporting Absences**

**Hybrid and BVA students**, 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.

**Please reach out if you need support of any kind!**

*Pembroke Principal: Susan Crocker - [Scrocker@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:Scrocker@birmingham.k12.mi.us)*

*Pembroke School Counselor: Mrs. Landfair - [Kdreyer@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:Kdreyer@birmingham.k12.mi.us)*

*Pembroke Interim Social Worker: Mrs. Jordan [BJordan@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:BJordan@birmingham.k12.mi.us)*

### **KEEPING CONNECTED to PEMBROKE –**

*We will continue to send weekly Enews, and you can keep connected with us on social media at the following:*

**Facebook:** [Pembroke Elementary School - Birmingham Public Schools](#)

**Twitter:** [@PembrokeElemen1](#)

**Instagram: pembrokebps**

**District #: #BPSCoconnectED**



## **District News:**

### **Being Black in BPS**

Please join the Covington Diversity Committee from 7-8:30pm on Wednesday March 10 for a panel discussion with Covington School students, alumni and teachers Morris Wallington, Roy McCloud and George Mixon. They will discuss the reality of being Black in Birmingham Public Schools and what we can do to build a more equitable community.

Zoom link is here:

<https://zoom.us/j/93044789733?pwd=VGtyZ1hqUHRVME5nYkVjL09PaExmUT09>

We hope to see you Wednesday at 7pm.

### **Learning at Home in Every Language! Tips and Resources for Multilingual Families**

**March 17 | 7:00-7:45 | Zoom**

Facilitators: Christy Osborne, ESL Consultant & Suzanne Toohey, Supervisor of Instruction & Pedagogy

In this session, we will explore helpful language and literacy resources for multilingual families. Speakers of all languages are welcome

### **Teens: A Time of Great Change and Possibilities**

**April 14 | 7:00-7:45 | Zoom**

Facilitators: Jill Maneice, Literacy Consultant & Julie McDaniel, Safety and Well-Being Consultant

Come explore the teenage brain and ways that you can help your teens thrive during this time of great change. Practical tools, ideas, and suggestions will be provided.

### **Math Fun at Home: Elementary Focus**

**April 28 | 7:00-7:45 | Zoom**

Facilitators: Marie Smerigan, Mathematics Consultant, Sam Keesling, Mathematics Consultant & Dana Gosen, Mathematics Consultant

Join your children in having fun while learning math. Explore activities for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade that support the development mathematical thinking and skills through games, books, and conversations.

### **Field Hockey League Opportunity 3rd - 8th graders!**

Come and learn how to play field hockey! No experience necessary! League is open for 3rd - 8th graders, boys and girls. Players will receive basic skill instruction and game play. If you don't have a stick, you can purchase one through online registration (choose the session indicated "With Starter Equipment"). League will run April 10 - May 15 at Oakland Yard Athletics. Register online at [https://www.oaklandyard.com/lg\\_fieldhockey.asp](https://www.oaklandyard.com/lg_fieldhockey.asp).

**Discover Field Hockey - One day 90 minute clinic** Open to boys and girls ages 5 - 17, March 27 10 -11:30 am at The Sports Academy, Chesterfield, MI. Register online. <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Field-Hockey/EVENTS/2021/March/27/Discover-Field-Hockey--Chesterfield>

### **Friends of Different Learners**

Friends of Different Learners (Friends) is an independent organization of parents, staff, and community members dedicated to maximizing the potential of Birmingham Public

School students with different abilities. Click [HERE](#) to download our Mission Statement. For additional information, please visit their website at

<https://www.friendsofdifferentlearners.com/>

### *Upcoming Meetings*

- **March 4th** - Special Needs Financial Planning - Minoti Rajput
- **April 8th** - Executive Function - BPS SISS Renee Ruiz & Kevin Roberts
- **May 6th** - Key Topics on Literacy ~ BrainSpring.
- **June 3rd** - Friends 21/22 School Year Planning Meeting
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Friends of Different Learners Meeting: Tuesday Feb. 4th at 7:30p.m.

Topic: Police de-escalation strategies for different learners with a focus on students of color.

Please join us for a presentation by Tameka Citchen-Spruce, a Detroit native, who graduated with a bachelor's in Journalism from Oakland University. She is a disability justice activist for people with disabilities, particularly those of color.

### **Chartwells Provides Meals in a Virtual Setting (PRE-ORDER MEALS)**

Chartwells will continue to provide breakfasts and lunches for students under 18 years old.

**Who:** All Elementary School, Middle School, High School and Post-Secondary students.

**What:** Students can receive weekly boxes each containing seven breakfasts and seven lunches.

**When:** Pick up is on Wednesdays, from 10am-12pm.

**Where:** Groves High School (20500 West 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025)

**How:** Parents must **PRE-ORDER** to receive meals. **PRE-ORDER BPS** Meals at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffbKZeYVkJhr6\\_y6kkmoHkvNidKkQ151vTQwE7I8hs\\_a8V\\_Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffbKZeYVkJhr6_y6kkmoHkvNidKkQ151vTQwE7I8hs_a8V_Q/viewform)

More information can be found at <https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/Page/1254>

Virtual Learners Meal Pick Up Flier:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wUja0Rvyd9fxlUYGtwlWuVZSJeFLNArd/view?usp=sharing>

If you have further questions you can contact Chartwells Director, Pattie Guck, at (248) 228-7172.

### **BPS Saturday School**

We are happy to announce that the BPS Saturday School will once again be operating throughout the school year to offer academic support and tutoring for all BPS students grades K – 12. Although we are currently operating virtually as a district, BPS Saturday School takes place every Saturday (excluding holidays and breaks) throughout the school year. Saturday School is normally hosted in the media center at Berkshire Middle School, but we are now operating virtually through Zoom from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. each Saturday on the following dates:

March: 6, 13, 20

April: 10, 17, 24

May: 1, 8, 15, 22

The BPS Saturday School Coordinators will be working together with Groves' NHS students as well as Oakland University student teachers to provide tutoring through Zoom and the use of "breakout rooms." Our coordinators will be able to maneuver back and forth between breakout rooms to be able to monitor and support the tutorials. Zoom Link:

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

Please visit the BPS Saturday School webpage to learn more and we hope to see you in this year's virtual setting! <https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/domain/839>

**Birmingham Education Fund (BEF)**

The BEF would like to encourage you to join in supporting Birmingham Public Schools by donating to the Birmingham Education Foundation (BEF). For 27 years, we have been raising funds to bring BPS educator's great ideas to life, enhancing education for our students. This year, we need your support more than ever.

This year, in addition to normal grant requests, we have been asked to grant nearly \$16,000 to give every BPS elementary teacher access to a digital version of their literacy curriculum materials. We have also committed to granting \$50,000 to fund small group instruction for struggling students.

How can you help? Please see the link for more information about BEF and where to send donations.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UrI3Rq7kKKSk-yg-SEEajCcfZ8cP\\_Yya/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UrI3Rq7kKKSk-yg-SEEajCcfZ8cP_Yya/view?usp=sharing)

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