



Week of

April 12, 2021

April 12

April 13

April 14

April 15

April 16

Upcoming dates:

April 30

½ day for students-attend AM only

Pembroke

Elementary School

955 N. Eton Troy, MI

48084

We are starting to plan for the 2021-2022 school year. If your child currently attends Pembroke and will not return for the 2021-2022 school year, please email

Barbara Fisher at bfisher@birmingham.k12.mi.us. Our staffing process with the district begins shortly and knowing our enrollment projections greatly helps this process. If you know of any family who has not registered their child for Kindergarten, please encourage them to do so.

M-STEP Testing

Reminder that all Michigan third, fourth and fifth grade students will be taking our state assessment called the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP). Below are the dates, please avoid any absences if at all possible.

- 5th grade testing dates 4/13, 4/14, 4/20, 4/21, 4/22
- 4th grade testing dates – 4/27, 4/28, 5/4
- 3rd grade testing dates – 5/11, 5/13

- Bring Chromebook (charged) and charger to school every day
- Bring headphones
- Get a goodnight's sleep the night before and eat a healthy breakfast the morning of testing

Autism Acceptance Spirit Week

Magnificent Mind Monday: Autism is a neurological variation which means the brain works differently – and that's amazing! Celebrate how amazing it is that all our minds work in different wonderful ways!

-Wear a fun hat and/or wild hair

Neurodiversity Tuesday: to celebrate the beauty in the diverse spectrum of the human mind.

-Wear rainbow and/or tie-dye clothing

What's Your Passion Wednesday: One characteristic of autism is to show incredible focused passion in topics of interest. What are you passionate about?

-Wear something you love (favorite color, cartoon, video game, etc.)

PHONE: (248)203-3888
FAX: (248)203-3920

Team Day Thursday: TOGETHER Everyone Accomplishes More.

-Wear your favorite TEAM.

Sensory Friendly Friday: People with autism often have a variety of sensory sensitivities.

-Wear your most comfortable clothes! (pjs, favorite sweatpants)

TO REPORT

ABSENCE: 248-203-3888 Press 2

Pembroke Library Newsletter: April

Please enjoy [April's Library Newsletter](#). See below for what you can expect to find inside this issue!

- What We've Been Up to in Library Class
- March Book Madness Results
- April is School Library Month
- MISelf in Books: Join Us!
- Book Access Information and New Books

Link: <https://sites.google.com/bps-schools.com/pembrokenewsletter/home>

Kids Club

Our Kids Club program is open! For more information please visit [our website](#) or [email](#) Nanci Lasser-Fearon or call 248-203-3880. There is no PM Kids Club on half days.

School Supply Kits - 2021/2022

The PTA is offering the option to purchase school supplies for next year. Avoid extra trips to the store, or running from place to place to find everything. Click the link for [purchasing your 1st Day School Supplies](#)

Deadline for ordering is July 1st.

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

Counselor's Corner

Spring is here! As we welcome the beauty of a new season, I invite you and your family to take some mindful spring walks outside together. Mindful walking is a great way to declutter the mind, center yourself, and regain mental focus. While walking, be present, keep your head up, and notice the things around you. Listen to the sounds of nature, take note of all the colors you see, feel your feet touching the ground with each step you take. What do you smell? What do you taste? What shapes do you see? What textures do you notice? Be present in nature! If your mind begins to wander, just gently invite yourself back to noticing the breath and being present in your surroundings. Happy mindful



walking! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to kdreyer@birmingham.k12.mi.us.

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

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

Pembroke School Counselor: Mrs. Landfair - Kdreyer@birmingham.k12.mi.us

Pembroke Interim Social Worker: Mrs. Jordan 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 #: [#BPSCConnectED](#)

District News:

MEALS FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS – IN PERSON LEARNING

BPS in collaboration with Chartwells has developed a cold Grab & Go lunch and breakfast take home meal service which allow students greater access to food and keep everyone safe.

MENUS

Due to the ongoing water remediation throughout the district, we are not able to use water to wash produce on site and therefore will only be serving cold meals. Any produce on our menu will be purchased in individually packaged bags that is pre-cut and pre-washed.

Lunch will be Grab & Go, classic cold items served in an enclosed hinged container eaten at school. Condiments and cutlery kits are individually wrapped and will be in enclosed hinged containers. Lunch includes an entrée, fruit, vegetable, and low-fat milk.

Breakfast will be Grab & Go given at the end of the day. Due to time and cleaning constraints at the start of the day, they will be taken home and can be consumed the following morning. Please wash produce before consumption. Breakfast includes an entrée, fruit, and low-fat milk.

COST

Due to the flexibility issued for the school meals programs by the USDA, breakfast and lunch will be **FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS** until the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Students will not need to pay for a complete breakfast and lunch. This includes students in school and those learning virtually. Meals will be provided free of charge to anyone under 18 years of age or under 26 years of age with a disability.

VIRTUAL LEARNERS

Breakfast/Lunch Meal Pick-Up will continue at Groves High School on Wednesdays 11:00 – 1:00 pm

Questions, contact 248-228-7172 or [click here for more information](#).

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.

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

- **May 6th** - Key Topics on Literacy ~ BrainSpring.
- **June 3rd** - Friends 21/22 School Year Planning Meeting

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:

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>

Summer Camps

We are excited to say the summer in-person camps are online now at www.communityed.net. Please take a moment to browse our [BPS Community Education brochure](#) with your child to find a program that can provide a fun-filled summer adventure that is right for them. Our camps offer something for everyone at an affordable price. The brochure will be

mailed to residents in early April. Summer camps are online now at www.communityed.net – Birmingham Community Education.

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/1Url3Rq7kKkSk-yg-SEEqjCcfZ8cP_Yya/view?usp=sharing

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