



Week of

REMINDER

April 26,
2021

FRIDAY, APRIL 30TH IS A HALF DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

April 26

BVA DISMISSAL IS 11:50 AM

IN-PERSON DISMISSAL IS 12:05 PM

April 27

M-STEP Testing

April 28

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.

April 29

- 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

April 30

- Bring headphones
- Get a goodnight's sleep the night before and eat a healthy breakfast the morning of testing

½ day for
students-
attend AM
only

Kids Heart Challenge

Thank you everyone who participated in The Red Cross Kids Heart Challenge. Please enjoy this collection of photos from the event <https://youtu.be/KLtaWMSACcl>

Arbor Day

Wear green

Arbor Day

Friday, April 30th is Arbor Day. Arbor Day was proclaimed in Nebraska in 1874 and became an official holiday in 1885. Today all 50 states celebrate Arbor Day. In honor of Arbor Day wear **green** on Friday. To learn more about Arbor Day visit arborday.org.

Pembroke

**Elementary
School**

Preschool

There are still spots available for our PM 4-year-old preschool for the 2021-2022 school year. To learn more visit <https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/domain/462>

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Kids Club

Kids Club is open! To sign up for an AM session you must do it by the 8AM the day prior and 4PM the day prior for a PM session. To learn more about Kids Club please visit our website. <https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/domain/457>

Lend A Hand

Please join State Representative and BPS graduate, Mari Manoogian, to help collect clothing, toys, and hygiene products for the 100 unaccompanied migrant children (ages 2-17) that are now in Albion with the non-profit organization, Starr Commonwealth. Let's help make their stay in Michigan as comfortable as possible while they await reunification / placement. All items must be collected by **May 5th**. Collection bins will be in the school lobby. Thank you, BPS community, for your compassion & generosity!

SOS

We are very excited to announce that we will be opening **Bloom – Upcycling Boutique (Reduce * Reuse * Recycle)**, a store where **Social Emotional Wellness Meets Environmental Responsibility**. Did you know that 65% of clothing is tossed each year? Instead of paying for items, students will write positive messages for faculty & staff which creates an energy of gratitude and wellness. Bloom is for all BPS High School students as well as high school students in our surrounding community that need support. You can help us with our store set up by donating an item on our [Set Up Wish List SignUpGenius](#). (Instructions for dropping off these larger items are on Signup Genius.) We will also be collecting items for the boutique which will be ongoing. ([Bloom - Ongoing Needs](#)) These ongoing items can be dropped off at Seaholm High School security vestibule on school days, 8:00am – 3:00pm. Please label all items, **Bloom**. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne O'Leary, Community Service Organizer, soleary@birmingham.k12.mi.us.

Job Opportunities

The Birmingham Public Schools is seeking Paraprofessionals to support students in the special education department. We have several positions that are available for immediate occupancy. Special Education Paraprofessionals provide support to students who need modified instruction or assistance, as described in their Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Depending on the student's need, a paraprofessional might

- modify or adapt instruction for student(s) with disabilities
- work with individual students or small groups of students to reinforce learning of material or skills introduced by the teacher
- providing one-on-one assistance to student(s) with disabilities
- guide independent study, enrichment work, and remedial work with students as set up and assigned by the teacher
- assist students with self-care tasks (as necessary)
- assist in record-keeping

Paraprofessionals in Michigan must have a high school diploma. BPS Paraprofessionals are eligible for individual health insurance after 90 days of employment and eligible for 2-person or family coverage after 6 months of employment. Interested individuals should apply to the Open Non Certified Position/Special Education Paraprofessional at <https://www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/Page/134> or they may email Laura Mahler at lmahler@birmingham.k12.mi.us or they may call our department office at #248-203-3014.

Summer Learning Opportunities

BPS Summer Learning Opportunities, including the district's SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM for students currently enrolled in Grades K-8. For more information on the Summer Bridge Program and other resources and opportunities for summer learning, please be sure visit the [BPS Summer Learning Opportunities 2021 website](#).

Counselor's Corner

Happy Monday! I invite you and your family to take a mindful scavenger hunt this week after school. Please see the attachment below and have fun! 😊 If you have any questions or need anything, please reach out to me at 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 –

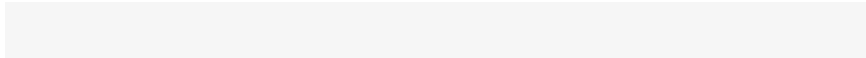
We will continue to send weekly Enews, and you can keep connected with us on social media at the following:

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

Twitter: [@PembrokeElemen1](#)

Instagram: [pembrokebps](#)

District #: [#BPSConnectED](#)



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.](#)

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:

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-SEEajCcfZ8cP_Yya/view?usp=sharing

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