



Week of

May 10,  
2021

May 10

May 11

May 12

½ day for  
students

BVA-12:40  
pm

F2F-1:20 pm

PTA Dairy  
Queen  
Fundraiser

May 13

May 14

Upcoming  
dates

May 31

**½ DAY REMINDER**

**Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Students attend PM ONLY**

**BVA starts at 12:40 pm**

**F2F starts at 1:20 pm**

**Clear-To-Go - Reminder**

**Please make sure that you are completing the Clear - To - Go every morning by 8:00 am. This allows us to expedite the arrival process.**

Thank you to the PTA and all the Pembroke Families for the wonderful things they did to celebrate our Staff last week. From the notes, treats, the delicious lunch, the raffle, and so much more....what a special week! On behalf of the entire staff, thank you for making this a wonderful week for them. Our Pembroke Staff is an extraordinary group of individuals, who day in and day out commit themselves to our children's learning. It has been a school year with constant change, and your recognition and support are even more meaningful.

**Pembroke's Virtual STEAM Night RSVP:**

You are invited to Pembroke's 2<sup>nd</sup> VIRTUAL STEAM NIGHT on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. We will connect via Zoom to participate in some fun STEAM activities that you can do at home with your family. Please note, this is an RSVP. Please fill out the form link below no later than Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> at noon. More information and the Zoom link will be emailed to you the week of the event. We hope you'll join us!

<https://forms.gle/VYvhBs78KBT8wSYy6>

**Come Read With Us!**

The Birmingham Public Schools Library Media Department is pleased to invite our community on a journey into the world of story. We are inviting you to listen in as we read-aloud a fantastic story from the [MISelf in Books](#) list and then share your thoughts at your own comfort level. It's snuggly and fun! This week we will be reading *Ohana Means Family* by Ilima Loomis. It's a great way to read gorgeous and diverse stories together with your families and as a BPS community. You can

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## Pembroke

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learn more and sign up here: <https://www.smore.com/6vpba> to get access to the Zoom link. We hope you'll join us!

### 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.

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### TROY BEAUMONT ART CART DONATIONS

Camryn Richmond, a 5th grade student at Pembroke has been hard at work on her Girl Scout Bronze Award. She is working with Troy Beaumont Hospital to donate a mobile art cart for the pediatric unit. She would love to be able to fill the cart with fun art supplies and projects for the patients! The items can be shipped to her home: 1432 Cole, Birmingham, MI 48009

Please consider visiting her Amazon Wish List by May 31<sup>st</sup> to contribute:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/30SGXTMGGWK3A?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/30SGXTMGGWK3A?ref=wl_share) The supplies will be delivered to Beaumont in June.

Please contact Holly Richmond if you have any questions at [hgrichmond@gmail.com](mailto:hgrichmond@gmail.com)

### Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> - from 3:30-8 PM

Join the PTA for a fundraiser at The Dairy Queen located at the corner of Coolidge and Maple. Just mention Pembroke and they will donate 20% of your bill to the PTA.

### **FREE, HOME SUMMER READING for ALL BPS K-4 Students:**

I am excited to share an exciting opportunity designed to keep our elementary students reading and learning throughout the summer! The program is called, Kids Read Now.

### **What is Kids Read Now?**

We are thrilled to announce the Kids Read Now summer reading program to maintain reading skills over the summer. Kids Read Now is a non-profit organization who designed a program to include best practices for reading engagement and growth. We are delighted to partner with these groups to provide a high-quality reading program throughout the summer. *The program is completely FREE to you.*

### **Link to 2021 Summer Reading Wish List**

Your student's teacher assisted him/her in selecting from a [BOOKLIST](#) based on their interest and instructional level. *So, the selection of summer books has already been completed!*

Please click on the link below to learn more about this exciting Summer Reading Program, upcoming opportunities in May and guidance for parents to help your child get the most out of this program!

### **An important first step for families:**

Each family will need to confirm their address by signing into the APP or logging into the website. Both QR codes and the URL addresses are included in the link below for your convenience.

<https://www.smores.com/w8m2d>

[Kids Read Now](#)

[Kids Read Now BPS Summer Home Reading Program for K-4 Students](#)

[www.smores.com](http://www.smores.com)

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### **Derby Dragons Summer Reading for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students**

[This summer we will continue our annual grade level reads, Since we know that many students prefer their own physical copy of a book, we have organized an OPTIONAL pre-order opportunity for each of these titles. ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MAY 14, end of the school year. Please turn in the order form and money to Mr. Zbanek before the deadline!](#)

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Order Form: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ovHXM9DpqP25HS1-RiCoUgHlaV9fKXO-xuConrRLqYk/edit?usp=sharing>

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[If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Westerlund, Derby ELA teacher, at kwesterlund@birmingham.k12.mi.us.](mailto:kwesterlund@birmingham.k12.mi.us)

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### **5<sup>th</sup> grade class composite**

[Kaiser Studios is offering a composite of this year's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class to chronicle their last year at Pembroke.](#)

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[The composites are offered in two sizes: 8 x 10 \(\\$10.00\) and 11 x 14 \(\\$14.00\)](#)

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[They can be ordered by following the link below to their online ordering page and entering our school ID code for Grad Composite. You can also place an order by contacting their customer service at 248-619-9119 Monday through Friday from 8:30am – 4:00pm.](#)

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[Website: https://reorder.kaiserstudio.com/default.aspx](https://reorder.kaiserstudio.com/default.aspx)

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### **School ID Code: PEMB21GR**

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[The sale ends on May 12<sup>th</sup>, the composites will be delivered to Pembroke. Please see the attached flyer.](#)

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### **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](#)

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### **Schools Offer Support**

[Schools Offer Support \(SOS\) financially helps dozens of families in the BPS community by providing weekly grocery gift cards, food boxes, childcare reimbursement, financial assistance with medical and utility bills, and much more. You can support SOS today through a tax-deductible donation or by volunteering your time. Please visit \[schooloffersupport.org\]\(https://schooloffersupport.org\) to learn more and to sign up for email updates. The link below allows you to request support. This information is confidential.](#)

<https://www.schoolsoffersupport.org/sos-support.html>

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## **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](mailto:soleary@birmingham.k12.mi.us).

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## **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).

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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

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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](mailto:lmahler@birmingham.k12.mi.us) or they may call our department office at #248-203-3014.

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**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 #: [#BPSConnectED](#)**

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### **District News:**

#### **Asian American Experiences in BPS**

Do you know any people who are Asian? Would you like to learn more about our community? Please join the Covington Diversity Committee from 7-8:30pm on Wednesday May 12 for a panel discussion with Covington School students, alumni and teachers. They will discuss the reality of being Asian American in Birmingham Public Schools and what we can do to build a more equitable community.

Zoom link is

here: <https://zoom.us/j/96663778959?pwd=bDV1K21Pajd0bGUxVEhyL3gxaVNxdz09>

Please contact Rick Joseph with any questions: [rjoseph@birmingham.k12.mi.us](mailto:rjoseph@birmingham.k12.mi.us)

We hope to see you Wednesday at 7pm

#### **GROVES COLOR RUN – SUNDAY, MAY 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 4:00 pm**

This spring, [the Groves Student Congress](#) is hosting a Color Run to raise money for charity and would like to open it up to the community. It will be a 1 mile run on the grounds of Groves where you will be splashed with colored powder throughout the course. After the race, we will have food/beverages available for purchase from local businesses. The event will take place on Sunday, May 16, from 1pm-4pm. Admissions will be \$5 a person and will include a white mask for each participant to wear for the duration of the event. We also recommend wearing white to show off the color :). Limited T-shirts will be available for purchase at the event.

We will be following all state guidelines, requiring face masks and social distancing, and staggering start times to ensure the health and safety of all the participants.

All the proceeds will go to Teens Against Cancer, a student led organization that raises money and awareness for pediatric leukemia.

Here is some more information about TAC:

<https://events.ils.org/mi/detroitsoy21/cdelaney>

[Click here for more information or to sign up.](#)

### **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**

- [June 3rd](#) - Friends 21/22 School Year Planning Meeting

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### **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

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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](http://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](http://www.communityed.net) – Birmingham Community Education.

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### **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.

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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.

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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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