

Bay City Public Schools SPOTLIGHT

Your Education Connection



Parents, Staff, Board Members, and Key Communicators:

Our first week of school is "in the books!" I sincerely hope that you've heard some really great "first day" stories and enjoyed the excitement your students shared.

As a safety reminder, as you have seen, there are many school buses traversing the roads now that school is back in session. Please use your most cautious driving skills when you see our drivers with their/your precious cargos!



2016-17 CALENDAR DRAFT

The "Draft" school year calendar can be found on our District Website at 'Inside Our District' (Subject to change through Labor Negotiations)

Wednesday, October 12
AM Session Only

Tuesday, November 8 Non
School Day

Tuesday, November 22
AM Session Only

November 23, 24, 25 Non
School Days

December 22-January 2
Non School Days

Wednesday, January 18
AM Session Only

Wednesday, February 8
AM Session Only

Monday, February 20 Non
School Day

Friday, March 10 AM
Session Only

March 27-31
Non School Days

*"Education is the most powerful
weapon which you can use to
change the world."
Nelson Mandela*

Best Regards,
Janet Greif, Superintendent

Western HS Teacher & Students Complete Bay City Mural

Mark Piotrowski, art teacher at Western High School, along with three 2016 Western High graduates, spent Labor Day weekend sprucing up Bay City. They designed the mural during the 2015-2016 school year through a Studio 23 competition and completed the project Labor Day weekend. It is a great display of all that Bay City has to offer. MLive article link: http://www.mlive.com/news/bay-city/index.ssf/2016/09/post_197.html?ath=4921432910a09328052d577ce915aefc#cmpid=nsltr_strybutton



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GREAT LAKES BAY REGION LAUNCHES MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH PILOT PROGRAMS
Regional STEM Initiatives

(August 29, 2016 – Freeland, MI) – As the new school year begins, thousands of middle school students across the Great Lakes Bay Region will benefit from enhanced math training thanks to a \$500,000 pilot program launched by the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance.

The Middle School Math Project provides opportunities that go beyond standard classroom activities. In Freeland, for instance, students will have a new after-school program that takes part in math competitions, utilizing specialized preparation materials. In Bay City, students will have access to Spatial-Temporal Math, a highly regarded math instruction supplement with an online, visual learning resource.

Middle School Math Project pilot programs will take place this school year in the following districts:

Bay County – Bay City Public Schools, Essexville-Hampton Public Schools

Clare County – Clare Public Schools, Farwell Area Schools, Harrison Community Schools

Gladwin County – Gladwin Public Schools

Gratiot County – Alma Public Schools, Ashley Community Schools, Breckenridge Community Schools, Fulton Public Schools, Ithaca Public Schools, St. Louis Public Schools

Isabella County – Beal City Public Schools, Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, Shepherd Public Schools

Midland County – Bullock Creek School District, Coleman Community Schools, Meridian Public Schools, Midland Public Schools

Saginaw County – Carrolton Public Schools, Freeland Community School District

These pilot programs are the latest result from the 2014 STEM Impact Initiative, an effort led by the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance (GLBRA) to create a roadmap for building a STEM talent pipeline.

“There is a talent war being waged across the United States and across the globe,” said Matthew Felan, President & CEO of the GLBRA. “The Great Lakes Bay Region needs to have the most robust STEM talent pipeline possible to meet the growing needs of our current employers and to attract new business and jobs to the region. The middle school mathematic pilots are an important next step in building our STEM talent pipeline.”

One key component of the pilot programs involves educator support. Saginaw Valley State University will lead a program to develop math specialists involving up to 25 teachers from across the region, potentially impacting 2,500 students. The Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District will launch a program for 44 teachers, impacting up to 5,000 students, in the following districts: Alma, Ashley, Beal City, Breckenridge, Bullock Creek, Clare, Coleman, Farwell, Fulton, Gladwin, Harrison, Ithaca, Meridian, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, Shepherd, and St. Louis.

The Middle School Math Project has been made possible by financial support from several organizations committed to regional STEM excellence, including:

Bay Area Community Foundation

Midland Area Community Foundation

Saginaw Area Community Foundation

AT&T

The Dow Chemical Company

Dow Corning Foundation

Nexteer Automotive

Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service District

Gratiot-Isabella Regional Education Service District

About the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance: *The mission of the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance is to encourage, support and celebrate regional collaboration and initiatives that will improve the economic vitality and quality of life in the Great Lakes Bay Region. The Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance is comprised of 48 Board Members who represent Bay, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw counties. www.greatlakesbay.com*

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CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

Danielle Zieroff, Auburn Elementary Kindergarten Teacher, received a \$100.00 grant through the Meemic Foundation and Quill.com for classroom supplies.

WNEM Visits BCPS on First Day of School

Administrators were eager to meet News 5 at Bay City Western at 4:30 in the morning to kick of the school year. High school, middle school and elementary principals were able to share the great things going on in the Bay City Public Schools—live on News 5—hope you were able to catch it.



You're Invited—Movie Night—Hooray for 4H!

Interested in a fun and free event sponsored by Bay County 4-H Advisory Council?

FREE movie—Charlotte's Web—at the State Theater. Participants can also learn about Bay County 4-H and enjoy some fun hands on activities before the movie! Sunday, September 18, 2016—Activities begin at 1:00 pm; Movie begins at 2:00 pm. For more information, you can contact the MSU Extension office at 989-859-4026 or to register go to: <http://events.anr.msu.edu/Bay4HMovieNight/>



MacGregor Staff Starts First Day Off Right

The staff started the first day of school off right for the students of MacGregor Elementary. Students and families were greeted by staff as they arrived on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. Seeing a smiling face first thing in the morning really made the students feel more relaxed and comfortable and helped to ease the first day jitters! This also made staff feel positive and ready to start the day off right!



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