



# McAlear-Sawden

A Newsletter for Parents

# Messenger

April/May 2018

## Points of Interest and Upcoming Events

### April 25

School Store, Color Packet Pick up 3:45-5:30 p.m.  
Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser

### April 26

Color Run  
Race begins at 6:15-6:30 p.m.

### April 27

No School

### April 30-May 4<sup>th</sup>

Penny War

### May 1

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Group Picture

### May 2

Hawaiian Day

### May 4

Popcorn

### May 7-11

Teacher Appreciation Week

### May 8<sup>th</sup>

Talent Show Try Outs

### May 9

School Store

### May 11

Popcorn, Mother Son Bowling & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip  
Delta College

### May 16

School Store

### May 17

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Delta College Field Trip

### May 18

Popcorn, Talent Show  
9:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

### May 23

School Store

### May 25 & 28

No School

### May 29

College Day

### May 30

School Store & 5<sup>th</sup> grade Loon's Field Trip

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that April is almost gone, and May is right around the corner! We have a very busy month and a half ahead of us, so watch for announcements regarding field trips and other assorted school activities.

With the weather beginning to get warmer we are seeing more short sleeves and spring jackets. Remember to have your child dress for the weather. Dressing in layers is a good idea for this time of year. Also, please follow the dress code in the Student Code of Conduct handbook on page 12.

In addition, I would suggest for students to wear closed toe shoes. We see an increase of band aid use in the spring, due to students cutting themselves on the wood chips during outside recess. Flip flops and woodchips don't mix well.

The week of April 15, was volunteer appreciation week. The staff would like to thank all of our volunteers for making McAlear-Sawden a wonderful place to learn and to have fun. Whether you stop in to read to students, help with the popcorn, assist on field trips, or work at school events, you are very much appreciated.

In addition, I would like to give a big Thank You to our volunteer coordinators, Ina Yuchasz, Cecilia Borema, Lynn Blohm, and Jessica Klein for all they do behind the scenes. Without the support of all of our volunteers, many of our events would not be possible.

Speaking of support, we had nearly 97% parent attendance at our last Parent/Teacher Conferences. As we all know, student success and parent support go hand-in-hand, so thank you again for the great turnout!

Lastly, please help us help you by taking our Parent Survey. You should have received an email with the link. If you have trouble accessing it, don't hesitate to call the office.

Have an enjoyable spring!

Sincerely,

Michael Connors

## Penny War April 30<sup>th</sup>-May 4<sup>th</sup>

Most people know Valerie Haller as Ms. Val, a kindergarten teacher for almost thirty years. What you may not know is that Ms. Val is a triathlete. She has competed in over 25 events. Last August Ms. Val competed in the USA Triathlon Nationals where she qualified for the World Triathlon Championships 2018 in Gold Coast, Australia. The McAlear-Sawden School Family would like to support Ms. Val in her quest. This year's Penny War proceeds are going toward the very thing Ms. Val wanted most, to represent her country wearing red, white and blue. We want to send her off with her Team USA Trisuit and opening ceremony USA athlete outfit.

## **Talent Show**

Try-Out Date: May 8<sup>th</sup> 3:45-4:45 p.m. in the gym/media center.

Talent Show Date: May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Students will know what show they will be in sometime after try outs.

If your student would like to participate in the talent show please come down to the office for a permission slip.

## **Parent Survey**

Below, you will see a link for our McAlear-Sawden Parent Survey. We would appreciate it if you would take a few minutes to fill out, and submit the survey. We will utilize the responses to help better serve you and your students. This survey will be available until April 26<sup>th</sup>.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1e8E6ESn898Ncn7MPzjvXcv4diYZ92eAlj2KtmIsn7Vc/edit>

## **Color Run Update**

Date: April 25<sup>th</sup> packet pick up in the gym from 3:45-5:30 p.m.

Date: April 26<sup>th</sup>

Place: Auburn City Park

Time: Packet Pick-Up 5:30, Line up for Race at 6:15 p.m., & Race Begins at 6:30 p.m.

Please arrive early to make sure that you are able to get a parking spot before the race. Students may register for the race up until the day of the race in the office. Please do not sign up online. If you have any questions please contact the office.

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Group Picture**

Harbour Light Photography will be here on May 1<sup>st</sup> to take a group picture of the departing 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. Students will receive an order form from Harbour Light after the picture is taken. Please return the order form as quickly as possible to ensure that we receive the photos back before the end of the year.



**Dear Parents and Caregivers:**

On May 15, 2018, we will be having a workshop for you! There is NO cost to attend. Please join us from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Bay-Arenac ISD Educational Service Center. During this workshop, we will be Sharing Strategies from the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training Program. This informational workshop is designed for parents and caregivers who may be involved in the life of an individual who is served by a school or other organization where Nonviolent Crisis Intervention training is utilized in staff development. The Staff at Bay-Arenac ISD have been trained in this program.

Snacks and Drinks will be provided.

The purpose of this workshop is to provide parents and caregivers with:

1. An understanding of the philosophy of Care, Welfare, Safety, and Security, which is the cornerstone of the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention training program.
2. An overview of some of the concepts and strategies taught in the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention program that could aid in the continuity of a person's support and care.
3. Knowledge about the realities involved in the use of physical restraints.
4. We will be teaching de-escalation verbal strategies that we use in the school, which can be used at home as well.
5. We will talk about the levels of behaviors that children go through, and how to be supportive during each of those levels.

**PLEASE JOIN US:  
AT THE BAY-ARENAC ISD EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER  
Bay City Room  
4228 TWO MILE ROAD  
BAY CITY, MICHIGAN 48706  
May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
9-12**

Please sign up at [www.baisd.net](http://www.baisd.net) – Wisdomwhere (Drop down menu under quick links)

OR

**PLEASE RSVP:** 989-667-3208 (Tammy Krevinghaus)

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