



BYRON ELEMENTARY BACKPACK BULLETIN

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PICTURE DAY
Just a reminder that pictures will be taken October 1st. If you need a new form please stop in the office.

MEAP TESTING

The 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will be taking the MEAP test in October. MEAP testing must be done strictly by the state's schedule, so it is important that you **avoid planning appointments or vacations during the scheduled dates**. Student attendance is necessary during this time. Your help in making sure students get a good nights rest, eat breakfast, bring a healthy snack and attend school is very much appreciated.

3rd grade testing Oct. 8,9,15
4th grade testing Oct 8,9,10,15,16
5th grade testing Oct. 8,9,15,16

EAGLE WEAR

Eagle Wear will be available for purchase Monday, September 30th– Wednesday, October 2nd from 2:00-4:00 p.m. outside the elementary school and on Thursday, October 3rd from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the middle/high school. See Joyce Wickman for any questions or special orders.

BOX TOPS

For this year's first Box Tops collection we're doing Tops for Pops for Pre-School – 4th grade. The 5th grade Box Tops will go towards their Mackinaw trip. This is how it works for every Box Top collection sheet of 50 that is turned in, the students (Pre-K – 4th grade) can pick a treat like a ring pop, pop rocks, push pops, blow pop, etc. This way everyone wins. So collect your Box Tops, fill up your sheet and get your treat. Please send in your bonus Box Tops separate if you attach them to the sheets they will not be eligible for a treat. Thank you for your participation. If you have any questions you can e-mail me Chrissy Seigle at chrissyseigle@yahoo.com. **Look for the box top sheets to come home this Friday or next Friday.**

PTA MOVIE AND DINNER

Monster University (rated PG), will be November 1st in the Elementary gym. Movie and Popcorn only \$3.00, Movie, popcorn, pizza and drink is only \$5.00. Buy 4 tickets and your 5th ticket is free!!!!
Look for more information coing home soon in your child's Friday Folder.

We are always looking for Volunteers and New Members. You can "Like" us on Facebook (Byron Area PTA) or find us on the web www.byronareapta.com for more information and upcoming events.

AFTER SCHOOL PLANS

Please discuss with your child any change in after school plans before coming to school when possible. If you wish to pick your student up from school, send another person to pick them up or any other special arrangements, please **send a signed note** with your child that day. The note will help teachers, as well as office staff, to safely assist your child on his/her journey after school dismisses. ***If the office is not notified, the student will be sent home on the bus or their normal after school routine.***

Please call with any changes to your child's schedule **before 2:00** because that is when we give the student's messages. ***We are no longer able to accommodate requests to pull students from a bus once the students are dismissed from their classroom.***

If your child will be leaving before dismissal time, please stop by the office to sign them out. Students will not be released early from their classroom teacher unless first notified by the office.

For security and safety reasons, we ask that if you must meet your child at the end of the day, please wait in the designated areas outside.

VOLUNTEERS

If you are planning on attending a field trip or volunteering in a classroom, you must fill out a background check and be approved every year. Please fill out and return the form by October 15.

PICTURE RETAKES

Tuesday, November 5th is picture retake day. Please remember to send with your child all the pictures from the original package when getting retakes. Envelopes are available in the elementary office for students who were absent or did not get their pictures taken on October 1st. ***Class composites will be printed after retakes are completed.***

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

In continuance with Byron's tradition, the annual elementary parade will take place on October 31st beginning at 1:15 p.m. for kindergarten through second grade. Third through fifth grades will begin their parade at 1:30 p.m. Students in the lower wing (kindergarten through second grade) will go through those classrooms only and into the gym before returning to their rooms. The older students (third through fifth graders) will walk through the classrooms in the upper wing only and into the gym before returning to their rooms. Halloween celebrations will follow the parade so look for individual teacher notes with all the details. Please note that a normal school day is planned prior to the parade. ***Do not send children dressed in costumes or make-up.*** Teachers and room helpers will be assisting students with costume changes before the parade begins.

COSTUMES DEPICTING VIOLENCE, OR CARRYING OF PRETEND WEAPONS ARE NOT PERMITTED.

SCIENCE NIGHT

Cranbrook Science Institute will be having a hands-on Science Night at Byron Elementary on Thursday, October 17th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. There will be 9-10 separate hands-on science stations for you to visit with your child. The stations will have experiments that you can do as well as some science projects that you will make with your child and take home. A registration form will be coming home in Friday Folders on Friday, October 4th. Please look for the registration form in your child's Friday Folder. All registrations forms will be due by Tuesday, October 15th.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Ok, We have grandparents day in the works. Set your calendars for October 25th.

1:00 p.m. grandparents arrive and go to classrooms

1:40 We will call classes to gym for an all school musical performance. This will be a performance by our HS band and choir groups. I am sure they will rock the gym. This will last about a ½ hour.

Afterwards there will be some sort of outside activity weather permitting. More information to go home at a later date.



GET YOUR WALK ON

We are participating in “Get Your Walk On” on Friday, October 4th. This is where the whole district walks to school. The busses will be dropping the students off at the old Streeter Funeral Home parking lot around 7:45 a.m. (next to Backroads Country Store on Maple Ave. down from the high school). There will be designated spots where the teachers will be waiting for their students. High school students will be helping everyone walk to the elementary. If you drive your child to school, and would like your child to participate, you can drop them off at the designated spot. Breakfast will be available to those who eat at school.



MOBILE DENTIST

Mobile Dentist will be coming to Byron Elementary on October 15th. Consent forms have been sent home. If you would like your child seen by the dentist, please return the consent from ASAP, so that insurance can be verified and financial assistance can be sent to those students without insurance. **NO CHILD IS EVER TURNED AWAY FOR LACK OF RESOURCES.** (See form) Consent forms are also available in the elementary office.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
September 30 Homecoming Week Pajama Day	1 Picture Day Dress Up Day	2 COUNT DAY Class color day, see attached paper Popcorn 25¢	3 Duck Dynasty/ Camo Day	4 Progress reports brought home by students Get your Walk On Purple and Gold Day Homecoming Game
7	8 MEAP STARTS	9 Bank Day Popcorn 25¢	10	11
14 PTA Meeting 6:30 Elementary Library	15 Mobile Dentist	16 MEAP ENDS Popcorn 25¢	17 Science Night 6:00-8:00	18 Tomorrow October 19 Darlin' Dance
21 Board of Education Meeting 7:00	22	23 Bank Day Popcorn 25¢	24	25 Grandparents Day
28	29	30	31 Halloween Activities	Nov 1 PTA Movie Night

CIVIL RIGHTS – EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

It is the policy of Byron Area Schools that no person shall, on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, limited English proficiency, sex or handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program or activity or in employment.

Any questions concerning Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, and inquiries related to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap, should be directed to: Mrs. Tricia Murphy– Alderman Superintendent, Byron Area Schools, 312 W. Maple Avenue, Byron, MI 48418.