

WEEKLY NOTE TO PARENTS

APRIL 13, 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 4/18** **NO SCHOOL – Staff Development**
- 4/27** **Hispanic Festival - All day, details to come home soon**
- 4/30** **Family Literacy Night – 6:00 pm**
- 5/3-4** **5th/6th Grade Outdoor Education – Camp Hantesa**
- 5/10** **12:00 Dismissal / Academic Fair – 6:00 PM**
- 5/15-18** **7th/8th Grade Class Trip**
- 5/25** **Last Day Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten – 12:00 DISMISSAL**
- 5/28** **NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day**
- 5/31** **Field Day – K – 8**
- 6/1** **Last Day K – 8 / Finis Day – 12:00 DISMISSAL**

THANK YOU AND BRAVO!!

Thank you to all the families who have attended the Music Programs the past few weeks, and for your special attendance at last evening's Choir Concert. All of the music programs were so fun and entertaining for parents and students alike, and the Choir Concert was simply spectacular! Thank you to all the students for their hard work, dedication and for sharing their many talents with us. A special appreciation to Wallace Bubar and Central Presbyterian Church for the use of such a beautiful space last evening. Mrs. Gerritsen went above and beyond by choreographing such a beautiful event. Her obvious talents most definitely filter on to her students and these performances. A job well done by all!!

Thank you to all the families who donated pies for today's PI Tournament Celebration, and to all those who helped serve the 4th – 8th grades during the event! The students and staff appreciated everything that was done, and everyone had a great time!

SPRING TRANSFER REFERRAL PROMOTION - GRADES 4TH-8TH

Bergman Academy families will be eligible to receive a referral tuition discount of \$500 per new family that transfers to our school for the 18/19 academic year in grades 4th-8th. The new family will also receive a flat tuition reduction of \$500 on their last invoice. The new family must complete the enrollment process to its entirety and there must be availability in the grade of interest. New student(s)

must be present on the last day of school for the discount to go into effect. There is no limit to the number of referrals, but the new family must fill out a referral form during the enrollment process.

FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT – MONDAY, APRIL 30

“Parents are a child’s first educator. A child’s family and home environment have a strong impact on his or her language and literacy development and educational achievement. This impact is stronger during the child’s early years but continues throughout their school years” (Cole, 2011).

We will hold “Pancakes and Pajamas,” a Family Literacy Night for students in preschool through second grade, on Monday, April 30. The event will take place from 6:00-7:30 pm. A free, entertaining pancake dinner will be served, and families will rotate from station to station, engaging in fun and interesting ways to support literacy. Participants will read by flashlight in tents, go “fishing” for sight words, listen to storytelling, write in a variety of ways, and much, much more! A take-home folder of literacy activities will also be sent home with each participant. Please RSVP to Jody Konrad at jodykonrad@bergmanacademy.org by ASAP for this special event.

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK – MAY 7TH – 11TH

We wanted to follow up and let you all know that the Staff Appreciation Committee has a great week planned. If you forgot, Staff Appreciation Week will be held May 7th – 11th this year. We plan to honor the Bergman Academy staff with swag bags, chair massages, a coffee bar, breakfast, food truck lunch on Thursday, May 10th and more. We will also present every staff member with a monetary gift from our families.

If you gave generously given already, thank you! If you would like to give and have not yet, you can drop off your donation **next week**. We kindly ask that you give what you believe is fair. Please leave your cash or check contribution in the office with Mrs. Sheets’ desk. Checks should be made payable to the “Bergman Academy”.

Thank you and your support is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact a Committee member or Committee Chair, John Konior at 515-333-0737 or at koniorjo@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Staff Appreciation Committee

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