



USS North Ward




North Ward Elementary School March Newsletter

“Aye, we be a book readin’ bunch of scallywags!”

Harry P. Dalm, Principal

Beth Eldred, Secretary

Dates to Remember!

- March 2 No School for Students. Staff Inservice
- March 3 Zumba Fund Raiser at HS. 10-11:00 am. Proceeds to Grade 5 trips
- March 5 North Ward Concert, Grade 2 - 5 at the AHS Performing Arts Center,
Concert starts 6:30 p.m. 
- March 6 Fundraiser Pick Up Day, 6:45 am-6:00 pm
- March 12 APS School Board Meeting @ Administration office 550 Fifth Ave. 7:00pm
- March 13 APT Meeting, 6:30 pm
- March 16 Magic Show Fundraiser, 7:00 pm at North Ward 
- March 17 Ed Foundation Cash Party
- March 28, 29, 30th 5th grade Camp – Battle Creek Outdoor Education
- April 2-6 Spring Break. No School
- April 9 School resumes
- April 10 **Kindergarten Registration, 9:30 am** at all Allegan Elementary Schools
- April 12 Kindergarten Registration at HS, 5- 7:00 pm
- April 16 Grade 5 trip to Chicago 

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFO:

On May 8, 2012, the district will be placing two ballot issues before the voting public. Proposal #1 is a renewal of the 18 mills of non-homestead property tax (on businesses, second homes, etc.). Proposal #2 is a bonding issue to raise \$18.5 million to improve facilities, technology, and health & safety district-wide. Please read the attached information on what this bonding issue would entail, if passed by the voters. Also, if you are not currently registered to vote, you have until Monday, April 9, 2012 to do so. Contact your township clerk or the Michigan Secretary of State office. Due to a change in state law, election of school board members will now take place in November of even numbered years.

Ahoy Mateys! Jump Aboard the USS North Ward and Read Your Way to Treasure!

North Ward Elementary School is celebrating Reading Month with a theme of Pirates! Please encourage your child to read all month long. Not just books about pirates but any book of interest to your child. The month is full of fun activities such as a Pirate Hat Making Day, Pirate Dress Up Day, and Snuggle Up and Read Day as well as other fun activities. As always, we welcome family members to come in and read to students. A complete schedule of the events for the month will come home with each teacher’s classroom newsletter.



Outstanding People for Education Award

April 1st is the deadline to nominate individuals for the "Outstanding People for Education" Award. The purpose of the recognition is to honor people in public education who are excelling in their field or making an impact in the quality of education in **Allegan** County. Forms are still available in the form caddy by the library.

K-8 Scholarship Information

The Allegan Education Association (AEA) through its Scholarship Foundation has elected to award scholarships towards academic and fine arts enrichment opportunities for Allegan Public School students in grades K-8. The awards will be presented by representatives of the AEA Scholarship Foundation at the annual awards programs held in each elementary building the last week of the school year in 2012.

The deadline for filing a completed scholarship application is May 4, 2012. Awards will be available by June 7, 2012. The awards will be limited to one scholarship per student and are not renewable. Applications are available at each of the Allegan Public Schools elementary buildings and the middle school counseling office.

Scholarships will be awarded to Allegan Public School students in grades K-8. The awards will be based on the merit of the individual applications, the number of students submitting applications, and the availability of funds. Students whose parents serve on the AEA Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors will be excluded from consideration.

Allegan Public Schools Board of Education Meeting

The month of March Allegan Public Schools Board of Education Meeting will be held at the Administration Building on March 12th. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

APT News

Our APT Exec Board is looking for gently used playground balls and jump ropes to be donated to our school. Please send those items to your classroom teacher. Also, if you have a used power washer you'd like to donate to school, we'd make great use of it!

9th Annual Education Foundation of Allegan Public Schools and All -Sports Boosters Cash Party

Tickets are available for the March 17th fundraiser at the "Silo". Doors open at 6:30 pm and there will be dinner, music, dancing, and prizes- cash prizes of \$250, \$500, 750 and \$1000. There will also be miscellaneous door prizes. Proceeds will fund teacher mini-grants and to help supplement athletic endeavors. For tickets or information call (269) 673-5431.



North Ward has Talent!

It is time again to dust off the props, warm up the voices and instruments, stretch out those muscles, brush up on your magic tricks, and dig deep to find the talent that lies within you because... It's time for you to shine in the North Ward Variety Show! Show time is April 24th. See Mrs. Licavoli for details.

**Spring Ahead on Sunday, March 11 . . . don't forget to set your clocks ahead
1 hour!**

