

## Sunday, April 9, 2017

Good evening, everyone, It's Mike Ykimoff coming to you on a beautiful Sunday afternoon with seven brief announcements:

First, our fifth graders will be taking the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress beginning this week. Please make sure your fifth grader gets plenty of rest and encouragement as we head into this standardized testing window.

Second, we are still taking donations for the Panther Pounce, which takes place on Thursday and Friday, April 20 and 21. We are asking for a minimum \$5 donation from all students in order for them to bounce during their gym time on April 20 or 21. Students may bring in cash or a check made out to Bean PTA.

Third, we have a kindergarten parent orientation meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, at 7:00 PM at the Western Community Arts Center located at Western High school. If you are planning on sending a child to either young fives or kindergarten in the fall of 2017, you will want to attend this meeting to sign up for a kindergarten screening time for your incoming student.

Fourth, we will be kicking off our annual Jump Rope for Heart drive this Wednesday, April 12. Students will receive information about how to participate in this important, heart-healthy event. Our school has raised thousands of dollars for the American Heart Association over the last few years, and we encourage students to get involved.

Fifth, we have a PTA meeting scheduled for this Thursday, April 13, at 7:00 in the Bean cafeteria. The meetings take about an hour, and this is a great way to find out about the great things happening at Bean. All are welcome to attend!

Sixth, we have another \$1 Hot Dog Night at Junkyard Dog in downtown Jackson scheduled for this Saturday, April 15. \$1 hot dogs are for sale all day long and all profits go to Bean Elementary School.

Finally, The Lansing Lugnuts will host Bean Elementary School Night on Friday, May 5. Kids eat free on this evening, and there is a post-game Fireworks Show. Tickets are \$11. Don't miss out on the fun! Registration forms and payment are due this Thursday, April 13. Please make checks payable to Bean PTA.

That's all for tonight. Looking forward to seeing the kids tomorrow!