Hello, Brick Families….

There are so many things going on at Brick! Here are some quick updates.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences and Spring Break**

Tuesday, March 28, School All Day, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Evening

Wednesday, March 29, School All Day, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Evening

Thursday, March 30, School in AM, Students Released at 11:41, Spring Break Begins

Monday, April 10, School Resumes

Friday, April 14, No School

**MSTEP Test Update**
The MSTEP test will be administered in the Spring of 2017 for students in grades three to five.

**Fifth grade** students will be take the MSTEP test the of **April 10**

**Third and Fourth grade** students will take the MSTEP test the week of **May 1**

**STEM Fair**
April 21, AM and PM

**Brick Talent Show**
May 4, Time to Be Announced

Stay tuned for more updates!
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, April 10
School Resumes

Wed., April 12
Spirit Day: Earth Day/Hat

Friday, April 14
No School
Good Friday

Tuesday, April 18
PTO Meeting 6:00
Parent Room

Thursday, April 20
Food Gatherers Distribution

Friday, April 21
STEM Family Night
5:30-6:30
Family Movie Night Trolls
6:30-8:30
STEM Fair

Third Grade Sing

Brick 3rd Grade Sing was a HUGE success! Thank you Mrs. Robbins...We are very proud of our 3rd graders and are grateful for the amazing support from their families!

YOU’RE INVITED

You’re invited to be a part of the AWE-SOME group of parents that help support OUR students and staff at Brick! Please come to a meeting and share your voice, your ideas, your questions, and your experiences with us! We would love to have your input on upcoming fundraisers and future events.

Family Movie Night

Trolls!

Friday, April 21st
6:30 p.m. Brick Auditorium

Admission is now free:)

Thank you Mrs. Lehto’s Class!

Family STEM Night

Friday, April 21st
5:30-6:30

Join us for a fun night with your family and explore science and engineering here at Brick Elementary.

• FREE
• Refreshments/Snack provided
• Fun activities to do with your parents and siblings
• Check out the Maker Space

Don’t forget to sign up for Brick Kroger Rewards, where Brick makes money on all the purchases you make!)

Admission is now free:)

Thank you Mrs. Lehto’s Class!
Unfortunately, the Campbell Labels program is discontinued.

However, BOX TOPS is continuing! So, please keep bringing them in to Brick! Thank you so much.

**National Youth Leadership Forum: Pathways to STEM**

**CONGRATULATIONS to:**

- Brick Recipients
- Kyla Palmquist
- Xander Magee

NYLF Pathways to STEM is a unique learning experience for bright, forward-thinking elementary school students who will evolve into next generation innovators, engineers, doctors, software developers, and scientists. This program offers an extraordinary opportunity to get real hands-on STEM experience, develop your leadership skills, and realize the power of your potential.

**Literacy Month Activities:**

- **Senior Center Visit:** Thank you Lincoln Golden Ages for inviting us to come read with you!!

- **Brick and LMS Buddy Reading:** Brick students went to the LMS to buddy read with 8th grade WEB students!

- **Character Parade:** Brick students and staff dressed as their favorite book character and had a Character Parade.

- **Door Contest:** Classrooms all around Brick decorated their doors in their favorite storybook. Every door was amazingly decorated!! Thanks to a committee, one door was selected as the “Winning Door” and was able to have pizza lunch with Mr. Northrop:) Thanks everyone for making Brick look awesome!
Think Green – 2\textsuperscript{nd} Monday of each Month

Just a reminder to our families, Think Green meets after-school at Brick in the auditorium the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Monday of each month. Students MUST have a permission slip signed to stay after-school, and all students MUST be picked up by 5:00 pm near the bus loop entrance. We have meet three times already and continue to make great efforts in beautifying our campus at Brick!! We are also recycling here at Brick thanks to a grant from Recycle Ann Arbor!! Thanks to all who do their part! It all makes a big difference!

Brick Literacy Night:
Thank you to Mr. Northrop, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Soos and the Augusta Fire Department for supporting Brick by being our guest readers for the event! Our families had SO much fun!!

Thank you to Mrs. Massey and Mrs. Rogers for becoming Brick’s Head Coaches for this years Science Olympiad Team!!

Brick Science Olympiad Teams will start meeting soon!! They are preparing for the National Science Olympiad Competition in June 2017. GOOD LUCK BRICK OLYMPIADS!!

The Title I teachers will be offering STEM Fair examples, ideas, materials, and help if needed during the Parent/Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, March 28 in the Parent Room:) Please stop by if you need any ideas!
Be sure to Like the Brick Elementary PTO page for updates about PTO and school news.

FEATURED AUTHOR

Sasha, A True Tail by Garrett Brown

When I was 4 years old, we were walking to my brother’s school and I heard a tiny cry. Down at the bottom of the storm drain there were 4 baby kittens. We called the Humane Society to get the kittens out of the storm drain. The weatherman had predicted a bad rain storm for that night. There was no time to waste.

The Humane Society truck finally arrived. It had just started to rain. The lady from the Humane Society could not lift the top of the storm drain. She said, “Let me try to get the tiny kittens out using my snake catcher. It is long and thin enough to reach them”.

She used the snake catching tool to catch the kittens one at a time and brought up 4 kittens. They were very small. Another baby kitten crawled out to the middle of the storm drain. He looked like a gray puffball. He only had one eye open and weighed 3 or 4 ounces.

I asked if I could have him and the Humane Society lady said, “Yes.” She told me he would need to be fed with an eyedropper. Sasha grew bigger every day and now weighs 12 pounds. He is slightly bling in one eye.

Sasha is mischievous. He likes to jump on the Great Dane from the top of the refrigerator. Then he runs and the chase is on. He likes to hide in the closet and jump out at me. Sasha also hides in my car and under my bed.

Sasha is 7 years old now, and has traveled with me everywhere. He walks on a leash, he plays with my Legos, cars and trains. Sasha also likes to play with balls like a dog. He always sleeps at the end of my bed.

Fifth grade students learning about how an oil spill affects the ecosystem.
Science ROCKS!

“Wildlife is Everywhere”

A special thanks to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for visiting our school this month. The DNR held a fabulous presentation for our Brick students on animals in Michigan, endangered species and conservation. Students were able to touch the fur of many animal species that can be found in Michigan. Ask your child if they touched the skunk fur:)
Pasta for Pennies

Brick Elementary will be collecting spare change in March to donate to the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. All the change collected will be donated to help children with childhood cancers. Any spare change is appreciated!

Thank you to these local companies for their support of Brick Elementary School!

FEATURED AUTHOR #2
Make a Wish by, Shayla Weber

One day my Mom asked for my help. She was making cheesecake cups, cookies and other baked goods for a fundraiser. The fundraiser was for Make A Wish. I learned that Make A Wish is a foundation that grants wishes for really sick kids. The wishes can be a trip, or to meet a celebrity, or anything that takes the kids mind off of the pain of being sick for awhile.

My mom is part of a Wish A Mile team. Every July, they ride bikes 300 miles from Traverse City, MI to the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Michigan. Each rider has a goal that they must meet in order to participate. The bake sale was the teams way of raising money for Make A Wish to be used to pay for the children’s wishes. In addition to making crafts or treats to sell, my Mom also keeps track of the teams money. I got to go to one of the fundraisers and spend the day helping sell items. One person even wanted to buy the decorations. I thought that was funny! I had a great time helping my Mom and knowing that we were helping make wishes come true.

Cherry the Therapy dog!

Meet Brick’s Cherry, the therapy dog. Mrs. Koker brings Cherry in every Thursday to hang out with everyone here at Brick. As you can see, Cherry enjoys reading and is such a calming presence when she is here visiting our classrooms.