

## Grant News

The Curriculum Department is excited to share that we have received a few new grants that will directly impact our students! We received the Additional Instructional Time grant for students in grades K-3. Bay City Public Schools was awarded **\$101,357.42** to be spent on additional instructional time and materials. Building Principals have provided input regarding the needs of their students and we are working on putting support in place for our students.

The Great Lakes Bay Region STEM Access & Equity Initiative Subcommittee recently accepted applications for mini-grants from local organizations wishing to seek funding for innovative STEM projects in the GLB Area. **Bay City Public Schools partnered with the Chippewa Nature Center to write a grant, and was one of the five projects awarded for Spring 2019!** The primary purpose of the mini-grants is to provide STEM access and equity opportunities to underserved early childhood populations, including minority groups, girls, rural students, and children living in poverty.



Jake Osborne    Annmarie Petrosky    Tina Demo  
MacGregor Elem.    Handy MS    Central HS

Congratulations to the winners of the November Navigator contest! Meemic Weaver Group Insurance Agency sponsored our November edition and each winner received a \$10.00 gift card! **Thank you Meemic Weaver Group!** Keep reading every month for your chance to win!

## Understanding the “Nature” of STEM in Kindergarten



Understanding the *Nature* of STEM in Kindergarten is a project linking the kindergarten students, teachers, and families of Bay City Public Schools (BCPS) with the staff and STEM programming of Chippewa Nature Center (CNC). This project brings CNC staff into BCPS classrooms at a critical time when new science curriculum is being adopted; providing a rich in-classroom and field trip experience for over 500 kindergarten students. At the same time, it will enable science-minded, and inquiry-focused staff from CNC to model new teaching methodology for BCPS kindergarten teachers both in and outside of the classroom. Further information about this grant will be released soon.

(Contact Connie Kennedy with questions.)



## Meet Amanda Davis

My name is Amanda Davis and I was hired into the Curriculum Department on November 28, 2018 as the Executive Specialist of Assessment and Curriculum. I graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and History, and my professional experience has been centered on administrative roles in education, previously working for the Education Department at SVSU and a charter school in Saginaw, MI. I am excited to be a part of such a large and impactful district, and look forward to getting to know the many influential staff members of Bay City Public Schools. Please feel free to contact me if you have any assessment questions or concerns at [davisam@bcschools.net](mailto:davisam@bcschools.net) or **(989)671-8131**.





## Illuminate Update

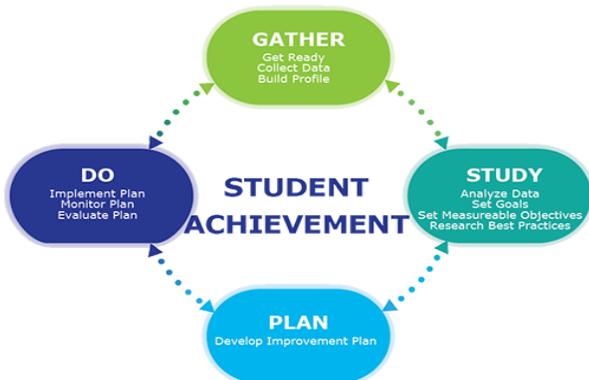
Starting January 15th the Curriculum Office will be offering a series of professional learning opportunities related to Illuminate. Each session will be one hour and worth 1 SCECH. Sessions will be limited to the first 20 people. If they are popular additional topics will be offered in late February and early March. [Click here for the flyer and registration form.](#)

## Important Dates

**December 24-January 2, 2018 - Winter Break**  
**January 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> – High School Exams**  
**January 18<sup>th</sup> – Half Day (End of the Semester)**  
**January 21st-February 8<sup>th</sup> – NWEA Gr. K-8**  
**January 21st-February 8<sup>th</sup> – Winter MLPP On-Line Gr. K-3**

## School Improvement Process

We are beginning the data collection for your school improvement plan. Each school is represented by a small team of educators along with the building administrator to analyze data, discuss the effectiveness of instructional strategies and develop a plan. The final document provides an outline that is targeted on supporting student achievement. You are encouraged to talk with colleagues as they work to improve student learning in your school community.



## Hone Your Phone Skills

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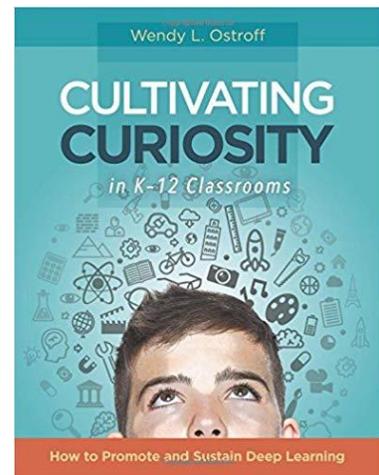
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Did you ever wonder who called you and didn't leave a message? The **History** button allows you to see who called.

The **Options** button brings up a menu of choices that allows you to customize your phone including choosing your own ringtone!

What are some hacks you know about your phone? Click [here](#) to share your comments to earn a chance to win a gift card!

## Interested in a Winter Book Study?



This will be offered through a blended learning google classroom setting. The successful completion of this book study will be worth between 16-18 SCECHs. If you are interested in participating please [click on this link.](#)