

**November 2011**

**Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Friends of Bay City Public Schools,**

For the fourth year in a row, our Hampton Elementary staff and students are participating in a **French-American Cultural Exchange Program**. This opportunity includes hosting French students as well as travel abroad for our students. It's a wonderful opportunity for District families for cultural enrichment. District families with 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> graders who are interesting in hosting should contact Madam Fall at [fallb@bcschools.net](mailto:fallb@bcschools.net) or 893-1100 (Hampton School). 5<sup>th</sup> graders would have the option of traveling to France in May 2012 for 2-3 weeks.

**Joe Ricard**, PE teacher (MacGregor, Kolb and McAlear) and Central High School Boys' Tennis Coach, was named the **Saginaw Valley League Coach of the Year in Boys Tennis!** Congratulations, Mr. Ricard!

We have many interesting events occurring across the district. Please be sure to visit your child's school website as well as our district website ([www.bcschools.net](http://www.bcschools.net)), where school links and our district calendar link can be found.

If you're interested in volunteering in your child's school, please visit the school office for a district volunteer application or you can download one from the district website at "Quick Program Finder." There are many opportunities available to participate in your child's education. All that you do to support the learning process in your child's life will provide a positive impact.

I want to wish you and your family a safe and happy Thanksgiving and thank you for your continued support of your children's education.

**Sincerely,**

**Douglas L. Newcombe**  
**Superintendent**

Resources available which may be of assistance to your children:

**Opportunity Connection Website**: offers a variety of learning opportunities for students, teachers, and businesses. You may visit their website at [www.opportunityconnection.net](http://www.opportunityconnection.net).

**Imagination Library**: This is a FREE book a month program for ANY child (age birth to 5) living in Bay or Arenac Counties. Visit [www.imaginationlibrary.com](http://www.imaginationlibrary.com)