

Note from the Principal

June 8, 2021

Dear Families,

What a year it has been! I am filled with emotion as I write this last note of the school year and my last note as the Principal of Burroughs Community School. As you learned on Friday, I too will be moving on next year along with many others. This was a difficult decision for me, but I am very excited about the new opportunity. Although I will miss my work at Burroughs, I look forward to the new opportunities and challenges that this new position will offer.

In this last week of school, as we say good-bye to so many of our students, staff members, and friends, we wish everyone well as they continue on their life journeys whether it be on to a new school or, for some of our staff, on to retirement. In addition to saying good-bye, we will look forward to welcoming new families and a few new staff members. I am confident that through these transitions we will all discover new and exciting opportunities to learn and grow.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Burroughs community over the past six years. Thank you for your support and partnership throughout my time. I will miss seeing the smiling faces of your children each day and I am happy to be living in the neighborhood as I know that continue to see many students and families. Burroughs will always hold a special place in my heart.

I wish you all a safe and wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Ana Bartl
Principal

Announcements

- **End of Year Celebrations and Volunteers** - Some Families have asked about end of year celebrations. We recognize that there is much to celebrate and acknowledge after this historic year yet out of continued caution, Burroughs will not be hosting any large scale, school sponsored, end of year family events. Classrooms will have end of the year celebrations during the last few days of school that will involve students and school staff. If the classroom event takes place outside, teachers may invite a limited number of volunteers to support the event. If volunteers join a classroom, social distancing requirements must be abided by and if the volunteer is not vaccinated, a mask is required for the duration of the event.
- **Artwork from 2020** - If your child had artwork in the Washburn Library Art Show in February 2020 that you would like to keep, please email joey.barrett@mpls.k12.mn.us. Include your child's name, their classroom teacher last year, and their classroom teacher this year.
- **Math Pilot** - We recently learned that next year our 3-5 grades will be involved in the district math pilot. This will be a wonderful opportunity for Burroughs to explore a new curriculum and have a voice in the district adoption process. At this point we do not know what curriculum we will be piloting. As we learn more details about what this will look like we will communicate with families.
- **Resources for Supporting Children** - We continue to live in challenging and stressful times between the senseless violence that children in our city have been victim to, to violence targeting many BIPOC communities, to the continued stress of the pandemic and the changes with the CDD. All of this stress takes a toll, here are some [resources](#) for to support children during these times.
- **Student Devices** - If your child is currently assigned an MPS device (iPad or chromebook) for distance learning and you will not be attending Minneapolis Public Schools next year we will need the device returned no later than Friday, June 18. If your children will continue in an MPS School next year,

they can keep devices throughout the summer and bring them back to school in the fall.

- **Media Materials** - This is a call for any media materials that students have checked out. Please begin returning items to school. There will be a box in the entry way for distance learners to return media items. An email was sent to the student's email if there are any missing books on their account.
- **SY21-22 Transportation Form** - Families should have received the 2021-22 Transportation request form from their teacher earlier this week. If you have not already completed it, please take a few minutes to complete the [Transportation request form 2021- 2022](#). This form gets completed for changes whether you are staying at Burroughs next year or moving to a new school.
- **Virtual Story Time** - Please join The Office of Black Student Achievement (OBSA) for virtual Story Time! This is a wonderful opportunity for us to build community through a shared experience. Our goal is to create an interactive space that leads to authentic discussions!

Story Time dates: 6/8, & 6/10 (all events start at 9:30 AM)

[Sign up here!](#) to attend future Story Time events.

** If you have questions or concerns, please send an email to blackstudents@mpls.k12.mn.us.**

- **Site Council** - For information about Site Council and meeting minutes, please see the Site Council page on the Burroughs website at https://burroughs.mpls.k12.mn.us/Site_Council.
- **School board Meeting Agendas and Minutes** - Find the latest information and updates regarding distance learning, the Comprehensive District Design (CDD) and other district business here <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/1807>.

Meet the Burroughs Staff

Jodi Nolte, Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) - Jodi will be joining the Burroughs Special Education Team next year. She is originally from Grand Forks, ND and received a bachelor's degrees in Psychology from the University of North

Dakota. She received a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and in 5-8 Social Studies from Minnesota State University, Moorhead. She also has a Special Education, LD certificate from the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis. She loves to teach children and watch them grow in their learning.

When she is not at school, she can be found driving her two boys to hockey, swimming, baseball or golf. When she is not driving people around, she likes to hang out with her husband, walk or ride bike around our beautiful city lakes and go for long family road trips.

Dates to Remember

Thursday, June 10 - 5th grade promotion ceremonies

Friday, June 11 - Last day of School