

Note from the Principal

November 17, 2020

Dear Families,

We had a great start to the second quarter! Thank you to all the families that came to Burroughs last Friday for another materials pick up! These materials pick up events are a great opportunity to see one another in person, even if it is for a brief time.

As a part of American Indian Heritage Month, this week is American Indian Awareness and Family Involvement Week. In honor of this week Minneapolis Public Schools is offering a variety of [events](#) throughout the week that highlight American Indian culture and traditions. All are welcome to participate in these events. I'd like to thank our PTA Families for Equity and Justice (FEJ) for hosting a conversation focused on American Indian Heritage, History and Culture last Thursday evening. This was a great learning opportunity for all who participated. Thank you FEJ!

The weeks ahead are full of opportunities for parents and caregivers to come together. Tonight, is our second PTA meeting of the school year and Thursday evening the PTA's Social Emotional and Wellness committee is hosting an event with Dr. Anne Gearity, "Finding Your Child's Mind: What Children Need from Us to Grow and Thrive During Challenging Times". Dr. Gearity is a wealth of knowledge in the area of child development and children's mental health and an excellent speaker. I hope to see many of you this week at these events.

Have a wonderful week and please feel free to reach out by phone, or email with any questions that may arise.

Sincerely,

Ana Bartl
Principal

Announcements

- **November 16-20 is American Indian Awareness and Family Engagement Week** - Please see the attached flyer for events that MPS is hosting throughout next week. Additionally, thank you to all who participated in Thursday's discussion hosted by Burroughs Families for Equity and Justice!
- **Phases to Safe Learning** - Due to the continued rise in COVID numbers MPS is pausing on plans to move to phase 3. We will remain in full distance learning until further notice. Information on the Phases to Safe Learning can be found here <https://b2s.mpls.k12.mn.us/EnglishUpdates?itemId=1241>.
- **2020-21 School Request Season** - There will be more detailed information regarding school requests for SY 2021-22 in the coming weeks. Until then, please see the information provided here <https://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us/>. There will be an option for families who will be outside of the Burroughs attendance area due to the CDD to request Burroughs.

- **Annual Forms** - Please take a few minutes to complete these annual back-to-school forms

For English please use this link: <https://forms.gle/dpH3SRTFGCDt1Yfy6>

For Spanish please use this link: <https://forms.gle/HPD2exLWXT98UuGy9>

- **REMINDER: MPS Application for Educational Benefits** - Please take a few minutes complete the [MPS Application for Educational Benefits](#). This application needs to be completed every year for every family. Our school social worker, Beth Alvarez, will be reaching out to families who have not yet completed their application.
- **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>.

- **COVID Attendance Guide, Home Screening Tool and Decision Tree** - The health and safety of our students and staff is a priority. Please see the resources below from the Minnesota Department of Health.

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/attendance.pdf>

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/homescreen.pdf>

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf>

- **Free School Meal Boxes for All Youth**- All families are invited to pick up free school meal boxes for their children. School meal boxes contain five breakfasts and five lunches and meet Minneapolis Public Schools Culinary & Wellness Services' (MPS CWS) high standards for nutrition and quality ingredients. In every box, children will find school favorites, whole grains, fresh fruits, and vegetables. Milk is offered on the side, up to ten milk cartons per box.
 - All youth 18 & under can participate.
 - Youth do not need to be enrolled in MPS.
 - Youth, parents, or siblings can pick up one box per child, per week.
 - **Pick up at any of the 29 school sites** - no registration required.
 - All sites are open Monday through Friday, most from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and a few have extended hours of 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MPS is able to offer these free meal boxes to all children, 18 and under, through a short-term waiver issued August 31 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (read the USDA press release [here](#)). After that, MPS will continue to serve food to MPS students, and will keep the community informed of all changes that will take effect at that time.

For questions, please call 612-668-2820 or **contact us**.

- **Technology Resources and Support** - If you have questions or need support with student devices, please go to this site

<https://source.mpls.k12.mn.us/support-for-your-students>

- **Attendance** - During Distance Learning the top priority is that students are engaged in learning every day. As such, the definition of an absence is when a student, or parent/guardian for elementary students, does not have contact with the teacher on an instructional day. If your child will be absent, please notify the school by calling the attendance line at 612-668-3288.
- **School Spirit Fridays** - Celebrate your Burroughs Spirit every Friday. Encourage your children to wear our Burroughs Colors (navy blue and yellow) or any 'Burroughs Wear' they have.

Meet the Burroughs Staff

Sharon Vonachen, School Nurse -This is Ms. Sharon's 13th year at Burroughs. She loves this school and community. She is full time here at Burroughs and loves being here full time because she feels like she really gets to know the kids and their families. She looks forward to the day when we can all be together in person! Her office is located across from the kindergarten classrooms and she loves being in the kindergarten hallway because kindergarteners say really funny things! Before coming to MPS, she worked at U of MN hospital and clinics for 20 years. In her free time, she likes to bike, paddle board, knit, watch college football (Go Blue!) and hang out with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Instructional Insights

Student Goal-Setting and Self-Reflection - Goal-setting and reflection are powerful learning tools. Teaching children how to set goals and providing them the opportunity to set and monitor their own learning goals is an important strategy to support student success in school and in life. Research shows that by setting goals students can improve their academic performance, increase their motivation to achieve, increase pride and satisfaction in performance and improve their self-confidence. The beginning of a new quarter is a great time for students to reflect on the previous quarter and set goals for the quarter ahead.

Dates to Remember

- **Tuesday, November 17** - Site Council 5:00 pm, PTA 6:30 pm
- **Monday, November 23 and Monday November 30** - Asynchronous learning days due to teacher curriculum planning
- **Wednesday, November 25-27** - No School, Thanksgiving Holiday