

## Note from the Principal

April 17, 2017

Dear Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful spring break! I've heard from many of your children about all of the fun and adventure that was had.

On Wednesday of last week we hosted an assembly called 'The NED Show'. This event aligned with our positive school wide engagement efforts with the purpose of sending a message of motivation and encouragement as we launch into the last quarter of the school year. I'm sure you have heard a lot from your children about this event as it was quite engaging. The yo-yo's have been a hit and a great opportunity to discuss perseverance as students are practicing their yo-yo skills. The proceeds from the yo-yo sales go to "pay it forward" so that another school can benefit from this event.

I know many of you are aware of a few budget decisions we had to make in March. I am happy to say that although Burroughs was impacted, the impact was not nearly as great as at some of our neighboring schools. We are fortunate that for next school year, we were able to create a budget that maintained our core academic programming. Due to a 2.5% budget decrease at every school in Minneapolis Public School, in addition to a couple of board policies that prohibited us from using some of our funds in ways that have been used in the past, we did have to make a few difficult decisions to reduce our budget in the areas of math intervention, content specialists, and associate educator hours. I want to emphasize that these areas were reduced, not eliminated. These reductions will require us to be creative about how we use our resources and over the next few weeks, we will be working to finalize plans for next school year. I am confident that we will continue to provide our students with a well-rounded and academically rigorous education.

This week, spring MCA and MAP testing began. In addition to testing, the next few weeks are full of fun events - grade level music concerts, campus clean-up day, and our auditorium dedication ceremony for Mr. Cadotte.

Please make sure to check out the announcements and important dates below. As always, feel free to reach out to me with any questions that may arise.

Sincerely,  
Ana Bartl  
Principal

## Announcements

- **Report Cards** - You should be receiving these in the mail this week. Please contact your classroom teacher with any questions you have regarding your child's report card.
- **Mindfulness Project** - If you have questions about the Mindfulness Project please contact Jen Feriancek at [Jen@wiseowlmindfulness.com](mailto:Jen@wiseowlmindfulness.com).
- **Arrival Time** - Unless students are enrolled in Minneapolis Kids, please do not drop your child(ren) off at school before 8:55 am. School staff are typically in meetings from 8:00-8:55 and are unable to provide supervision before this time.

## Dates to Remember

- **Wednesday, April 19**  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade Music Concert 9:30 am
- **Thursday, April 20**  
Band and Orchestra Resumes
- **Tuesday, April 25**  
5:00 pm - Site Council  
6:30 pm - PTA
- **Wednesday, April 26**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Music Concert 9:30 am
- **Thursday, April 27**  
Last Day of Band and Orchestra
- **Spring Band & Orchestra Concerts in Gym**  
2:00 pm for Students Grades 3-5  
6:30 pm for Parents & Family
- **Wednesday, May 3**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Concert 9:30 am  
4:30-6:00 pm KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
- **Thursday, May 4**  
Spring Campus Clean Up
- **Friday, May 5**  
Band & Orchestra Student Informational Presentations in Auditorium  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade at 9:45 am  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade at 10:15 am

- **Thursday, May 11**  
6:00 pm - 'ALL SCHOOL PICNIC'
- **Friday, May 12**  
9:30 a.m. Cadotte Auditorium Dedication Ceremony  
6:15 pm - Room 235 Performance
- **Tuesday, May 16**  
5:30 p.m. 4<sup>th</sup> grade Choir Concert
- **Wednesday, May 17**  
5:30 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> grade Choir Concert
- **Thursday, May 18**  
1:45 pm - 'Parade of States' ~ 4th Grade/Gym
- **Wednesday, May 24**  
Track & Field Day  
Morning ~ Grades 3-5  
Afternoon ~ Grades 1-2  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!
- **Friday, May 26**  
Track & Field Day 'Rain Day'
- **Monday, May 29**  
Memorial Day Holiday NO SCHOOL
- **Thursday June 1**  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade @ Biz Town- *all day*
- **Friday, June 2**  
2:30 - Room 232 Performance in Auditorium
- **Wednesday, June 7- Friday, 9**  
3rd Grade Overnights at Voyageur Environmental Center Rooms/  
7-8<sup>th</sup> Rooms 346 & 357  
8-9<sup>th</sup> Room 348, 351 & 353
- **Wednesday, June 7**  
9:15-3:15 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to Lowry Nature Center  
Rooms 203 & 231
- **Thursday, June 8**  
9:15-3:15 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to Lowry Nature Center  
Rooms 205-206-233
- **Tuesday, June 13**  
9:45 am - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir will perform

- **Wednesday, June 14 Last Day of School**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic

1:30 Kindergarten Program