

Note from the Principal

April 30, 2019

Dear Families,

I can hardly believe tomorrow is May! We will close out April with many wonderful community events including the band and orchestra concert, the spring book fair, and the all school picnic. I look forward to seeing many of you at these events throughout the week!

Last week our Strategic Planning Committee met for the second time. This committee is working with input provided by families and students provided during last year's visioning sessions to develop a vision and refine the mission for our school. At last week's meeting I asked each committee member to share one word that comes to mind when they think of Burroughs. The words shared were community, busy, excellence, friendships, diverse opportunities, big, and excitement. Burroughs is all of these things and much more. It is my hope that through this process we will continue to build on our strengths and be the school that students and families are excited to be a part of because they feel connected, safe, engaged and challenged throughout their k-5 experience. Stay tuned for more updates about the visioning and strategic planning process.

As always, feel free to reach out to me with any questions that may arise and I look forward to seeing many families at the events of the upcoming weeks.

Sincerely,
Ana Bartl
Principal

Instructional Insights

DreamBox – DreamBox is a supplemental online math program that adapts to meet the students at their level. DreamBox promotes student decision making and mathematical strategy development and provides teachers with real time data that can be used to inform their instruction. In Minneapolis Public Schools, all students k-5 have access to DreamBox. At Burroughs DreamBox is often used during math rotations as an independent activity. You can expect 45-60 minutes weekly in kindergarten through 2nd grade and 60-90 minutes weekly in 3rd through 5th grades with the Dream Box curriculum as required by the Minneapolis Public School district.

Dates to Remember

- **April 30** - Band/Orchestra Concert 6:30 pm
- **May 1** - All school picnic 6:00 pm
- **May 10** - Coffee with the Principal 9:30 am
- **May 15** - Volunteer Appreciation Reception 3:45 pm
- **May 16** - 3rd grade concert 9:30 am, 4th grade Parade of States 1:45 pm
- **May 21** - Site Council 5:00 pm
- **May 22** - Track and Field Day 9:45 am 3-5 grades, 1:00 pm 1-2 grades
- **May 23** - 4th grade concert 5:00 pm
- **May 30** - 5th grade concert 5:00 pm
- **June 6** - 5th grade promotion ceremony, reception and picnic 9:45 am
-Kindergarten program 1:45
- **June 7** - Last day of school

