

Note from the Principal

April 9, 2019

Dear Families,

Whether you traveled near or far, or stayed in town last week, I hope everyone enjoyed spring break!

The week leading up to spring break was a fun filled week of read-a thon parties and outdoor activities as the weather turned warmer. I want to again thank everyone who volunteered to help with the read-a-thon celebrations. What a great way to celebrate the reading accomplishments of our students and a fun way to end the third quarter!

As we enter the last quarter of the 2018-19 school year, the weeks will surely fly by in a blink. We have so many fun events including concerts, the all school picnic and track and field day to look forward to in April, May and June.

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

Meet the Burroughs Staff

Greg Kroening, 3rd Grade Teacher - Mr. Kroening has taught with Minneapolis Public Schools since 1996 and at Burroughs in Room 348 since 2004. He graduated from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul and received his teaching degree from the University of Wisconsin River Falls. Mr. Kroening enjoys writing children's books (he is a published author) and spending time with his family. He currently lives in Roseville with his two boys and his dog named Buddy.

Instructional Insights

Number Talks - Number talks were developed for classroom teachers to engage students in "mental math" by talking through mathematical problems. A number talk is a short, ongoing daily routine that provides students with meaningful ongoing practice with computation. It is a powerful tool for helping students develop number sense and computational fluency because the expectation is that they will use number relationships and the structures of numbers to add, subtract, multiply and divide. Number talks range from 5-15 minutes and can be embedded into the daily math lesson or done as a standalone during morning meeting or other times during the school day. See this link to learn more about number talks by <https://www.youcubed.org/resources/stanford-onlines-learn-math-teachers-parents-number-talks/>

Announcements

- **Student Information Forms** - If you'd like to provide us with information about your child before we begin the process of creating classrooms for the 2019-20 school year, student information forms will be available in the main office beginning on April 8. We will be accepting these forms through April 26. These forms are **optional and we do not accept requests for specific teachers.**
- **Drop off Circle** - To ensure a safe arrival to and dismissal from school, please review the drop off circle procedures on our website at http://burroughs.mpls.k12.mn.us/pick_up_drop_off. **Please only use the drop off circle if you have students in kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grades.**

Dates to Remember

- **April 8** - 4th Quarter Begins
- **April 11** - 1st grade Spring Concert 9:30 am
- **April 12** - 'Coffee' with the Principal 2:00-3:00 pm
- **April 16** - Site Council 5:00 pm, PTA 6:30 pm
- **April 18** - 2nd grade Spring Concert 9:30 am
- **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 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