

Note from the Principal

August 27, 2018

Welcome to the 2018-19 School Year!

We are off to a great start! It was wonderful to welcome students and families to the new school year yesterday and we look forward to welcoming our Kindergarteners tomorrow!

The transition into a new school year is both exciting and challenging as we all are getting back into the routine of school. Our goal these first few weeks of school is to build relationships, learn important rituals and routines that will support social and academic learning, and of course have fun!! We hope that your children are coming home smiling and wanting to share about their days at school.

With this goal in mind, which is in alignment with our district's priorities of equity and social emotional learning, our staff is committed to fostering a sense joy and confidence in our students. Providing our students with explicit opportunities to experience the joy of learning throughout their day will result in increased student engagement, an increased sense of competence and confidence, as well as improved academic and social outcomes for our students.

We are excited about the school year ahead and look forward to getting to know all of our students and families as we work build a community that supports the success of all learners.

Sincerely,

Ana Bartl
Principal

Instructional Insights

- **Social Emotional Learning** -Social Emotional Learning is one of our district's key priorities. Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. At Burroughs SEL will be at the foundation of all we do. Students will be engaging in Second Step lessons, Morning Meetings, and practicing Mindfulness techniques to explicitly focus on SEL skills throughout the school day. Teachers will highlight the importance and usefulness of these skills throughout the day in both academic and social settings.

Announcements

- **School Spirit Fridays** - Celebrate your Burroughs Spirit every Friday. Encourage your children to wear our Burroughs Colors (navy and yellow) or any 'Burroughs Wear' they have.
- **Arrival** – For the safety of our students, unless they are enrolled in the Minneapolis Kids program, please do not drop them off at school until 8:55 am. Burroughs staff is typically in meetings from 8:00-8:55 am therefore we do not have the capacity to supervise children during that time.
- **Breakfast** - School breakfast is available and free of charge on a daily basis for any student who would like it. At 8:55 am students are released from the atrium. To go to breakfast and/or their classrooms. If a student is having breakfast they go to the cafeteria to pick up the food and then take it to their classrooms to eat.
- **Dismissal** - This is an extremely busy time of day. Please communicate to the teacher or office in person or in writing well in advance of dismissal time if your child will be going home in an alternative way i.e. instead of taking the bus home they will be picked up or have permission to walk to their destination, etc.
- **Kindergarten Family Welcome Reception** - Kindergarten families, please join us in the courtyard from 9:15 -10:00 am on Wednesday, August 29. This is an opportunity to connect with other families and celebrate the first day of Kindergarten.

- **Coffee with the Principal** - Beginning in October, I will be hosting 'Coffee with the Principal' on the second Friday of each month from 9:30-10:30. This will be an opportunity to connect with myself and others in the community throughout the year.
- **Community Visioning Event** - Thank you to all who came out to be a part of this conversation on June 14 and August 16! I am feeling inspired and energized by the conversations. We will be holding one final input gathering event on Thursday, October 11 from 6:00-8:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with others in our community and provide input into what we envision for our school community over the next 3-5 years. If you were/are unable to attend the event in person, and would like to provide input, please use this link to share your ideas using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7NF3X9D>.

Meet the Burroughs Staff

Assistant Principal, Mrs. Patty Fetter - This year we welcome our new Assistant Principal, Patty Fetter. Mrs. Fetter has just completed her 27th year in Minneapolis Public Schools. She began her service in MPS as a school social worker and moved into administration in 2001. Patty has worked in high schools, middle schools, K-8 and elementary schools throughout her career in MPS. She hopes to be able to contribute to an already amazing school by drawing on many years of experience, hard work, caring and compassion, and a sense of humor. She looks forward to getting to know staff, students and families at Burroughs school in the coming months and to be of service to help ensure that all students are successful.

Dates to Remember

- **Monday, September 3** - Labor Day, No School
- **Tuesday, September 4** - Curriculum Night
1st Grade 6:00-7:00 pm
Kindergarten 7:15-8:15 pm
P.E. 6:30-7:00 & 7:15-7:45 pm
- **Wednesday, September 5** - Curriculum Night
2nd Grade 6:00-7:00 pm
3rd Grade 7:15-8:15 pm
Art & Music 6:30-7:00 & 7:15-7:45 pm
- **Thursday, September 6** - Curriculum Night

Band and Orchestra Information Meeting 5:30 or 6:00 pm

4th Grade 6:00-7:00 pm

5th Grade 7:15-8:15 pm

Media & Technology 6:30-7:00 & 7:15-7:45 pm

- **Tuesday, September 18** - School Pictures
- **Tuesday, September 25** - PTA Meeting 6:30 pm