

## Note from the Principal

December 11, 2018

Dear Families,

Last week was a fun filled week with MIA field trips for Art Adventure and our annual Sinfonia performance. The next two weeks will continue to be full of fun events for our students and families as we round out 2018.

It was great to see so many families at the Sinfonia performances! I know we will continue to see lots of families this week with the annual Family Fun Run and tonight's Burroughs Families for Equity and Justice event: How to Talk to your Kids about Race. The level of family participation in events such as these, are constant reminders about what a special community we have here at Burroughs. Thank you all for everything you do to make Burroughs the wonderful place that it is for students, staff and families!

I look forward to seeing many of you in the building over the next couple of weeks. Please be sure to check the announcements below. As always, feel free to reach out with any questions that may arise.

Sincerely,

Ana Bartl  
Principal

## Instructional Insights

**Meta-Cognitive Strategies** - These are important strategies that teachers use to provide students with opportunities to plan and organize, monitor their own work, direct their own learning, and to self-reflect along the way. Providing students with the time and space to be aware of their own knowledge and their own thinking can increase student engagement and ownership in the learning process. Teaching meta-cognitive strategies to students supports academic growth as well as social growth. Some meta-cognitive strategies you might see your students engaged in include written reflections on work or learning, assessing themselves on a rubric, or making a plan for how to improve learning or revise work that they are doing.

## Meet the Burroughs Staff

**Sharon Vonachen, School Nurse** - This is Ms. Sharon's 11th 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. 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 17 month old grandson.

## Announcements

- **Feed My Starving Children** - A group of 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Ms. Walvatne's room will be running a penny drive to raise money for Feed My Starving Children. They will make announcements next week and deliver change collection canisters to classrooms. The drive will begin on Monday, November 26 and run through Friday, December 14.
- **Winter Weather Attire**- As the weather turns colder, please make sure that your children are coming to school with appropriate attire to be outside for recess and P.E. Coats, hats, mittens/gloves, and snow boots are important to keep kids safe and having fun when it is cold outside.
- **Drop-off Circle** -The drop off circle is for families of students in K-2 grades only. Please do not park in the drop off circle or in the designated handicap drop off/pick up area at any time. **Please drive slowly, pull all the way up, adults stay in the car, and students exit the car from the passenger side**

**only.** Safety is our number one priority at arrival and dismissal. In order to ensure safety for all of our students it is important that we work together to follow these guidelines.

## Dates to Remember

- **Monday, December 10-14** - Family Fun Run Week
- **Monday, December 24- Friday, January 4** - No School, Winter Break
- **Thursday, January 10** - 5<sup>th</sup> grade Spelling Bee
- **Friday, January 11** - Coffee with the Principal 9:30-10:30 am
- **Tuesday, January 15** - PTA 6:30 pm
- **Monday, January 21** - No School MLK Jr. Day
- **Wednesday, January 23** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Ends
- **Thursday, January 24** - 25 No School Teach PD and Record Keeping Day