

Note from the Principal

December 18, 2018

Dear Families,

With winter break upon us, the school year seems to be flying by! Last week was a wonderful week of fun and learning. Between the Family Fun Run, Art Adventure Field Trips to MIA, and our Burroughs Families for Equity and Justice event we had literally hundreds of families in the building. I love seeing the joy and excitement on the faces of our students when they know their parents, grandparents, or other family members are at or will be coming to school.

For those who joined their children in PE last week, thank you for helping to reinforce the importance of physical activity. For those who helped chaperone field trips to the MIA, thank you for helping to keep our kids safe and supporting the amazing opportunity our students have to engage in Art Adventure. And for those who spent Tuesday evening with us at the FEJ event: 'How to Talk to Your Kids about Race', thank you for opening yourselves up as learners and your willingness to engage in conversations around this important and relevant topic.

This week is another eventful week as we wrap things up before winter break. Please be sure to check out the important announcements and dates of upcoming events below. January is full of fun learning experiences and events for our students and families.

As always, feel free to reach out with any questions that may arise. The next edition of my weekly note will be January 15, 2019. Until then, I wish you all a peaceful, safe holiday and happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Ana Bartl
Principal

Announcements

- **Family Budget Survey** - School budget season will soon be upon us. Your input is important to us! Please use this link, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VKM2Z2G>, to take a short survey to provide us with input that will help guide us as we make budget decisions for the 2019-20 school year.
- **Glass Art Displays** - Our glass art displays have finally arrived! Thank you to PTA for raising the money for us to purchase these so that we can display more of our student's beautiful art work!
- **MPS Nurses Winter Clothing Drive** - A huge thank you to everyone who donated their winter gear for the MPS Nurses winter clothing drive and to Rachel Gustin for coordinating this generous act. I drove a very full minivan (there was no room for kids) to our meeting on December 13 and every last jacket, sock and mitten was scooped up. Several nurses told me specifically how touched they were by this generosity. The need is great in many of our schools- thank you!
Jenny Hokanson, Licensed School Nurse, Webster Elementary
- **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 17-21** - Derby Week
- **Monday, December 24- Friday, January 4** - No School, Winter Break
- **Thursday, January 10** - 5th 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** - 2nd Quarter Ends
- **Thursday, January 24** - 25 No School Teach PD and Record Keeping Day