

Note from the Principal February 26, 2019

Dear Families,

Here we are in the last week of February and I along with many families, staff and maybe even students, are hoping for an uninterrupted five day school week!

This last week of February will close out our 2019 Read-a-thon. Hopefully all of the days off from school allowed children more time than normal to rack up reading minutes. I look forward to finding out if the goal of 2 million reading minutes was met. Thank you to all who support the read-a-thon tradition at Burroughs! Whether you helped to coordinate an event, volunteered to be a guest reader, or encouraged your child(ren) to read, your contributions are what make this annual event an event that students enthusiastically anticipate every year.

March will bring the Read-a-thon Closing Ceremony, Read-a-thon celebrations and the end of the third quarter of this school year. Here's to hoping that all of the severe winter weather has run its course so that we will not have any further interruptions.

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

Instructional Insights

Reading Comprehension- Comprehension is one of the five components of reading instruction and the reason for reading. If readers can read the words but do not understand what they are reading, they are not really reading. Comprehension strategies are conscious plans-sets of steps that good readers use to make sense of text. Comprehension strategy instruction helps students become purposeful, active readers who are in control of their own reading instruction (Key Components of Reading Instruction - Minneapolis Elementary Literacy Framework). For more on comprehension instruction and other components of reading instruction please see this link <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2uurRrQi2cqaC1uWlowYWQtYjg/view>.

Meet the Burroughs Staff

Greg Moen, 3rd grade Teacher - Mr. Moen has been teaching at Burroughs since 1993! He is married to Amy Walvatne who teaches 5th grade at Burroughs. They have two children, Lydia and Gus, both who attended Burroughs and are now in middle school. They live by Lake Nokomis and enjoy our short commute down the parkway to Burroughs. In addition, Mr. Moen and his family enjoy spending time skiing, swimming and playing hockey.

Announcements

- **Important date changes** - 1st and 2nd grade music concerts have been rescheduled. The 1st grade concert will be on Thursday, April 11 at 9:30 am and the 2nd grade concert will be on Thursday, April 18 at 9:30 am. In addition, our Read-a-thon closing Ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20 at 9:30 am. My apologies for any inconvenience these changes may have caused.
- **Budget Information** - As we enter into budget season, I will keep the community updated on budget decisions made at the school level. If you have questions about the larger MPS budget process, please see this link http://mpls.k12.mn.us/2019-2020_budget.

Dates to Remember

- **February 28** - Strategic Planning Committee Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm
- **March 8** - Coffee with the Principal 9:30-10:30 am

- **March 19** - Site Council 5:00-6:30 pm, PTA 6:30-8:00 pm
- **March 20** - Read-a-thon closing ceremony 9:30 am
- **March 28** - Last day of the 3rd Quarter
- **March 29** - No School Record Keeping Day
- **April 1-5** - No school Spring Break