

Note from the Principal

February 28, 2017

Dear Families,

As we close out the month of February, I want to once again express my sincere gratitude for all that our families do to support our Burroughs community. Over and over again, I am awed by the spirit of participation and sharing that I see. The participation by families in our read-a-thon, the turnout of families for National African American Parent Involvement Day, the sign making event, the book contributions made via our 'giving tree' and the number of families who turned out for conferences are evidence of this. Thank you for sharing your time, energy, input, and resources to help make our school the wonderful place that it is!

As we enter March, we enter a challenging time of year for students and staff. Student energy is typically very high leading up to spring break. For staff budget discussions and planning for the next school year begin. There is much anticipation for all about the events to come in last few months of the school year. Consistency at home and school will support us all in channeling this high energy into productive learning.

Once again, thank you to all who took the time to take the survey we sent out a couple of weeks ago. We value your input and your feedback will help to guide our decision making as we begin to plan for next school year.

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

Announcements

- **Arrival Time** - Unless students are enrolled in Minneapolis Kids, please do not drop your child(ren) off at school before 8:55 am. School staff are typically in meetings from 8:00-8:55 and are unable to provide supervision before this time.
- **Mindfulness Family Night** - Join us from 6:30-8:00 pm on Tuesday, March 7 to learn about Mindfulness and how families can participate in the Mindfulness Project. Jen Feriancek will facilitate the evening, sharing some of the lessons that students are engaged in at school.
- **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.**
- **Talent Development** - If you are interested in knowing more about the services we provide at Burroughs, please check out the talent development page on our website, http://burroughs.mpls.k12.mn.us/talent_development.

Dates to Remember

- **Tuesday, Feb 28**
5:00 pm - Site Council
- **Tuesday, March 7**
6:30-8:00 Mindfulness for Families
- **Thursday, March 9**
Rope Power Night at Washburn
- **Sunday, March 12**
Daylight Saving Time Begins
- **Friday, March 17**
Read-a-Thon Closing Ceremony
- **March, 20-24**
Read-a-Thon Pizza/Ice Cream party Week
- **Tuesday, March 28**
5:00 pm - Site Council
6:30 pm PTA
- **Thursday, March 30**
3rd Quarter Ends
- **Friday, March 31**
NO SCHOOL
- **Monday, April 3 - Friday, April 7**
Spring Break
- **Monday, April 10**
School Resumes
Passover Begins