

Note from the Principal

January 10, 2017

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a peaceful and safe holiday season. Despite the frigid temperatures, we've had an exciting week back at school and are looking forward to a fun month ahead.

Some highlights of the first week in January included the student council's announcement of our new school mascot, the bobcat, and the 4th and 5th grade downhill ski trip to Hyland Hills. Other events this month include the 5th grade Spelling Bee, a variety of outdoor winter activities in P.E., and the Read-a-Thon opening ceremony at the end of the month.

In addition to these fun events, our 1st through 5th graders are taking the Winter MAP test. This test provides teacher's with good information about how students are progressing in math and reading and helps teachers to make important instructional decisions as we move into the second semester of the school year.

Please make sure to check out the announcements and important dates below. I look forward to seeing many of you throughout the month ahead. As always, feel free to reach out with any questions that may arise.

Stay Warm!

Ana Bartl
Principal

Announcements

- **School Mascot** - In December, our student council conducted a process to gather input to determine a Burroughs mascot. This process resulted in students and staff choosing the bobcat as our mascot. Student Council will now work on designing a graphic to represent the "Burrough's Bobcat".
- **Community Conversation** - Please join us on Tuesday, January 17 from 6:00-7:30 to have a conversation about what we can do to enhance the positive climate of our school and ensure that Burroughs is a welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment.
- **Dropping items off for students** - If you need to drop an item off for your child after the school day begins, please give the item to one of our office staff and we will ensure it gets to your child.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Winter Weather Attire**- Now that it is getting colder outside, please make sure your children are coming to school with winter coats, hats, boots, mittens, etc.

Dates to Remember

- **Monday, January 9 - Friday, January 13**
PE Sledding Week
- **Thursday, January 12**
5th Grade Spelling Bee 2:00 PM in Auditorium
- **Friday, January 13**
Room 235 'Wax Museum' in Gym 9:30 am
- **Monday, January 16**
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
NO SCHOOL
- **Tuesday, January 17**
Community Conversation 6:00-7:30 pm
- **January 16-20**
Snowshoeing and Cross Country Skiing Week in PE all grades
- **Tuesday, January 24**
6:30 pm PTA
- **Thursday, January 26**
2nd Quarter Ends
- **Monday, January 30 - Friday, February 3**
'Ice' Week - Skating, Ice Hockey, Boot Ice Hockey & Broomball. VOLUNTEERS needed every period
- **Friday, January 27**
NO SCHOOL

- **Monday, January 30**
NO SCHOOL
- **Tuesday, January 31**
Read-a-Thon Opening Ceremony 9:30 am
- **Ukulele Winter Session**
Tuesday, January 31st to March 7th
(Uke Group for Beginners)
Thursday, February 2nd to March 9th
(Uke for Intermediate Students)
- **Wednesday, February 1- Friday, February 3**
4th grade Trip to Deep Portage