

Note from the Principal

January 17, 2017

Dear Families,

We had a busy week last week with MAP testing, fieldtrips, sledding, rehearsals for the read-a-thon opening ceremony skit, the spelling bee, and the wax museum.

As we begin to wrap up the first semester of the school year, we have another opportunity to reset and reflect on our progress and goals for this school year. In light of this, I asked our staff to reflect on this question: *What do you hope for our students?* Some of their responses included...self-confidence, empathy, understanding, patience, peace, happiness, love of learning, acceptance, kindness, respectful interactions, motivation, focus, and mindfulness. Know that we work each day to make these hopes a reality.

At Burroughs we strive to foster an inclusive and safe school environment for all, this evening we will host our first community conversation around school climate. I look forward to engaging in this conversation with you and gathering your input and insight regarding this topic. We truly want to make our Burroughs community one that is inclusive of all and exemplifies the mission for which we exist.

Please make sure to check out the announcements and important dates below. As always, feel free to reach out with any questions that may arise.

Sincerely,

Ana Bartl
Principal

Announcements

- **Spelling Bee** - Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Finalists! Grayson Pickar: 1st Place, Zach Taschler: 2nd Place, Lillie Hokanson: 3rd Place.
- **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 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