

Note from the Principal

January 31, 2017

Dear Families,

What an amazing event the Read-a-Thon Opening Ceremony was! It was great to see so many families. I'd like to express my gratitude for the Read-a-Thon committee, who are working tirelessly to make "I Love to Read Month" an engaging and memorable time for our students. Our theme this year is based on a book by Kate Di Camilo, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane. The purpose of I Love to Read Month is to get kids excited about reading. To this end, classrooms will be doing activities throughout the month to expose students to a variety of books, authors, and to encourage a love of reading. There are also many opportunities for volunteers to come in to read to classes. Look for a packet to come home that gives the full details of the Burroughs Read a Thon.

In addition to the Read-a-hon, February brings the 4th grade camping trip to Deep Portage, National African American Family Involvement Day, and parent/teacher conferences. Winter conferences are an important opportunity for families to learn about the progress of their child. Information about how to sign up for conferences will be in classroom newsletters next week. If you have any trouble signing up please contact your child's teacher for assistance.

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

- **Mindfulness** - Thanks to our generous PTA, our students and staff will have the opportunity this spring to participate in a Mindfulness curriculum. Through this curriculum we will learn strategies to help us better cope with the daily stressors in life. Benefits of Mindfulness education include: improved attention and focus, emotional regulation, increased awareness and adaptability, growing compassion for self and others, calming the body and mind, improved resilience and greater balance.
- **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.
- **Our Student Council is on the news!** - Check out Jazz 88's school news to listen.
- **Author Visit** - On February 10, Shelly Boyum-Breen, author of Shelly Bean the Sports Queen will be visiting. You are welcome to join us in the auditorium. Please see the schedule below.
 - 9:20-9:50 4th and 5th grade
 - 9:55-10:25 2nd and 3rd grade
 - 10:30-11:00 Kindergarten and 1st
- **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.**
- **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.

Dates to Remember

- **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
- **Monday, February 13**
National African American Parent Involvement Day
- **Winter Parent/Teacher Conferences:**
 - Thursday, February 16, 4-8 pm Evening Conf.
 - Friday, February 17, 8:00-4:00 pm (No School for Students)
- **Monday, February 20**
President's Day Holiday
NO SCHOOL

