

Note from the Principal

January 29, 2019

Dear Families,

As the cold winter temperatures settle in, we have a few fun filled few weeks ahead as we launch into the second half of the school year. Tomorrow we will kick off this year's Read-a-Thon and 'I Love to Read' month with our ever popular Opening Ceremony. Thank you to all who have been involved in the planning and coordination of this year's read-a-thon! February is sure to be a wonderful month of reading!

February is also Black History month. Talk to your children about what they are learning and doing in their classrooms in celebration of this important part of our history. On Monday, February 11th we will celebrate National African American Parent Involvement Day as a part of this month. See below for more details about this day.

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

Phonemic Awareness – Phonemic awareness is one of the five pillars of literacy. It is the ability to notice, think about, and work with individual sounds spoken in words. In MPS phonemic awareness is an important component of our approach to reading instruction. For more on phonemic awareness and other components of reading instruction please see this link <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2uurRrQi2cqaC1uWlowYWQ+Yjg/view>.

Meet the Burroughs Staff

Theresa Wold, Kindergarten Teacher – Mrs. Wold has been teaching in Minneapolis for 26 years, most of which have been in Kindergarten. Kindergarten is her favorite grade to teach. In her words, "There is just something about those 5 and 6 year olds that is magical!" Theresa received her BA from Augsburg College and her MA from St. Mary's University. She is married to Mr. Wold, who also teaches kindergarten, and has three children, two who are Burroughs students. In her free time Mrs. Wold likes to spend time with family, run, and loves to read.

Announcements

- **Winter Conferences** - Winter Conferences are coming up on Thursday, February 14 from 4:00-8:00 pm and on Friday, February 15 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm. Please use this link <https://tinyurl.com/BurroughsWinter2019> to sign up for a time slot to meet with your child(ren)s teacher (s).
- **Strategic Planning Committee** - In February we will be convening a strategic planning committee. If you are interested in participating on this committee, please complete an application. The application can be found at http://burroughs.mpls.k12.mn.us/burroughs_visioning_notes
- **Family Budget Survey** - School budget season will soon be upon us. Your input is important to us! Please use this link, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VKM2Z2G>, to take a short survey to provide us with input that will help guide us as we make budget decisions for the 2019-20 school year.
- **Dismissal** -For the safety of all students and adults, please do not cross the street between the buses on James at dismissal time. Please use the crosswalk at the corner of 50th and James.

Dates to Remember

- **Wednesday, January 30** - Read-a-thon Opening Ceremony 9:30 am in the gym
- **February 4-8** Ice week in P.E.
- **February 11** National African American Parent Involvement Day
- **February 14-15** Winter Conferences
- **February 18** NO SCHOOL President's Day
- **February 19** Site Council 5:00 pm