

Note from the Principal

March 12, 2019

Dear Families,

We've made through two five day weeks in a row! I hope everyone is shoveled out from the weekend storm and prepared for another potential winter storm this week!

Read-a-thon pledges are in, minutes are counted, and the 5th graders are back at rehearsal for the upcoming closing ceremony! Will Mrs. Bartl get glittered and have to dress like a bat for a day? If it means that our students were engaged in lots of reading during the month of February, then I sure hope so! Please join us on Wednesday, March 20 at 9:30 a.m. to see if our students met their reading goal of 2,000,000 minutes.

This evening Burroughs Families for Equity and Justice will be hosting the second "Let's Talk about Race" event of this school year. The last event was well attended and sparked some very relevant and meaningful conversations among families. I hope that tonight is an extension of that. I look forward continuing these important conversations about bias, race, and how we talk about race with our children. Thank you to the PTA and the Burroughs Families for Equity and Justice for sponsoring, coordinating and supporting this event!

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

Morning Meeting - In alignment with the Minneapolis Public Schools priority of Social Emotional Learning, all classrooms at Burroughs are expected to engage a Morning Meeting at the beginning of each school day. The Morning Meeting is a component of the Responsive Classroom Approach and is an opportunity for students and staff to begin each day in a positive way and focus on relationships and community building within the classroom. In addition, it is a strategy to support students with regulating emotions and focusing on their school day. Check out this link <https://www.edutopia.org/video/morning-meetings-building-community-classroom> to see a morning meeting in action.

Meet the Burroughs Staff

Rose Gebhart, Special Education Resource Teacher - As a Special Education Resource Teacher, Mrs. Gebhart provides direct and indirect special education services to students in the areas of academic, emotional/behavioral, social skills, and functional and adaptive skills. Rose has been teaching for over 20 years in Minneapolis as a Resource Teacher. She received her teaching degree from the University of Minnesota, a Master's Degree in Special Education from Mankato State University, and an Educational Specialist Degree from the University of St. Thomas. Mrs. Gebhart loves teaching at Burroughs because of the great students and families, and an excellent staff. She feels it is a great place to work and really enjoys being part of the community.

Announcements

- **Budget Information** - As we enter into budget season, I will keep the community updated on budget decisions made at the school level. If you have questions about the larger MPS budget process, please see this link http://mpls.k12.mn.us/2019-2020_budget.
- **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.**

Dates to Remember

- **March 19** - Site Council 5:00-6:30 pm, PTA 6:30-8:00 pm
- **March 20** - Read-a-thon closing ceremony 9:30 am
- **March 28** - Last day of the 3rd Quarter
- **March 29** - No School Record Keeping Day
- **April 1-5** - No school Spring Break