

## Note from the Principal

March 21, 2017

Dear Families,

Happy Spring! Last week sure ended on a fun note. It was great to see so many families and hear the enthusiasm of the students when the number of minutes read was unveiled. Wow, as a school we read 2,745,598 minutes which was about 300,000 more minutes than last year! The 2017 Burroughs Read-a-Thon was a successful community building and fundraising event! Thank you to all! The week ahead brings more excitement as classrooms celebrate their reading accomplishments.

Over the next two weeks, we will be wrapping up the third quarter of the school year. Time flies! The final quarter of the school year will be full of engaging learning opportunities for students. In addition, this time of year brings our final round of testing. In April, students in grades 3-5 will be taking the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments and in grades 1 and 2 students will take the Spring MAP. More information about these assessments and the spring testing calendar will be communicated in the weeks to come.

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the year, also brings about planning for the next school. With the budget in place, we will begin planning for programming to meet the needs of all of our student and that aligns to the priorities outlined in our district's strategic plan. These priorities include:

- 1) Improved student outcomes
- 2) Equity
- 3) Student, family and community engagement
- 4) Effective teachers, school leaders, and staff
- 5) Stewardship
- 6) Resources for students and schools.

You will find more details regarding the strategic plan at [www.mpls.k12.mn.us/strategic\\_plan](http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/strategic_plan). And our budget decisions will be shared on March 28 at our site council and PTA meetings.

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 Project** - If you have questions about the Mindfulness Project please contact Jen Feriancek at Jen@wiseowlmindfulness.com.
- **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

- **March, 20-24**  
Read-a-Thon Pizza/Ice Cream party Week
- **Tuesday, March 21**  
5:00 pm - Site Council
- **Tuesday, March 28**  
5:00 pm - Site Council  
6:30 pm PTA
- **Thursday, March 30**  
3rd Quarter Ends
- **Friday, March 31**  
NO SCHOOL
- **Monday, April 3 - Friday, April 7**  
Spring Break
- **Monday, April 10**  
School Resumes  
Passover Begins