

## Note from the Principal

March 7, 2017

Dear Families,

Tonight is our Mindfulness night with Jen Feriancek. We are looking forward to a great turnout of families to learn about Mindfulness and how to incorporate these practices at home and in everyday life. Our students and staff are learning many useful strategies that support academic and social learning both in and out of the school setting.

With our annual read-a-thon drawing to a close, our read-a-thon volunteers are working hard to ensure an exciting closing ceremony, and our 5<sup>th</sup> grade actors are back to rehearsal for the closing skit. It has been fun to hear students talking about how many minutes they read throughout the month, what books they read, and how excited they are to find out if they met the goal for my challenge! Thank you to all who were guest readers throughout the read-a-thon. I hope to see many of you join us for the closing ceremony on March 17.

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 Family Night** - Join us from 6:30-8:00 pm on Tuesday, March 7 to learn about Mindfulness and how families can participate in the Mindfulness Project. Jen Feriancek will facilitate the evening, sharing some of the lessons that students are engaged in at school. Child care will be provided.
- **Student Council** - A mascot image for our Burroughs Bobcat will soon be announced. Also, our student council will soon begin a project to ensure that our school is recycling properly.
- **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](http://burroughs.mpls.k12.mn.us/pick_up_drop_off). **Please only use the drop off circle if you have students in kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grades.**
- **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](http://burroughs.mpls.k12.mn.us/talent_development).

## Dates to Remember

- **Tuesday, March 7**  
6:30-8:00 Mindfulness for Families
- **Thursday, March 9**  
Rope Power Night at Washburn
- **Sunday, March 12**  
Daylight Saving Time Begins
- **Friday, March 17**  
Read-a-Thon Closing Ceremony
- **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