

## Note from the Principal

May 2, 2017

Dear Families,

I can hardly believe it is May! Over the last few weeks, many families have reached out to me with questions regarding next school year. I'd like to take this opportunity to share some new developments regarding our programming for 2017-18.

First, we have recently learned that one of our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers, Mr. Knaus, was granted a sabbatical leave for next school year. We are very excited for Mr. Knaus, as this will allow him to complete his Ph.D. course work. This news has resulted in an opportunity for us to adjust some of our staffing and specialist program offerings.

In light of our school mission statement, the Minneapolis Public Schools strategic plan, and the new literacy adoption we are about to embark on, I have decided that this vacancy in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be filled by a current staff member, Mrs. Fischer. Mrs. Fischer is a licensed k-6 teacher and her past work with social studies at a variety of grade levels will be one of the many strengths that she brings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team. This decision allows us to increase our music programming, which I had mentioned in a previous note, would be reduced for next year. I believe these adjustments support our district's priorities of improved student outcomes and equity as well as align with the mission of our school.

A second shift we will be making for next school year is in regards to how we group our students for instruction. As I mentioned in last week's note, our goal is to ensure programming that meets the needs of all of our students in order to support their academic and social growth. To this end, we must ensure that students are getting what they need in their core classrooms through an inclusion model. This model allows specialists and interventionists to be a part of classrooms and work directly with students and teachers to support core instruction. At Burroughs, this has been the model for some of our students and for next year we will be expanding this model to include our advanced learners.

Due to the number of advanced learner's we have and the expectations regarding the services we provide, we will be clustering identified advanced learners in grades 1, 2, and 3. Doing this will allow our Advanced Differentiation Specialist, Teri Emery, to push-in to classrooms and provide required services during core instruction. For more information on the Minneapolis Public Schools model for talent development and advanced learner services click on this link [http://burroughs.mpls.k12.mn.us/talent\\_development](http://burroughs.mpls.k12.mn.us/talent_development).

With the new developments I have outlined above, we will be working hard in this last month and a half of the year to finalize our plans. I am energized by the opportunities

that the future holds for our students at Burroughs! Thank you for your continued support as we work together ensure that we are providing a top notch educational experience to all of our students.

As always, feel free to reach out to me with any questions that may arise and I look forward to seeing many families at the events of the upcoming weeks.

Sincerely,  
Ana Bartl  
Principal

## Announcements

- **Drop off Circle** - The drop circle is for families with children in grades k-2 only. Please review the procedures at [http://burroughs.mpls.k12.mn.us/pick\\_up\\_drop\\_off](http://burroughs.mpls.k12.mn.us/pick_up_drop_off).
- **Mindfulness Project** - If you have questions about the Mindfulness Project please contact Jen Feriancek at [Jen@wiseowlmindfulness.com](mailto: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

- **Tuesday, May 2 Spring Band & Orchestra Concerts in Gym**  
2:00 pm for Students Grades 3-5  
6:30 pm for Parents & Family
- **Wednesday, May 3**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Concert 9:30 am  
4:30-6:00 pm KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
- **Thursday, May 4**  
Spring Campus Clean Up
- **Friday, May 5**  
Band & Orchestra Student Informational Presentations in Auditorium  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade at 9:45 am  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade at 10:15 am

- **Thursday, May 11**  
6:00 pm - 'ALL SCHOOL PICNIC'
- **Friday, May 12**  
9:30 a.m. Cadotte Auditorium Dedication Ceremony  
6:15 pm - Room 235 Performance
- **Tuesday, May 16**  
5:30 p.m. 4<sup>th</sup> grade Choir Concert
- **Wednesday, May 17**  
5:30 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> grade Choir Concert
- **Thursday, May 18**  
1:45 pm - 'Parade of States' ~ 4th Grade/Gym
- **Wednesday, May 24**  
Track & Field Day  
Morning ~ Grades 3-5  
Afternoon ~ Grades 1-2  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!
- **Friday, May 26**  
Track & Field Day 'Rain Day'
- **Monday, May 29**  
Memorial Day Holiday NO SCHOOL
- **Thursday June 1**  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade @ Biz Town- *all day*
- **Friday, June 2**  
2:30 - Room 232 Performance in Auditorium
- **Wednesday, June 7- Friday, 9**  
3rd Grade Overnights at Voyageur Environmental Center Rooms/  
7-8<sup>th</sup> Rooms 346 & 357  
8-9<sup>th</sup> Room 348, 351 & 353
- **Wednesday, June 7**  
9:15-3:15 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to Lowry Nature Center  
Rooms 203 & 231
- **Thursday, June 8**  
9:15-3:15 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to Lowry Nature Center  
Rooms 205-206-233
- **Tuesday, June 13**  
9:45 am - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir will perform

- **Wednesday, June 14 Last Day of School**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic

1:30 Kindergarten Program