

Note from the Principal

May 21, 2019

Dear Families,

Last week was a week of gratitude here at Burroughs beginning with our Volunteer Appreciation Celebration Hosted by staff and ending with the Staff Appreciation Breakfast hosted by our PTA. A huge shout out to our PTA volunteers and Classroom Champs for hosting a lovely breakfast on Friday! From the delicious food, to the notes of love and gratitude on the sidewalks and table coverings - staff felt appreciated and loved for all of the hard work they do to create a school where our students feel welcomed, safe, and valued for who they are and what they bring to our learning community. Thank you!

We are winding down the school year quickly! Spring testing is over and this week we look forward to our annual Track and Field Day, the 4th grade spring concert and Wacky Hat, Hair or Backwards day. Let's hope for decent weather so that the Track and Field day events can go off without a hitch. All of these events are wonderful opportunities for students, staff and families to have fun and connect as we close out the year.

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 and I look forward to seeing many families at the events of the upcoming weeks.

Sincerely,
Ana Bartl
Principal

Important Announcements

Site Council - Site Council Voting is open now through Friday, May 24. Please refer to the eblast sent to families on Monday, May 20 to review candidates and place your vote.

Meet the Burroughs Staff

Pone Vongsouvan, Associate Educator - Pone is in his 25th year working in MPS. He was at Longfellow Community School for 18 years and has been here at Burroughs for 7 years. As an associate educator, Pone coordinates our district and state testing, supervises recess and works in classrooms to provide addition academic support for students. Pone earned his degrees at the U of MN and Augsburg. He was born in Toulouse, France and came to the US in 1985. He speaks three languages; French, English, and Laotian. Pone loves tennis and plays whenever he can. He also enjoys cooking Laotian and French food and reading history books in his down time.

Instructional Insights

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) - These are the state assessments in reading, math and science that our 3rd through 5th grade students take each spring. The tests measure student performance relative to the Minnesota Academic Standards and provide information as to how well districts and schools have aligned their curriculum and instruction to the standards. The data gathered from the MCA assessments is important information to help us as a school reflect on our instructional practices to improve classroom teaching and learning.

Dates to Remember

- **May 21** - Site Council 5:00 pm
- **May 22** - Track and Field Day 9:45 am 3-5 grades, 1:00 pm 1-2 grades
- **May 23** - 4th grade concert 5:00 pm

- **May 24** - Track and Field Rain Day
 - Wacky hat, hair or backwards day
- **May 30** - 5th grade concert 5:00 pm
- **June 6** - 5th grade promotion ceremony, reception and picnic 9:45 am
 - Kindergarten program 1:45
- **June 7** - Last day of school