

Note from the Principal

May 30, 2017

Dear Families,

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend! We are in the home stretch with only thirteen school days left for the year. These next two weeks will fly by and continue to be filled with a variety of performances, field trips and celebrations.

Thank you to all who came out to support our Field Day event last week! Once again we could not do such an event without our amazing PE teachers and all of the help from our classroom teachers, support staff and our families. Students had a wonderful time being outside and active!

In the 'Instructional Insights' section this week, I am highlighting mathematics instruction. At the end of April, five of our teachers had the opportunity to attend the Minnesota Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM) conference in Duluth. This conference is a wonderful opportunity for teachers to network and learn about instructional practices in the area of mathematics. The teachers who attended the conference came back energized by their new learning and shared takeaways with their colleagues at our staff meeting last week. Sharing their insights was excellent professional learning for all of us and evidence that we are a true community of learners.

As always, feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns that may arise.

Sincerely,
Ana Bartl
Principal

Instructional Insights

- **Number Talk** - A number talk is a short, ongoing daily routine that provides students with meaningful ongoing practice with computation. It is a powerful tool for helping students develop computational fluency because the expectation is that they will use number relationships and the structures of numbers to add, subtract, multiply and divide. Number talks range from 5-15 minutes and can be embedded into the daily math lesson or done as a standalone during morning meeting or other times during the school day.
- **Computational Fluency** - The National Council for Teachers of Mathematics states the "Computational Fluency refers to having efficient and accurate methods for computing. Students exhibit computational fluency when they demonstrate flexibility in the computational methods they choose, understand and can explain these methods, and produce accurate answers efficiently. The computational methods that a student uses should be based on mathematical ideas that the student understands well, including the structure of the base-ten number system, properties of multiplication and division, and number relationship." *Principals and Standards for School Mathematics*, NCTM, Reston, VA 2000, p.152

Announcements

- **Volunteers Appreciation** - Calling all volunteers! So much of what we do could not be done without your support. Please join us on Tuesday, June 6th from 4:00-5:00 pm in the courtyard to celebrate all you do to support our students and staff.
- **James Avenue**- For the safety of all students, if you drop off or pick up on James Ave., please do so at bus sign #8, closer to the bridge. Children can walk to the building from there. Also, please do not pull into the loading dock driveway to turn around.
- **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.

Dates to Remember

- **Thursday, June 1**
5th Grade @ Biz Town- *all day*
- **Wednesday, June 7- Friday, 9**
3rd Grade Overnights at Voyageur Environmental Center
- **Wednesday, June 7**
9:15-3:15 2nd Grade to Lowry Nature Center
Rooms 203 & 231
- **Thursday, June 8**

9:15-3:15 2nd Grade to Lowry Nature Center
Rooms 205-206-233

- **Tuesday, June 13**

9:45 am - 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony
4th Grade Choir will perform

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

5th Grade Picnic
1:30 Kindergarten Program