

## Note from the Principal

### November 20, 2018

Dear Families,

To begin with, I'd like to express my deep gratitude for all of the well wishes I have received since announcing the news of the adoption opportunity that me and my family recently accepted. As we all know, nothing in life is a guarantee and in the case of adoption this is especially true. Late last week, my husband and I were informed that this opportunity would no longer be taking place. Although we are saddened by this news, I am confident that another opportunity will eventually come our way and I will of course keep the community in the loop if and when another something comes to fruition.

Last week, I spoke briefly to our Burroughs Community School Mission:

*Our mission is a commitment to inspire all students to be College, Career and Life Ready, well-educated with a sense of determination, bravery and the capacity to fulfill their aspirations. Burroughs students will be Global Citizens who give back to society and continue to be life-long learners.*

Thank you to all who share your time, ideas and resources to help us make this mission come to life. Below are just a few of the things that we do to support this mission during the school day:

- Morning Meetings every day in all classrooms to set a positive and supportive tone for the day.
- Teachers implementing 2<sup>nd</sup> Step, a social emotional learning curriculum
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade leaders giving announcements every Monday about "The Burroughs Way" - Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe
- Student-led service projects
- Learning experiences in classrooms that are relevant to students and connected to life outside of school walls

I look forward to deepening our partnerships in the year ahead as we engage in the next steps of our community visioning process to develop a vision of Burroughs that supports our student's growth towards this mission. In the weeks to come I will be sharing information on how to get involved with the next phase of the visioning process.

With the Thanksgiving Holiday upon us, I want to again share my gratitude for each and every student, family, teacher, and staff member in our community. I am so grateful to have the opportunity to be a part of the Burroughs community. Thank you for sharing your children with us! Have a safe Holiday weekend.

Sincerely,

Ana Bartl  
Principal

### Meet the Burroughs Staff

**Lila Deye, Office Assistant** - Lila has been the Office Assistant/Finance Clerk at Burroughs since 2001. In addition to this role, Lila also coordinates our busy cafeteria. Lila loves working at Burroughs and helping our students and staff with whatever they need to get through the day. Outside of her work here at Burroughs, Lila enjoys time with her three children and seven grandchildren.

### Announcements

- **No School** - November 21-23.
- **Feed My Starving Children** - A group of 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Ms. Walvatne's room will be running a penny drive to raise money for Feed My Starving Children. They will make announcements next week and deliver change collection canisters to classrooms. The drive will begin on Monday, November 26 and run through Friday, December 14.
- **Sinfonia** - Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade choir will perform with the Sinfonia musicians in the Burroughs Gymnasium on Friday, December 7 at 1:00 and 2:00 pm.

### Dates to Remember

- **Wednesday, Nov 21 - Friday, Nov 23**  
Thanksgiving Break  
NO SCHOOL
- **Friday, December 7** - Sinfonia, 12:30-3:00 pm
- **Monday, December 10-14** - Family Fun Run Week
- **Friday, December 7 (Change of Date)**- Coffee with the Principal, 9:30-10:30 am
- **Monday, December 24- Friday, January 4** - No School, Winter Break

