

## Note from the Principal

October 2, 2018

Welcome to October! Last week was an eventful week. It began with an evacuation on Monday morning due to a gas smell, Site Council and PTA meetings, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade "Pedal, Paddle, Fish" week, and culminated with the Washburn High School band stopping by to perform a couple of songs during recess as a part of their Homecoming festivities.

On the note of Monday's evacuation, the staff and students did a wonderful job of evacuating to the Mount Olivet Chapel in a safe and efficient manner. This week, on Wednesday, we will conduct our first of five required code red drills. A code red is called when there is a threat inside the building. The purpose of this drill is to ensure that staff and students know how to execute important safety procedures in the event that we would have a situation at school that would require us to secure the building via a lockdown. Staff is aware of the drill and has been instructed to review the procedures of a 'code red' with their students. Please go to this link [http://emss.mpls.k12.mn.us/uploads/a\\_parents\\_guide\\_to\\_what\\_we\\_do.pdf](http://emss.mpls.k12.mn.us/uploads/a_parents_guide_to_what_we_do.pdf) for more information about Minneapolis Public Schools Emergency procedures. You may also want to take a few minutes to discuss emergency procedures/drill with your children.

It was great to see so many families and community members in the building this week helping in the lunchroom, volunteering to help with 'Pedal, Paddle, Fish' week, and at the PTA meeting. Other events to look forward to this month include; the Scholastic Book Fair and Flu Shot Clinic, parent/teacher conferences and our annual Fall campus clean-up day.

Family and community engagement are instrumental components of a successful school. At Burroughs we are so appreciative of the support of our families. Burroughs is a community of true partnership and there are many things that we would not be able to do without that support. Thank you!

Conferences are coming up very soon and it is an important opportunity for families to learn about the progress of their child. Information about how to sign up for conferences will be in classroom newsletters this week and on our website. If you have any trouble signing up please contact your child's teacher for assistance.

Please feel free to reach out by phone, email, or in person, with any questions that may arise.

Sincerely,

Ana Bartl  
Principal

## Instructional Insights

**Differentiation** - A commonly used term in education. This relates to what teachers do to meet the needs of the diverse learners in their classrooms. In a differentiated classroom, rather than relying on whole group instruction (which is often too low for some learners and too high for others), everyone in class has a chance to use learning strategies that are appropriate to their needs. Students work in flexible groups that keep them interested and challenged. This link, from the Winnetka School District in Illinois, is great for describing what differentiation looks like in classrooms

[https://www.winnetka36.org/sites/default/files/curriculum/Differentiation\\_FAQs.pdf](https://www.winnetka36.org/sites/default/files/curriculum/Differentiation_FAQs.pdf).

## Announcements

- **Conferences** - Sign up for conferences using this link <https://tinyurl.com/BurrMasterListFall2018>.
- **Parking 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). Below are a few main points to keep in mind when using the parking circle.
  - ✓ It is vital to the safety of our students that **ALL** families adhere to the rules.
  - ✓ Drive slowly.
  - ✓ The drop off circle at the main entrance is for children in **grades K-2 only**. See below for safe drop off locations for grades 3-5.
  - ✓ Be sure to pull up all the way up to the '**Drop Off**' Sign.
  - ✓ Students must be let out of the **passenger side** right onto the curb.
  - ✓ Adults, **DO NOT** get out of your car.
  - ✓ Students need to **hop out quickly** so you can depart immediately.
  - ✓ **Remember, you can only make a right-hand turn out of the Burroughs lot between 8:30-9:30am.**
- **Community Visioning Event** - Thank you to all who came out to be a part of this conversation on June 14 and August 16! I am feeling inspired and energized by the conversations. We will be holding one final input gathering event on Thursday, October 11 from 6:00-8:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with others in our community and provide input into what we envision for our school community over the next 3-5 years. If you were/are unable to attend the event in person, and would like to provide input, please use this link to share your ideas using this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7NF3X9D>.

## Meet the Burroughs Staff

**Croix Kennedy, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher** - Ms. Kennedy is very happy to be rejoining the Burroughs community. She has spent the majority of her years in the Minneapolis Public Schools teaching in many different special education settings and is excited for a new challenge as a 4th grade classroom teacher. Croix grew up in Minneapolis, and attended Burroughs as an elementary student! She is a proud graduate of Minneapolis Public Schools and earned her Master's degree in

Education from Augsburg University last year. She delighted to continue this journey of learning and teaching with the families and students of Burroughs Community School!

#### Dates to Remember

- **Tuesday, October 2** - Mindfulness Family Night 6:00-7:30 pm
- **Saturday, October 6** - Book Fair 11:00am-2:00pm
- **Thursday, October 11** - Community Visioning Session 6:00-8:00 pm
- **Tuesday, October 16** - Conferences 4:00-8:00pm
- **Wednesday, October 17** - Conferences 8:00am-4:00pm (No School Students)
- **Thursday, October 18** - No School
- **Friday, October 19** - No School
- **Saturday, October 27**- Campus Clean Up 10:00 am-1:00pm
- **Wednesday, October 31** - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Ends
- **Thursday, November 1** - No School, Professional Development Day for Teachers
- **Thursday, November 2** - No School, Record Keeping Day for Teachers
- **Monday, November 5** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter begins
- **Friday, November 9** - Fall for Burroughs Auction