

## Note from the Principal

### September 20, 2016

Dear Families,

It was great to see so many of you at curriculum nights last week as well as joining your children for our "Week on Wheels" and "Beachcombers Week"!

Some common themes I heard across grade levels and specialist areas during curriculum nights were the importance of relationships, meeting individual student's needs through differentiated instruction, and providing all students with meaningful and rigorous learning experiences that are engaging and promote academic and social growth.

In these last couple of weeks of September, as fall approaches, your students will be settling into their learning routines. Your support at home is crucial to your child's success at school. Please ask your children to tell you about what they are learning and consider setting up a homework space and routine. We encourage you to build reading into your nightly routines, whether children are reading independently, you are reading to them or you are listening to them read. Such routines will support our children in developing academic skills as well as encourage a love of learning.

Our first PTA meeting of the school year is coming up on Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30. We have many, fun PTA sponsored events coming up this fall and could use all of the help we can get. Attending PTA meetings is a great way to stay informed about what is going on in the Burroughs community, get involved, as well as connect with others. We are grateful for all that our PTA does for our students!

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

Sincerely,

Ana Bartl  
Principal

## Announcements

- **Afterschool Programming-** Fall after school classes began this week. Please see dates below if you child is register for Spanish, French, Ukulele, Band or Orchestra.
- **Attendance/Tardy** - Regular attendance and coming to school on time are important to your child's success at school. Please see the Attendance page (<http://burroughs.mpls.k12.mn.us/attendance>) on our website for our protocols and procedure regarding attendance and coming late to school.
- **Drop-off/Pick-up Circle-** Construction on 50<sup>th</sup> should wrap up soon. We will keep families updated on when the drop-off/pick-up circle will reopen. Thank you all for your patience and flexibility during this time.
- **Dismissal** - This is an extremely busy time of day. Please communicate to the teacher or office in person or in writing well in advance of dismissal time if your child will be going home in an alternative way i.e. instead of taking the bus home they will be picked up or have permission to walk to their destination, etc.

## Dates to Remember

- **Monday, September 19**  
After school Spanish begins
- **Tuesday, September 20**  
Beginner Ukulele begins
- **Wednesday, September 21**  
School Pictures
- **Thursday September 22**  
Mount Olivet Band and Orchestra begin
- **Monday, September 26-Friday, October 30**  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade Paddle & Fish Week
- **Tuesday, September 27**  
PTA Meeting 6:30 pm
- **Wednesday, October 5**  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of International Walk & Bike to School Day
- **Saturday, October 15**  
Fall School Campus Clean-up **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
- **Tuesday, October 18**  
Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8 pm
- **Wednesday, October 19 NO SCHOOL**  
Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00 am-4:00 pm
- **Thursday, October 20 and Friday, October 21 NO SCHOOL**
- **Tuesday, October 25**  
10:00-12:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to Gibbs Farm  
3:45-5:00 After-School French Begins

- **Wednesday, October 26**  
Picture Retake Day
- **Friday, October 28**  
Grades 3-5 at the Ordway 12:30 performance
- **Tuesday, November 1**  
Advanced Learner Information Night for Parents 6:30 pm
- **Wednesday, November 2**  
First Quarter Ends
- **Thursday, November 3 NO SCHOOL**
- **Friday, November 4 NO SCHOOL**