

Note from the Principal

September 27, 2016

Dear Families,

We had eventful week last week with the construction on 50th coming to an end, school picture day, and the start of MAP testing. In the week ahead, we look forward to 'Peddle, Paddle Fish Week' for our 3rd graders and our Fall Book Fair.

Over the next few weeks, our students in grades 1-5 will be taking the MAP test in both reading and math. These assessments provide us with information about student's math and reading skills. Teachers use this information as a baseline to inform their instruction and design classroom experiences that meet the learning needs of all students. As a school we use the data we gain from the MAP tests to look at the academic growth and to help us make programmatic decisions that are in the best interest of our students. Teachers will be sharing individual results of the MAP tests with families at Fall Conferences in mid-October.

Finally, a reminder that on November 8, Minneapolis voters will be asked to renew the school district's current operating referendum authorization, which expires after the 2016-17 school year. If passed, funding would help Minneapolis Public Schools manage class sizes and provide supportive services and activities for students. The request would authorize the referendum for nine years and be annually adjusted for inflation. Property taxes are not projected to increase if the referendum renewal passes. Learn more at www.mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum2016.

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

Sincerely,

Ana Bartl
Principal

Announcements

- **Drop-off Circle**- Now open! Please use this for drop off only if you have children in k-2. Thank you all for your patience and flexibility during this time.
- **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.
- **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 26-Friday, October 30**
3rd grade Paddle & Fish Week
- **Tuesday, September 27**
PTA Meeting 6:30 pm
- **Saturday, October 1**
Book Fair 11:00 am-2:00pm
- **Wednesday, October 5**
20th 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 2nd 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**