

## Note from the Principal

### September 4, 2018

Dear Families,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe Labor Day weekend!

We had a wonderful first week of school. Thank you to the families who chalked the sidewalk to welcome our kindergarten students to Burroughs! Now that September is here, we are back in full swing. This week we will have our traditional back to school assemblies, to celebrate all of the hard work students and teachers have done to set a positive tone for learning and to learn important academic and social rituals and routines. I hope your children are coming home excited and eager to share what they are learning in their various subjects and specialists classes!

This week also bring our annual curriculum nights. This is a great opportunity for families to learn more about what your children are learning at each grade level. These nights are intended to give families the opportunity to inquire about curriculum and gain insight into your child's day. In addition to learning about curriculum, information will be available about some of the after school opportunities that will soon be available to Burroughs students. Dates and times for curriculum nights are listed below, under the "dates to remember" section of this communication. If you are unable to attend, please look for communication coming home from your child's teacher regarding curriculum, afterschool programming, and other important grade level announcements.

Please feel free to reach out by phone, email, or in person, with any questions that may arise. I look forward to seeing many of you over the next couple of weeks!

Sincerely,

Ana Bartl  
Principal

## Announcements

- **Family Calendar Handbook** – Family Calendar Handbooks will be ready and sent home with student in mid-September. Until then, please refer to our website for dates and times of school events
- **School Spirit Fridays** - Celebrate your Burroughs Spirit every Friday. Encourage your children to wear our Burroughs Colors (navy and yellow) or any 'Burroughs Wear' they have.
- **Arrival** – For the safety of our students, unless they are enrolled in the Minneapolis Kids program, please do not drop them off at school until 8:55 am. Burroughs staff is typically in meetings from 8:00-8:55 am therefore we do not have the capacity to supervise children during that time.
- **Breakfast** - School breakfast is available and free of charge on a daily basis for any student who would like it. At 8:55 am students are released from the atrium. To go to breakfast and/or their classrooms. If a student is having breakfast they go to the cafeteria to pick up the food and then take it to their classrooms to eat.
- **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.
- **Coffee with the Principal** - Beginning in October, I will be hosting 'Coffee with the Principal' on the second Friday of each month from 9:30-10:30. This will be an opportunity to connect with myself and others in the community throughout the year.
- **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

**Ms. Robin Weber, Media/Technology Specialist** – Robin has been a librarian for 13 years in the K-12 environment. She has a mix of public library and school library experience and

loves to guide children to knowledge and provide them with all the worlds their imagination can wonder. She is excited to be a part of the Burroughs community and engage students in reading and technology.

## Instructional Insights

**Multi Tiered Systems of Support(MTSS)** -MTSS is one of the strategic priorities of MPS for ensuring we're achieving more equitable outcomes for all students. In the area of academics, MTSS relies on multiple tiers of instruction that work together as a safety net to prevent school failure. The critical features of this school-wide framework include:

**Assessments:** A system of assessments to screen, monitor the progress of and provide summative data about students.

**High-quality, evidence-based instruction** for students that may happen at multiple levels.

**Tier 1 or Core instruction:** All students receive core instruction as part of the general curriculum. It must be standards based, of high quality and delivered with fidelity to increase the likelihood that the majority of students in a class are making progress and can become proficient in grade-level standards by the end of the school year.

**Tier 2 or supplemental interventions:** a second level of supports for students who are not on track to be proficient.

**Data-based decision making:** School leaders and teachers use data obtained through the MTSS framework process to improve organizational supports and instruction and to make decisions about students at risk of not meeting grade-level expectations.

## Dates to Remember

- **Monday, September 3** - Labor Day, No School
- **Tuesday, September 4** - Curriculum Night  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade 6:00-7:00 pm  
Kindergarten 7:15-8:15 pm  
P.E. 6:30-7:00 & 7:15-7:45 pm
- **Wednesday, September 5** - Curriculum Night  
2nd Grade 6:00-7:00 pm  
3rd Grade 7:15-8:15 pm

Art & Music 6:30-7:00 & 7:15-7:45 pm

- **Thursday, September 6** - Curriculum Night  
Band and Orchestra Information Meeting 5:30 or 6:00 pm  
4th Grade 6:00-7:00 pm  
5th Grade 7:15-8:15 pm  
Media & Technology 6:30-7:00 & 7:15-7:45 pm
- **Tuesday, September 18** - School Pictures
- **Tuesday, September 25** - PTA Meeting 6:30 pm