

Note from the Principal

November 6, 2018

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2nd Quarter of the school year! I hope your children all enjoyed another long weekend. Quarter 1 was a great start to the year and we will work to continue the enthusiasm and build on the relationships that have been established to leverage and enrich student learning throughout the rest of the school year.

This is another busy week with Election Day today, school tour season beginning on Wednesday, and Coffee with the Principal and our annual 'Fall for Burroughs' Auction fundraiser on Friday. Speaking of Election Day, this year, our Youth Voice Advisors, Ms. Alvarez and Ms. Weber, have coordinated 'Kids Vote' for our 3rd-5th graders. This is an excellent program to help teach our student about the voting process.

We hope to see many families on Friday at the Minneapolis Event Center for the auction. This event is not only an important fund raiser to support our school but also a wonderful opportunity for our adult community to get to know one another and socialize for a great cause that directly supports the students of Burroughs.

Remember, report cards will be sent home with students the week of November 19. Once you receive reports cards, if you have questions please reach out to your child's teacher.

Have a wonderful week and please feel free to reach out with any questions that may arise.

Sincerely,

Ana Bartl

Principal

Instructional Insights

Social Emotional Competencies - As part of our district priority of Social Emotional Learning, there are five competencies of that as human beings we have the opportunity to develop and practice every day as we engage and interact other people and experiences.

At Burroughs, we believe that it is an integral part of our work that we as adults practice, model and work to develop our own social emotional competencies as well as support our students in developing their competencies.

Self-Awareness: The ability to accurately recognize one's emotions and thoughts, and their influence on behavior. This includes accurately assessing one's strengths and areas for growth, and possessing a well-grounded sense of confidence and optimism.

Self-Management: The ability to regulate one's emotions, thoughts, and behaviors effectively in different situations. This includes managing stress, controlling impulses, motivating oneself, and setting and working towards achieving personal and academic goals.

Social Awareness: The ability to take the perspective of and empathize with others from diverse backgrounds and cultures, to understand social and ethical norms for behavior, and to recognize family, school, and community resources and support.

Relationship Skills: The ability to establish and maintain healthy and rewarding relationships with diverse individuals and groups. This includes communicating clearly, listening actively, cooperating, resisting inappropriate social pressure, negotiating conflict constructively, and seeing and offering help when needed.

Responsible Decision Making: The ability to make constructive and respectful choices about personal behavior and social interactions based on considerations of ethical standards, safety concerns, social norms, the realistic evaluation of consequences of various actions, and the well-being of self and others.

Announcements

- **School Start Time** - A reminder that school starts at 9:10 a.m. Students who are dropped off, walk, or bike to school can arrive as early as 8:55 and will be allowed to go to breakfast and their classrooms at that time. Students who arrive after 9:10 a.m. will have to sign in at the office and be considered tardy.
- **Fall for Burroughs Auction** - On Friday, November 9 the Burroughs PTA will be hosting its annual Auction Fundraiser. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and fun opportunity for our adult community to connect. The funds raised from this event support so much of what we are able to do here at Burroughs. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://one.bidpal.net/fallforburroughs18/welcome>.
- **Vote YES twice for kids!** - With the election right around the corner check out this website for more information about the Minneapolis Public Schools referendum and Vote Yes twice campaign. YESFORMPLSKIDS.ORG.

- **Weather** - As the weather turns colder, please send your students to school with appropriate outdoor attire.

Meet the Burroughs Staff

Beth Alvarez, Social Worker - Ms. Alvarez, aka Ms. A. is our school social worker. She attended Bethel College where she majored in Business. She has been in social work since 1992 and received a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Minnesota. She earned a license as an Independent Clinical Social Worker in 2001. Ms. Alvarez began working at Burroughs Elementary School as the School Social Worker in September of 1997 and has been here ever since. She enjoys the children and their excitement for learning. One of her most favorite activities is organizing and conducting groups for students.

Dates to Remember

- **Monday, November 5** - 2nd Quarter begins
- **Friday, November 9** - Coffee with the Principal, 9:30-10:30 am
Fall for Burroughs Auction, 7:00 pm
- **Tuesday, November 13** - Site Council 5:00 pm, PTA 6:30 pm
- **Wednesday, November 21-23** - No School, Thanksgiving Break
- **Friday, December 7** - Sinfonia, 12:30-3:00 pm
- **Monday, December 10-14** - Family Fun Run Week
- **Friday, December 14** - Coffee with the Principal, 9:30-10:30 am
- **Monday, December 24- Friday, January 4** - No School, Winter Break