

Note from the Principal

October 11, 2016

Dear Families,

Wow, it's hard to believe that we are in our sixth week of the school year! I love this time of the school year. With the rituals and routines of school in full motion, it offers us a time to pause and reflect. How are our children doing? What are we doing to support their growth? How are we fostering a love of learning and building our students up to be responsibly independent? These are just a few of the questions on my mind now and as we move through the year.

With parent/teacher conferences coming up, these are questions that are also on the mind of teachers as they prepare to talk with you about the progress of your child. Keep in mind, that conferences are not only an opportunity for teacher to share with families but also for families to ask questions and share with teachers. It is through these opportunities for dialogue that we all learn about how to support our children as they grow.

A few other things coming up soon are our annual Fall Campus Clean Up day and the "Visit Our Schools" Campaign Kick-Off. Both of these events will be held at Burroughs on Saturday, October 15 and volunteers are welcome. 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!

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

Sincerely,

Ana Bartl
Principal

Announcements

- **Parent/Teacher Conferences** - Google Doc is open. Please sign up for conferences by Sunday, October 16 using this link <http://tinyurl.com/BurroughsConferencesFall2016>. If you have any trouble signing up please contact your child's teacher for assistance.
- **Additional Recess/Movement Break**– In addition to the 15 minutes of recess that all students receive after lunch, classroom teachers will be providing 10-15 minutes of additional recess or a movement break. This time may take the form of structured, indoor or outdoor movement activities guided by the teacher. Please pay attention to the weather and send your children to school with comfortable outdoor attire.
- **Referendum Information** - www.mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum2016.
- **Drop-off Circle** - Please review drop-off circle safety protocols and use this for drop off only if you have children in k-2. Remember, that safe arrival to school is our number one goal. Please drive slowly, pull all the way up, adults stay in the car, students exit the car from the passenger side only.

Dates to Remember

- **Saturday, October 15**
Fall School Campus Clean-up 10:00am - 12:00pm **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
Visit Our Schools Campaign Kick-off 9:30am-12:00pm
- **Tuesday, October 18**
Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8pm
- **Wednesday, October 19 NO SCHOOL**
Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00am-4:00pm
- **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 6:30pm
- **Wednesday, November 2**
First Quarter Ends
- **Thursday, November 3 NO SCHOOL**
- **Friday, November 4 NO SCHOOL**