

Note from the Principal

October 30, 2018

Dear Families,

Thank you to all to showed up on Saturday to help with our annual Campus Clean Up! This is just one more example of the generous support that our community provides. We could not keep our campus looking the way it does without your help. Thank you!

With November right around the corner, we have another busy month ahead. The end of the 1st Quarter is tomorrow and there is no school for students on Thursday and Friday of this week. These days are for teachers to engage in professional learning opportunities and to work on report cards. Report cards will be sent home with students the week of November 19. Once you have received your child's reports card, if you have questions please reach out to your child's teacher.

Another event that takes place in November is our annual 'Fall for Burroughs' Auction. This year, the auction will take place on Friday, November 9th at Minneapolis Events Center. Tickets for this event can be purchased online. This is not only a fun event for our adult community but also an important fundraiser for our school. We look forward to seeing you there! Enjoy another long weekend and please feel free to reach out with any questions that may arise.

Sincerely,

Ana Bartl
Principal

Instructional Insights

Morning Meeting - Morning Meeting is one of our morning routines here at Burroughs that takes place in classrooms between 9:10 and 9:45 am. Morning Meeting is one component of the Responsive Classroom Approach which aligns with our district's priority of Social Emotional Learning. Each morning students engage with their teacher and classmates in a morning meeting which includes 4 distinct structures - a greeting, sharing, a quick activity, and a morning message. The purposes of the meeting are to:

- set the tone for learning and establish a climate of trust.
- motivate children by addressing the needs to feel a sense of significance, belonging and to have fun.
- merge social, emotional and intellectual learning.
- teach and practice important social and academic skills.

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.

Meet the Burroughs Staff

Jeff Pilon, Art Teacher - This is Jeff's 6th year at Burroughs and 9th year teaching in Minneapolis. Jeff grew up just west of Minneapolis in New Hope and Plymouth where he attended Robbinsdale Schools. He has a B.A. in fine art from

the University of Arizona and a M.Ed in art education from the University of Minnesota. After doing a year of Americorps in the Minneapolis Public Schools, his wife and he served 2 years in the Peace Corps in Nicaragua working as TEFL teacher trainers before coming back to work in MPS again. His family now resides in south Minneapolis in the Longfellow neighborhood. He has a son, Cullen, who is in 1st grade at Hiawatha Elementary and 3 year old daughter, Coralie. His wife, Jenny, teaches social studies at Sanford Middle School. With his limited free time he tries to continue his own art practices at his studio in Northeast. His own work is influenced by abstraction and my environment. He explores themes of movement, color, shape and balance. He is inspired by landscapes, natural elements and texts and how those can be explored mainly through the medium of printmaking.

Dates to Remember

- **Saturday, October 27-** Campus Clean Up 10:00 am-1:00pm
- **Wednesday, October 31** - 1st Quarter Ends
- **Thursday, November 1** - No School, Professional Development Day for Teachers
- **Thursday, November 2** - No School, Record Keeping Day for Teachers
- **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