

December 13, 2018

Bancroft Buzz

The bimonthly newsletter of Bancroft Elementary School



Dear Bancroft Families,

It amazes me that we are nearing the end of another calendar year and the unofficial midway point of our school year. I am thankful for the opportunity to work with our wonderful staff, your children, and you on a daily basis! Bancroft is a wonderful community, and I am grateful to help serve the staff, students, and families!

As we are entering the season of giving, *consider the gift of books for your children.* The love of reading is still a treasured art. Too often when we think of gifts we picture the latest and greatest technology devices, when what our children really need is a good book. Sitting with your children and reading to them is a great gift of your time and your love. When you encourage your child to imagine what the characters are feeling or to picture what is happening in the book, you are helping them build reading skills. I would encourage you over the next few busy weeks to take quiet time to read to your children and help instill the love of reading.

On behalf of the Bancroft Elementary staff, I want to wish all of you a safe, joyous, and peaceful holiday season and new year!

We will see you back at school on Monday, January 7th, 2019.

Respectfully,
Diego De Paz
Principal

ARTS NIGHT
 Thursday, December 13 - 5:00-7:00pm
 Join us for dinner, performances, art projects, music, movement, and all sorts of CREATIVITY!

Mark Your Calendar

DECEMBER 24 - JANUARY 4
WINTER BREAK: NO SCHOOL!
 Return to class Monday, January 7

Wed, Jan. 9 - Last day of After-School Session 1

Mon, Jan. 14 - First day of After-School Session 2

Monday, Jan. 21 - NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Thur, Jan. 24 - ROLLER GARDEN
 Bancroft Family Roller Skating 6-8pm
Bancroft IN SESSION

Friday, Jan. 25 - NO SCHOOL
 Teacher Planning Day

IB UPDATE: Inquiry continues over break!



Winter Break is a chance for new learning!
 School vacations are a great opportunity to learn about the world around us. Breaks from school give families a chance to spend time together and to learn in different ways: getting out in the community and exploring is always educational.

In fact, those experiences can lead to better learning in the classroom because they build lots of background information about many different topics that may ultimately be covered in school.

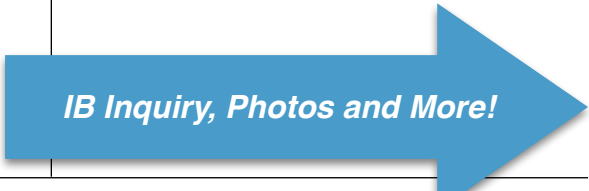
Students' outside experiences give them a solid base to build on as they learn in the classroom.

Check out free or low-cost ideas on the next page for fun things to do with your family over Winter Break.

If you know future Hi-5 or Kindergarten families, please encourage them to check out **Bancroft**, our IB Program, and just what a great school we are!

School requests due Feb. 8, 2019
SchoolRequest.mpls.k12.mn.us

Call 612-668-3550 to schedule a tour!



WINTER BREAK

IB Inquiry with your family!

Explore our city's parks

Visit a park you haven't been to before. Go ice skating! Most Minneapolis parks have skates available for free.

Also, recreation centers have free, supervised activities! More info: minneapolisparcs.org



Check out a different library

And check out some books!

The main library downtown is a fun destination by bus or train. See the website for more library events and activities for families: hclib.org 612-543-5669



Get Art-y and Get Smart-y

Visit the MIA - Minneapolis Institute of Art. Admission is free (donations accepted), and they have a great Family Center. Paintings, sculptures and more! new.artsmia.org 888-642-2787 The Weisman Art Museum at the U of MN is also free. 612-625-9494

Visit a polar bear



The Como Zoo and Conservatory in St. Paul are always free. 651-487-8200 comozooconservatory.org

Meals and Snacks

Free snacks and/or meals will be available at these and other locations during winter break:

- Powderhorn Park
- Whittier Park
- Central Gym Park
- East Lake Library

More information here:

mpls.k12.mn.us/winter_break_resources

Additional resources:

MPS Family Resource Center sss.mpls.k12.mn.us/family_resource_center

3RD GRADE FIELD TRIP TO THE BELL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY



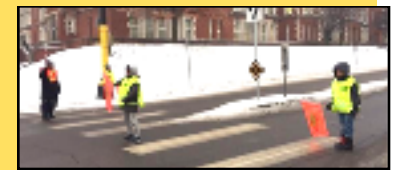
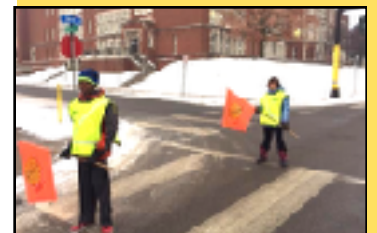
NEWS from
AFTER-SCHOOL

Following Winter Break, there is one more week of After-School - Session 1, ending on Wednesday, January 9. That week, the regular academic (ALC) classes and activities will run for the full two hours - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

After-School - Session 2 begins on Monday, January 14. Students will receive sign-up sheets this week for the Session 2. Please turn in forms by Dec. 19. Teachers will have extras for students who did not register in the fall.

- THANK YOU from Community Education!
Have a safe and fun winter break!

4th & 5th Graders in School Patrol keep walkers safe!



EXERCISE & READING CHALLENGE

The whole family can help your student with Bancroft's Winter Break Exercise and Reading Challenge! Try to read and be active every day! Keep track on the green sheet (to be sent home next week.) 12 days of Exercise & Reading earns a prize!

