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Bancroft Buzz

The bimonthly newsletter of Bancroft Elementary School



JANUARY is KINDNESS & CARING MONTH!



Bancroft is celebrating KINDNESS and CARING!

We, as a school community, are making a commitment to kindness - to caring for each other and for the world around us!

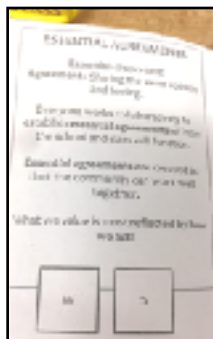
Ask your students about their pledge to be kind and caring.



5th Grade IB Ambassadors shared what KINDNESS means to them with an acrostic: each letter representing an element of caring, such as:
K = Kids playing together



Kindergartners in Ms. Kyra's class showed us that **We Are All Connected**, performing an amazing dance routine!



To promote kindness and caring throughout our school community, we are reviewing Bancroft's Essential Agreements for hallway, playground, lunchroom, bathroom, and arrival/dismissal - and students get their **Essential Agreements Passport** stamped!

Tell families you know to choose Bancroft!

Call 612-668-3550 to schedule a tour!

School requests due Feb. 8, 2019

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Mark Your Calendar

NO AFTERSCHOOL NEXT WEEK!

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

Monday, Jan. 28 - PTO/Site Council

Friday, Feb. 1 - Coffee, Tea & IB and African-American Family Involvement Day
8:40 - Breakfast and Program



AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY INVOLVEMENT DAY
Friday, Feb. 1

Join us for breakfast! 8:40am

*** MUSIC * STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**

Share the school experience!

All families welcome

IB Inquiry, Photos & More!

5th Grade Spelling Bee



Congratulations to Jaiana for her victory in last month's 5th grade spelling bee!

The winning word:

A-T-M-O-S-P-H-E-R-E

The T-E-M-P-E-R-A-T-U-R-E rose as Jaiana and Michael went more than 10 rounds! Ultimately, Michael was D-I-S-A-P-P-O-I-N-T-E-D.



Michael, Kyle, Jaiana, Ayaniah, Sophia and Abdirahman are great risk-takers! Younger students, start practicing your spelling now for your chance to take the spotlight in 5th grade!

IB UPDATE: 4th Unit of Inquiry!

We are ready to begin our 4th Unit of Inquiry out of six that form the framework of the International Baccalaureate-Primary Years Program (IB-PYP). *Below is what each grade will be investigating during the next 6 weeks.*

KEEP THIS HANDY AND ASK YOUR STUDENTS ABOUT THE THEME, CENTRAL IDEA, AND LINE OF INQUIRY OVER THE COMING WEEKS!

Grade	Theme	Central Idea & Lines of Inquiry
High 5	How We Express Ourselves	Favorite stories help us use our imagination. *How stories can be told in different ways *The appreciation of stories *Myself as a storyteller
Kinder-garten	How We Express Ourselves	People have many ways of communicating. *Music and movement *Visual arts and media *Written and spoken stories
1 st Grade	How We Express Ourselves	People use creative ways to tell stories. *Comparing how people tell stories *Developing ideas through the writing process *Creative storytelling
2 nd Grade	Where We Are in Place and Time	Where we live affects how we live. *Representations of the Earth *Where people live *How people live in different ways
3 rd Grade	Who We Are	Understanding how our body functions helps us take care of ourselves. *Body systems and their functions *How body systems work together *Choices that impact the body
4 th Grade	How the World Works	Energy is found in various forms and it affects our daily lives. *Energy sources *How electricity works *Our responsibility as consumers of energy
5 th Grade	How the World Works	Innovation affects how humans live. *Technology over time *Ways people solve problems *Advantages and disadvantages of human innovation

WATER at LUNCH!

Thanks to a Wellness Grant, we are now able to offer water in the lunchroom! *In addition to milk*, students can choose to grab a reusable cup and fill it at the drinking fountain. With our great new kitchen, the cups are washed and sanitized between uses. The kids are getting more water into their bodies every day!

Talk to your students about staying healthy and hydrated!

