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Bancroft Buzz

The bimonthly newsletter of Bancroft Elementary School



Dear Bancroft families,

Thank you to the many families and students who attended our Student-Led Conferences last week. It was so great to see, hear, and feel the excitement and pride students took in their work and in sharing it with their families! I appreciate our Kindergarteners being risk-takers. They were the first to try a new platform to share their portfolios online.

The second trimester **report cards** are being sent home this week, so be on the lookout for those in your child's



backpack.

This is the time of the year that we see students make great progress in their learning. They are putting all the information together and making connections. As you are talking with your children, take a moment to ask them about what they are learning in school. Each grade level is deep into their **fifth IB Unit of Inquiry**. *More information on the next page.*

The temperatures are beginning to rise and the snow is beginning to melt. I think we are all looking very much forward to spring! And what says spring more than green plants and colorful flowers? The **Plant Sale**, launching next week, is the Bancroft PTO's biggest fundraiser, and helps pay for field trips and some of the extras for our classrooms. Please help your student share the sale information with friends, family and neighbors.

Thank you for your continued support of Bancroft school!

Respectfully,
Diego De Paz
Principal

REPORT CARDS

Look for report cards in backpacks this week!

Report cards inform you about how your child is doing at school. Teachers have marked academic skills as well as social and self-management skills. The *academic* items describe student expectations for the end of the year. A mark of "3" means your child is already meeting grade level expectations. It is common to receive a mark of "1" or "2" during the first and second trimesters as students work toward meeting the year-end grade level goals.

Because Bancroft is an IB school, you will also find a page relating to the grade level Program of Inquiry (POI) and your student's performance in the two Units of Inquiry covered during the second trimester.

Please **KEEP** the report card, but sign and return the empty envelope.

The **new** IB Units of Inquiry are on the next page →

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, Mar. 18 - Plant Sale Kickoff!
Look for packets in backpacks next week!

Tue-Fri, Mar. 19-22 - MCA Testing
5th Grade Science

Monday, Mar. 25 - PTO/Site Council
5:00-7:00pm - Combined Meeting

Friday, Mar. 29 - Bancroft in session
COME TO SCHOOL!
No classes at OTHER Mpls. schools.

SPRING BREAK

Monday, April 1 - Friday, April 5
NO SCHOOL
Return to classes Monday, April 8



**THINK
SPRING!**



23rd Annual Bancroft Plant Sale!

Step 1: Ask friends, family and neighbors to order plants.
Look for Plant Sale info in backpacks next week!

Step 2: Turn in plant orders by Apr 8
- After Spring Break

Step 3: Wait patiently for the growers to grow the plants!

Step 4: Pick up plants - May 10 & 11
Just in time for Mother's Day!

Funds raised help pay for field trips and classroom supplies - and support student learning!



Families: We know we need to read with our children every day, *but what about math?*

Answer: Talk about math with your kids as you encounter numbers, fractions and shapes in your everyday lives.

Here are some websites dedicated to helping families support their students' mathematical development:

bedtimemath.org

- Help kids love numbers so they can handle math in real life.

talkingmathwithkids.com

- Make math talk everyday talk.

And our very own...

bancroft.mpls.k12.mn.us/math resources

- Lots of links and videos for students AND parents.
- Learn about the Houghton Mifflin math curriculum we use here at Bancroft.
- This link is also found on our homepage under "Quick Links" in the righthand column.




IB UPDATE: New Units of Inquiry

We are now in our fifth Unit of Inquiry out of six that form the framework of the International Baccalaureate-Primary Years Program (IB-PYP)!
Sit down with your students and...

- **On this list, find the THEME they are now studying.**
- **Talk about the CENTRAL IDEA of the theme.**
- **ASK: Which LINE OF INQUIRY are you studying now?**

Grade	Theme	Central Idea & Lines of Inquiry
High 5	Sharing the Planet	The world provides animals what they need to live. *Dinosaurs *Ocean animals *Wild animals
Kinder-garten	How We Express Ourselves	People have many ways of communicating. *Music and movement *Visual arts and media *Written and spoken stories
1st Grade	Where We Are in Place and Time	Things change with time. *Sequencing events *How historians make inquiries about the past *Comparing past and present
2nd Grade	How We Express Ourselves	Personal experiences can inspire writers. *Writing fiction *Tools and strategies writers use *Point of view
3rd Grade	Sharing the Planet	The environment impacted ancient civilizations. *Daily life *Inventions *Communication
4th Grade	How We Express Ourselves	We use language to be expressive & communicate. *Symbolism *Reading and writing poetry *Figurative language
5th Grade	Where We Are in Place and Time	Conflict can lead to the development of a nation. *Impact of colonization *Response to events *Whose stories are told in history

SUMMER SCHOOL at BANCROFT! 

Registration is now OPEN!
 Online: summerschool.mpls.k12.mn.us

Students K-4 can apply for Summer School at Bancroft, or the GISE & GEMS STEM Academy at Andersen. 5th Grade summer programs are at Sanford. All programs provide busing & meals. Classes are scheduled Monday through Thursday, June 17-July 25.

*** Register by Wednesday, March 27, to ensure first-day busing!**