

June 7, 2018

# Bancroft Buzz

The bimonthly newsletter of Bancroft Elementary School



Dear Bancroft Families,

Another successful school year is coming to an end! Reflecting on the past school year makes me realize how fortunate we are at Bancroft Elementary. Our students continue to grow academically and socially. We must recognize their perseverance, hard work, and effort displayed throughout this school year. It is with great pride that I can look back on their many achievements.

***In fact, the district recognized Bancroft for our three consecutive years of growth in proficiency in both reading and math!*** We understand that we could not achieve so much without the collaborative partnerships between staff, students, and families. ***We work together as a team and this is one of the greatest strengths of our school.*** Thank you for sending your children to Bancroft!

At Bancroft, we never stand still. We are always looking at how we can improve. 2018-19 will be no different! In fact it promises to be a very exciting year!

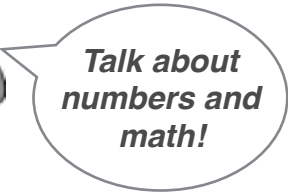
When the new school year starts in August we will open our newly renovated building and addition. We will strive to establish a lasting legacy for future generations of Bancroft students! We will welcome new students and new staff and continue building on the relationships we have.

Finally, I would like to wish all the students and staff who are leaving us at the end of this academic year all the very best on their journey. I want to recognize Ms. Debbie and Ms. Pat who are retiring after serving the students of Bancroft and Minneapolis for many years. Thank you both for your dedication and commitment to each and every student you worked with. Best wishes from all of us to you!

Have a happy, relaxing, and safe summer with your families! We will see you in August.

Respectfully,  
Diego De Paz  
Principal

## FIELD DAY: Fun in the Sun!



### Mark Your Calendar

#### Summer School

**Dates:** June 18 - Aug 2 (Mon - Thurs)  
*No school the week of July 4th.*

**Locations:** Graduated 5th grade: Folwell  
Younger students: Whittier

#### Bancroft Office

**June 8:** Last day for the summer

**June 11 - August 21:** Transportation info or address changes, call: 612-668-2300

**August 21:** Office re-opens  
Call ahead to confirm: 612-668-3550

#### Back to School

**August 23:** Open House - 3:00-5:00pm  
*Meet the teachers, tour the school*

**August 27:** Grades 1-5 begin school

**August 29:** Hi-5 & Kindergarten begin

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## IB Summer Inquiry:

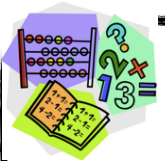
The Magic Word is... **WONDER**

The International Bacchaleaurate-Primary Years Programme (IB-PYP) helps students connect their prior knowledge to a new situation and ask questions to find out more! **And it does not *just* happen at school!** Children are *wondering* about the world around them all of the time. Here are some things you can do this summer to help your student be an **inquirer**:

- Encourage children to **ask questions!**
- Ask children **open-ended questions** rather than “yes-no” questions.
- Go to the **library** regularly!
- **Read and talk** about books together.
- Encourage children to **write!**... about their day, books they are reading, letters, etc.
- **Go outside!** Visit parks, the zoo, or museums. These experiences help build background knowledge and are a chance to ask questions.

**Keep reading, asking questions and wondering!**

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## TALK MATH!

**At home,  
on the road, outside!**

- count things
- count by 2's, or 5's, or 10's
- **Fractions:** divide things, time, distance in half, thirds, fourths, tenths
- use dollars and coins to practice addition/subtraction and decimals
- look for and name different shapes
- older students: practice multiplication/division facts

## FREE SUMMER LUNCHES!

The Minneapolis American Indian Center will be serving healthy free lunch to any youth under age 18 through the summer food service program of the Minneapolis Public Schools and the USDA.



**WHEN:** June 11 - August 17, 2018, Monday-Friday: **1pm – 2pm**  
(Lunch is to be eaten on site)

**WHERE:** Minneapolis American Indian Center, 1530 E. Franklin Ave  
**FOR ALL YOUTH UNDER AGE 18 YEARS!**