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Bancroft Buzz

The bimonthly newsletter of Bancroft Elementary School



Dear Bancroft Families,

I want to talk about school safety. Your child's safety is always on our mind. We want to reassure you that we do our very best to keep your child safe. The tragic news regarding school shootings is very upsetting to all of us. We need each day to check in with students.

Last Friday, we practiced a Code Red. This is a practice drill for a situation where we would suspect an intruder in the school building. We also have a Code Yellow drill, which is practice for when we know of a problem in the surrounding area of the school. It is a requirement, just like fire drills, that we practice each school year.



The teachers explained the procedures to the children and provided space for the students to ask questions and express any concerns they may have. We will be doing more drills this spring, including a tornado shelter drill the second week of April. The adults do their best to stay calm and direct the students to the appropriate place. Please talk to your children about how they are feeling about safety drills at school.

I hope you received my letter sent home in backpacks yesterday. Yes, I am retiring. It is my time. I hope you will take a few moments to read the letter. Thank you all for your support.

In Peace,
Erin F. Glynn
Principal

IB: Spotlight on 2nd Grade

IB Unit of Inquiry:

Where We Are in Place & Time

Central Idea:

"Where we live affects how we live"

2nd Graders visited the Mill City Museum and learned about how & why Minneapolis became a city.

They learned that **water = power.** The St. Anthony Falls on the mighty Mississippi River generated the energy to run the flour mills, which processed grain grown by farmers on the plains of Minnesota! A great place to live!



Mark Your Calendar

Thur., Mar. 1 - STUDENT-LED PORTFOLIO CONFERENCES!
4:00-7:00PM

Fri., Mar. 2 - NO SCHOOL at Bancroft
OTHER Mpls schools ARE in session

Monday, Mar. 5 - Site Council 5:30pm
Special meeting to discuss the budget.

Friday, Mar. 9 - Coffee, Tea & IB
Join us for breakfast and updates!

Sunday, Mar. 11 - Daylight Savings
Turn your clocks 1 hour forward.

Monday, Mar. 19 - Plant Sale Kickoff

Monday, Mar. 26 - PTO/Site Council
5:00-7:00pm - Combined Meeting

SIGN UP NOW!

BANCROFT NIGHT AT THE SCIENCE MUSEUM!
THURSDAY, APRIL 19

This is a free event, but pre-registration is required.

END-OF-YEAR EVENT UPDATES:

Field Day - May 25
5th Grade Exhibition - May 31
Last Day of School - June 8

More News and Photos!

GLOBAL TEAM



Ms. Ariel, Ms. Je'Naya, Mr. Arnold, Ms. Pat and other teachers make up our Global Team!

Has your student come home talking about "Global" and showing off their "Global" projects? That's the work of our Global Team!

WHAT WE DO: Every other week, the classroom teachers for each grade take extra time to meet as a team to better plan and coordinate what they will be teaching your students. The Global Team of teachers then goes into the classroom and works with students on special projects that support academics.

Recently, students have been working on two very exciting topics with our Global Team:

I Love to Read Month: Each grade level chose to celebrate and explore books by a different author. Students spent time making some amazing door decorations to go along with the books they were reading. When you are here for Portfolio Conferences or the next time you visit Bancroft, take a look at the creative door decorations the students made!

Winter Olympics: We spent some time looking at the history of the Olympics and the different events that take place during the Winter Olympics! Students got to create their own Olympic torches and think about what Winter Sport they would add to the Olympics. What an exciting topic!

MATH NIGHT!

JiJi, our famous math penguin, stopped by for some photo ops with Bancroft families!



Every mistake you make is PROGRESS towards learning!



"There is a difference between NOT KNOWING, and NOT KNOWING YET."

We learned about the GROWTH MINDSET, which reminds us that we should keep trying, ALL of us are math thinkers, and we can use different strategies to solve math problems!

Families learned fun math games, and each took home a bag of math goodies!

