

March 29, 2018

Bancroft Buzz

The bimonthly newsletter of Bancroft Elementary School



Dear Bancroft Families,

This is my last newsletter and I am struggling with what to say. So I am going to say *Thank you*. Thank you all for sending your children to Bancroft IB World School. It has been a very rewarding six years for me, and a great pleasure to work at the school in my neighborhood. I plan to stay in touch to see how Bancroft continues to grow even stronger as an IB-PYP school. I am convinced that the IB program is the best we have to offer our students in the city. **IB-PYP is program for all kids and it reinforces that our students are citizens of the world.** We need that in the world we live in today.



We must continue to stand for peace and commit to building social and emotional bridges with all people. In a time that so much negative is happening we have to remember all the positives we have with our families each day and be grateful for our own children and the wonderful Bancroft school community.

You are in good hands with Mr. De Paz the rest of the school year. He is kind and caring with your children and will hold them to high expectations, both in behavior and academics. He has strong leadership skills and is committed to working with staff and parents to make Bancroft the best possible school. You are also in good hands with the talented, caring staff at Bancroft. You know that schools are forever on a mission to improve. As the needs of our students change we have to look at how we can best serve all the children in our school. **The Bancroft staff is committed to IB and they believe in the potential of each child!**

Finally, I am so excited that you will be able to move into the completed new addition next fall. The new building is amazing. The construction has had its challenges this year but the students and staff have made the best of it. **It will be worth it as we open a new beautiful Bancroft in the fall of 2018.**

I am grateful to the Bancroft families and community. You have been overwhelmingly supportive the last six years. You have a place in my heart. I wish you peace of mind and peace in your hearts.

In Peace,
Erin F. Glynn
Principal



Share the Plant Sale with your family, friends and neighbors!

Order forms are due April 18. Plants will be ready for pickup here at Bancroft on May 11 and 12.

Just in time for Mother's Day!

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, March 30 - Bancroft in session
COME TO SCHOOL!

No classes at other Mpls. schools



SPRING BREAK

Monday, April 2 - Friday, April 6
NO SCHOOL

Return to classes Monday, April 9

Wed, April 18 - Plant Sale Orders Due

Friday, April 20 - Teacher Planning Day
NO SCHOOL at BANCROFT

Other Mpls. school are in session.

Monday, April 30 - PTO/Site Council
5:00-7:00pm - Combined Meeting

DATE CHANGE:
FIELD DAY!
Friday, June 1
Back to the original date!
Fun at Powderhorn Park!



IB and MCA's Update!

**3rd , 4th & 5th Graders
GET READY FOR MCA
tests in Reading & Math**

Starting after Spring Break, students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will take the state assessments, known as the MCAs in reading and math.

These 5 tips are great every day, but especially at test time!

There are many things you can do at home to help support your children to do

their best on these tests!

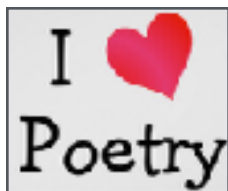
Please ensure that your child:

- gets a good night's rest before every test.
- arrives at school on time every day.
- wears comfortable clothes.
- is sent off to school with words of praise, support and confidence!
- feels encouraged relax and do the best they can!

The MCA tests are only one of many measures we use to assess how students are doing in school. There are many more ways students show us what they know and can do. Taken all together, these assessments help us and you, as parents and guardians, gauge where a child is at and where he/she needs to go!

IB UPDATE: Spotlight on 4th Grade

Unit of Inquiry: How We Express Ourselves



Central Idea:

“People use language to be expressive and communicate.”

3 Lines of Inquiry:

- *reading and writing poetry and drama*
- *figurative language (similes and metaphors)*
- *symbolism*

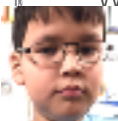
4th Graders began this unit by creating their own symbol and writing a poem about themselves. They are reading lots of different kinds of poetry and studying how language is used to be expressive.

This is a great unit of inquiry because it allows our students to be creative and express themselves in new and different ways.

Try writing different types of poems with your family!

April leaps from the skies.
Coming in, ever so high.
April sprinkles all over the land.
For awhile, it seems really grand.
April slowly sinks into the ground.
While all kinds of flowers
are to be found.

By Max



Rodal used to be my home.
I was the queen of the swings.
I loved it in Rodal.

by Miesha



I am from the smells of candles and food.
I am from the tastes of pizza and tacos.
I am from my mom, grandpa, grandma and aunt.
I am from the sounds of cooking and babies crying.
I am from the feeling of warm and cozy.
I am from the colors of red, gray and pink.
I am from Indiana and Minnesota.
I am from Christmas and birthdays.
I am from broken bones...

by Ayanna



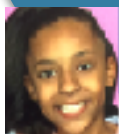
Guava jelly is
Cotton candy.
Watermelon slice is
Pink lemonade.
Pimento is light red.
Top tomato is bright red.

By José



JUNE
June flies in cold.
June jumps every day.
June leaves hot and fun!

by Ashaunessy



I Love Candy

My name is Nawal and I am here to say,
I love candy in a major way.
If you like candy too we could be friends,
but if you don't like candy our friendship will end.
You could catch me after school watching TV at
home. I'm only ten now, but soon I'll be grown.

by Nawal



My name is Toney.
I like macaroni. I slap a piece of
baloney. I ate taco bell. I play ding dong
ditch and my mom is super rich.

by Abdalla



**FREE Family Concert at
the Basilica of St. Mary!**
1600 Hennepin Avenue, Mpls
Sunday, April 15
2:00pm
Featuring mandolin soloist
Richard Kriehn