

October 25, 2018

Bancroft Buzz

The bimonthly newsletter of Bancroft Elementary School



Dear Bancroft Families,

I want to thank all of the families that were able to join us for parent/teacher conferences. I hope these conversations were valuable and provided information about your children and their progress at school. **We know that engagement and a feeling of connectedness to school play an important role in a child's progress.** Strong family-school partnerships support this. I always leave school these evenings with a renewed sense of the great importance of the work we do with and for children.

As educators, we can't stress enough the value in parents reading with their children. Reading is important because it develops the mind and helps it grow. Reading is essential to your child's success. Reading books with your child helps develop and improve vocabulary, thinking skills, stress reduction, memory, writing and concentration. It can also help develop empathy, social perception and emotional intelligence. Reading helps develop the whole child. Even though Read-a-thon is coming to an end - **don't stop reading!!!**

Respectfully,
Diego De Paz
Principal

READ-A-THON!
Keep track of your minutes and donations - return the envelope to school on Monday, Oct. 29.




Read to yourself, read to each other, read to your dog - in any language!

Mark Your Calendar

Mon, Oct 29 - PTO-Site Council 5-7pm

Mon, Oct 29 - END of Read-a-Thon

Thu-Fri, Nov 1-2 - Bancroft IN SESSION
No classes at other Mpls schools.

Fri, Nov 2 - Coffee, Tea & IB and Native American Family Day 
8:40am - Breakfast and fun!

Sun, Nov 4 - Daylight Saving Ends
Turn clocks BACK one hour

Tues, Nov 6 - Election Day - VOTE!
Info about MPS Referendum - next page

Thur, Nov 15 - TURKEY BINGO 
5:30 - Pizza
6:00-7:00 - Bingo
at Bancroft!

BANCROFT CALENDAR UPDATE

November 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAURDAY
				1	2 Coffee, Tea & IB Native American Family Day	3 COME TO SCHOOL!
4 Daylight Saving Ends <small>turn clocks BACK one hour</small>	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 TURKEY BINGO	16 Picture Retake Day	17
 NO SCHOOL! at Bancroft	19 NO SCHOOL	20 NO SCHOOL	21 NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25	26 PTO/Site Council	27	28	29	30	

NATIVE AMERICAN Family Involvement Day



**Friday, Nov. 2
8:40 Breakfast**



Minneapolis Public Schools will hold a referendum on Nov. 6, 2018, to:

1.) Increase the Current Operating Referendum Levy: The operating levy provides funding for general funds for all types of school operations – such as staff salaries and benefits, textbooks, office supplies, and services for English Language Learners. Under Minnesota Law, Minneapolis Public Schools can ask voters for up to a certain amount per student. This question proposes to increase the levy to its maximum allowable amount, meaning MPS can't ask voters for future increases.

2.) Establish a Capital Projects (Technology) Levy: The tech levy would raise revenue for the regular maintenance and upgrades to Minneapolis Public Schools' technology systems. By shifting these existing costs to a new revenue source, MPS can make additional funds available for general operating expenses. No new technology is proposed.

A solid financial foundation is essential for making investments in our students and addressing the rising costs of public education.

If passed, the referendum would give MPS access to \$30 million in additional revenue. *The funds will be used across the district to improve student achievement and well-being through equitable investments in literacy, social emotional learning, and support services - and help avoid future budget cuts and reductions in services to students across Mpls.*

More Info:
mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum

IB UPDATE: PORTFOLIOS - A Collection of Learning!



All students at Bancroft keep a portfolio - a big binder - to show their growth in learning from grade to grade. The portfolio moves with them as they advance each year.

What goes in the portfolio? The portfolio is organized by the 6 big themes in our IB (International Baccalaureate) Program of Inquiry. After each unit, students add to the portfolio their assessment of the unit, a reflection, and work of their choosing, including writing, drawings and other projects. They carefully reflect on why they chose those items and write about it. Students also include their reading and math goals and maintain a collection of work from their specialist classes.

Students recently visited their teacher from last year to pick up their portfolios. This is a special time for students: ***They are very proud and excited to be able to collect this treasure and look through the memories of what they learned in past years!***

IB's 6 Big Themes

- Who We Are
- Where We Are in Place & Time
- How We Express Ourselves
- How the World Works
- How We Organize Ourselves
- Sharing the Planet



It may seem a long way off... but mark your calendars now for our annual **STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES** in the spring!

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019

Your student will show you their progress through the items saved in the **Portfolio**.

ASK YOUR STUDENT:

- Which IB theme are you studying now?
- What is your favorite thing in your Portfolio so far?

SO MUCH FUN AT LITERACY & MATH NIGHT!

