

December 9, 2021

Bancroft Buzz

The bimonthly newsletter of Bancroft Elementary School



Dear Bancroft Families,

It amazes me that we are nearing the end of another calendar year and the unofficial midway point of our school year. I am thankful for the opportunity to work with our wonderful staff, your children, and you on a daily basis! Bancroft is a wonderful community, and I am grateful to help serve the staff, students, and families!

As we are entering the season of giving, *consider the gift of books for your children.* Too often when we think of gifts we picture the latest and greatest

technology devices or toys. A good book is a great choice! Sitting with your children and reading to them is a great gift of your time and your love. When you encourage your child to imagine what the characters are feeling or to picture what is happening in the book, you are helping them build reading skills. Each morning I end our announcements with the words Read! Read! Read! I encourage you over the next few busy weeks to take quiet time to read to your children and help instill the love of reading.

On behalf of the Bancroft Elementary staff, I want to wish all of you a safe, joyous, and peaceful holiday season and new year!

We will see you back at school on Monday, January 3rd, 2022!

Respectfully,
Diego De Paz
Principal

IB UPDATE: Inquiry continues over break!



Winter Break is a chance for new learning!

Time away from school can be a great opportunity to learn about the world around us. Breaks from school give families a chance to spend time together and to learn in different ways: *getting out in the community and exploring is always educational.* In fact, those experiences can lead to better learning in the classroom because they build lots of background information about many different topics that may ultimately be covered in school.

Students' outside experiences give them a solid base to build on as they learn in the classroom.

Check out free or low-cost ideas on the next page for fun things to do with your family over Winter Break.

Site Council TONIGHT!

Thursday, December 9 - 5:30-7:00pm

Google Meet joining info

<https://meet.google.com/oox-udsr-daa>

Mark Your Calendar

Sat, Dec. 11- Free walk-in Vaccination Clinic
11am to 3pm at the Davis Service Center (1250 W. Broadway Ave.) Anyone ages 5 and up will be eligible to receive the first of the two-dose Pfizer vaccine at no cost. Booster shots for eligible adults will also be available.

Wed, Dec. 13- PTO Meeting 5:30pm via Zoom

Tues, Dec. 14- Picture Retakes Day!

Thur, Dec. 16- Last Day of Fall Session of After School

Sat, Dec. 18- Family Winter Playdate 1-3pm Bancroft Playground

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WINTER BREAK: NO SCHOOL!
Return to class Monday, January 3

If you know future Hi-5 or Kindergarten families, please encourage them to check out Bancroft, our IB Program, and just what a great school we are!

School requests due
Feb. 7, 2022

<https://exploremps.org/Home>

Call 612-668-3550 to schedule a tour!



WINTER BREAK

IB Inquiry with your family!

WHY ARE YOU PROUD TO BE AT BANCROFT?

Explore our city's parks

Visit a park you haven't been to before. Go ice skating! Most Minneapolis parks have skates available for free. Also, recreation centers have free, supervised activities! More info: minneapolisparcs.org



Tell us on video! Bancroft PTO will help create a video to celebrate our school community during this School Choice period. Go to <http://bancroft.mpls.k12.mn.us/pto> and click the Zoom link to auto record your family telling us

why they are proud to be at Bancroft and to share any positive experiences. We hope to share this video with our larger community so everyone learns a little more about what we have to offer. We have a wonderful school to share. Let's not keep it a secret!

Check out a different library

And check out some books! The main library downtown is a fun destination by bus or train. See the website for more library events and activities for families: hclib.org 612-543-5669

Discover Art

Visit the MIA - Minneapolis Institute of Art. Admission is free (donations accepted), and they have a great Family Center. Paintings, sculptures and more! new.artsmia.org 888-642-2787 The Weisman Art Museum at the U of MN is also free. 612-625-9494

Visit a Polar Bear

The Como Zoo and Conservatory in St. Paul are always free. Reservations required 651-487-8200 comozooconservatory.org



Additional information and more resources can be found here: mpls.k12.mn.us/winter_break_resources

After-School - Session 1, ends on Thursday, December 16.

- Enrollment for Winter/Spring 2022 will go out mid-next week
- Families have the entirety of winter break to sign up

After-School - Session 2 begins on Tuesday, January 18.

- Programming will run the same hours but will shift to Monday-Wednesday.

Have a safe and fun winter break!

OUTDOOR RECESS EVERY DAY!

We go outside every day unless the temperature or windchill is below zero. Be sure your child is dressed for the weather!

All students go outside for a 30-minute recess *every day*. That is a long time if ears, fingers and toes are cold!



Cross Country Skiing with Minnesota Youth Ski League

Right here in our neighborhood! Ski with volunteer coaches for 8 sessions (weekends in January and February) on the grounds of the Hiawatha Golf Course.

For More Information visit- www.mysl.org/newskier
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 call/text: Peter Thompson 612-205-6710