

March 28, 2019

Bancroft Buzz

The bimonthly newsletter of Bancroft Elementary School



Dear Bancroft Families,

Happy Spring! We are excited for longer days and sunshine!

Throughout April, our **3rd, 4th and 5th graders** will be taking the **Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA)**, a statewide benchmark test. It's not the most exciting thing we do, but it's an important part of our school year.

The students will be tested in math and reading. (The 5th graders have already completed the science MCA.)

The MCA Reading tests begin April 10th, with each class taking the test on assigned days. We have scheduled the tests in manageable chunks of 60 to 90 minutes. Students are given the time they need to complete them. Our goal is to provide a calm, positive environment for students to test in.

We want to encourage students to do their best on these tests. We know that standardized tests do not always assess everything that makes each student special and unique. But we do know that the tests provide us a measure of what they know now, and give us a chance to set goals for improvement.

As parents, you can help your child do their best by:

- developing a **positive attitude** about school,
- giving positive, non-pressure **encouragement** before the tests,
- making sure your child gets enough **sleep** every night,
- ensuring your child is **at school** on time every day.

Spring break begins on Monday, April 1st. This is a time to rejuvenate, enjoy family, read, talk math, and prepare for the last stretch of the school year. We look forward to coming back ready and eager to learn on Monday, April 8th. Thank you for all your support during this busy time!

Respectfully,
Diego De Paz
Principal



Bancroft PTO

Spring Break is a great time to sell plants and flowers!

- Ask your friends, family and neighbors to order plants! The plant orders and payment are due right after Spring Break.
- Then, we'll wait *very patiently* for the growers to grow the plants!
- Plants will be ready for pickup here at Bancroft on May 10 & 11. Just in time for Mother's Day!
- This is our biggest fund raiser! The money raised helps pay for field trips and classroom supplies - and support all students in their learning!
- The order form is available online to download: bancroft.mpls.k12.mn.us

Mark Your Calendar

**Friday, Mar. 29 - Bancroft in session
COME TO SCHOOL!**

No classes at OTHER Mpls schools.



SPRING BREAK

**Monday, April 1 - Friday, April 5
NO SCHOOL**

Return to classes Monday, April 8

Monday, Apr. 8 - Plant Sale orders due

Friday, Apr. 12 - Coffee, Tea & IB - 8:40

Thursday, Apr. 25 - GRAND OPENING
Neighborhood celebration 4:00-6:30pm

**Friday, Apr. 26 - Teacher Planning Day
NO SCHOOL at BANCROFT**
Other Mpls. Schools are in session.

SUMMER SCHOOL at BANCROFT!

Registration is now OPEN!

Online:

summerschool.mpls.k12.mn.us

- Students K-4 can apply for Summer School at Bancroft (or the GISE & GEMS STEM Academy at Andersen).
- 5th Grade summer programs are at Sanford Middle School.
- All programs provide busing & meals
- Classes are: Monday - Thursday
June 17 - July 25.

* Register as soon as possible to ensure first-day busing!



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MAYDAY PARADE!

Join Bancroft staff and families and be a part of the MayDay Parade in the Powderhorn neighborhood!

We are organizing a group from Bancroft to be in the "tree seedling" section of the parade.

How to participate: Choose a time (or two) to visit the In the Heart of the Beast community workshop in April and make a costume!

Workshops begin Saturday, April 6
- Saturdays: 9-11am & 1-3pm
- Tuesdays: 7:00-9:00pm
- Thursdays: 7:00-9:00pm

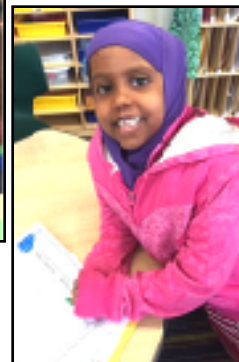
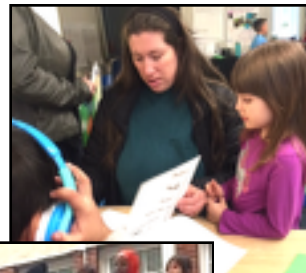
Tell the workshop artists you are from Bancroft and want to be in the tree seedling section of the parade.

Where:
1500 East Lake Street, Mpls, 55407
More information:
hobt.org/mayday/mayday-workshops/

MayDay Parade: Sunday, May 5

IB Update: Spotlight on Kindergarten

Bancroft Kindergartners showed how they express themselves through songs, dance, art, videos, and storytelling.



IB THEME:
How We Express Ourselves

CENTRAL IDEA:
People have many ways of communicating.

Lines of Inquiry:

- Music and movement
- Visual arts and media
- Written and spoken stories

Save the date: THURSDAY, APRIL 25 - 4:00-6:30PM

BANCROFT SCHOOL GRAND OPENING!



Join us for a neighborhood celebration of a revitalized Bancroft!
FAMILY FUN - MUSIC - GAMES - ACTIVITIES