

May 16, 2019

Bancroft Buzz

The bimonthly newsletter of Bancroft Elementary School



Dear Bancroft Families,

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is only 15 days away! It has been a very eventful and successful one, but we are not quite finished. We have so much more to do!

In the next few weeks, 2nd grade will have Market Days, we will host Field Day at Powderhorn Park, our 5th graders will present their Exhibition projects, almost every grade has another field trip, and finally, the 5th graders will have their promotion ceremony on the last day of school, June 7th.

As the year winds down, I want to acknowledge the tremendous amount of learning that has taken place during the year. Our kids have worked so hard and shown so much growth. I want to acknowledge the teachers and staff for their dedication to the students every day. Additionally, many thanks to all of *you* for your support and commitment to Bancroft and for making this an amazing collaborative school community.

Additionally, as we move into summer, I want to share information about the District Comprehensive Design. While the proposal would affect schools in different ways, Bancroft school will not be impacted by significant changes. We will continue our current focus as an IB-Primary Years Program school and, if parents choose, the IB pathway will continue on to Sanford and Roosevelt High School. For more information and details about the District Comprehensive Design, please visit mpls.k12.mn.us.

Finally, a big thank you to the PTO for a successful Plant Sale. Without their coordination and planning, we would not be able to have these fundraisers for our school. Job well done!

Respectfully,
Diego De Paz
Principal

IB UPDATE: 5th Grade Exhibition & ACTION!



5th Grade students are working on meaningful action to help make a positive difference through their Exhibition process! They have interviewed experts on their topic and one of the questions they have asked is, "What can we do to help?" An important part of being an IB-PYP* student is doing something with what we are learning **to make the world a better place.**

We are seeing some powerful **actions** this year. Students are:

- Building awareness through the school and community
- Supplying resources for those in need – people and animals
- Leaving art behind for younger students to enjoy and learn from
- Planning a peace march!

**International Baccalaureate-Primary Years Program*

Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, May 16 - Music Performance
3rd & 4th Grade, 5th Grade Band 6:00

Tue-Wed, May 22-21 - Book Fair
Grades 1-3 *Start Reading Now*

Thur-Fri, May 23-24 - Market Days
2nd Grade - 12:30

Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day
NO SCHOOL

Thur, May 31 - EXHIBITION 12:30-1:30
5th Graders present their final IB Projects

Friday, May 31 - Field Day@Powderhorn
•9:30-12:00 - Grades 2, 3, 4, 5
•12:30-2:00 - Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Monday, June 3 - PTO/Site Council
5:00-7:00pm - Final Meeting of the year!

Friday, June 7 - LAST DAY of CLASSES
and 5th Grade Promotion - 9:30am

FIELD DAY

Friday, May 31

at Powderhorn Park!



Student Checklist:

- ___ Gym Shoes
- ___ Hat
- ___ Sunscreen
- ___ Refillable Water Bottle

**Check out some examples of
IB ACTION on the next page!**

Exhibition: Taking ACTION to make the world a better place



Action doesn't only happen at school. YOU CAN HELP!

- Notice the many signs and posters, and even the morning announcements when you are here at Bancroft.
- Ask 5th graders about what they are doing for their action!
- This section includes some examples of ACTIONS, including some "asks" for donations groups are seeking for their projects.

Please join us on Thursday, May 30, to hear and see for yourself the work our Exhibition groups have been doing!

ANIMAL RESCUE - BIRDS

We are raising awareness about bird welfare and the threats to birds!



Our ACTION is to make milk-carton bird feeders to share with people at school and with Bancroft neighbors, along with information about birds and bird rescue.

PEACE MARCH - May 22, 2:15pm

We Want to Make Peace in the World!

Our group is organizing a peace march to take action against gang violence. We invite all students at Bancroft to create art for the march that sends a message of peace!



We learned a lot from our interview with Officer Leal.

HOMELESSNESS

Two groups are taking ACTION to help people who are facing housing challenges.



One group is seeking donations of **personal care items** to create care packages for homeless youth. Another group has a food drive for **non-perishable food items** to help ensure homeless families have enough to eat.

The Masons generously supported our field trips this year!

THANK YOU, Cataract Lodge No. 2 of Minnesota!



The Cataract Lodge No.2 of MN has been a special partner of Bancroft for many years. This week they hosted a dinner, and several Bancroft students and parents were able to say "thank-you" to the Masons in person.

Our students also had the chance to meet **Mr. Ray Frandsen, who was a student here at Bancroft from 1931 to 1938!**



Back then, Bancroft had Kindergarten through 6th grade. He remembers sitting on the wooden Lost-and-Found box outside the principal's office. Many of our current students will remember that box, which was still outside the office until it finally broke last year!

Mr. Frandsen also remembers that there were 45 kids per class (which we can confirm from old class photos.) At its peak, there were 1,100 students attending Bancroft! For comparison, nowadays we average half that - around 550 students.



We had so many great learning adventures this year! - THANK YOU!

