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ISSUE 2304

From The Principal

To our Bryn Mawr Community School Families!

We are looking forward to a busy month of learning and activities at Bryn Mawr. As the 2023 calendar year comes to a close, we wanted to share some information about what is happening here at school.

In late November Minneapolis Public Schools began the process of school requests and school tours. As families in our neighborhood go about deciding which school to send their students to next year, we want to offer them the opportunity to visit our building and take a tour of our school. We are asking each of you to please encourage friends and neighbors considering Bryn Mawr Community School next year to call our main office at (612) 668-2500 to set up a time to tour.

The Bryn Mawr Site Council is a team of caregivers, community members, and staff who meet each month. I would like to invite anyone who is interested to email me at kevin.oldenburg@mplsk12mn.us to find out more. At site council we discuss current events at school, provide input and feedback to staff, and provide direct input on the budget for the upcoming school year. If you are interested or have

questions, please do not hesitate to reach out for more information.

We have linked the district's Inclement Weather Procedures page which outlines how decisions are made and the process for announcing this to families, students, and staff. When a Severe Weather Day is announced Bryn Mawr will be closed for instruction. This is not the same for all Minneapolis Public Schools. I would encourage you to read the page linked above.

Academically,

Kevin



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8 – Faculty Work Day **NO SCHOOL**

18– 29 – Winter Break **NO SCHOOL**

RETURN TO SCHOOL
TUESDAY JANUARY 2nd

School Engagement News

From your PTA

VIRTUAL PTA MEETING

Tuesday Dec 12th

Join us on **zoom**

Meeting ID 826 1648 1043

Passcode: 541774

Please contact the PTA to volunteer:

info@BrynMawrPTA.org

BrynMawrPTA.org

SECOND GRADE

Second graders are excited to begin a new science unit. Students will get to be scientists as they observe the life cycle on mealworms. We are also starting a new math unit. Our second-grade mathematicians will be focusing on strategies to demonstrate understanding of addition and subtraction within 100. We will begin our third Benchmark unit: How do living things get what they need to survive? We continue to learn and grow using our Social Emotional Curriculum as we talk about Empathy.

FIFTH GRADE

In December, students will receive health and wellness lessons from our social worker, Mr. Cross, and counselor, Ms. Cook. In math, we will focus on fractions. In reading, we will focus on nonfiction articles about Animal Adaptations.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Bryn Mawr Bulldogs have finished up their soccer unit working on the skills of dribbling, trapping, kicking, passing and shooting into the goal. Next, the Hi5-2 grade students will be moving on to dance, and 3-5 grades to cross-country skiing. For skiing, please have your students bring snow pants or extra sweatpants on ski days. Also, hats, gloves/mittens, scarves and a warm jacket. The more students are prepared the better experience skiing is for them. The first grade students will be working with Ms. Roxanne from the Cowles Dance Center which is funded by a special grant.

Stay warm,
Ms. Anita

Science

As the snow falls, take a nature walk as a family! Our students have explored the Bryn Mawr Forest through scavenger hunts.

Use this list to help get started on a nature walk and scavenger hunt. Use engineering skills to build a snow fort or snowperson!



Take pictures of your walk to send to Ms. Strusz
Keri.Strusz@mpls.k12.mn.us

BRYN MAWR-ANWATIN SCHOOL FOREST

Winter Celebration!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7
5 - 7 PM

Gather on the East side of Bryn Mawr Elementary for an evening of:

**WOODLAND LUMINARY WALK, STAR GAZING,
HOT CHOCOLATE & MORE!**

Be sure to stop by the Taste of Anwatin and the Bryn Mawr Craft sale happening at the same time at Anwatin Middle School!

Counseling Corner

Kim Cook, School Counselor

Winter break is right around the corner. Some things to remember with your children being home all day...

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends only **one hour of screen time per day for children 2 to 12**. Research has shown that there are negative effects of screen time:

- Physical strain to your eyes and body
- Sleep deprivation
- Loss of cognitive ability
- Impaired socializing skills
- Weakened emotional judgement

Over break, plan for other activities. Play games, put puzzles together, draw, color, play with toys, do crafts, create with Legos, play outdoors, read a book, cook together, plan an outing, have a dance party, write a story or poem, play cards, bake together, plan a menu for a meal, take a walk, listen to music, go to the library, build a fort, go sledding, build a snowman, build a fort inside or out,.....

Happy Holidays to all families and may you enjoy your winter break. See you in the new year!

SCREEN TIME

Studies find "screen-time is associated with inattention problems in preschoolers."

Kids aged 5 or younger who experience two or more hours of daily screen time are nearly **eight times more likely to be diagnosed with ADHD**

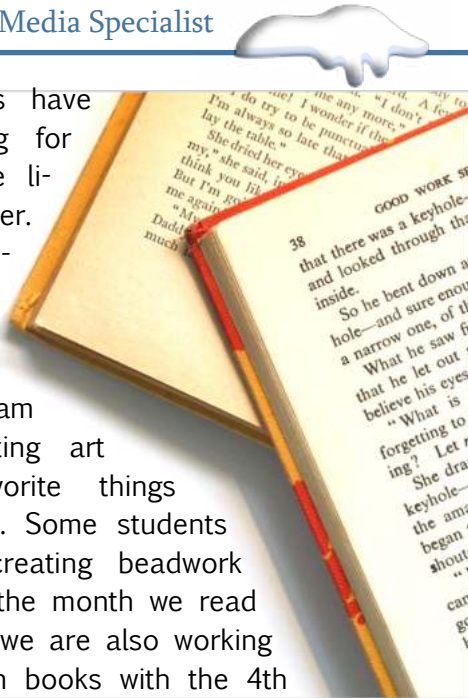
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From the Library

Laura Kringle, Media Specialist

Heather Thomson, Media Specialist

Library checkouts have been in full swing for K-5th grade in the library media center. We have been focusing our learning on Indigenous Peoples Day by decorating a dream catcher and creating art featuring our favorite things about each season. Some students also worked on creating beadwork patterns. Earlier in the month we read banned books and we are also working on genres in fiction books with the 4th & 5th grades. With our ASD classes we are working on choosing a book independently and listening to a story.



Congratulations!

November Bulldogs of the Month

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| Rosendo Abe | Liam Losh | Vincent Vang |
| Ilyas Aden | Ny'Lah Lott | Zongcha Vang |
| AJ Bahl | Estefano Maila | Andy Vue |
| Jermari Baker | Guanocunga | Dyesebel Xiong |
| Zayveon Belfrey | Florabea Makasi | Cecilia Xiong |
| Olivia Black | Lazare Marshall | |
| Miliyah Brown | Tyree Martinez | |
| Keyla Cando Achig | Mi'Kha Matthews | |
| Ja'Niyah Cotto-Scales | Essence McGowan | |
| Sa'Myiah Cotto-Scales | Adelyn Motzko | |
| Jurnee Dwilliams | Maite Portilla Mendez | |
| Sofia Elizondo Martinez | Sylvia Quinn | |
| Raina Fabunmi Klawitter | Musab Rage | |
| Derion Flowers | Allison Recinos | |
| Maisie Flynn | Salim Salah | |
| Amery-Ankh Gwi-Irigo | Camauriyana Sephus | |
| Keon Jones | Franklin Thao | |
| Guangyu Khang | Lydia Thao | |
| Jai'Elle King | Vichai Thao | |
| Ca'Myrah Lewis | Ava Thompson | |





IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION



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It's the law!

Minnesota law states that all students are required to attend school from age 7, or when they enter kindergarten (whichever comes first) until they are 18 years old.

A student's failure to attend school may lead to legal action for the parents/guardians and the student.

For EVERY absence:

1. Please call the main office number: 612-668-2500 (you may leave a message). Make sure to call no later than 8:00 am the day of the absence, even if you have talked and/or emailed the teacher.
2. Please send a note with the reason for the absence.

Tardiness

Bryn Mawr School is becoming increasingly concerned about students coming into the building to start their school day after the official start time. These students are considered officially tardy.

The Bryn Mawr School day begins at 7:30AM

Students are required by law to be in class from this time until the end of the school day which is 2:00 p.m. When students are tardy, they miss valuable learning and disrupt the learning of others. Please consider the importance of your student being at school on time and how this may affect your child and all students.

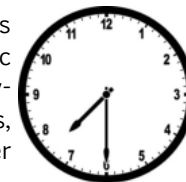
****NEW THIS YEAR****

EXCUSED TARDY: Student is late, reason is excused.

UNEXCUSED TARDY: Student is late, reason not given or not excused.

Please note:

There are few legitimate excuses for students coming to school late. Minneapolis Public Schools does not excuse over-sleeping, baby-sitting/caring for siblings, missing the bus, personal hygiene issues, car problems or other similar concerns.



What are Excused Absences?

- **Doctor/Dentist Appointments** – Please schedule doctor and dentist appointments before and after school. Appointments will be excused with a doctor's note.
- **Illness** – 8 total absences allowed per year, or 3 days in a row, due to illness. A doctor's note is required
- **School Bus Problems** – bus was late or did not show up, must be reported to school that morning
- **Religious Holidays/Cultural Observances** – You must notify the school.
- **Funeral** – 4 days per year allowed due to a funeral. If gone more than 4 days, written approval from the Principal is required
- **Family Emergency** – 3 days per year allowed due to family emergency. More than 3 days requires written approval.
- **Family Activity** – 5 days allowed for a pre-approved family activity such as a vacation. To get pre-approval, you must do the following:
 1. At least 10 days before leaving, submit a 'Family Activity Attendance Form
 2. Before leaving, get homework and agree that student will finish the work.
 3. Do not miss important tests like the MCA, MAP or MBST.
 4. Agree in writing that your student will miss no more than 5 days of school.

**STUDENTS ARRIVING AT
& 30 OR LATER
WILL BE CONSIDERED
A HALF DAY ABSENT**

If you live outside of the Bryn Mawr busing area, it is expected that your students arrive at school on time. District Policy states that students living outside of the school area with excessive tardiness may be required to accept enrollment in a school within their busing area.