



From The Principal

To our Bryn Mawr Community School Families!

We have had an excellent beginning to the school year! Students have picked up on routines and we are excited to be learning together. We also want to take this opportunity to thank our families for all your time and patience as you worked with us to get the school year up and running.

As a reminder, school begins each day at 7:30. Students need to be here on-time each day to ensure they are receiving adequate time to learn, get breakfast, and be a part of their class's daily routine. We ask each family to ensure their student gets here on time each day. If your student needs to be absent, we ask you to call us in the main office at (612) 668-2500.



The annual Bryn Mawr Community School, State of the School Address will be held at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, October 10th in the Bryn Mawr Media Lunchroom. This is an opportunity to engage in conversation with your school staff about: school academic programming, Title I Funding, and our goals for this school year. Additionally, all families will learn more about our ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) Designation for the next 2 years, and our plans for support and improvement. We look forward to seeing you there. Dinner will be provided at 5:30. We hope to see you there!

Academically,
Kevin Oldenburg, Principal

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- 4 – Walk and Bike to school day
- 9 – Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 10 – State of the School 5PM
- 12 – Picture Day
- 17-18 – Family/Teacher conferences
- 18, 19, 20 – **NO SCHOOL** MEA Break

BE A BULLDOG, NOT A BULLY

October is National Bullying Prevention month! To help support this cause, Kim Cook has put together an amazing document of resources (See email Fri 9/29 from Sarah). Please reach out to her if you would like help planning an anti-bullying activity with your class or if you have any questions!

Counseling Corner

Bryn Mawr now has a fulltime School Counselor!

My name is Kim Cook and I am thrilled to be here at Bryn Mawr. I have been a School Counselor my entire career. The last 15 years, I worked at Henry High School in Minneapolis.

I work with all students teaching social emotional skills, academic skills, and about college and careers. I help students individually, in small groups, and in classroom lessons. I also talk with students about identity, race, and equity, and work as a team with students, families, and educators to help students be successful at school.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your student, you can reach me by emailing Kimberly.cook@mpls.k12.mn.us or by calling Bryn Mawr at 612.668.2500. I look forward to working with you and your students.



From the Library

Media Specialist Heather Thomson heather.thomson@mpls.k12.mn.us

4th and 5th graders have been working on library media lessons for Hispanic Heritage Month, Parts of a Nonfiction Book (early research skills), digital citizenship, and internet safety.

Book Checkout: Bryn Mawr students have begun library book checkout in grades 1-5 as of last week. Ask your student what books they have been able to check out! Books will remain in the classroom or will be able to be brought home per instruction of the classroom teacher.



The first week of October is **Banned Books Week**, from the American Library Association: <https://www.ala.org/advocacy/books/banned>

"The books featured during Banned Books Week have all been targeted for removal or restriction in libraries and schools. By focusing on efforts across the country to remove or restrict access to books, Banned Books Week draws national attention to the harms of censorship."



Device help - All kindergarten through 5th grade should have a device. If your student needs help with an iPad, Chromebook, charger, or password reset, please contact your student's teacher.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK 2023

OCTOBER 1-7

ALA.ORG/BBOOKS ALA AmericanLibraryAssociation

Many people have different opinions about who should be in charge of which books are accessible to students.

We observe **Banned Books Week** to bring awareness about censorship and the books that are currently part of this debate.

AUTHOR VISIT

TUESDAY 10/17/23

8:45 PREK-2ND GRADE

12:40 3RD - 5TH GRADE

Join us in welcoming author **Anthony Walsh** with his book **"Hockey is for Everybody"** at Bryn Mawr Elementary.

Families and Guardians are welcome to attend. Big Hill Books will be selling copies of the book that can be signed by the author.

School Engagement News



NO OCTOBER PTA MEETING

In lieu of a monthly meeting we encourage PTA members and parents to attend the **State of the School** event on **Tuesday, October 10th**.

We will be in need of volunteers to help with dinner as well as other activities for the evening

Feel free to contact the PTA to volunteer:

info@BrynMawrPTA.org

Your Bryn Mawr PTA is committed to:



Building a strong school community that enriches each child's learning experience and embraces the diversity of our school, families, and community.



Increasing engagement across families, teachers, and staff to build meaningful connections with monthly PTA meetings to hear from and connect with our Principal and build relationships with other families.



Providing academic and enrichment support through a variety of fundraisers and volunteer opportunities.

Visit YOUR Bryn Mawr PTA website at:

We're spreading kindness and inclusion this month!

The Week of October 2nd: Spread Kindness Week

On 10/2 we will observe World Day of Bullying Prevention

Show your support by wearing blue and spreading awareness. Make an effort to befriend someone you don't know at school. We all understand the feeling of being left out, so let's take action and ensure no one feels isolated.

Challenge Others to Be Kind

Make kindness go viral with an acts of kindness and challenge friends and classmates to pay it forward.

The Weeks of October 9th and 16th: STAND UP for Others Weeks

If someone is being bullied, be brave and STAND UP for them. Bullies have been known to back off when others stand up for victims.

If you don't feel safe get help from an adult immediately. Let's be part of the solution! These weeks are an opportunity to embrace everyone's differences and celebrate their similarities: Whether someone is LGBTQ+, African American, Asian, Muslim, AAPI, of Tribal descent or disabled let's make an effort to be friends.

The Week of October 23rd: Week of Inclusion

During this week, let's ensure that no one eats alone in the cafeteria or plays alone at recess. Let's make it

H I G H - 5

In September the High 5 students have been learning all about what school is and what we do at school. We have been practicing our routines and rituals, going to specialist and spending a lot of time outside! We have been learning about patterns, sorting and counting using apples. Moving forward, we will begin a unit on friends and then a unit on Fall where we will learn all about how to be a good friend and spend time exploring the season and all things pumpkin!

Allison Kavanagh, High 5

K I N D E R G A R T E N

The Kindergartners have had a busy start to the school year. We have been busy learning how to do school and making new friends. We spent several days making our classroom expectations, which are I am a listener, I am a worker, I am a friend, and I am safe. The Kindergartners also learned how to use and take care of their classroom tools.

P H Y S I C A L E D U C A T I O N

We have been very busy the first few weeks of school learning the rituals and routines for Ms. Anita's classes. Hi5-2 grade have started learning about stations using the equipment of hula hoops, balls, scooters and pin/balls for throwing underhand/overhand. Grades 3-5 have worked on team building and growing their community together to make good choices. We have started some football skills as well.

October 4 is Walk and Bike to School Day. Mr. Josh is running this event.

The Great Apple Crunch will happen on October 12 in the cafeteria with all students being served apples for lunch. All students in Minnesotan will participate.

Thanks for allowing me to teach your child, and remember to keep your family moving and make good food choices!

Ms. Anita Chavez, Physical Education

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Congratulations!

September Bulldogs of the Month



Hamza Abdalla	Kevin Koenig
Najwa Abdi	Lana Koenig
Shamhaad Abdirizak	Catharina Lee
Ishwak Aden	Xendy Lee
Ahmed Ahmed	Neymar Mancian Rivera
Jojo Ash	Danny Martinez
Mick Baird	Aisha Mohamed
Jerry Baker	Amne Mohamed
Giovani Becerra	Jay'Mirrah Mork
Venelope Briggs-Jackson	Maxxis Moua
Sa'Niyah Brown	Trivale Robinson
Mason Coleman	Arya Rosenbeck
Elliot Frost	Elias Salone
Marquan Harris	Dakota Stromstad
Karter Hinton	Jean Tipanluisa
Amarion Howard	Damascus Trundle
Nia Hurckman	Evan Vang
Leeaira Jackson	Nixon Vang
Brion Johnson	Busy Vaughan
Kameron Jones	Amouriana Viverette
Tyce Jones	Bella Vue
Everly Khang	Ian Xiong
Ali Koelndorfer	

