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Kevin Oldenburg, Principal of Bryn Mawr Elementary School, located at 252 Upton Ave S in Minneapolis, Minnesota

From The Principal

Hello Marvelous Bryn Mawr Community School Families!

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We look forward to partnering with you this year to ensure your child's/children's success.

I am excited to return to the Bryn Mawr Community to work with our amazing students, staff, and community. It is my goal to build strong partnerships with each of our stakeholders. I am eager to meet each of you this year at our family events or as you visit the school. If you are new to Bryn Mawr, please be sure to introduce yourself or stop by my office if you have the chance.

Our team is looking forward to meeting both our new and returning students and families as we begin this new year of learning. In addition to some staffing changes and grade level realignments our team is happy to continue our implementation of Bridges (math) and Benchmark (reading). Please be looking for information about how we can partner together to support student learning throughout the year.

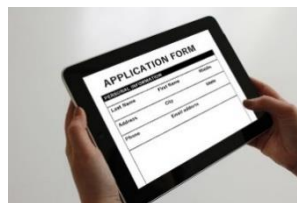
All families need to complete the Education Benefits Form online or during Open House. Regardless of your qualification for free/reduced lunch we ask all families to fill out the Educational Benefits Form each year.

Families who fill out this form

determines much of our funding. This funding is used to purchase books, instructional materials and provide additional academic support for our students. Thank you for taking the time to support our school!

I hope everyone has an amazing year filled with learning, friendships, and plenty of fun!

Principal Oldenburg



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Let's have a great year!!

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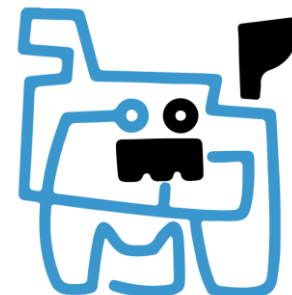
5 - First day of school 1st - 5th

7 - First day of school Hi5 & K

25 - No School

27 - Farm to School Community BBQ

30 - Honoring Youth Community Powwow



School Engagement News

From your PTA - Parent/Caregiver Teacher/Staff Association

When you join your school's local PTA unit, you automatically become a member of both Minnesota PTA and National PTA. There is a treasure trove of information and resources available to all our PTA members.

National PTA® is the oldest and largest child advocacy association in America. For 125 years, PTA has worked with school communities and decision makers to solve the toughest problems in our nation's history. Join us as we celebrate the mission and work of PTA and plan for the future.

PTA is a network of millions of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of family engagement in schools.

PTA is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit association that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who supports the PTA mission and wants to be involved and make a difference for the education, health, and welfare of children and youth.

Find out why you should join PTA and the great benefits you get as a result of being a member. You can also donate to National PTA.

For more information about National PTA, please explore their website - pta.org

The Bryn Mawr PTA is committed to:



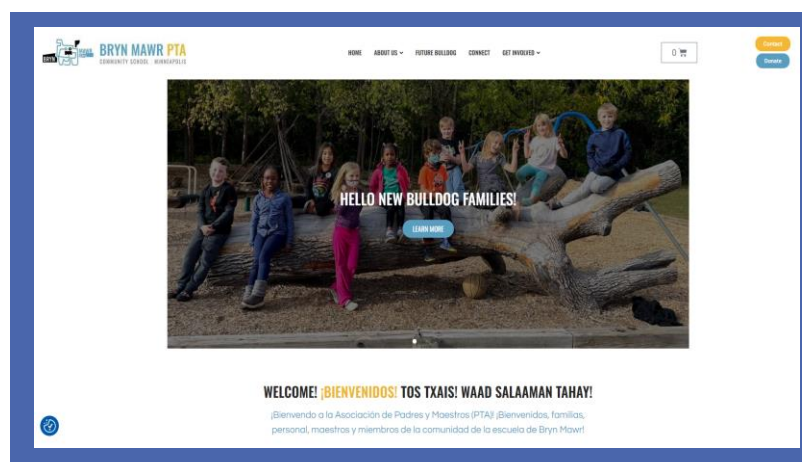
Building a strong school community that enriches each child's learning experience and embraces the diversity of our school, families, and community.



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



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



Visit YOUR Bryn Mawr PTA website at:
BrynMawrPTA.org

A Bulldog shout out to new staff in 2023

Staff New to Bryn Mawr 2023

- Jane Alpers - AE Interventionist
- Kenneth Barrows - Physical Education
- Zachary Briol - 1st Grade
- Geoffrey Brown - Office Assistant
- Michael Brown - SEA ASD
- Kimberly Cook - Counselor
- Nicholas Cross - Social Work
- Vacant - Building Reserve
- Stephanie Green - 5th Grade
- Julie Hansen - 2nd Grade
- Samuel Hanson - Kindergarten
- Ashley Hemstock - AE Intervention
- Mariah Hollingsworth - Hi-5 AE
- Elizabeth Johnson - Admin TOSA
- Christopher Leaf - 5th Grade
- Catherine Mandle - ECSE
- Shannon Maroney - SEA ECSE
- Nadja Melby - SEA ASD
- Emma Olson - SEA ASD
- Madeline Sash - Art Specialist
- Veronica Silva - ASD Teacher
- Keri Strusz - Science Specialist
- Julia Thurau - Speech Language Pathologist
- Joe Vaughn - SEA ECSE

Staff in a New Role at Bryn Mawr 2023

- Aretha Branscomb - 5th Grade AE
- Emma Buttress - 1st Grade
- Deb Frost - Kindergarten
- Wesley Hill - SSPA
- Dailen Hughes - SB Teacher
- Laura Kringler - Media Specialist
- Caralina McKay - Interventionist
- Michelle Montoya - AE Interventionist
- Ellie Mytty - 3rd Grade

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



Your school library media center has books, videos, websites, and many other items available any time, anywhere that you have internet access.

Hello Bryn Mawr families!

The Library will open for book check out on **MONDAY!** Regular hours are Monday - Friday 7:30-1:30

- We will follow the library schedule beginning on Monday, Sept 18 (Kindergarten will begin 9/26 with Ms. Kringler). If your class would like to delay a week, just let us know. Please have your students wear nametags. See you soon!
- Some grades will have an orientation to the library before checking out books.

Calm boxes are available for check out from the library.



Welcome to book checkout at Bryn Mawr!

This is information about our district library system, as well as information on what to do when a book is overdue or lost.

Your school library media center uses a web-based catalog and circulation system called Destiny that allows you to search for books, videos, websites, and many other items in your school's library collection anytime, anywhere that you have internet access.

Destiny also tracks all the materials you have checked out at any school in the district.

If you checked out library books and/or textbooks that you did not return, they will continue to appear under your name.

Learning materials are expensive and we all must be responsible for their use and return. If you have school materials that you have not returned from previous school years, please return them to the library media center. Materials from other schools will be sent to the school they belong to. Students are responsible for lost or damaged MPS materials and may not have the privilege of attending non-academic events if these items have not been taken care of. Student Library material check out may also be put on hold if a student has too many overdue/lost materials in order to meet the state standard of being responsible for shared resources.

If you have questions or need help with lost or damaged materials, please email Laura Kringler or Heather Thomson in the library media center.



Device Information:

- Devices have been handed out for 1st - 5th. PreK/K is coming soon.
- Reminder -- students and caregivers should complete the "Technology Use Pledge".

Check out the books displays in the library -- Hispanic Heritage Month, Back to School, New Books and more. All are available for check out.

IMPORTANT INFO FOR BOOK CHECK OUT DAYS:

- Returned books should be collected in a bin and brought to the media center **by 8am.**
- Books should go in the **NEW** slot "BOOK RETURN" near the desk. It is important to have the returned books by 8 to get them checked in before classes begin.

Students please bring books you would like to renew with you to book check out time.

Access this information and more at:
<https://brynmawr.mpls.k12.mn.us/>