

# NEWS

## ISSUE 2405

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## From The Principal

To our Bryn Mawr Bulldog Families!

Dear Bulldog families,

As the school year draws to a close, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and involvement in your child's education. Your dedication and partnership have truly made a difference in our school community. I also want to remind you that testing season is still ongoing, and we truly appreciate all of your encouragement and assistance in helping your child prepare.

While the end of the school year is approaching, we hope you look forward to the exciting possibilities summer has in store for your family.

Please join me for Coffee on Tuesday, May 7th in our Family Engagement Center for some conversation about your concerns and to learn more information about next year.



Thank you once again for your continued collaboration and we wish you all a happy and fulfilling end of the school year.

Sincerely,

*Principal Oldenburg*

MAY 2024						
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

- 2 - PTA Plant Day Sale
- 7 - Coffee with the Principal
- 8 - Bike, Walk & Roll to School Day
- 9 - PTA Meeting 6PM
- 23 - Spring Festival
- 27 - Memorial Day **NO SCHOOL**
- 30 - AAPI Parent Involvement Day

<https://mpls.k12.mn.us/calendars>

# Spring Festival

**Thursday May 23rd 5PM - 7PM**

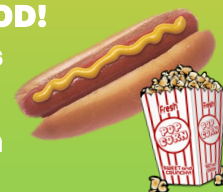
**Join us for some outdoor family fun to celebrate SPRING!**

**Activities include:**

Scavenger hunt  
Hair painting  
Sidewalk chalk  
Photos  
Face painting

Music & Dancing  
Play Hoops  
Fire truck  
Games & Prizes

**AND FOOD!**  
Hotdogs  
Chips  
Popcorn



**PTA MEETING****TUESDAY****May 14<sup>th</sup> • 6PM****Bryn Mawr Cafeteria****BrynMawrPTA.org****FROM THE LIBRARY**

Important May dates:

26 - Last day to check out books

31 - All library books due

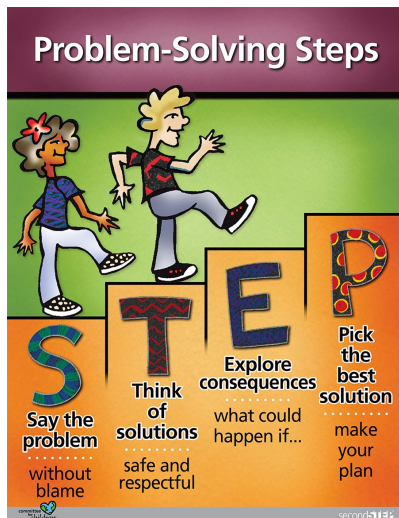
**~ 2nd Grade ~**

This month second grade has been growing corn and peas. We have been measuring the growth of our plants as we learn more about the metric system. We are also using our mathematician minds to understand what a fraction is and how we use fractions in our daily life. To celebrate Earth Day, second graders spent part of their recess picking up trash around Bryn Mawr. Along with celebrating **Earth Day**, we are learning more about how wind and water change Earth in our current Benchmark unit.



We want your child to be as successful as possible at school. Success in school is not just about reading and math. It is also about making good decisions.

The last couple of months the students at Bryn Mawr will be learning to apply the **Problem-Solving STEP** (Say the problem, Think of solutions, Explore consequences and Pick the best solution) technique for solving-problems with others in a positive way. Students will learn specific skills for working through difficult situations. We encourage you to ask your child(ren) about the **STEP** process and reinforce it at home too!



To understand what your child is learning and for your child to show you what he or she knows see the chart below:

Thank you for supporting your child in learning social and emotional skills that lead to success in school and in life.

*Regina Jackson*

Regina Jackson

Social/Emotional Learning Teacher

**School Counselor  
Caregiver Survey****We want to hear from you!**

- What is a School Counselor?
- School Counselors support students in academics, social-emotional learning, and career and future planning.
- Have you heard of Xello?
- Would you like to learn more?

**Please complete the survey**

**We look forward to connecting with you and having an ongoing partnership and dialogue**

We are scheduling caregiver focus groups in Spring of 2024 to gain more input from families on the goals and services of our elementary school counseling programs district-wide.

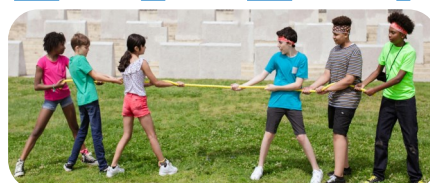
**Let us know if you are interested!**

**MAY 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**WALK BIKE & ROLL**  
**TO SCHOOL**

**Students, families, and staff  
are encouraged  
to get active on  
their commute to school**

**WEDNESDAY MAY 8TH**

**FIELD DAY**  
**2024**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH.**

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This will be the last update from Ms. Anita as I will be retiring in June after twenty-eight years at Bryn Mawr, thirty-two in MPLS and a grand total of thirty-three years over-all. I wanted to thank all the parents, guardians, families and all the kids I have taught over the years for allowing me to be part of your lives.

We are in our tennis unit now. The students have had one tennis lesson provided by Inner City Tennis. They will have a total of 7 weeks of tennis. The students have done an outstanding job with the first week.

Please mark your calendar to come cheer at our Field Day on June 7th, 2nd-5th grade will be doing their events from 8-10:30 and Hi5,K,1 along with Ms. Dani, Ms. Veronica and Ms. Selena will be at their events from 11:00-1:30. If you take your child after Field Day, please sign them out of the office. The rain date for Field Day is June 10th.



It has been my privilege and pleasure to teach all of my students over the years. I have had outstanding support for my Physical Education program by all staff and parents. A special shout out to Ms. Kathy, who we all know. She is the motor that keeps Bryn Mawr running every day for our staff, families and students. I appreciate her support for the physical education program over all these years.

My wish for you all is to live happy healthy lives. Make smart food choices. Remember a little ice cream never hurt anyone!!!!!!

**GO BULLDOGS!**

**BULLDOG PRIDE!**

*Ms. Anita*

## Congratulations March Bulldogs of the Month!

Noor Ammad	Kazi Clark	Joseph Marshall	Jeremy Quishpi Bu-	Romeo Tlaseca
Claude Blackbird	Prince Clay	Amina Mohamed	nay	Tonihka
Isaac Bradley	Roxanne Cook	Amari Mosley	Thmaris Richardson	Shellmy Toaquiza An-
Azaila Bridger	Khari Franklin	Jaxson Newman	Andre Robinson	challa
Saniyah Brown	Zy'Ann Gipson	Emar'Rion Patterson	Naomi Rodgers	Vincent Vang
Aaliyah Brown	Zion Henderson	Jayovohny Pawlist-	Yeimy Romero Munoz	Belle Vang
Lelani Bryant-Rivera	Mystiry Johnson	chek	Mason Ronning	Birdie Vaughan
Ja'Miyah Bynum	Ryan Johnson	Chaotica Pawlitschek	Zaynab Sanyang	Alana Wielgus
Jabari Chamberlain	Paris Lindsey		Joshua Thao	Julien Wingo



## SUMMER SCHOLARS REGISTRATION OPEN !

[SummerScholarsMPS.org](http://SummerScholarsMPS.org)

# Fifth Grade Trip to Eagle Bluff



The fifth graders had three beautiful days for their trip to Eagle Bluff during the last week of April. About 30 students, 4 staff, and a parent went for Bryn Mawr's first trip to Eagle Bluff and had a great time. Students had the opportunity to try out a high ropes course and every student stepped into their personal "challenge zone" pushing through their fears. It was so fun to see them on the platforms deciding which next challenge to take! Everyone's individual challenge zone meant that for some students getting their harness on and trying ground school was pushing their limits. We are so proud of them!

Several of our classes focused on science themes. Archery engineers had the students learning how to use a bow and arrow, discussing which is faster - cars, airplanes, Usain Bolt, roller coasters, etc. They then got to do experiments with different types of arrows to build the fastest arrow possible. In Animal Signs we went looking for animal tracks, scat, and other signs. We did find some good tracks in the woods. We also got to touch snakes and turtles! We also hung out with a Turkey Vulture while we learned about the physics behind flight!

Our fourth class was all about survival. After learning that we can't survive more than 3 seconds without a positive attitude but could survive for almost 3 weeks without food we went out in the woods. In the woods we built shelters and then tried to get fires started! Some groups had more success than others in fire building and enjoyed some warm lemonade!

Other highlights included s'mores at the bonfire after singing camp songs, free time in the dorms with friends, a night hike where we saw the sunset and full moon rise over the Root River, and delicious food.

It was so fun to see the students out exploring and doing things they've never done before. Some students who don't normally talk at school, were raising their hand with answers and questions!! Everyone was definitely tired but so many good memories were made!! We are very proud of the students who went!! And you should be too.

This trip was made possible because of the hard work and dedication of the 5th grade team and financial support from Bryn Mawr neighbors, friends, and family members. Of course we couldn't have done it without parents also being willing to trust us to take their kids out of town for 3 days!!