



# BRYN MAWR NEWS

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## FALL CONFERENCES

**Sign up Now!**

## From the Principal



Dear Students and Families,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at Bryn Mawr School! As we gather once again in our vibrant school community, I am filled with hope and enthusiasm for the months ahead. Our commitment to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for every student remains our top priority. Together, with your invaluable partnership, we can create a nurturing space that fosters both academic success and personal growth.

This year, we look forward to strengthening our collaboration with families and the community. Your insights and engagement are crucial in shaping a positive and enriching experience for our students. Whether through attending school events, volunteering, or simply keeping an open line

of communication with our staff, every contribution makes a meaningful difference. Together, we can tackle challenges and celebrate achievements, ensuring that each child feels valued and supported.

As we embark on this journey together, let us keep the lines of communication open and work hand in hand to ensure that our school is a safe haven for exploration and discovery. I am excited to see what this year holds for us, and I sincerely thank you for your continued support and dedication. Here's to a wonderful and productive school year ahead!

Warmest regards,

*Kevin Oldenburg*

Important Remaining September Dates	
20	2nd Grade Children's Theatre Field Trip
24	Hispanic Heritage Event
25	CPEO evening group

# WALK BIKE & ROLL TO SCHOOL

## OCTOBER 9th

WalkBikeToSchool.org



**N**ational Hispanic Heritage Month is an exciting time to remember the contributions of Hispanic Americans and celebrate their rich and dynamic heritage.

Please check out activities and events where you can get involved or learn more about the history and culture of Hispanic Americans:

### Bryn Mawr Events

- **Digital Bryn Mawr Cookbook, Cocinando con Sabor, Cooking with Flavor** Submit by October 15 Recipe form link.

Bryn Mawr seeks to honor and appreciate all families. Throughout the school year, we will collect recipes from the families at our school to create a Digital Bryn Mawr Cookbook. We are asking that you submit your favorite Hispanic recipe for a chance to be featured in the digital cookbook to be delivered at the end of the year.

- **Virtual Share Your Family Heritage/History** Submit by October 10.

Send a video (via cellphone) showcasing your Hispanic heritage for a chance to be featured in the Bryn Mawr Newsletter. Please answer one of the questions in a 1-2 minute video and text to Ms. Jackson @ (612) 470-4959

1. Tell us about your favorite family holiday.
2. What is your favorite thing to do as a family?
3. What is your favorite food that you and your family enjoy?

- **School Wide Hispanic Heritage Month Event** Mark your calendar for September 24, 2024

### MPS District Wide Events

- **Jimmy Longoria Art Exhibit "A La Brava"**  
Open from September 3 to October 11 at Davis Center Gallery  
1250 W. Broadway Ave, Minneapolis
- **Art Exhibit Reception**  
September 19 from 6 - 7:30PM at Davis Center Gallery  
1250 W. Broadway Ave, Minneapolis
- **Latino Heritage Month Celebration**  
October 5 from 11AM - 2PM at Green Central  
3416 4th Avenue South, Minneapolis



#### Emilia Gonzalez Avalos

Born in Mexico City, raised in Irapuato and Minnesota, she joined her father in Minnesota years after he left their town looking for a better future for his family.



Family separation, border consciousness and the transnational economy shaped Emilia into an immigration activist, intersectional feminist and advocate for human rights. Emilia is an alumna of the Hubert H. Humphrey Public Policy Fellows Program, the Roy Wilkins Community Fellows and the Emerging Leader Fellow with America Votes. She currently serves as the executive director of Navigate MN.



#### Ilia Calderón

A Colombian-born Emmy award-winning journalist who became the first Afro-Latina to co-anchor Univision's news show.

On March 15, 2020 she co-hosted the eleventh Democratic Presidential Debate on CNN.

She is the author of *My Time to Speak: Reclaiming Ancestry and Confronting Race*.

#### Maria Regan Gonzalez

The first mayor of color in Richfield and the first Latina mayor in Minnesota.



Gonzalez grew up with two cultures with her native-Minnesotan father and mother who immigrated from Mexico.

She is working on her master's degree in public health and working full-time at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota.

#### Ellen Ochoa: First Hispanic woman in the world to go to space



Ochoa was aboard the Discovery shuttle for a total of nine days while conducting important research into the Earth's ozone layer. Since that ground-, or sky-, breaking moment, Ochoa has gone on a further three space flights, logging 1,000 hours in space in total. And, as if her first pioneering mission wasn't enough, in 2013 Ochoa became the first Hispanic director, and second female director, of the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.



#### Joan Baez

"We shall overcome", sings Joan Baez, legendary folk singer, at the March on Washington for civil rights in 1963. "We are not afraid today, oh deep in my heart I do believe, we shall overcome someday"; Baez lived by these words, as a passionate spokesperson for the anti-war effort, a civil rights activist, and a powerful, unforgettable singer-songwriter. Baez is probably most well-known for her human rights advocacy, her breathtaking voice, and her continual fight for justice for the marginalized and oppressed that have secured her place in the history books.

#### Sonia Sotomayor: First Hispanic and the third woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court



In 2009, Sonia Sotomayor broke boundaries by becoming the first Latina, and the third woman, to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States, the highest court in the country. Sotomayor was born in New York City to Puerto Rican parents. She grew up in the Bronxdale-Houses, a public housing project in the Bronx. Through perseverance and determination, she received degrees from Princeton University and Yale Law School. As a Supreme Court Justice she has ruled to uphold the Affordable Care Act and legalize same-sex marriage.