

BRYN MAWR school NEWS

OCTOBER
2024

From the Principal



Dear Students and Families,

I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible start we've had here at Bryn Mawr in September. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our talented staff and the enthusiasm of our students, the first few weeks have been filled with engaging lessons, creativity, and a spirit of collaboration. It's heartwarming to see our students so eager to learn and explore new ideas, and I am grateful for your support in making this possible.

We believe that fostering a strong sense of community is just as important as academic success. Together, we are creating an environment where every student feels valued and inspired to thrive. Our commitment to building classroom skills goes hand in hand with strengthening our bonds with families and community members. We will continue to offer opportunities for parents

to be involved in their children's education and encourage open communication to enhance our collective mission.

As we look ahead, I am excited about all the wonderful activities and initiatives we have planned. Your involvement is crucial, and I invite you to participate in upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and school meetings. Together, we can ensure that our students not only excel academically but also grow as compassionate and responsible individuals. Thank you for your ongoing support, and let's make this school year the best one yet!

Yours most sincerely,
Kevin Oldenburg
Principal

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5th Grade

In October, 5th graders will continue practicing classroom routines and expectations. In math, we will learn about finding volume of a 3-D shape and multiplying multi-digit numbers. In reading, we will begin a novel study focusing on character development.



**FALL
CONFERENCES**

OCT 15 2:30PM - 7:00PM
OCT 16 7:30AM - 3:00PM



Sign up Now!



In Physical Education students have been working on learning the expectations of the gym and learning new games. We will be moving into our soccer unit, where students will learn how to dribble, trap the ball, kick, and pass.

October Is National Bullying Prevention Month

Counseling Corner by Kim Cook

Bryn Mawr will have classroom resources available to teach students about bullying prevention and what they can do to intervene if they observe it. On Wednesday, October 2nd we will have an assembly for our 3rd-5th graders on this topic. We are also asking students and staff wear orange that day in solidarity over anti-bullying.

Parents have an integral part in teaching their children about bullying.

1. Educate your children about bullying.

Once they know what bullying is, your children will be able to identify it more easily, whether it is happening to them or someone else.

2. Talk openly and frequently to your children

The more you talk to your children about bullying, the more comfortable they will be telling you if they see or experience it. Check in with your children daily and ask about their time at school and their activ-



HELP EVERYONE RESPECT OTHERS

ities online, inquiring not only about their classes and activities, but also about their feelings.

3. Help your child be a positive role model

There are three parties to bullying: the victim, the perpetrator, and the bystander. Even if children are not victims of bullying, they can prevent bullying by being inclusive, respectful, and kind to their peers. If they witness bullying, they can stick up for the victim, offer support, and/or question bullying behaviors.

4. Help build your child's self confidence

Encourage your child to enroll in classes or join activities they love in your community. This will also help build confidence as well as a group of friends with shared interests.

5. Be a role model

Show your child how to treat other children and adults with kindness and respect by doing the same to the people around you, including speaking up when others are being mistreated. Children look to their parents as examples of how to behave, including what to post online.

6. Be part of their online experience

Familiarize yourself with the platforms your child uses, explain to your child how the online and the offline world are connected, and warn them about the different risks they will face online.

**Feel free to contact me
with any issues or concerns.**
Kimberly.Cook@mpls.k12.mn.us
or call 612.668.2509.

Check & Connect

**Perfect Attendance matters-
ON TIME, EVERY DAY**

Missing 10% of the school year (that's just two days a month!!) = Chronically Absent from school

Poor attendance can influence whether a child can read proficiently by 3rd grade

When attendance rates improve, academic prospects and chances for graduating sky rocket!

When students are here every day, on time- we all win!

Thank you for getting your students to school every day, on time!!

Visit attendanceworks.org

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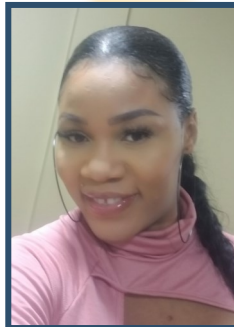
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NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Lola Atibioke, RN
Lola has been an RN for 2 years serving at Anwatin Middle School. She is now covering Anwatin and Bryn Mawr.
Welcome, Lola!

Library News

Welcome to the Bryn Mawr Library! Students are learning about different books we have in the library, how to check them out for use at home or in the classroom and how to care for them. Ask your student what book they checked out from the school library!



Parent Learning: CPEO

MPS invites caregivers to enroll in a FREE academy called Connecting Parents to Educational Opportunities (CPEO).



TOPICS:

- Home and school collaboration
- Self esteem, motivation and anti-bullying
- Academic standards, discipline and social media effects
- Navigating MPS school system and a session with the school principal
- Helping your child explore career and college options
- Graduation ceremony

CPEO equips parents and caregivers with essential skills to help support the academic success of their children. CPEO is for caregivers with children of all ages: pre-K, elementary, middle and high school. The program is taught in English, Hmong, Spanish and Somali and runs for 3-8 weeks with classes once a week.

Childcare, transportation and meals are available.

To register, scan the QR Code or the following:

shakur.ali@mpls.k12.mn.us

763-285-2435

mps.schools.org/community/cpeo



BRYN MAWR ATTENDANCE NOTES

ABSENCES

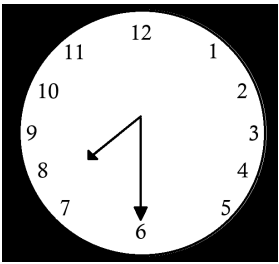
Minneapolis Public Schools recognizes that daily attendance is critical to academic achievement. It is our goal to work with students, families, and communities to support regular school attendance and improve academic achievement. Please call us for further assistance or questions about the attendance policy.

For **EVERY** absence, please:

- 1. Please call the main office at 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.**



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.



TARDIES

The Bryn Mawr School day begins at 7:30 a.m. Students are required by law to be in class from this time until the end of the school day which is 2:10 p.m. When students are tardy, they miss valuable learning and disrupt the learning environment of others. We ask that you consider the importance of your child being here at school on time and the effect this has on your child and all of our students.

Please note that there are few legitimate excuses for children coming to school late. Minneapolis Public Schools does not excuse over-sleeping, babysitting/caring for siblings, missing the bus, personal hygiene issues, car problems or other similar concerns.

If you live outside of Bryn Mawr's 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 bussing area.**

VERY IMPORTANT:

Students who arrive to school at 8:30 or after will be charged a half day absent.

Students will be dropped from enrollment after 15 consecutive days of absence, regardless of excuses.

Every doctors' appointment will be excused by note only

Early dismissals will NOW COUNT AGAINST ATTENDANCE, please plan accordingly.

