

# BRYN MAWR NEWS

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### FEBRUARY

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3	4	5	6	7
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24	25	26	27	28

11 – PTA/Site Council 6PM

14 – Conferences—**NO SCHOOL**

17 – Presidents' Day **NO SCHOOL**

28 – Teacher Workday **NO SCHOOL**

26 – Bulldog of the Month

26 - Black History Showcase

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

— FEBRUARY IS —

**BLACK**  
**HISTORY**  
**MONTH**



Scan the code to find ways MPS is celebrating with our community

## From the Principal

Happy New Year!

I have, for a long time, appreciated this quote from Michael Jordan, arguably the greatest pro basketball player of all time:

*"I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."*

I like that Mr. Jordan sees that a failure is not an ending, but a chance to learn about himself and improve. It brings to mind this new year and the opportunity we all have to reflect, to reset, and to use what we have learned from the beginning of our school year.

That is the work we are all engaged in here at Bryn Mawr. Our students are learning each

day how to be in community with one another, and how to take the information offered to them and expand their understanding of the world around them. The educators in our building are learning each day how to use their talents and experience to lead our students in reaching for more knowledge and applying the lessons to their own lives.

I am looking forward to the next four months of growth with my colleagues and our students. Let's all start this new season with a new commitment to work together to make this a great year!

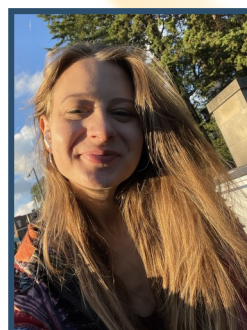
Sincerely,

*Kevin Oldenburg*



## NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Hannah Gonzalez, is our Bilingual Program Assistant working with students in all grades. Her favorite foods are elote and empanadas. **Welcome, Hannah!**



## Counseling Corner by Kim Cook, School Counselor

### 31 Activities to Teach Kids Kindness



- 1 Teach the Difference Between Kind and Nice
- 2 Teach T.H.I.N.K.
- 3 Write a Letter to Someone
- 4 Teach About Empathy
- 5 Volunteer
- 6 Show Kindness to Workers
- 7 Help Other Kids
- 8 See a Play or Musical
- 9 Plant Something
- 10 Create a Compliment Board
- 11 Read a Book Focusing on Kindness
- 12 Play a Cooperative Game
- 13 Make Growth Mindset Rocks
- 14 Talk About Differences
- 15 Discuss Misguided Kindness



- 16 Teach about the Science of Kindness
- 17 Learn About Bullying
- 18 Practice Conflict Resolution
- 19 Hang Out With Friends
- 20 Understand What You Can and Can't Control
- 21 Play a Competitive Game
- 22 Attend a Cultural Event
- 23 Find a Pen Pal
- 24 Love Yourself
- 25 Practice Mindfulness
- 26 Teach Grit and Resilience
- 27 Learn First Aid
- 28 Find Gratitude
- 29 Know When to Stand Up for Yourself
- 30 Watch a Movie About Overcoming Obstacles
- 31 Reflect



Big Life Journal - biglifejournal.com

February's Words of the Month are **Kindness** and **Empathy**. Kindness is defined as the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. Empathy is defined as showing the ability to understand and share the feelings of others. Please take a look at the activities and choose a couple to try this month with your children.

Scan the QR code for other great ideas to nurture and build kindness and empathy at home.



## Black History Month Classroom Door Decoration Contest is back!

Students and staff will decorate their doors for Black History Month, then care-

givers and community members will view and rank each door on February 26. This is a fun way to celebrate and honor those who have advocated and advanced Black Culture in the US.

**Wednesday, February 26th**

## CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH



**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

**12:30PM - 1:30PM**

**SCHOOL STUDENT SHOWCASE**

**ANWATIN AUDITORIUM**

## Library News

February is **I LOVE TO READ MONTH** - a time to celebrate reading and books!

In the library, we have been learning about award winning books! K-2 students are reading books nominated for the Star of the North book award and will vote for their favorite!

Remember, you can use [Destiny Discover](#) to access the Bryn Mawr Library Catalog, including audio and ebooks. Be sure to ask your student what books they are enjoying from the Bryn Mawr Library!

