Honoring Earth Day

Mr. Mickiewicz, Ms. Tillyer, and Ms. Guerette from Bike and Walk Montclair visited K-1 classes to discuss ways to take care of our planet, highlighting the importance of eco friendly transportation. They shared safety tips about how to integrate in intersections, communicate, be mindful of surroundings, understand how traffic flows, and more. Lastly, they shared about the appropriate gear to wear when biking including a helmet and bright clothing. Check out more information on their mission and upcoming local events at https://www.bikewalkmontclair.org/

NJSLA Testing:
The annual NJSLA state testing will take place at Bradford starting on Monday, May 1, 2023. All students in grades 3-5 will take the ELA section of the test on May 1, 2 & 3 and Math on May 8, 9 & 10. The 5th grade students will take the Science test on May 4 & 5. Testing begins at 9:00 a.m. each morning so we ask that the students please arrive to school on time. It will also be helpful if they eat their daily breakfast, have a good night's sleep and wear school-appropriate comfortable clothing. Students who miss a day a testing due to illness will be tested at another
time throughout the month of May. All computer-based testing will conclude by May 26th and all paper-based testing will conclude by May 12. [Here is the link](#) to the NJ Assessment Resource Center for parents.

As a reminder for families, during the month of May as we administer the NJSLA test, the schedule is altered to accommodate the daily testing. Classroom teachers, special education teachers, speech therapists, OTs and the school counselor will be testing student groups. Class or therapy sessions missed due to the state required testing will not be made up. The teachers and therapists will do their best to continue their sessions with students and to minimize the disruption to the schedule.

Should you have any questions, please email Ms. Helena Tamasco, School Test Coordinator.

**Talent Show:**
The Bradford Student Council is sponsoring a school-wide talent show. The event will take place on Thursday, June 15, 2023. Additional information will be provided over the next few weeks.

Students should complete [Talent show form](#) if they are interested in showing off their talent. We are also looking for some students to be part of the backstage crew.

Of course, an event like this is not possible without the support of the families. If you are available to assist with the event, we would greatly appreciate it. Families can [sign up to volunteer here](#).

All forms are due by Monday, May 8th.

If you have any questions, please email Ms. Helena Tamasco.

**Read A Thon Winners**
Bradford students were treated to a delicious ice cream truck for clocking in over 40,000 minutes of reading in a matter of weeks! Thank you, Juliet Jones, for organizing this successful endeavor!
Exploring the Phillipines

Staff and students watched a wonderful presentation on Filipino culture, organized by our PTA and AAPI. They were also treated to a quartet that played Filipino musical instruments like the Rondolla. Did you know that the Philippines was named after King Philip (talk about originality) and that they have 7,600 islands…and that is only during high tide! Did I mention they speak over 120 languages too?
JOIN US FOR

COMMUNITY GARDEN DAY!

Join us for a fun day of hands on work in our community garden!

Saturday, May 20th • 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Bradford Elementary School

Activities will include: weeding, tilling soil, and helping to replenish pollinator and native plants. We will be paying tribute to 15 beautiful years of Isabella’s Garden.

Please bring gloves, shovels, hoes, and watering cans. Scan the QR code to donate (flowers, plants, and soil).

Water and light snacks will be provided.
For question contact: Marcie Chanin | MChanin@montclair.k12.nj.us
Mr. Acuna’s Corner:
Last week's parachute lessons consisted of the students participating in extraordinary cooperative teamwork skills to complete several engaging tasks using the parachute. Students were told of the importance to collectively work together so that they achieve the goal of trapping as much air as possible to form our parachute clubhouse named, Mr. Acuña's Clubhouse. The students also learned new vocabulary words used in the activities such as "Launch" in which they needed to be on the same page to successfully launch the beach balls as high as they could to the sky. The parachute lesson is a quintessential teamwork building lesson that promotes joy & excitement in which the students will remember forever.
**Visitor Protocols**

It is the policy of the Montclair Public School district (Policy 9150) that all visitors must first report to the office before going anywhere in the building. All visitors must have a pre-approved appointment, with the exception of large school events and PTA/SATp meetings. Visitors will arrange all visits with classroom teachers in advance of the date of the visit in order for the teacher to be able to get approval for the visits. This will also enable the teacher to inform the office of the visit, as **we are not able to accommodate unannounced visits in order to maintain a safe school environment.**

Doors are locked throughout the school day, and all visitors must ring the front doorbell to gain access. All visitors and staff must adhere to the following rules for the safety of the children.

1. A secretary will greet you over the intercom when you ring the bell. Please look into the camera and state your name, your child’s name and your intended purpose in the building.
2. Report to the main office door for further instructions before going anywhere else in the building.
3. Wear a visitor’s badge for the duration of your visit. The visitor’s badge must be visible at all times.
4. **Only proceed to the location of the visit. Please refrain from making additional stops.**
5. Sign out before leaving the building through the front entrance.
6. Should you need to use the restroom while in the building, please only use those designated for staff use. They are located next to the library in the new wing, and in the Staff Lounge on the first floor.

**Dropping off belongings:**

- There will be a bin outside the main entrance at the front door.
- Any items that need to be delivered to students, can be dropped inside that bin.
- Make sure all items are clearly labeled with the name, grade and teacher.
- Please ring the bell at the entrance to notify the front desk that the item is in the bin.
- Office staff will retrieve the item and the child will be notified.
Reminders:

- Please do not prop the doors open.
- Please do not allow anyone to come in after you, they must be buzzed in individually. Although it may seem impolite, we are trying to maintain the safety and security of the building.
- All visitors must enter through the main entrance ONLY.

Picking up children:

- Guardians will ring the bell at the main entrance, while looking into the camera; state their name, the child’s name, and their reasoning for pickup.

Upcoming Events

5/1-5/10: NJSLA Testing
5/8-5/12: Teacher Appreciation Week
5/15-5/18: SEL Week (team building activities, focus on social and emotional wellness)
5/17: Spring Concert (more details to come)
5/19: Bradford Spring Festival (During the school day: inflatables, carnival games, pizza, ice-cream-loads of fun)
5/20: Community Garden Day at Bradford (11-2pm)
5/26-5/30