Parent Bulletin: February 10, 2023

**Black History Initiatives & BLM at School**
Students have been participating in discussions about why the need arose in our country to respect and maintain diversity, inclusion, and equity for everyone. They will continue to engage in a variety of activities and discussions based on several of the "Black Lives Matter" guiding principles. In addition to these discussions, ongoing conversations about empathy, agents of change, and how to respect differences will continue throughout all grade levels.

Students will also explore the African kingdoms that made a vast impact on the world, as well as learn about notable African Americans who have pioneered and trailblazed opportunities that propelled this country forward in a variety of ways. Conversations on the need for inclusion and respecting identities are not a “monthly-theme” here at Bradford, they truly permeate classroom discussions throughout the year. Normalizing conversations about how to respect and celebrate race and differences will only prepare our students to become mindful and caring citizens who will feel empowered to make a difference.

**Donations to help the earthquake victims!**
Several Bradford parents have volunteered to collect our donations/supplies and drop them off at the Turkish freight forwarding company in Carlstadt. All donations can be dropped off at Bradford School at the main entrance. They will be picked up from Bradford every Friday, beginning next week. Please check out the flyer attached to the email. The info for that company is in the link below.
**Bradfest 2023-what such fun!!!**
Thank you to Caroline Palmer for organizing this incredible event! Shout out to our awesome PTA and wonderful parents who showed up and generously bid on some cool experiences for the kids! It was such a great time to vibe with my parents and just have a space for us to reconnect and for a much needed cause.

**Body Safety and Boundaries:**
When it comes to safety, we understand that knowledge is power. A few incidents have occurred in which students engaged in sexually inappropriate behavior that was labeled as a "joke, just kidding, or a secret." Although much of it appears to be harmless, it is concerning because it is becoming the norm among peers. Teachers are discussing body safety and boundaries in order to ensure everyone's well-being. The purpose of this discussion is to help students understand how their own bodies are off limits to others and how boundaries are set to protect themselves. An attachment is uploaded (in the email) that will help guide parents on how to have these discussions. Please reach out to Ms. Goff if you have any questions at mgoff@montclair.k12.nj.us

**Please mark your calendar with the SATp dates!**
All meetings will be on Zoom at 6 p.m.
https://mpsdnj.zoom.us/j/6954068676
Meeting ID: 695 406 8676
Passcode: meeting

- February 23rd: We will be working on a parent survey, the feedback will give direction on how to proceed with the remainder of the year's as well as next year's agenda.
- March 23rd
- April 20th
- May 18th

**Bradford's Neurodiversity Community Celebration Event:**
If you are interested in helping with the planning for this wonderful event, please attend our first meeting on **February 15th at 6:30 p.m.**

**Please use the link below:**
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Gifted & Talented Information
Attn: Families of students in grades K-7: The referral window for gifted and talented services for students currently in grades K-7 will be open from Monday, February 13th (opens at 8:00 am) until Friday, February 27th (closes at 4:00 pm). We have a Family Identification Information Video for your reference, and the Referral Form in English and Spanish linked here and available on our website. The district's Comprehensive Plan and more information can be found on our district website. Thank you!

Enjoy some treats for a great cause-Check out Bradford’s Pop Up Store!
Please consider helping Bradford raise money for our upcoming Neurodiversity Community Celebration that will be held in April. 50% of all sales will go directly towards Bradford Elementary and any expenses related to the event. Bradford’s Pop Up Store
Resource Fair

Come learn about some of the resources in our community!

February 15th
6:00 - 7:00 pm

Bloomfield High School
160 Broad Street
Park in the lot across the street.
Montclair School District & Montclair NAACP Ed Com & Youth Council celebrates

LITERACY SERIES

FEB. 24TH
5:30 - 7:30PM
Nishuane School
36 Cedar Ave

REGISTER NOW

5:30pm-6:40pm
Afrofuture
Lego Building Center
Art Center
Afrofuturist C-Stunners
Literacy Station
Black Comic Books

6:45pm-7:30pm
Youth Collective Performance
Short Puppet Show
Food Box For Purchase - Pre-ordered after registration

Using our imagination to create a better future inspired by the African Diaspora & Black History Month.

BLACK TO THE FUTURE

Enterprise Foundation
In partnership with Montclair Moms of Color, Montclair Public Library, SATp, Brother to Brother, Sister to Sister, See Do Be Inc, Urban Kween, ICAP
Help win up to $2,000 for Bradford!

The Montclair Fund for Educational Excellence (MFEE) is our town's local education fund that supports all Montclair students, teachers, staff, and caregivers. Bradford students receive social/emotional support and innovative teaching tools through MFEE grants, teachers boost their learning through out-of-the-box Professional Development grants and MFEE's new Teacher Learning Communities, and families get resources and support through MFEE Programs like Learning Circles on Race, PEEP's in Nature, and Navegadores Escolares. Your donations - no matter how small - fuel all of this work! From now until February 28th, any donor who gives $20 and above will be entered in a lottery to award a $1,000 grant to their favorite school. Two winners will be chosen! CHB and Hillside won $1,000 last year; it's Bradford's turn! Be sure to "credit" Bradford's team page when donating. While you're there, check out all of the ways that your donations boost learning at Bradford. Donate here: https://givebutter.com/mfeeforthem2023/bradford

Upcoming Events

February 14th: Korean Drummers performance
February 20th: Presidents' Day
February 23rd: SATp Meeting (please use link)
February 23rd: Curriculum Thursday, abbreviated Day
February 24th: Performance by MSU's Ghanaian Orchestra