MSU West African/Ghanaian Ensemble

Our staff and students participated in a lively assembly that celebrated traditional West African music, which includes drumming, singing, and dancing. It is participatory music by design, so everyone was dancing and singing. We also learned about Ghana, and the characteristic components of West African music (call and response, polyrhythm, the unification of drumming, and the immense spiritual component of the music). How they work to connect people with all of nature, and how West African music has influenced the popular music of all the Americas. Among the special guests who participated in the assembly were NJDOE Assistant Commissioner Dr. Schiff, and Dr. Ponds.
100 days of school!

Here we are wearing our 100-day hats! Students proved to be very creative when designing their special hats to celebrate the 100th day of school.

Kg & 1st grade celebrated their creative ideas of 100 anything in a super cool fashion show! If you could've only experienced the awesome vibes in the hallway!
Korean Drummers
Bradford staff and students were blown away by the amazing performances of the Choomchuri Korean drummers. The high intensity ensemble brought such delight and awe to everyone. There was a special appearance by our former student/Korean drummer, Maddie Bethards! Thank you to Ms. Ahn, and Ms. Amy Bethards for organizing this memorable event!
This year, the museum’s theme was spoken word poetry. The students took seemingly mundane aspects of their lives, such as a nickname, their first remembered street address, or a favorite sweet, and created art with them. These "I am" poems became the template for the students as we celebrated Black History Month. The spoken word’s impact on African American culture dates back centuries to the history of griots and storytellers. The fifth-grade students will use the knowledge they gained from the pillars in the African and African American communities to make poems detailing the lives and legacies of black heroes.
Art Gallery Trip with Ms. Bautista
Students viewed works by Filipino artist Caroline Garcia including a video of her riding a water buffalo in the middle of a farm. Teachers/coordinators conversed with students about the visual impact of the video and how it ties into the Filipino agriculture. Students were then given pencil and paper to draw other animals that belong in farm. Lastly, students were given time to interact with Caroline Garcia's martial arts equipment sections.

BLM Poster Contest Submissions due: February 28th!
Bradford students will be participating in a Black Lives Matter t-shirt logo contest hosted by the MEA. Drawing submissions are due to Ms. Bautista by February 28th. Please reach out to Ms. Baustista with any questions: vbautista@montclair.k12.nj.us.
Student Council Corner
The student council will be collecting toiletries for Toni's Kitchen beginning on Tuesday, February 21 thru Monday, March 6. The students are collecting seven items at this time: bar soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, face wash, deodorant, and sunscreen.

Donations can be dropped off in the boxes located in the front hallway outside the main office.

Banning Pokemon!
Pokemon cards will no longer be allowed to be brought to school. Although these cards can be a fun activity with friends, they can also cause many unnecessary interactions and fights between students. Please enjoy them at home.

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, PEEPs 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

3/7: NED Performance/Empowering Students: K-3;
3/9: Holi Celebration (outdoor event, weather permitting, backup date tbd)
3/12: Daylight Saving Time begins! Move your clocks forward one hour!
3/23: Curriculum Thursday (abbreviated day)
3/25-3/31: Book Fair/Spirit Week
3/25: Kicking off Read-A-Thon
3/31: Neurodiversity Inclusion Posters Due