Parent Bulletin: January 27, 2023

AAPI Lunar Celebration
What an incredible event, and our students did a lovely job with their performance! Thank you, Ms. Yeh, for giving students a great chance to show off their Mandarin language skills.
CPR training for the entire staff
On Thursday, Bradford staff were trained in CPR for infants, children, and adults. Although the very thought of someone needing to be resuscitated is frightening, knowing what to do is empowering. We all felt prepared for emergency situations and relieved to know these lifesaving skills. Shout out to Ms. Allison Quinn and Ms. Kelly Ringston for coordinating this event and to our PTA for their support.
*** ASE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! ***

Several classes have already SOLD OUT. But some offerings are still available!
INCLUDING:  Bradford Steppers  * Intro to Crochet  * Woodcrafting  * Trash Reimagined!  * Hip Hop Dance (Details Below)

**Tuesday**
Bradford Steppers
Grade: 3-5
Instructor: Femina Parham
Fee: $150
Step is an art form that originated in the coal mines of South Africa as a form of communication between workers. In the early 1900s, step was brought to colleges and universities as a form of call and response and a way to uplift the crowds. Today, stepping is still used as a form of self-expression and a way to show unity and pride in different organizations and groups. As Bradford Steppers, we will dive into the rich history of step and its continued significance in today's society. Bradford steppers will learn steps incorporated with dance in order to put together a choreographed piece that will show our Bradford pride.

Introductory Crochet
Grades: 4-5
Instructor: Mr. Jerry Liddy
Fee: $150
Bradford's very own Mr. Liddy, along with his daughter - Bradford alum - Shannon, will teach your child the fundamentals of CROCHETING. No experience is needed, as classes will begin at the beginning and start by covering the basics, like how to hold a crochet hook and make a chain stitch. Then, this dad-daughter duo will model and instruct students on various stitches, tools, and techniques of basic crochet. Over the course of the eight weeks, the kids will practice slip, single, half double, and double crochet. They will learn how to read patterns and troubleshoot their work.
Students will be provided with crochet hooks, yarn, stitch markers, and darning needles that they get to keep after the session is complete.

**Woodcrafting**

**Grades:** K-3  
**Instructor:** Gretchen from Hammer & Stain  
**Fee:** $250  
Make your own winter-themed wood crafts to decorate your bedroom and home! In these classes, you will use stencils, paint and other materials to create unique and stylish decorative projects, with a new project every week. (All materials included.)

**Wednesday Offerings**

**Hip Hop Dance**

**Grades:** 3-5  
**Instructor:** Angela Park  
**Fee:** $125  
Dancing isn’t just about your arms and legs. It’s all about making every move count. Put on your sneakers and get ready to work up a sweat in our hip hop dance class! During this fun filled hour, we will do a full stretch followed by learning and building upon exciting choreography to hit songs. You will also find your own voice through freestyle (improvisation) and a wide range of set styles, such as breaking, popping, and locking. If you have a passion for dancing, come join!!!

**Trash Reimagined!**

**Grades:** 3-5  
**Instructor:** Caroline Rippeteau Oster  
**Fee:** $150  
One person’s trash is another person’s treasure! Oftentimes, a container can be more fascinating than what it originally contained! Once freed of its contents, packaging can
take on a whole different identity and, just like clouds in the sky, offer limitless possible imaginings. Students will be encouraged to look at disposables differently, through a deeper lens, to see how they can be repurposed as something functional, educational, or even beautiful! Through an introduction to real world creative salvaging undertakings, students will learn how others have re-envisioned and repurposed otherwise disposable trash. The curriculum will consist of guided projects that include enchanting owls, tentacled sea-creatures, and blooming floral wreaths, to name a few, and will culminate in a one of a kind student envisioned piece. Let's reimagine trash as a reusable material and get creative!

**Bedtime and Books! An event for K and 1st grade families.**
Join us Monday, January 30th @ 6:30p

Bedtime and Books is a special event for our K and 1st grade children. Kids should plan to come in PJs & we will read books and have a little fun. This is always a wildly popular event for families, so please reserve your spot. Adults will also have a chance to mingle and see your child's classroom that evening.
Please sign up your K & 1st graders for this fun event!

*Sign Up for Bedtime and Books*

**5th Grade Parents:**
Please send the nurse your child's updated immunization record that is required for 6th grade once it is completed.

1. Tdap (Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus)
2. Meningococcal vaccine

**Bradford The Bradford Reader Winter 2023 Edition is out!**
Traffic Concerns
I have been working on many different projects with staff and families to help improve Bradford, and we have had great success due to our wonderful collaborative efforts. I am calling on the Bradford community to help with this particular endeavor to help keep our community safe. We can all attest to the dangers of parking on College Avenue and driving down it during dismissal. I am working on making College Avenue a one-way street during dismissal for ten minutes. It would mimic the morning/arrival routine on that avenue. I have reached out to the Montclair Traffic Department for assistance but need some help maintaining communication, coordination, and follow-up. We are all gravely concerned with everyone’s safety and security. If anyone is interested in assisting, please contact me at faboushi@montclair.k12.nj.us.

Need tutoring or looking for a winter program? Try Succeed2Gether
They are now offering 2023 Winter Enrichment Classes and one-on-one tutoring for K-12, via Zoom and in person!
For more information, visit www.succeed2gether.org or call 973-746-0553.

Please label your child’s clothing.

Upcoming Events

January 30th: PTA Event: Bedtime and Books
January 31st: Bradford Tours 6-7pm & 7-8pm
February 6th: 5th grade Talks at 7pm-8pm! Open to only 5th grade students and parents, in person!
February 9th: Bradfest! SOLD-OUT!!!
February 24th: Performance by MSU’s Ghanian Orchestra for Bradford student