Parent Bulletin: May 5, 2023

NJSLA Testing:
The annual NJSLA state testing will continue on Monday, May 8, 2023. All students in grades 3-5 will take the Math test on May 8, 9 & 10. Make-up testing will begin on Thursday, May 11. 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 of 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, curriculum support 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.
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
**Flower Day**

Flower Day is a class activity where we ask each child to bring in a single flower for each teacher or staff member they’d like to recognize. Each teacher will end up with a unique and beautiful bouquet to enjoy! There are two options:

1. Students bring a flower from home for each teacher they want to recognize.

2. Students can purchase a flower from our 5th graders in the courtyard and at the main entrance at the start of school Monday. (Flowers will also be available Tues and Weds if there is a lot of demand). Flowers will be sold for $2 each or $10 for 6 (CASH). Parents need to provide cash for their student to take to school for this option. **The 5th graders will use these funds to support graduation activities**

*Classroom reps will be communicating with families about the thoughtful gestures they have planned for the students to honor and celebrate their teachers!*

**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.
4. Wear a visitor’s badge for the duration of your visit. The visitor’s badge must be visible at all times.
5. Only proceed to the location of the visit. Please refrain from making additional stops.
6. Sign out before leaving the building through the front entrance.
7. 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)
5/26-5/29: Memorial Weekend (District Closed)