November 4, 2022

Field Day for grades 3-5
It was a gorgeous day to spend outdoors. Students went on a cool field trip to MSU, where they did different kinds of physical activities at different stations.
Native American

November is American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month, where we honor, celebrate, and recognize Native American and Alaskan Native culture, traditions, and history, as well as the significant contributions that these Americans made to the establishment and growth of the United States. Bradford staff have been working on creative ways to honor these cultures. I will be sharing them throughout the month.

Ms. Bangs’ class has been learning about Indigenous people and their dwellings in class. The kids had to build a standing model of a wigwam out of straws, pipe cleaners, and masking tape for a design challenge today. They had to discuss (and sketch) their plans and then work together to meet the challenge. I think they nailed the challenge!

Nurse’s Corner

Students returning to school following an injury or surgery that requires the use of crutches, casts, splints, or orthopedic boots, must submit a clearance form for crutches, casts, splints, or orthopedic boots. It must be completed by their treating healthcare provider. It is expected that parents/guardians will accompany their child to the nurse’s office with this completed form on the day the student returns to school. Please reach out to Nurse Dowling for more information, pdowling@montclair.k12.nj.us or extension 4153.
Fire Prevention Month
The amazing Montclair Fire Department came to Bradford to teach grades K-2 about fire safety. Students asked great questions, checked out all of the cool compartments on the fire truck, and even sat inside! Thank you to Mr. Ferenz for helping to organize this wonderful opportunity for our kids!
Governor’s Educator of the Year Program:
I’ve received one nomination. Surely there must be an educator or support professional who stands out in your child’s life. The New Jersey Department of Education wants to recognize good teaching, so every year they ask families for nominations for Teacher of the Year and Educational Services Professional (ESP) of the Year.

I am asking you to think of your child’s experience in school and consider completing a nomination form (attached) for a classroom teacher who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference. This also includes a nomination for ESP. Who is considered an ESP?

● Some examples are below
● Paraprofessional
● School counselor
● Behavior Specialist § Related Service providers (Speech, OT, PT)
Please email me your nominations; I have extended it to November 7th! Thank you!

SATp: We would love to have you on Bradford's team.

○ What is it? A committee made up of parents, faculty, and administrators with the expectation of involving the entire community in realizing our school goals.

○ SATp represents and gives a voice to each constituency group within our school community. We work with administration and staff to support objectives and initiatives that will help us achieve our school goals.

○ How big is the time commitment? There are multiple and easy ways to get involved. Join us for our first SATp meeting to find out more:

● November 14th
● Time: 6-7 p.m.
● link: https://mNSData.zoom.us/j/6954068676
● Meeting ID: 695 406 8676
● Passcode: meeting

If you are interested in or have been involved with Bradford School Action Team for Partnership (SATp), please email Ms. Aboushi (faboushi@montclair.k.12.nj.us)
**Dia De Los Muertos**

Traditionally, Bradford has celebrated this holiday, by asking students and families to bring items for our school-wide ofrenda. This honors Dia de los Muertos. The Day of the Dead is a time for families to reflect on relatives who have passed on to the next journey. The Aztecs believed that the living and dead existed together in ancient times. An ofrenda is an altar that is built to honor those who have passed, it contains photos of people or pets along with the items they enjoyed in life. Thank you to Mr. Keys and the 5th graders for putting together this beautiful Ofrenda that honored the passing of loved ones from the Bradford community!

**Diversifying Classroom Libraries & Literature**

As we continue to transform our classroom libraries and literature to reflect the beautiful identities and narratives in our classrooms, our teachers have created an Amazon Book Wish List so families can help in this endeavor as well. It is vital our students see themselves in the literature and classroom setting. Staff will be sending out (some may have already) their book wish list in their weekly newsletters. We greatly appreciate your support in our journey to develop a culturally responsive and sustaining community.
Parents/Guardians Entering Bradford

Please, regardless of reasoning, **ALL VISITORS MUST STOP at the main office first**, sign in, then make their way to their destination. Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming Events

November 6: Daylight Savings
November 7th: Bradford Walk A Thon
November 8th: District Closed for Students (Staff PD)
November 10 & 11th: District Closed for NJEA Conferences
November 14th: SATp Meeting: Bradford School Goals (6-7pm)
November 14: PTA Meeting (7-8:30pm)
November 17: Abbreviated Day
November 24 & 25: Thanksgiving Break