

Bradford School News

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“There is always light, if only we are brave enough to see it. If only we are brave enough to be it.” – Amanda Gorman, from The Hill We Climb Inaugural Poem

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Important News

• Dr. Ponds has asked me to inform you that an interim principal has been appointed to Bradford. Marcos Vargas, Director of K-12 Humanities for the Montclair Public Schools, will be Bradford’s interim principal while the district looks to hire a permanent principal. I will be available next week to support Mr. Vargas and get him acclimated, and I know you join me in welcoming him to Bradford. His official start date is Feb. 1st. You can contact him [here](#).

Next Week’s Schedule

• As you have now heard from Dr. Ponds, school will not be re-opening for in-person learning next week, unfortunately. *We will therefore be switching back to the all-virtual schedules* that we used prior to the implementation of this week’s hybrid schedules. You will receive more details from your child’s teacher about the week ahead.

Facilities Update from the Buildings and Grounds Department

• As shared in previous newsletters, Bradford has 26 rooms with mechanical ventilation, and 17 rooms with air purification systems. Upon our return to in-person learning, the classrooms that will have air purifiers (along with windows open 6 inches) are as follows: 3 (Ms. Chanin), 4 (Ms. Russo), 5 (Ms. Bangs), 12 (Mr. Keys), 13 (Mr. Liddy), 14 (Ms. Freeh), 15 (Ms. Eckardt), 16 (Ms. Durber), 19A (office), Front Office, Principal’s Office, Nurse’s Office (both the new one and old one), Multipurpose Room (Gym/Cafeteria/Auditorium space), Kitchen, the and Math Curriculum Support Room. We will continue to update the school community as repairs are made to the ventilation systems.

Quarter Century Club

• Please join me in congratulating our “quarter-century” club members; these are staff members who have achieved 25 years in the district: Bronnie Beesley, Librarian, and Pat Vargas, Paraprofessional, have reached this milestone this year. Rene Arnold, Paraprofessional, will be inducted in September, 2021. We applaud their dedication to Bradford School and all our students, past and present!

Family Bingo Night

- On Friday, January 29th, we will be hosting our annual Family Bingo Night from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. All families are invited to attend. Details of the evening will follow soon, but for now please register [here](#). You won't want to miss this fun family event, even though it will be in a different format this year!

Counseling and Lunch Groups with Ms. Goff

- All counseling sessions and lunch groups are suspended for now, as Ms. Goff will be on a leave of absence from Jan. 19th – March 1st.

Upcoming Dates

- Jan. 28th: Early (1:40) Dismissal for Curriculum Meetings
- Jan. 29th: Family Bingo Night 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Link to register is above.