

Bradford School News

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*“I don’t want a Black History Month. Black history is American history.” -
Morgan Freeman*

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Family Bingo Night

• Tonight, is our annual Family Bingo Night from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. All families are invited to attend. Register here: [ZOOM BINGO LINK](#), then at 7:00 tonight,

- 1- Log onto the zoom link
- 2- Open a new browser on your computer or use a phone or iPad and go to [bingomaker.com](#)
- 3- Click on “join a game”
- 4- Type [Bradford](#) in the search box
- 5- Enter the password XXXXXX (provided via the e-blast)

Use your mouse to click off the numbers as they are called (if you are on a computer) or your finger (if you are using an iPad/phone). Helpers will be available in Zoom chat as this is a new venture for us all! We will play a few games, and the winners of each game will be entered into a drawing for a prize. Have fun and good luck!

Updated District Mask Policy

- When we return to school, all students and staff members are required to properly wear a mask (over the nose, mouth and chin) at all times. The district will distribute 2 cloth 3- ply masks to each student and staff member. One face shield will be provided to each staff member to wear with the mask. Face shields alone (without a mask) may only be worn by students or staff members with permission from the District Medical Team, as deemed necessary, on a case-by-case basis. Students and staff may wear their own 2-ply (or above) cloth masks, surgical masks or KN95 masks from home. Bandannas, gaiters, scarves, fleece, neoprene and masks with valves are not permitted. The school will not supply daily surgical masks to staff or students. They will be available for emergencies only.
- The K-2 student population may remove masks for snack-time. Snack-time should occur outside with 6 ft. distancing as weather permits. During inclement weather, students will eat snack in the gym. Distancing of 10 ft. will be required for indoor snacks. All students must wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after snacks. Adherence to the district’s Food Regulation will be enforced.
- Students may lift their masks (from the chin) for quick sips of water (from personal water bottle) if physical distancing is maintained. Water fountain spouts will be unavailable for use. Students may refill their water bottles at designated stations in each building. Edible reinforcers (ABA population) must be delivered and consumed in a similar manner as sips of water.
- Medical notes submitted for a determination are considered only if provided by: Physicians (MD or DO), APNs and PAs if the diagnosis is consistent with the healthcare provider’s area of expertise. Requests must be submitted for a determination prior to re-entry. A

signed consent form (obtained from the school nurse) allowing our school physician or nurse to speak with the prescribing healthcare provider is required.

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, and Math Curriculum Support Room. We will continue to update the school community as repairs are made to the ventilation systems.

Counseling

- If your child is struggling emotionally or needs support in any way, please reach out to Interim Principal Mr. Vargas [here](#). He can put you in touch with a district trained professional to counsel your child. This is temporary while Ms. Goff, our regular school counselor, is on her leave of absence. She will return on March 1st.

Upcoming Dates

- Feb. 15th: District closed for President's Day
- Feb. 28th: Early (1:40) Dismissal for Curriculum Meetings

Goodbye Message

- As this is my last newsletter, I want to take a moment to thank everyone for all of the wonderful memories I will take with me as I begin my next adventure in life. I can honestly say that I've had the time of my life during my years at Bradford, both as a teacher and as your principal. Bradford has been my home away from home for over two decades, and while extracting myself is tugging at my heartstrings a bit, I'm looking forward to new beginnings.

I have truly enjoyed getting to know each and every one of your children! They have filled my days with joy, hope, and inspiration. I look forward to seeing you around town and hearing about their progress. Despite the unique circumstances we have found ourselves in, I know that I am leaving you in the very capable hands of our Bradford educators. I will be cheering our students, staff, and families on from the sidelines as we close out this unusual school year.

I sent Bradford staff members a special message earlier today, but I'd also like to give special thanks to Kathryn Fogliano, Mary Ann Vanco, and all the members of the PTA Executive Board who have contributed so much of their time and efforts to our amazing school community, more than you'll ever know. In addition, thank you to all of the parents and caregivers who have volunteered in any capacity over the years – there are too many to mention, but know that everything you have done is deeply appreciated and has helped make Bradford the special community it is.

I'm leaving Bradford with a strong foundation that can be built upon for years to come, and I'm confident that the school will continue to educate and support students at a high level

academically, socially, and emotionally. I also know that Bradford will continue to be a strong advocate of social justice and radiate its bright light into our community.

Thank you to everyone for your well wishes, in whatever fashion you've expressed them. I wish you all the best!

Sincerely,
Naomi Kirkman