

Bradford School News

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“ ‘This is what kindness does,’ Ms. Albert said. ‘Each little thing we do goes out, like a ripple, into the world.’ ” - Jacqueline Woodson

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TIME CHANGE – A Conversation on Race with Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad

• Bradford is pleased to welcome Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad on Thursday, Oct. 22nd from 11:00-12:00 for a conversation on race – note the change in time. Because of the time change, your child’s teacher will share their schedule changes with you. This conversation is for all members of the Bradford community. Dr. Muhammad is a former Bradford paraprofessional who is now a Professor of History, Race, and Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He is the former Director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, the world’s leading library and archive of global black history. You can view two short, powerful videos featuring Dr. Muhammad on why educating kids on race in America is more important than ever: a Time Magazine feature [here](#) and a Bloomberg News feature [here](#). Thank you to our PTA for making this event possible, and we hope you can join us for this important conversation.

Health and Safety Protocols

• As we prepare for our hybrid return to school, adherence to COVID-19 safety protocols will be of the utmost importance. The National Association of School Nurses has developed educational videos that you can share with your child. Click [here](#) to watch the videos, which cover topics such as proper hand washing procedures, wearing masks, and staying home when you are sick.

Parenting During a Pandemic and COVID-19 Crisis Counseling

• You may be interested in an upcoming workshop on how to keep your sanity while parenting during a pandemic. Maurice Elias, a professor of psychology and Director of the Social-Emotional and Character Development Lab at Rutgers University will offer advice on how to cope with and make the best of a new way of life caused by the pandemic. The workshop will cover four principles of emotionally-intelligent parenting that will help you stay positive, deal with school issues, and preserve your relationships. Dr. Elias has worked with the Montclair Public Schools in the past and he is an excellent presenter. The workshop will be held virtually on Oct. 20th at 7: 00p.m. and you can register [here](#).

• The New Jersey Hope and Healing Crisis Counseling Program at the Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris, Inc. is available to provide free counseling for those in need. They will provide emotional support, stress management, coping techniques, and connect you with community resources. Call 973-509-9777 ext.151 for more information.

Governor's Educator of the Year and Education Services Professional of the Year Awards

- Please consider nominating a Bradford teacher and/or an education services professional for this annual award. Nominees must be exceptionally skilled, have the ability to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities, be proactive in their efforts to collaborate with students, colleagues and families, demonstrate leadership and innovation in educational activities, and have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues. You can nominate your child's current or past teacher. Contact Ms. Kirkman for the nomination form, which is due [here](#) by Nov. 20th. Awardees from the last five years are not eligible to be nominated (so the following educators are not currently eligible: Sirena Richardson, Amy Smith, Marcie Chanin, Marcy Goff, Laurie Durber, Shawn Finnerty, Megan Randall, Vanna Bautista, and Patricia Dowling).

Virtual Fall After School Enrichment (ASE)

- Our Fall ASE catalog and registration information will be sent out on Monday, October 19th and the catalog will also be posted on the PTA website (www.bradfordpta.org). Classes will be offered in dance, theater, arts & crafts, coding, chess and more! Registration will begin Monday, the 19th at 6:00 p.m. and will be open through October 23rd. Please look out for this information!

COVID-19 School-Age Tuition Assistance Program

- If you need child care due to the remote learning schedule of school as a result of COVID-19 this Fall, the New Jersey School-Age Tuition Assistance Program will provide tuition assistance to parents/caregivers with school-age children ages 5 - 13 years old. Tuition assistance will be directly paid to your selected licensed or registered child care provider through Dec. 30, 2020 based on the hours of child care needed. To be eligible, your child must be attending school remotely and your annual gross household income must be \$150,000 or less. You will need to provide proof of income and a copy of Bradford's remote learning schedule. To apply, click [here](#).

School Spirit Days

- Remote learning won't stop Bradford's school spirit! Fridays are "School Spirit Days," at Bradford, where students will be encouraged to wear either a Bradford or a favorite college/university shirt. Or just wear blue and yellow! Please encourage your child to virtually show his or her school spirit every Friday.

Upcoming Dates

- Oct. 22nd: Early (1:40) Dismissal
- Oct. 22nd: Virtual Conversation with Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Oct. 24th: Virtual Pancake Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
- Oct. 24th: Virtual Book Fair
- Oct. 30th: Virtual Halloween Celebrations in Class – your child's teacher will share more information.
- Nov. 3rd: No School (Election Day)
- Nov. 5th and 6th: No School (N.J. Education Association Convention for Teachers)

Have a wonderful weekend!