

Bradford School News

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"I'm not saying I'm gonna change the world, but I guarantee that I will
spark the brain that will change the world." - *Tupac Shakur*

Follow us on Twitter [@BradfordSchool](https://twitter.com/BradfordSchool) to receive photos and updates about school!

Drop-In Lunches

- Just a reminder that our School Counselor, Ms. Goff, is holding virtual grade-level socialization groups during the lunch periods. This provides students in each grade with an opportunity once a week to participate in a relaxed, supervised non-academic setting while eating their lunch. Students can engage with each other and see their friends across the grade and outside of academic time. Participation is on a voluntary basis. Please click [Ms. Goff's Grade Level Lunch Group Links](#) for the grade level meeting days, times, and meeting links.

Book Swap

- The Bradford Book Swap is on for tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on the front lawn of the school. Thank you to the Bradford PTA for organizing this wonderful event and to all those who dropped off books for the swap. Books are sorted by grade level and are available to Bradford families for free! We hope you can come by and pick up some free books for your children.

Affinity Groups

- As part of the work of the Antiracist and Equity Action Committee, Bradford School is welcoming and encouraging parents to start their own affinity groups. An affinity group is a group of people who share a common identity. It is an opportunity for people to connect with other people who share aspects of this identity, including cultural strengths and possible challenges of functioning within the larger community; in this case, our school. Examples of affinity groups might be people who share a Jewish heritage, people in the LGBTQ community, and people of color. A group can form around a shared interest or a common goal and are organized in an informal manner to share experiences, resources, and possibly strategies for coping. Each group would establish its own protocols. Our effort to form such groups is part of our ongoing commitment to equity and inclusion here at Bradford School, and our desire to give every member of this community a voice. Please click to [fill out a form](#) if you are interested. You can describe the group you wish to form, and we will communicate this in an upcoming newsletter to the Bradford community.

Save the Date – A Conversation on Race with Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad

- Bradford is pleased to welcome Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad on Oct. 22nd from 2:00-3:00. This conversation is for all staff and the entire 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. Dr. Muhammad will discuss the importance of talking to children about race. 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](#) and a Bloomberg News [feature](#).

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 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Oct. 30th: Virtual Costume Party in Your Child’s Classroom 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Have a wonderful weekend!