

# Bradford School News

Oct. 23, 2020

*“ Where you see wrong or inequality or injustice, speak out, because this is your country. This is your democracy. Make it. Protect it. Pass it on.” -  
Thurgood Marshall*

*If you missed yesterday's Conversation on Race with Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad, you can access it here:*

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## **Pancake Breakfast Tomorrow!**

• Join us for our first ever "Virtual" Pancake Breakfast and Book Fair tomorrow morning (Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>) at 9:00 a.m. Bradford Dad Ben Brashares will read his book [Being Edie is Hard Today](#). Don't forget to order your breakfast from Red Eye Cafe and mention Bradford; they will donate 10% of all purchase back to the PTA! Click [here](#) to register!

## **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. Forms are due to me [here](#) by Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. 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).

## **MSU-Bradford Partnership**

• Bradford is the University Magnet and we are afforded many wonderful opportunities for our students to learn from Montclair State University professors and students. A recent newsletter shared some of the learning experiences students are participating in with the George Segal Art Gallery, part of MSU's College of the Arts. We are also now partnering with MSU's College of Science and Mathematics (CSAM) to bring their Eco-Explorer program to our fourth and fifth graders. Bradford students will learn about food webs and their importance to the ecosystem, sustainability, the Passaic River (its pollution and its history), and more through a series of lessons from the CSAM's N.J. Center for Water Science and Technology staff members.

### **Schoolwide Virtual Assembly**

- On Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., we will have a PTA-sponsored schoolwide virtual assembly. Vanessa Brantley Newton, an author and illustrator, will be talking to students about her art and the importance of seeing yourself in children's literature. This event is made possible as a result of the COVID-19 equity grant the PTA was awarded to provide an inclusive book and activity to every Bradford student.
- Students will create a collage during the assembly that celebrates all the unique qualities that make them special. From their family and friends to what they like to do and how they look, students will be empowered to express who they are and what makes them happy. Students will need any papers you have lying around the house, old book pages, old newspapers or used envelopes, etc. They will also need one white sheet of paper to glue their work onto. They will also need crayons, (or markers) and a pair of scissors and glue.

### **Special Education Parent Advisory Council**

- Please join the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) for their next Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Dr. Jill Saxon will present "*Stuck in the Muck Doesn't Have to Be So Yuck: Developing Flexible Responses to Difficult Thoughts.*" This discussion aims to introduce participants to a variety of ways they can support children who are experiencing difficult thoughts.

### **Montclair Fund for Educational Excellence (MFEE) Showdown Montclair**

- Please read the following message from the MFEE: If ever there was a time for a heart-warming show that reminds us of the power of the arts to bring joy and provide healing, this is it. And now you can enjoy it from the comfort of your couch with (or without!) your kids. MFEE is bringing back its award-winning Showdown Montclair talent battle on November 7th. We've renamed it [ShowUP Montclair](#), because frankly, we're all in a showdown right now, and we're all on Team Montclair to make it through these challenging days. ShowUP features local hidden talent gems, success stories from Montclair schools -- and even some familiar, super-talented Montclair Public School staff members! Check out this [highlight reel](#) that gives you a peek at what ShowUP is all about. Funds raised will support MFEE and our new [Arts Open Hearts Fund](#) which fuels innovative arts programs that nurture students' social and emotional health. Visit [givebutter.com/showupmontclair](https://givebutter.com/showupmontclair) to get your tickets to this family-friendly event and to donate to the acts!

### **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. 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!