

# Bradford School News

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*"Think what a better world it would be if we all, the whole world, had cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon and then lay down on our blankets for a nap." - Barbara Jordan*

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## **Virtual Book Fair**

• Bradford's Virtual Book Fair's ends today! Shop our Virtual Book Fair at Watchung Booksellers before the link closes tonight. Click [Bradford's Virtual Book Fair](#) to help build your child's classroom library and see teachers' individual class requests on the site. There is also an option to purchase gift cards for your child's teachers. If you would like to purchase a book for your child and are in need of confidential financial assistance, please reach out to Marcy Goff, (Bradford's School Counselor) [here](#).

## **District Survey Hybrid/Remote**

• If you chose virtual instruction on the district survey, but would like your child to return to school for hybrid instruction, you must let the school know by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. As indicated in Dr. Ponds' updates, you can only switch from virtual instruction to hybrid instruction at the end of each marking period.

## **Return to In Person Instruction**

• We have been working hard to prepare the building for our in-person opening, and we are excited to welcome our hybrid students back! Please know that all school health and safety protocols will meet or exceed the guidelines set forth by both the CDC and the N.J. Dept. of Health.

- It is a recommended from the CDC that we provide as much fresh air as possible. Our classrooms will be ready for students and staff either through mechanical ventilation, air purification, windows being opened, and reduced class sizes. Currently our school has 25 rooms identified as having mechanical ventilation and 16 rooms which will have the air purification systems installed. We will continue to update you as repairs are made to the ventilation systems.
- Student temperatures will be taken upon arrival.
- Two cloth masks will be provided to each student when they arrive at school (one time only on the first day). Students must wear their own mask on the first day. Mask wearing will be enforced at all times, although students may remove their mask briefly for snack (which will occur outside or in the gym which will allow for students to be spaced 10 feet apart).
- A deep cleaning of all areas will occur after students leave for the day.

- Signage and floor markings to ensure hallway and stairwell social distancing have been or are being put in place.
- Hand sanitizer stations are or will be set up in multiple locations, and we will mandate handwashing every 90 minutes.
- Each teacher has been issued a second computer to ensure that the simultaneous teaching of both the in-person and virtual students goes smoothly.
- Related Arts instruction and Related Services will continue to be provided virtually while students are at school.
- Please stay tuned for additional details coming soon regarding updated class schedules, protocols for arrival and dismissal, bus information, and your Mounties or Bulldog assignment.
- If you have any questions regarding our COVID-19 health and safety protocols, please contact our School Nurse, Patricia Dowling [here](#).

### **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.

### **A Note from Ms. Bautista**

- If your child will be returning to in-person school, please have him or her keep the following materials in their backpack for Art: a few sheets of drawing paper and construction paper, pencil, glue stick, child scissors, and a few markers/crayons. The easiest thing to do is to put them in a Ziploc bag that can remain in your child's backpack. This will help ensure that art materials are not shared between students.

### **Halloween Books**

- Many of you know the "Montclair Book Lady" from Montclair Avenue who works at Scholastic and usually gives out books to kids on Halloween during Trick or Treating on her block. This year she has generously donated Scholastic books to all the Montclair elementary schools. If you would like to pick up books for your Bradford child, you can pick them up tomorrow, October 31st, from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at 103 Summit Avenue (between Park and Grove) in the front. They will be sorted by grade: K-2 and 3-5. Have a happy and safe Halloween!

### **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).

### **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**

- Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>: No School (Election Day)
- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>: No School (N.J. Education Association Convention for Teachers)
- Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>: Early (1:40) Dismissal for Curriculum Meetings
- Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>: Early (1:40) Dismissal for Thanksgiving
- Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>: District Closed for Thanksgiving

Have a wonderful weekend!