

Bradford School News

Oct. 9, 2020

“If they don’t give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair.” - Shirley Chisholm

*Antiracism and Equity Action Committee Survey extended until Oct. 15th.
Please take the [survey](#).*

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Hispanic Heritage Month

- Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a month-long period.
- In addition to creative individual teacher-led activities and lessons to commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month, Senora Grodner helped students observe the month as follows: In Grade 1, students listened to the story [Alma and How She Got Her Name](#) and celebrated their own names. In Grade 2, students learned about the importance of family in Hispanic culture, celebrated their own families, and answered questions in Spanish about their family members. In Grade 3, students learned about Spanish speaking countries and also answered questions in Spanish about where they, their parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents are from. In Grade 4, students learned about the history of Hispanic Heritage Month and some famous Hispanic people. In Grade 5, students researched a famous Hispanic-American and answered questions in Spanish as if they were that person. Next week, all students will begin learning about Dia de los Muertos, which is celebrated in many Spanish-speaking countries, such as Mexico, Columbia, Ecuador, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Peru and Venezuela. Gracias, Senora Grodner!

COVID-19 School-Age Tuition Assistance Program

- If you need child care due to the remote learning schedule of school as 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. Click to [apply](#).

Antiracism and Equity Action Committee Parent Education Newsletter

- Please be on the lookout next week for the first edition of *The Bradford Voice*, the inaugural newsletter of the Parent Education sub-committee of the Antiracism and Equity Action Committee. We think that you will find this publication to be informative and useful. The newsletter contains information about upcoming local and virtual events related to our work, as well as student book reviews and a parent question and answer section. Special thanks to committee members Olivia Brinton, Adriana Podvesker, Kristen Freeh, and Melissa Robinson-Brown for their hard work on this initiative. We spent many hours planning and developing this publication, and we hope you enjoy it!

News from the Art Room

- Ms. Bautista has been hard at work in her virtual art classes! In addition to her regular teaching assignments, Ms. B has started an Art Club for the fifth graders on Mondays from 1:10-1:50. This club is very popular among the fifth graders when we are physically in school, and we know that many students will find it to be a wonderful outlet and informal art time to eat, create, and socialize virtually. She will also be starting an Art Club for fourth graders, as many students have been requesting extra art time. Stay tuned for more information on the date and time. Lastly, Ms. B has arranged for an exciting live virtual tour of MSU's George Segal Art Gallery with an art lesson for several classes. Thank you, Ms. B., for bringing these wonderful opportunities to our students!

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 contact Ms. Goff for the grade level meeting days, times, and meeting links.

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. 12th: School Closed for Students (Professional Development Day for Staff)
- Oct. 22nd: Early (1:40) Dismissal
- Oct. 22nd: Virtual Conversation with Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Oct. 30th: Virtual Halloween Celebrations in Class – your child’s teacher will share more information.

Have a wonderful weekend!