

# Bradford School News

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*"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." - Desmond Tutu*

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## **Updates**

- As per the notification from Dr. Ponds, the hybrid opening has been postponed and a determination for next steps will be made on December 1. Also, please be alert for district notifications for Bulldog and Mountie groups along with a Parent Health Contract that will be released by the district to parents via Genesis. Submission of this form is required prior to re-entry and will be re-issued periodically throughout the school year. Please continue refer to Dr. Ponds' weekly communications for specific details and dates.

## **Remote Learning Enrichment Opportunities**

- With the district's announcement regarding the continuation of remote learning, we know that your children may be heading into "Zoom fatigue" territory. If you would like to add some enrichment learning opportunities to their daily routine, check out some great online and offline enrichment opportunities [here](#).

- Another resource (previously shared with you in the Spring) is [Wide Open School](#), created by Common Sense Media, a nonprofit known for rating education and entertainment content based on its suitability for kids, with help from dozens of partners. The site brings together content from a diverse group of educational companies, such as National Geographic for Kids, Khan Academy, Scholastic, Time for Kids, etc.) to help you find free, reliable educational resources and activities. Use their interactive daily schedule customized by age (may come in handy over Spring Break!), or choose from a list of virtual field trips or live virtual events like story times and concerts. You can also browse activities to supplement every school subject, all available for free and vetted by Common Sense Media.

## **Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences**

- Parent Teacher Conferences will be held next month on Dec. 9 (evening), Dec. 10 (afternoon) and Dec. 11 (afternoon). Those days will be early (1:40) dismissal days. In the coming weeks, teachers will let you know how to sign up for a conference. You can use this time to ask questions and discuss any concerns with your child's teacher, as well as to receive detailed information about your child's progress.

## **Veterans Day and Diwali**

• This week, many classrooms recognized the contributions of veterans who have served and who are serving our country. We thank them for their service! We also learned about the Indian Festival of Lights, Diwali, which commences this weekend. Brainpop and Brainpop Jr. have some great videos and activities if you are looking for additional learning opportunities for your child for either of these holidays.

## **Response to Intervention (RTI)/Intervention & Referral Service (I&RS)**

• Response to Intervention (RTI) is a multi-tier approach to the early identification and support of students with learning and behavior needs. The RTI process begins with high-quality instruction and universal screening of all children in the general education classroom (Tier I). Struggling learners are provided with interventions through the Intervention and Referral Services (I&RS) Committee at increasing levels of intensity to accelerate their rate of learning (Tiers II and III). Intervention services may be provided by a variety of personnel, including general education teachers, special educators, and specialists. The I&RS Committee closely monitors student progress and makes adjustments to the student's plan, if necessary. Educational decisions about the intensity/duration of interventions are based on individual student response to the intervention(s). A student is referred to the I&RS Committee by the classroom teacher. The team is regulated under N.J.A.C 6A:16-7.

## **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. 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
- Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>: Early (1:40 p.m.) Dismissal for Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>: Early (1:40 p.m.) Dismissal for Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>: Early (1:40 p.m.) Dismissal for Curriculum Thursday
- Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>: Early (1:40 p.m.) Dismissal for Winter Break
- Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>-Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>: Winter Break
- Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>: School Reopens

Have a wonderful weekend and Happy Diwali to all who celebrate!