

# Bradford School News

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*"Never look down on somebody unless you're helping them up." - Jesse Jackson*

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## **Health and Safety Forms**

- The re-entry health and safety contract is now open on Genesis for parents/caregivers of students who will be participating in hybrid learning. Immunizations and physical exams for Kindergarten and new students must be complete and on file in the nurse's office for fully remote **and** hybrid students. Medical action plans and medication forms must be submitted to Nurse Dowling as soon as possible for all hybrid students. Please email Nurse Dowling [here](#) if your child or a household member has tested positive for COVID-19 or if you have any questions.

## **Antiracism and Equity Action Committee**

- Please read the mission statement of Bradford's Antiracism and Equity Action committee: *The Antiracism, Equity, & Action Committee (AREA-C) aims to create an inclusive and equitable school environment by actively and unapologetically dismantling bias and racist ideas, consistently working towards shared values, and holding all members of our community accountable for the safety and equity of our school.*

- We will be hosting another school wide community conversation/town hall soon to update the Bradford community on the important work of this committee and to hear your feedback and questions. Stay tuned for more information.

## **The Bradford Reader**

- Calling all Writers! We are now accepting submissions for the Bradford Reader, Bradford's Literary Magazine. This year has been a year unlike any other. What better way to deal with some of the feelings brought on by COVID-19 than to express them through writing and art! Your child's work should reflect the topic of COVID-19 and can be expressed through drawing, poetry, essays, short stories and more. Please submit your child's drawings, poems, musings, haikus, essays, and written thoughts. Submissions can be sent to [here](#). Handwritten submissions are ok. Feel free to send questions to Taigi Smith [here](#). See you in the Reader!

## **Charleston Wrap Fundraiser**

- Prepare for the holidays by stocking up now on wrapping paper and holiday gifts through the PTA's Charleston Wrap Fall Fundraiser. You can easily register on-line today by clicking [here](#) and entering our Bradford ID: 20998. You will also be able to send ten email invitations to friends and family to spread the word about our fundraiser. With over 2,500 gift ideas, you, your friends and family can shop and check-off their holiday gift-list, all while supporting our PTA. Please reach out to Liz Ross [here](#) with any questions.

## Technology Update

- The Department of Technology continues to distribute devices to families in need. The district recently entered an agreement with Comcast Essentials for in-home wifi access. This service is only available to families that have no existing internet and is subject to approval by Comcast. This service is not intended to supplement any existing internet service. Families that fit this criterion should reach out to Ms. Kirkman [here](#).

- Due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday, next week's laptop distribution will take place on Nov. 24 at Hillside School (Entrance B) from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. The following week (after Thanksgiving Day holiday), distribution will take place on Dec. 2 at Hillside School (Entrance B) from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please utilize the district's technology helpline (301-259-1510) should you need technical assistance; someone is available for support Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## Holiday Gifts

- We know that sometimes the holiday season can be a struggle. If anyone is experiencing a financial hardship and needs food, clothing, or a holiday gift for your child, please reach out confidentially via email to Ms. Goff, our School Social Worker [here](#) or Ms. Kirkman [here](#). The Montclair Education Association is also sponsoring an event to help those in need (see below).

## Wrap and Roll "Thru"

- The Montclair Education Association's Ninth Annual Wrap & Roll "Thru," the festive, charitable holiday event that yearly brings the Montclair community together for a time of sharing, giving, and celebration, will take place on Sunday, Dec. 6. This event will have a gift drop-off time from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and a gift pick-up time for those in need between 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Montclair High School Annex parking lot (North Fullerton entrance). To participate as a volunteer or donate pre-wrapped gifts, contact MEA secretary Max Mellman [here](#).

## 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. 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. 21<sup>st</sup>: Staff Meeting 3:00 p.m.
- 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 nice weekend!