

Bradford School News

Dec. 11, 2020

"You are only as beautiful as the beautiful things you do for others."

- Janelle Monae

A very Happy Hanukkah to all those who celebrate!

Follow us on Twitter [@BradfordSchool](https://twitter.com/BradfordSchool) to receive updates about school!

Parent University

- The school district has scheduled a virtual presentation about how the pandemic has affected the mental health of our students. You can attend either on Dec. 14th or 16th at 7:00 p.m. Strategies for dealing with stress and anxiety during this challenging time will be discussed. There will also be a focus on ideas to help your child cope and manage social issues that may arise during remote learning. There will also be a bilingual Spanish workshop for the parents/caregivers of English Language Learners on Dec. 16th at 7:00 p.m. Please see the attachments to today's e-blast more information on both workshops.

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.

Mask-Wearing

- As you know, all students will be expected to wear masks upon return to in-person learning. Nurse Dowling will be providing classroom lessons on proper mask-wearing protocols. If you would like your child to participate in a 1:1 session with Nurse Dowling to learn about and practice mask-wearing, please reach out to her [here](#). You can help by giving your children time now to practice mask-wearing for extended periods of time (covering the mouth, nose, and chin and having elastic loops or ties), having a variety of appropriately-sized masks around your home to increase interest in mask-wearing, allowing your child to select a mask that they prefer, talking to your children about the health benefits of wearing masks (click [here](#) for the CDC's explanation), and washing your masks with your children. For more information, you can visit the CDC's website [here](#).

Ventilation

• As a reminder, Bradford classrooms will be ready for students and staff either through mechanical ventilation, air purification, windows being opened and reduced class sizes. We currently have 25 rooms identified as having mechanical ventilation and 16 rooms which now have air purification systems. The CDC recommends that we provide as much fresh air as possible. We will continue to provide you with updates as repairs are made to the ventilation systems.

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!

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](#)

School Spirit

• 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

- Dec. 17th: Early (1:40 p.m.) Dismissal for Curriculum Thursday
- Dec. 21th: Staff Meeting 3:00 p.m.
- Dec. 23rd: Early (1:40 p.m.) Dismissal for Winter Break
- Dec. 24th-Jan. 1st: Winter Break
- Jan. 4th: School Reopens (Remotely)

Have a wonderful weekend!