

Bradford School News

Dec. 4, 2020

*"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than
the way it treats its children."*

- Nelson Mandela

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Governor's Educator of the Year

• Congratulations to Bradford's Governor's Educator of the Year nominee, Patricia Asaro, Special Education Teacher. Ms. Asaro is a dedicated special education teacher with vast knowledge of best practices in special education. Along with our other special education teachers, Ms. Asaro works tirelessly to meet the needs of her students, and she is highly skilled in individualizing her students' instruction to help them meet their goals. We are proud to have her represent Bradford! Ms. Asaro will be honored at an upcoming Board of Education ceremony (we will let you know the date when it is announced).

Student Book Giveaway Pick Up and Holiday Season Scavenger Hunt

• Please be sure to drive through the Bradford front circle this Sunday, Dec. 6th at the following times: 10:00-11:30 a.m. for Grades K-2, and 11:30-1:00 p.m. for Grades 3-5 to pick up your PTA gift pack! This book giveaway, along with skin colored crayons in all shades (with an activity and coloring sheets), was made possible through a National PTA grant that the Bradford PTA received. The Bradford PTA is committed to contribute to the mission of the Antiracism and Equity Action Committee to help make Bradford an antiracist school.

• When you pick up your book and packet on Sunday, you will receive instructions for a fun, school-wide Holiday Season Scavenger Hunt! The Scavenger Hunt is something your family can do together over the next couple of weeks. All the sites/objects that are listed can be found somewhere in Montclair. The deadline for completion is Dec. 21st and five entries will be picked at random to win fun prizes.

Special Education News

• The Pupil Services Department will be updating their page on the district website. There will be a link to the Pupil Services Handbook as well as other resources/links to assist parents and caregivers. Additionally, an audit of the district's special education services is scheduled to take place in the near future.

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.

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 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

- Dec. 9th: Early (1:40 p.m.) Dismissal for Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Dec. 10th and 11th: Early (1:40 p.m.) Dismissal for Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Dec. 10th: Antiracism and Equity Action Committee (AREA C) Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 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)