

Bradford School News

Feb. 5, 2021

“It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.” – generally attributed to Frederick Douglass

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Updated NJDOH Guidance

- Please note the most updated [guidance from the NJDOH](#). Changes from last week include NOT excluding siblings of students with any COVID-like symptom (only siblings of students who are COVID positive).
 - The link has been updated on the district website. (The cell stating that we will exclude all students who have a sibling with any COVID symptom has been removed, as per the NJDOH’s reversal.)

Black History Month: Vimeo Assembly

- As part of our celebration of Black History Month, Bradford’s PTA will be sponsoring a virtual assembly for **Monday, February 8th**. Bradford will be welcoming Tahira, a gifted storyteller who will share tales of freedom fighters and provide a look at people who took extraordinary risks for freedom. We will have two shows tailored to grade levels:
 - 9am: K-2nd Grade
 - 10am: 3-5th Grade
 - Tahira will focus on stories from the Civil Rights Movement, Black Women in History, and the Underground Railroad.

Community Town Hall to Meet Mr. Vargas on Wednesday, 2/10

- Let’s welcome Mr. Vargas to Bradford! *On February 10th at 7pm, join us for virtual town hall where Mr. Vargas will introduce himself and answer pre-submitted questions.*
 - Please use this link to register provided in the e-mail version of this newsletter.
 - If you have any questions, in specific for Mr. Vargas and his time as interim principal at Bradford, please [submit them to the PTA president](#) by **SUNDAY, Feb 7th at noon.**

After School Enrichment Signups Have Started!

- Got the winter blues? Never fear - After School Enrichment is back! Signups have started! Classes start next Friday 2/12 and will run for seven (7) weeks. We're still virtual, but we have a great lineup of fun activities for the kids as they are stuck inside this winter. They can learn to play guitar or keyboards; undertake amazing art projects, learn classic games like Chess or Dungeons & Dragons or learn Coding skills. We even have an advanced math class for your 3rd or 4th graders. And 5th grade parents - don't forget

5th Grade Yearbook!

- To view brochure on the Bradford PTA [website](#)
- Email [Bradford ASE](#) with questions.
- If you need confidential financial assistance, please reach out to [Mr. Vargas](#).
- Register here through [Cheddar Up](#).

Principal Candidates Forum

- On Tuesday, February 9, 2021 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM the district will hold a virtual community forum for the three finalists for the Bradford Principal position. Each candidate will be asked to present a thirty-, sixty- and ninety-day plan of entry. The candidates will present for approximately 15-minutes. A twenty-minute question and answer session based on their presentations will follow. The district expects to make a final decision by Friday, February 12, 2021. Meeting information and link was included in the e-mail version of this newsletter.

Health and Safety Forms

- Please remember to complete the re-entry health and safety contract in Genesis if your child will be participating in hybrid learning. Immunizations and physical exams for Kindergarten and new students must also be completed 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.

Upcoming Dates

- Feb. 15th: President's Day – District Closed
- Feb. 25th: Early (1:40) Dismissal for Curriculum Meetings

Enjoy your weekend!