

Bradford School News

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“Every child has a different learning style and pace. Each child is unique, not only capable of learning but also capable of succeeding.” – Robert John Meehan

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New Principal Announcement

- Dr. Jonathan Ponds, Superintendent of Schools, will recommend the appointment of Ms. Frances Aboushi as Principal of Bradford Elementary School at the May 5 Board of Education public meeting. I will begin transitioning over the principalship to Ms. Aboushi on May 6.
 - It has been an honor to serve the Bradford School community for the past three months. I am grateful to all stakeholders for the trust you have placed in me and for your partnership in returning children to school safely and successfully. Bradford School’s future is bright!

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

- May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month – a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. A rather broad term, Asian/Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island).
 - The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.
- Bradford School will honor this vibrant culture and celebrate its rich heritage through lessons, activities, and readings. Stay tuned.

Health Guidance Update

- Please see NJDOH updates on our COVID-19 [Health Related Guidance Chart](#) for staff and students (4.30.21)

Pooled Testing for PreK-5

- A consent form for students is available in Genesis for pooled testing. Please be sure to complete this form if you wish to allow your child(ren) to take part in the program. The form has details for your reference and additional information can be found on the Ginkgo [website](#). Staff will receive consent forms for pooled testing through an *All Staff* email. Testing is set to begin on Tuesday, May 4 and will be administered on Tuesdays and Thursdays, once for each Mounties and Bulldogs cohort.

Daily Health Questionnaire

- As a very important reminder for the health and safety of all, the daily health screener form **MUST** be filled out **EVERY** day in which a student is entering the building. If it is not filled out, students will not be allowed to remain in the classroom until we talk to a parent. We do not wish to call students to the office, but we will if necessary. If it is not filled out three (3) times, the students may be asked to go **ALL REMOTE** and no longer enter the building for in-person learning. This is extremely important. The form can be filled out on the Genesis Parent Portal under message center. We ask that it be filled out by 8:30am the latest.

School Lunches

- Meals are available on Mondays and Thursdays for in-person students upon dismissal. For those who are remote, parents/guardians can pick up meals on Mondays and Thursdays for one hour after school dismissal time. For those parents/guardians who cannot pick up meals at the school during the afternoon hours, please pick up meals at the High School on Mondays and Thursdays from 4 to 6 PM. Lunches are available for all; however, your children are not obliged to accept one. **If you prefer that your child/ren NOT receive a lunch, please let their teacher(s) know.**

YMCA Before- and After-Care

- The YMCA is offering families of children in grades K-8 before- and after-care. Please [see the flyer](#) for details and registration information.

Upcoming Dates

- May 20th: Curriculum Meetings
- May 28th & 31st Memorial Day weekend; district closed.

Enjoy your weekend!