

Bradford School News

Sept. 25, 2020

“The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don’t have any.”

- Alice Walker

Please review the Bradford Family [Handbook](#).

Please review the Student Accident [Insurance](#) and [BMI Benefits](#).

Follow us on Twitter [@BradfordSchool](#) to receive photos and updates about school!

Drop-In Lunches

• Starting next week, our School Counselor, Ms. Goff, will begin holding virtual grade-level socialization groups during the lunch periods. Students in each grade will have an opportunity once a week to participate in a relaxed, supervised non-academic setting while eating their lunch. It will be an opportunity for students to engage with each other and see their friends across the grade and outside of academic time. Participation is on a voluntary basis. Please review the [days, times and meeting links](#).

Bradford Antiracism and Equity Action Committee Survey

• Our Antiracism and Equity Action Committee (AREA C) is seeking your input! If you haven’t already done so, please complete this brief survey by Sept. 30th. The survey is anonymous and will help inform the work of AREA C. Results will help our committee develop goals and action steps to address structural inequities at Bradford. Please click [here](#) to access the survey. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Save the Date – A Conversation on Race with Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad

• Bradford is pleased to welcome Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad on Oct. 22nd from 2:00-3:00. This conversation is for all staff and the entire Bradford community. Dr. Muhammad is a former Bradford paraprofessional who is now a Professor of History, Race, and Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He is the former Director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, the world’s leading library and archive of global black history. Dr. Muhammad will discuss the importance of talking to children about race. You can view two short, powerful videos featuring Dr. Muhammad on why educating kids on race in America is more important than ever: a Time Magazine feature [here](#) and a Bloomberg News feature [here](#).

Montclair Fund for Educational Excellence (MFEE) America to Me Fall Season Launch

• The MFEE is launching their fall session on Sept. 30th with a virtual event called Be Courageous, from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. In addition to giving attendees a peek at the *America to Me* process, this event will feature a conversation among activists with NYU professor R. L'Heureux Lewis-McCoy and MHS student leaders of the Unity Walk. Professor Lewis-McCoy is the author of [Inequality in the Promised Land](#), which focuses on issues of race and equity in predominantly-white suburban communities. If you are curious about your own racial literacy and how it impacts your ability to identify and address racial inequity in our town, you can also join the community-wide watch of the documentary series America to Me. Watch Groups are learning circles which meet in small groups with a trained leader. Montclairians watch the documentary and support each other while they learn more about race, develop their own racial literacy, and explore individual and collective action. Register for the Sept. 30th event [here](#).

Tech Tip

• Reminder that if you are watching Youtube videos at home, you can strip the ads from the videos by using [Safe YouTube](#). Find the video you want to use on Youtube, copy the link to Safe Youtube to create a new revised link to the video without any ads.

Back to School Night Video Links

• Thank you for attending Back to School Night this past Tuesday. If you were unable to attend for any reason, please reach out to your child's teacher for any important information you may have missed. Here are the links to the videos:

[Ms. Kirkman's Video](#)

[PTA Video](#)

[Ms. Bautista \(Art\)](#)

[Mr. Creekmore \(Music\)](#)

[Senora Grodner \(Spanish\)](#)

[Mr. Maloney \(P.E.\)](#)

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Ms. Tamasco ([Technology](#))

Free/Reduced Lunch Application

• The online free/reduced application is currently available to parents on the district website

(click “Food Service” under the “Parents” section) or click [here](#) to complete the application online. Please note that a new application ***MUST*** be completed ***every*** year for a student to continue to receive either free or reduced lunch. The application status from last year will only carry over for a few more weeks.

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

- Sept. 28th: District Closed for Yom Kippur
- Oct. 1st: Virtual PTA/SATp Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 22nd: Early (1:40) Dismissal
- Oct. 22nd: Virtual Conversation with Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Have a wonderful weekend!