

All students at Bradwell School of Excellence will be both academically and socially ready for, attend, and graduate from college!

Bradwell Family Bulletin

Hello Bradwell Families:

We have just wrapped up a very busy month of testing. Students have been working hard completing NWEA middle of the year testing and ANET quarter 2 assessments. The 4th – 8th grade students have also completed the SRI test which measures their reading growth in READ 180 since the beginning of the year. The primary K -3 teachers have been administering the Benchmark Assessment System to assess students reading level and literacy skills. Teachers will be analyzing this data to make informed instructional decisions for your child. By targeting our instruction, we are making sure that we are teaching the skills students need to be successful when they take their end of the year assessments. Over the next few weeks teachers and students will be working together to set goals for your child that he/she will be working hard to achieve.

Here's what you can do:

- Ask your child and your child's teacher about their test scores and ask them about the goals they have set.
- Ask your child's teacher what you can be doing at home to help support them in meeting these goals.

As always, thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,

Principal McCottrell



Embracing Black History

Teaching children about the historical accomplishments and struggles of African Americans benefits everyone. By connecting children with history, they'll gain a better understanding of themselves no matter what color they are. And, they'll learn to develop compassion for other people.

In the spirit of honoring African American pioneers and landmark events in black history, engage your children in activities that capture their senses. Whether reading books, listening to music or making soulful meals, there are plenty of fun ways for kids to learn about the African American experience. And remember, your children can enjoy these activities long after February is over.

Read some books.

Libraries and bookstores offer a variety of books related to black history. Whether focusing on slavery, the civil rights movement or something in between, books are available for toddlers to tweens.

Grow a family tree.

Ever thought about celebrating your own history? Kids love projects. Start digging around together to uncover family members from long ago. This takes time and a bit of research, but the results will be cherished forever. Visit our [Expert Q & A with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.](#) for ideas on how to begin.

Put your hands on history.

Historical places that are linked to various periods in black history can be found across the country. Pop in a museum dedicated to African American Heritage.

February 2016

Celebrate Black History

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Merit System Sock Hop (GYM) 6 th – 8 th (2:30 – 3:30)	Merit System Sock Hop (GYM) 4 th – 5 th (1:45 – 2:45) K – 3 rd (2:45 – 3:45)	School Improvement Day No School	
	Ageless Eyecare will be in the building 9am –					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
				2 nd Quarter Report Cards Distributed		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Presidents' Day School Closed			Internal Progress Reports Distributed		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
					Town Hall Meeting 6 th – 8 th (9:15) 4 th – 5 th (10:45) K – 3 rd (3:15)	
28	29			<p>Carter G. Woodson was an African-American writer and historian known as the "Father of Black History Month." Woodson lobbied schools and organizations to participate in a special program to encourage the study of African-American history, which began in February 1926 with Negro History Week. The program was later expanded and renamed Black History Month.</p>		



ASAS provides comprehensive after-school programs that keep children safe and help them succeed in school and life.

February 3rd:

After school showcase for select classes.

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