

## School Vision Statement:

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

# Bradwell Family Bulletin

**Happy New Year Bradwell Families:**

**Welcome back! I sincerely hope you all had a festive and restful holiday season! The staff at Bradwell has been preparing diligently for the return of students to school, and we need all of our students in school, prepared, and ready to learn every day.**

**January marks an important month for us, as this is the month we will be taking Middle of the Year (MOY) exams. As you know, our school is rated in large part based on student performance on NWEA exams at the end of the year, and the tests we will be taking this month will allow us to gauge just how much work we still need to do to reach our school goals.**

**Additionally, students in grades 3, 6, and 8 have traditionally been promoted based on their performance on these exams, and it is vitally important that we get accurate measures of exactly where students are. Please encourage all students in all grades (K-8) to do their absolute best on these exams.**

**We will be testing students in our primary grades first, and these exams will begin January 5. We will then test intermediate and middle school. In all, these exams will take the majority of the month of January, and we will be hosting data meetings in February for parents/guardians who want to know exactly how to read these data reports. Please look for the dates of these meetings in the February newsletter and in students' backpacks as the date nears. We'd love to see all of our families represented at these meetings.**

**Thanks, as usual, for all you do for our students!**

**Sincerely,**

**Principal McCottrell**



*January 4, 2015*

## **NWEA IS HERE**

During the month of January, your child will take the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). The MAP tests given to determine your child's instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year in the areas of reading, Language Arts and math. Your child will take the tests on a computer. MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. That means that the test becomes more difficult the more questions your child answers correctly. When your child incorrectly answers a question, the test becomes easier. Therefore, your child will be taking a test specifically created for his or her learning level. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing.

### ***Parents can help by:***

Talking to your child about the importance of this test and encouraging them to try their best.

Providing a quiet, comfortable place to study and do homework at home.

Making sure your child is well-rested on school days; especially test days. Children who are tired are less able to focus during class or handle the demands of a test.

Providing a well-rounded diet. A healthy body leads to a healthy mind.

***Thank you so much for your continued support!***

# January Calendar Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 No Classes School Closed Winter Vacation	2
3 Classes Resume School In-Session	4	5	6	7	8 Quarter 2 Student Progress Reports Sent Home	9
10 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session of After School All- Stars begins	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 M.L. King Day No Classes School Closed	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30



**Happy Holidays & Happy New Year**