



October 20, 2023

Support Bradford During Our No Fuss Fall Fundraiser!

The Bradford PTA No Fuss Fundraiser is in full swing! Our goal is \$15,000 to support students, teachers and our school community. The No Fuss Fundraiser goal represents about a third of the yearly budget for all of the amazing activities and school support that allows the Bradford community to thrive. We know we can get there, but we need your generous donations to make it happen!

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE LINK BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS!

<https://app.memberhub.gives/bradfordfallfundraiser/Campaign/Details>



SUPPORT THE 5th GRADE COMMITTEE // PUMPKIN DECORATING KIT SALE

Each year a 5th grade committee gathers to provide an epic final year and lasting memories for our Bradford seniors! We use the funds to celebrate them with an end of year party, yearbooks, class T-Shirts and a swag bag.

To achieve our goal, we rely on fundraisers and the support of generous donations throughout the school year. Our most recent fundraiser was selling Pumpkin Decorating Kits, a Halloween Lantern Craft, and one of a kind handmade bracelets by Mia Fraind, a Bradford 5th grader at the Pancake Breakfast.

To continue the momentum, a few of the 5th grade students will be selling the remaining Pumpkin Decorating Kits in the courtyard at pickup on Wednesday, October 25th. Please come support our 5th grade students by purchasing a Pumpkin Decorating Kit.

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you in the Courtyard next Wednesday!



Pumpkin Decorating at the Iris Gardens

Thank you to Ms. Fausto for organizing this lovely event for our 3-5th graders. It was the perfect fall day for this lovely activity. A shout out to Ms. Oster, to lending her support throughout the event.

Pumpkins were on display for the public enjoyment. If you would like to pick up your child's pumpkin, feel free to pick up your child's pumpkin.



Help Support our 3rd gd Girl Scouts Brownie Troop (200004); Vote for our Environmental Scarecrow!

In the name of Environmental Advocacy thru Artistic Creation, our Bradford 3rd grade Girl Scouts, came together to create a scarecrow out of 100% Single-use plastics. Our scarecrow name is “Mico-Plastic Monster Madame” and is designed to communicate a cautionary tale about single-use plastic throw away culture. This project was motivated by the annual Van Vleck Gardens scarecrow competition which awards winners with a \$500 prize to donate to their charity of choice. With their scarecrow creation our troops seek to inform and engage the public in support of clean water initiatives. If their scarecrow wins our Bradford troop will donate the prize money to Clean Ocean Action, a non-profit organization acting as a leading national and regional voice working to protect waterways using science, law, research, education, and citizen action.

The competition is steep and voting ends October 26th.

The scarecrow installation is at the Van Vleck Gardens and open to the public for all to visit at the until October 31st.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScTb1Yp2WTvyArdf6tuPdXEy44zVdWTgZn0fJzp6HHoi1INGQ/viewform>

Charity of Choice:

<https://cleanoceanaction.org/be-the-solution-to-ocean-pollution>



Digital backpack

Organizations in Montclair host a plethora of fun family-oriented activities, and their flyers are available on our district website. Check it out!

<https://www.montclair.k12.nj.us/cms/one.aspx?portalId=889560&pageId=1098897>

MFEE Corner:

Mindful and Compassionate Parenting Workshop

On October 26th, the [Alex Patenaude Compassion Project](#), in partnership with MFEE and the Police Athletic League, will offer a free 90-minute workshop for parents of elementary school children, entitled Mindful and Compassionate Parenting. [Dr. Imad Zaheer](#), celebrated school psychologist, will address how to manage the challenge of children's behaviors and parents' stress, with the goal of helping to improve the quality of family life. The event will take place at the Wally Choice Community Center at 6pm. Childcare and light food are provided.

Pre-registration required at mfee.org.



The flyer features a light beige background with a blue decorative element on the left and a blue wavy line on the right. The title 'Mindful and Compassionate Parenting' is in a large, black serif font. Below it, the subtitle 'For Parents of Elementary School Students in Montclair Public Schools' is in a smaller, black sans-serif font. A circular portrait of Dr. Imad Zaheer is on the left. To the right of the portrait, event details are listed in bold black text. At the bottom, there are logos for Alex's Compassion Project, the Police Athletic League, and MFEE.

Mindful and Compassionate Parenting

For Parents of Elementary School Students
in Montclair Public Schools

Where: Wally Choice Community Center,
Glenfield Park
When: Thursday October 26th, 6-7:30PM
Childcare: On-site childcare will be
available.
Light food will be available.

Pre-registration required at [MFEE.org](http://mfee.org)

Dr. Imad Zaheer, award-winning
pediatric school psychologist

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Sabor Montclair

[The Montclair Fund for Educational Excellence \(MFEE\)](#) is once again hosting the tastiest fundraiser in town: [Sabor Montclair on Saturday October 28th](#). Sabor Montclair celebrates the unique “sabor” that our Latinx community members bring to Montclair. Familias who are part of [MFEE’s programming](#) have helped design this event which features takeout meals that highlight their culture and family stories. Here’s how it works: [Donate and reserve your meal](#). On October 28th, come to the Unitarian Church at your reserved time, and pick up your dinner. MFEE volunteers will bring the food right to your car, so you don’t need to find a parking spot. Then sit down with your family, and enjoy a fabulous meal at your home, designed and cooked by some of our newest Montclair neighbors. And your donation helps fuel MFEE’s work that supports all 6,000 MPS students - learn more at [mfee.org](#).



MFEE

Sabor
Montclair!

Building community. One bite at a time.

Tasty Take-Out Dinner

Featuring
Favorite Dishes
from our Latinx
Community

10.28.2023

Reserve an authentic and delicious take-out dinner from
Central and South America, and support MFEE!

Donating Costumes for the Cast of Characters Parade

We are gratefully accepting donations of brand new or gently worn costumes. Please deliver to the main office.

Cast of Characters Parade

As we kickoff October, we know that many students are excited to start planning their Halloween costumes. To ensure that our school community has a safe and successful day, please review the information below.

- *Cast of Characters Parade will begin at 2:30, at the main entrance of the school-87 Mount Hebron, then walk down to College, stop at Brainard, and return to the courtyard, where dismissal will shortly follow.*
- *For safety reasons, please make sure that your child's costume is not too long so they can safely walk in the parade, and getting on/off the bus (if applicable).*
- *Costumes should be safe, appropriate for school, and non-violent.*
- *Toy weapons will not be allowed to accompany a costume (i.e swords, knives, guns, bow and arrow,etc.)*
- *Masks will ONLY BE ALLOWED during the parade as long as students can safely see out of them.*
- *Please refrain from dressing students as clowns due to incidents involving individuals dressed as clowns that have caused anxiety and fear among children.*
- *Any student who does not wish to dress in costume is welcome to join us in their Randall Carter Spirit Wear to celebrate our school community. (Bradford students will engaging in arts and crafts during the parade)*

Parents visiting the playground during the school day

While our students are present, we politely request that our families refrain from accessing the playground. For security reasons, our staff is trained in situational awareness and has expressed worries about people who visit the playground during recess or simply observe and wave at the students. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Upcoming Events

10/25: Abbreviated Day: dismissal at 1:40

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10/30: Picture Day (rescheduled)

10/31: Cast of Characters Parade