



Parent Bulletin: February 11, 2024



May the Year of the Dragon bring confidence and energy in chasing new opportunities and bringing you closer to your dreams!



These first two weeks of February we have been having Circles centered around kindness. We discussed the difference between being nice and being kind. "Kindness is doing things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but

because of who you are." -Harold Kushner

Hello 5th Grade Families,

On Thursday, February 29th from 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Bradford will be hosting its 5th Grade Information Session. This is where our current 5th graders come to our gym and ask questions to some Bradford Alumni. We will have students representing Glenfield, Renaissance and Buzz Aldrin.

In addition to the 5th grade students asking questions to our Middle School Students, we are also inviting parents to the Music Room where our 5th grade parents can ask questions to some Middle School parents!

It's a win win for all! Looking forward to seeing you on February 29th!

Let's Try Our Luck Again!

Help win a \$1,000 grant for Bradford! [The Montclair Fund for Educational Excellence \(MFEE\)](#) is our town's local education fund that supports *all* Montclair students, teachers, staff, and caregivers. Bradford students receive social/emotional support and innovative teaching tools through MFEE grants; teachers boost their learning through out-of-the-box Professional Development grants and Teacher Learning Communities; and families get resources and support through Navegadores Escolares and MFEE's scholarship fund for summer camps. Your donations - no matter how small - fuel all of this work! From now until February 28th, any donor who gives \$20 and above will be entered in a lottery to award a \$1,000 grant to their favorite school. Two winners will be chosen! **Bradford won \$1,000 last year; let's make it a repeat!** Be sure to "credit" Bradford's team page when donating. Even better, right now there is a 1:1 match happening on all donations! While you're there, check out all of the ways that your donations boost learning at Bradford. Donate here: <https://givebutter.com/c/mfeeforthem2024/members/bradfordelementaryschool1>



Spirit Week Kindness Edition

Monday, 2/12

“Team Kindness”

Wear football attire in honor of the Super Bowl.

Tuesday, 2/13

“Spread the Love”

Wear pink or red or something you love to celebrate Valentine's day a little early.

Wednesday, 2/14

“You're never too old to be kind”

Dress like your 100 year old self for the 100th day of school.

Thursday, 2/15

“Workout Problems with Kindness”

Wear athletic clothes.

Friday, 2/16

“Share the Spirit of Kindness”

Wear school spirit wear.

Upcoming Events

16th: 4th/5th grade: "Dumplings & Diplomacy"

19th: President's Day (District Closed)

20th: Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble (K-5, 1:45-2:45, Gymnasium)

22nd: Abbreviated Day for students: NJCIE Staff Workshop with Michelle Lockwood

29th: Middle School Talks 101