



Parent Bulletin: February 23, 2024



Bradford teachers are really in for the long run! Happy 100 days!

Calling All 5th Graders!!!



Bradford will be holding its 5th Grade Information Session on Thursday, February 29th from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. This is where our current 5th graders come to our gym and ask questions to some Bradford Alumni regarding Middle School. We will have students representing Glenfield, Renaissance and Buzz Aldrin. We would like to invite all 5th Grade students to bring their questions to the gym at Bradford on February 29th. In addition, we will have a “Question and Answer” session for our

parents in the Music Room. We will have Bradford Alumni Parents speaking about their Middle School experience with their child.

Hope to see you on Thursday, 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>

Celebrating with Dumplings



The 4th and 5th grade made some two types of delicious dumplings with Ms. Nancy Loo from Dumpling Diplomacy, in honor of Lunar New Year. One was mochi with fudge and

the other vegan dumplings. They made enough to share with the entire school. Thank you to our volunteer parents who helped with this fun event.

In Honor of Black History Month:

The Universal African Dance & Drum Ensemble, founded in 1984, presented a visually and emotionally stimulating performance representing the beauty of West African culture.





Gifted & Talented Education Information

Dear Parents/Caregivers:

We are embarking upon the district Gifted & Talented Identification Process for the 24-25SY. Identification measures were selected to cast a wide net to “find” all students who will benefit from services for gifted learners. We offer referrals through multiple pathways: teachers, parents/guardians, and assessment scores.

Teachers, parents, and guardians are invited to refer students for consideration for gifted services. In addition, district personnel will review achievement and aptitude scores (universal screening procedures) to include those students who may not have been referred by teachers, parents, or guardians in the identification process.

If you believe your child/student would benefit from gifted services, you are invited to refer them. The referral window will be open Monday, March 4th (9:00am) - Friday, March 15th (4:00pm). Please note there will be no teacher, parent, and guardian referrals accepted after 4:00pm on March 15th, no exceptions.

[English - MPS Gifted & Talented Referral Form for 24-25SY](#)

A complete overview of the process can be found on the [district website](#). The following documents are quite comprehensive and will be able to answer all your questions.

- [MPS Family Information - Identifying Gifted Learners](#)
- [MPS K-8 Gifted and Talented Comprehensive Plan](#)

Información sobre educación para superdotados y talentosos

Estimados padres/cuidadores:

Nos estamos embarcando en el proceso de identificación de dotados y talentosos del distrito para el 24-25SY.

Se seleccionaron medidas de identificación para lanzar una amplia red para "encontrar" a todos los estudiantes que se beneficiarán de los servicios para estudiantes superdotados. Ofrecemos referencias a través de múltiples vías: maestros, padres/tutores y puntajes de evaluaciones.

Se invita a los maestros, padres y tutores a recomendar a los estudiantes para que sean considerados para servicios para superdotados. Además, el personal del distrito revisará los puntajes de logros y aptitudes (procedimientos de evaluación universal) para incluir a aquellos

estudiantes que no hayan sido referidos por maestros, padres o tutores en el proceso de identificación.

Si cree que su hijo/estudiante se beneficiaría de los servicios para superdotados, está invitado a recomendarlo. La ventana de referencia estará abierta del lunes 4 de marzo (9:00 a. m.) al viernes 15 de marzo (4:00 p. m.). Tenga en cuenta que no se aceptarán referencias de maestros, padres ni tutores después de las 4:00 p. m. del 15 de marzo, sin excepciones.

[Español - Formulario de referencia para estudiantes superdotados y talentosos de MPS 24-25SY](#)

Puede encontrar una descripción completa del proceso en el sitio [web del distrito](#). Los siguientes documentos son bastante completos y podrán responder a todas sus preguntas.

- [Plan Integral para Dotados y Talentosos de MPS K-8](#)

Buy Your BradFest Tickets Yet? 🍻

Thank you to everyone who has already purchased tickets! BradFest is our signature Parents Night Out, raising money for the Bradford PTA with musical performances by Bradford parents and always held at Tierneys. This is a great night to socialize with other Bradford parents, have fun and listen to awesome music.

Buy Your Tickets Before They Sell Out

Upcoming Events

February

29th: Middle School Talks 101, 6-7pm in the multipurpose room

March

3-10: **Bradford READ-A-THON Kicks Off!**

14: Bradfest 7- 10 p.m. at Tierney's Tavern

16: PTA Ice Skating Event

25: Holi Celebration (weather permitting)

29: District Closed-Good Friday