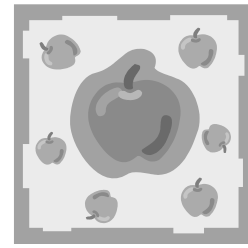


## Bradley International School Back to School Night 2009-2010



### Celebrations

- Bradley was recognized by the Superintendent of Denver Public Schools as having significant **gains** in our **CSAP** scores!
- Bradley received **\$82,000** from the **BOND** that passed last year to upgrade our technology.
- Bradley is the recipient of the **BELL** grant. Our school will receive additional library/technology resources in the amount of approximately \$30,000 for ECE- 1<sup>st</sup> grade students. The funding will also allow us to open our school library to all of our students and parents before/after school. The extended hours are as follows:
  - Monday and Tuesday: 7:55-8:55am; Wednesday and Thursday: 3:45-4:45pm
  - This will begin in early September.
- Bradley is the recipient of the **Carol M. White Physical Education Program** grant. Bradley received \$7,000 of P.E. equipment. Our P.E. teacher will receive training in the SPARK curriculum that focuses on nutritional and physical education.
- **Learning Landscape:** An outdoor classroom and additional trees will be added to our playground.

### Curricular Focus

- **Differentiation Block:** The Differentiation Block will last approximately one hour for each grade level (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>). During this time, students in their grade level will be grouped together based on their reading level. The grade-level teachers and support staff (Gifted and Talented, Special Education, ESL, paras) will share students to provide small group instruction. The benefits of the Differentiation Block are that students will be able to receive reading instruction that is focused on their needs and the teacher-student ratio will be smaller during this time. It will also ensure that students who qualify for Gifted and Talented, Special Education, and ESL services will not be pulled during other content areas. The progress of all students will be monitored and students will be re-grouped when necessary.
- **Writing Alive:** Writing Alive is a program that integrates the essential components of writing. It will support our students with strengthening their skills in writing by focusing on both the creativity of writing and the structure of writing (i.e. sentence structure, paragraph structure, genre structure). It also includes an oral language component. The program is systematic in that it has an aligned sequence that allows students to build on what they have learned. The program is closely aligned with state and district standards.
- **IB International Mindedness:** International Mindedness describes a person who demonstrates the attributes of the Learner Profile. The attributes are: Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Communicators, Principled, Open-Minded, Caring, Risk-takers, Balanced and Reflective.

### Additional Programs

- Gifted and Talented
- ESL (English as a Second Language)
- Special Education
- Balarat (3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Young Author's
- Student Government
- Lights On After School
- Destination Imagination/Shakespeare
- English/Spanish Classes for Adults

## **In Addition....**

- **Community Garden:** We will begin our first harvesting season/Farmers Market this year! The first Farmers Market will be held mid-September.
- **Health and Wellness:** We will continue to advocate for healthy eating habits and for our children to be physically active!
- **PTO:** We have an active PTO that is a tremendous support for our school! The date of the first PTO meeting will be announced soon.

## **New to Bradley**

- The **Monaco South Optimist Club Jimmy Brown Perfect Attendance Award** will honor students who have perfect attendance. Students will be honored for perfect attendance for each trimester and for the school year.

## **Recognition of Students**

- Announcements, Super Citizen, Lunch with the Principal, Perfect Attendance, Literacy Assemblies, Reading Lists, Read 1,000,000 Words, Learner Profile

## **Communication from the School**

- Monthly Newsletter (Sent home the last Friday of the month)
- Letters and Flyers
- Webpage: *bradley.dpsk12.org*
- Friday Folders
- Curriculum Nights
- Open-Door Policy

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

Bradley welcomes volunteers! There are many ways in which you can support our school! If every parent volunteered one hour of their time for each child that attends Bradley we would have over 450 additional hours that were dedicated to our kids!

- Community Garden—Farmers Market
- Health and Wellness
- PTO
- Working with students
- Playground and after-school dismissal
- Technology
- Changing of the marquee
- In-home support such as cutting materials

## **Arrival and Dismissal: Ensuring the safety of your child is top priority at Bradley!**

Traffic can get VERY busy during dismissal time. For the safety of our students, please:

- adhere to all speed limits and parking signs;
- use the crosswalk (students will not be allowed to cross in the middle of the street even with a parent); and
- do not make U-turns in the middle of the street
- Parents with kindergarten students should park on Plum Street. Students will exit through the archway by the ECE/Kindergarten playground.
- Students in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will exit through the main doors of the building. Students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade will exit through the south front doors.

**We thank you for your support with this!**