



Burnt Mills Elementary School
~Principal's Monthly Newsletter~
January 2023
Soaring to new heights...

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Important Events to Remember

Date	Event
1/2	Holiday - Schools and Offices Closed
1/16	Holiday - School and Offices Closed
1/26	Marking Period 2 Ends
1/27	Professional Day for Teachers - No school for students
1/30	Marking Period 3 Begins Candy Gram Fundraiser Begins

School News

MLK Day of Recognition: The Office of School Support and Well-Being and the Montgomery County Volunteer Center work together to promote service opportunities and acts of kindness. As a result, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) recognizes Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) annually with a week of service projects in schools. This year's theme is: "*WE Have Gratitude – Say It Now.*" Burnt Mills students and staff will participate in a service project to recognize this important initiative.

School Year Calendar 2023-2024: During the December 6, 2022, Board of Education (Board) business meeting, the Board adopted the school year calendar for 2023–2024. The calendar is responsive to community input by offering limited instructional disruptions and highlights the school systems' continued investment in our employees by including six professional development learning days. The calendar maintains 182 days of instruction, including six built-in contingency days within the school year. Highlights for the 2023–2024 school year calendar include:

- First day for students, Innovative Schools: Monday, July 10, 2023
- First day for students, Traditional Schools: Monday, August 28, 2023
- Last day for students, Innovative and Traditional Schools: Thursday, June 13, 2024
- There are four grading/planning days following the end of each quarter
- Winter break: Begins Saturday, December 23, 2023, and ends Tuesday, January 2, 2024 (extended by one additional day).
- Spring break: Begins on Saturday, March 23, 2024, and ends Monday, April 1, 2024.
- Districtwide professional days include Monday, October 9, 2023; Friday, February 16, 2024; and Monday, April 22, 2024.
- Three districtwide days of professional learning have a new designated “Professional Development and Instruction” (PD/I): Friday, November 10, 2023; Thursday, February 15, 2024; and Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

These additional days will allow staff to participate in learning while students continue to participate in school or other enrichment opportunities. Initial details will be provided later in the school year

[Social-Emotional Wellness Connection News](#)

The core value of the month of January is Fairness. Counselors will be joining classes to teach lessons on what fairness looks like in school. You can reinforce this message for your students by reminding them that fairness does not always mean that everyone gets the same things but means that everyone gets what they need. As the weather begins to get colder, please let us know if your child is in need of a winter coat, hat, or glove. We have items to donate. Parents, please complete the [Winter Weather Request Google form](#) if you are in need of these items.

In well-being class students are learning with it means to be proactive. They know that when they are proactive they are controlling what they say and do for the best possible outcome without being told to do so. Talk to your student about ways they can be proactive and take initiative at home and outside of school.

[PTA News](#)

Candy Gram Fundraiser starts January 30th! It’s that time of year to start raising money for the 5th GradePromotion Ceremony. PTA will sponsor this year’s candy gram fundraiser from January 30 - February 10. Click the link to view the flyer.

 [Candy Gram Flyer](#)

Next PTA Meeting will be February 7, 2023, at 7:00 PM.