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Bradley International School Principals Newsletter Spring 2017

From the Principal's Desk...

Believe it or not, we are more than two-thirds through the school year! Your children are now closer to the next grade! The first two trimesters of school have been jam-packed with brilliant learning projects, exciting field trips, and amazing community events. We continue to see young **inquiring minds** captured by imagination through our Science and Cardboard Challenge projects at Science Night. We also witnessed students showing off their talents at our Spelling Challenge, "kids being kids" for our Valentine's Day "Cupid Shuffle" and future philanthropists working hard for "Jump Rope for Heart." I am particularly excited to see the continued desire in our students to read, *Read, READ* as we hit another record for **AR Triple Crown Readers**.

Once again, our **School-Wide Focus** has included **Math** and **Science**. With our "**Ready**" curriculum (Ready is the paper version, *iReady* is the electronic version), students are able to receive additional math exercises on the computers from their teachers as they work towards mastery of math topics. It is exciting to see that "**Science Buddies**" has remained a HOT topic among our students. Working, collaborating and learning with other students from different grades and classes personifies what "being IB" is all about! We hope that you have seen your students working on Ready at home and that they have shared their science experiments with you. Please ask your child nightly about what they "did or are doing" at school. Remember, we send quick weblinks to you about our science experiments when they happen (usually on Wednesdays).

Our after-school programs continue to expand and our attendance for these extracurricular activities are at an all-time high. Our offerings include: cooking, sports, creativity, STEM, LEGO, Colorado Club and yearbook. We continue to see students working hard with academics before and after school in teacher-led tutoring as well. In short, Bradley has never had so many students accessing these opportunities! I hope that you will look at our Summer Camp & tutoring options as they are a great way to stay connected to friends and school!

I am happy to report that we have purchased **another** classroom set of **30 Chromebooks** thanks to a contribution from our PTO. Additionally, four teachers at Bradley have also received 12 Chromebooks each for their classrooms through our Donors Choose program. Thanks to all the parents that made contributions to these projects as well as our PTO. This technology will greatly help our students!

As a friendly reminder, I want to let all parents know that our Bradley PTO Casino Night and Auction will be on Saturday, April 15th at Maggiano's Downtown. I hope to see all of you there as we are excited for our 2nd annual "Parents Only" fundraiser. Last year was a HUGE success. It is a wonderful way to connect with other parents and community members. Finally, I want to let you know that we made our goal for the **Spelling Challenge** and brought in over **\$10,000!!!! WOW!!!** Thank you to our PTO and all of our parents who are working so hard for our kids!

Other upcoming and note-worthy events this FINAL trimester include: Student-Led Conferences – March 15th, Destination Imagination competition – March 18th, 5th grade exhibition "How We Organize Ourselves," Field Day – May 31st and our end of the year celebrations and continuations! I can't believe how fast this year is going!!! Remember, at Bradley we have high expectations and I want to thank you for all of your continued support of our school!

We will share more information on all of these events as they draw closer.

Mr. Stephen Wera

