## From the Principal's Desk...

## Dear Bradley Families,



The year is quickly moving along! We recently celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school and have a little more than three months left to go! Highlights of the past trimester include: celebrating our **Colorado Teacher of the Year**, Meg Cypress; Family Literacy Night; and more Triple Crown Readers this trimester! These are just a few of the many wonderful things that happened at Bradley. WOW!

I am thrilled to see so much enthusiasm for literacy, in both reading and writing this year. We are seeing great student growth through guided reading (small group) instruction, shared reading (whole group) instruction, and independent reading including **Accelerated Reader** to check students' comprehension, assist in goal-setting and encourage them to READ!!! Please sign-up to receive an email every time your child takes an **AR** quiz using link below. Individualized instructions including your child's login and password were sent home with report cards. In writing, our assignments are becoming more complex as they are learning to write about what they are reading, writing more non-fiction and persuasive pieces. I am proud to see our children reading, writing their experiences with others.

Students are using technology on a daily basis, especially Chromebooks, and the completed Mac lab. Thanks to the PTO for purchasing 14 more Mac computers. The PTO's Bradley Dines Out nights have been very successful and will continue monthly through May. We also met our goal of **\$10,000 for the Spelling Challenge** and pledges are still coming in! Incredible!! Finally, just a reminder that the annual Bradley Casino Night and Auction will be held on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at Maggiano's in the DTC. I hope you will join the Bradley staff and community to support the school in the largest fundraiser of the year. Thank you again to our PTO and all of our parents who are working so hard for our kids!

Coming up, we will have an **I.B. Science and Social Studies Family Night on March 13**<sup>th</sup> at 5:00! You will have the opportunity to see your child present his/her culminating science or social studies project to celebrate the current unit of inquiry. The **Colorado Department of Education will be here to observe our school**!!!! Other events this FINAL trimester include: Destination Imagination Competition – March 16<sup>th</sup>; Student-Led Conferences – April 25<sup>th</sup>; 4<sup>th</sup> grade Colorado Day – May 9<sup>th</sup>; 5<sup>th</sup> grade Exhibition – May 23<sup>rd</sup>; Field Day – May 29<sup>th</sup>; and many other end-of-the-year celebrations and continuations!

Our expectations remain high and I am encouraged by our students' determination and hard work which occurs each and every day at Bradley!

Thank you for your continued support! Mr. Stephen Wera Principal

Accelerated Reader (Renaissance) Home Connect website (also linked on the Bradley website)

https://hosted252.renlearn.com/245193/homeconnect/