

From the Principal...

Dear Bradley Families,



This amazing school year is flying by! We kicked off the 20-20 Blue Ribbon School Challenge in January! Students are encouraged to **READ 20 BOOKS** and complete **20 GOOD DEEDS** by the end of the school year in order to meet the Challenge! Each classroom has set up ways to track the books and students are displaying their good deeds in the cafeteria. We hope your child will accept this challenge to be a risk-taker through reading and helping others as an overall Bradley **BLUE RIBBON IB** student!!! More highlights of the past trimester included a very successful Read-a-Thon, 5th grade Exhibition, grade level IB end of unit celebrations and even more Triple Crown Readers this trimester! The Kids Heart Challenge is also currently underway and will run through March 18th. These are just a few of the many wonderful things happening at Bradley. WOW!

I am thrilled to see students so enthusiastic in both reading and writing this year. Students are showing progress through guided reading (small group) instruction, shared reading (whole group) instruction and independent reading. We are continuing to use **Accelerated Reader (AR)** to check students' comprehension, assist in goal-setting and foster their love of **READING!!!** Teachers recently had a professional development in AR to re-emphasize how important their comprehension conferences with students are (after they have read a book). Please sign-up to receive an email every time your child takes an **AR** quiz using the link below. In writing, assignments are becoming more complex as students continue to write about what they are reading and cite specific key details in non-fiction and persuasive pieces. As we move into the final trimester, students will be pulling evidence from multiple resources to compare and contrast information. I am proud to see our children reading, writing and sharing their knowledge with others.

Students are using technology on a daily basis, especially Chromebooks and the Mac technology lab. Thanks to the PTO for purchasing two NEW TruTouch interactive displays to complement our new TruTouch in the Library! The PTO's "Bradley Dines Out" nights have been very successful and will continue monthly through May. We also doubled our goal of \$10,000 by raising more than \$20,000 with the first annual **Read-a-Thon!** Thank you for your unbelievable support!! Finally, just a reminder that the annual Bradley Auction and Blue Ribbon Celebration will be held on Saturday, March 21st at Maggiano's downtown. 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 **incredible PTO** and all of our families who are working so hard for our students!

In this last trimester, we look forward to these upcoming school events: IB Service Learning Day – April 30th; Student-Led Conferences – May 7th; PTO School Dance – May 21st; Field Day – May 27th; 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)

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