



October 15, 2023

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones in good health. With a heavy heart, I am writing to you today to address a matter of great significance, one that touches us all in varying degrees- the recent events surrounding the conflict between Israel and Hamas.

All acts of violence against innocent civilians are condemned without equivocation or context. I recognize that our students come from diverse backgrounds, and these events may hold personal meaning for them and their families.

I understand and have also witnessed the impact of this global unrest on students and families in many ways within our own school community. In times of global instability, I am proud that our school serves as a safe haven for our students. We believe each child, especially in the midst of complicated global events, deserves a supportive and secure atmosphere in which to navigate their emotions and thoughts.

A list of resources has been compiled by the school community to help support our families and students during these difficult times. Please reach out to me if you need any support.

- [Talking to Your Kids About War](#): Strategies families can use to speak with young people about war, including tips on sharing information and restricting media coverage.
- [How to Talk to Your Children About Conflict and War](#): Eight tips to support and comfort children.
- [Resilience in a time of war: Tips for parents and teachers of elementary school children](#): Helps adults guide young children beyond fear to resilience.
- [Resilience in a time of war: Tips for parents and teachers of middle school children](#): Tips and strategies for parents and teachers of middle school-aged children.

Pancake Breakfast/Book Fair and Bulb Planting Festival

The rain did not slow us down; hundreds of Bradford parents and students came to enjoy the tasty pancakes and fantastic music. They also had the opportunity to purchase some fantastic books, a pumpkin, and assist in the planting of bulbs (over 750 in the ground) to beautify our school grounds by spring. All of this was a lot of fun, and the best part was that it all benefited our school community! Thank you to everyone who volunteered, organized, and helped in some capacity to make this event a smashing success! A special shout out to Shannon Lin for coordinating the Pancake/Book Fair event, and Andrea Walter Puri for coordinating the bulb collection and planting event.

Diwali Celebration with AAPI: Light Up Montclair!

We invite you to step into our Asian American traditions and experience the joy of Diwali!

Saturday, October 21, 2023

2pm–6pm

Montclair Art Museum

3 S Mountain Avenue, Montclair, NJ

Rain Date: Sunday, October 22

<https://givebutter.com/lightupmontclair2023>

October is Anti Bullying Awareness Month

School wide assembly on how “To be an UpStander!”

On Wednesday, October 18th, please wear **ORANGE** to represent safety and visibility.

Being an UpStander is enshrouded in important characteristics that all our children should embrace. These traits include compassion, empathy, courage, and a commitment to standing up against bullying and injustice. Let's paint the day orange and unite in fostering a community where every child feels seen, valued, and protected.



Our SAC Ms. Hall and our TOSA Ms. Asaro are holding Restorative Justice Circles with the focus being “Respect.” It is the second value being discussed for Bradford Cares. We are discussing that respect can be given as well as received and comes down to “treating others as you would want them to treat you.” We had spirited discussions on whether we believed a dog or a cat should get more respect and why they thought that way.

Upcoming Events

10/18: Anti Bullying Assembly

10/25: *Abbreviated Day: dismissal at 1:40*

10/26: *Abbreviated Day: dismissal at 1:40*

10/30: Picture Day (rescheduled)

10/31: Cast of Characters Parade begins at 2:30, more details to follow!