

Happy 2021 Bronco Families,

I wrote a completely different version of the Bronco Times earlier this week that I wish was being shared with you today! However, it's "Groundhog Day" once again as we seemingly wake up to what we thought was yesterday over and over and over again. Just so you all know, Bailey is ready and has been ready for months to welcome students back in whatever format we are allowed at this point. However, under the recommendation from the Mecklenburg County Health Department, CMS has decided to again postpone our return. We will now wait until the February 9 CMS Board Meeting to see what the metrics look like at that point for a new return to in-person decision. I had hoped to share our Covid Protocol Videos and our Bailey Covid handbook with you today, but I will hold that info once again as we don't want to confuse anyone more so than needed at this point. Additionally, we may need to adjust some of our protocols over the next few weeks as CDC and Health Department guidelines continue to be a moving target.

Schedule and Instruction

Please continue to use our existing schedule that we have been running since August (copy on the website if needed). The new schedule that was sent in the mailing will not be implemented until we return to in-person learning. We will also continue to emphasize on-time attendance in every block with the camera on and kids actively participating in the activities. Many of our students continue to do a great job of coming to class, interacting with teachers, and completing their assignments. This is a critical piece to their success in school moving forward as we are nearing a year of online instruction. The more they engage in daily lessons and complete assignments in Canvas, the more likely they will be prepared for the next grade level. Please continue to monitor and motivate -Thank you!

Congrats to Bailey Students

HUGE KUDOS to the 800+ students who achieved A or A/B Honor Roll in second quarter. We are so proud of this accomplishment, especially in our current circumstances. I also want to give a BIG SHOUT-OUT to our Character Ed winners for the month of December (Courage). These students continue to set the bar for their peers in leadership and character, even in these tough times. Additional Congratulations to the following students who will have their plays represented this year in the 2021 NC Young Playwrights Festival!
Liam Buker, Reagan Rainey, Erin Acker, Aubree Jones, and Langley Rehorn.

Missed Thursday Pick-Up Day

If you were unable to stop by last night to pick-up 6th and 7th grade workbooks or your student's certificate for Honor Roll or Character Ed, please feel free to swing by our walk up windows anytime next week from 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

Novels Needed

Students will soon begin their next set of novels in each grade as listed below. We are not distributing hard copies due to the loss possibilities and the fact that all students have access to an electronic version online through SORA. If you would like your student to have a hard copy of the novel, please feel free to purchase a copy on Amazon for around \$10.

6th grade: [Joseph Bruchac: Two Roads](#)

7th grade: [Nikki Grimes: One Last Word](#)

8th grade: [Michael Pollan: The Omnivore's Dilemma - Young Reader's Edition](#)

Middle School Athletics canceled for 20-21

After much discussion and consideration, CMS made the difficult decision to cancel middle school and K-8 athletics for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. High school athletic teams will continue with practices and competitions as outlined in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association amended 2020-2021 sports calendar.

Stay Healthy and Stay Positive,

Chad O. Thomas
Principal