

Happy Friday Bronco Families,

I was reminded this week that even in the toughest of times, we should always try to be kind, caring, and RADIATE POSITIVITY to others! Zoey Boukedes stopped by school with her dad this week to present a check for \$2500 that the "Yay Day Foundation" raised to support positivity in our community. This is not the first time the Yay Day Foundation has provided funding to several local schools from Zoey's annual fundraiser. Her theme has been to encourage others to "Radiate Positivity" since Yay Day started a few years ago. As you can see in the picture below, the positive messages on signs that now hang in our main entrance were funded through this donation a year ago. I'm hopeful that our students will read these as they enter and exit the building to remind them of not only their own daily choice to be positive and happy, but also their charge to help others do the same. Thank you Zoey for your kind heart and desire to Radiate Positivity even in the most challenging times, which is when we all need it the most.

### **MAP Testing - Reading on Monday, February 1**

We will run the same schedule this coming Monday, February 1 for the Reading MAP Test as we did last Monday for our Math MAP Test. Thank you to all of the parents who made sure your Bronco was in attendance last week as we only had 40 kids out of 1500 absent. You will receive information next week on how to access your student's MAP scores through PowerSchool, teachers cannot send these to you.

- Students should completely shut down their Chromebook Sunday night and make sure it's fully charged.
- Students will report to their Thunder Time block at 8:45 am.
- Students will have all morning to complete their test (Should take them 2-3 hours max).
- Upon completion, they will have the remainder of the day to complete any missing work or tests.
- Teachers have directed students with what missing work or tests they need to complete.
- Teachers will also be available to answer questions or assist with missing assignments.

### **Character Ed Drive-Thru**

Next Thursday, February 4, we will host a special drive-thru celebration for Character Ed winners for the month of January. HUGE CONGRATS to the students listed below for being recognized by your team of teachers as someone who models the Character Trait of "Integrity" and the Habit of "Think Win-Win"!

### **Attention 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents**

I have [attached a copy of the scheduled events](#) to prepare 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for their transition to High School. Bailey and Hough are offering a few different things this year so please look at the list carefully. If you plan to attend the Hough Parent Meetings, they ask that you complete the following Google Form: <http://bit.ly/Rising9ParentPrograms> Info and links for our Counselor Coffees will be sent closer to the event.

Stay Healthy, Stay Safe, and Stay Positive,

Chad O. Thomas  
Principal

# I Feel Like We've Done this Before...

No school year has ever embodied the classic Bill Murray movie, *Groundhog Day*, quite like 2020. With our daily routines devolving into repetitive, never ending cycles, any minor change can feel like a grand reprieve. So with Tuesday, February 2nd being another opportunity for Punxsutawney Phil to emerge from his den and declare a much needed early spring, we thought we'd spend this week attempting to get in his good graces by sharing a few interesting facts about this prophetic mascot.

**This tradition originally didn't have a happy ending for Phil.** Although it didn't involve driving off a cliff, the original Groundhog Day did conclude with the demise and devouring of the "seer of seers." After sightseers celebrated Punxsutawney Phil's weather prediction in 1886, they all headed over to Gobbler's Knob to enjoy a feast made up of various groundhog dishes and the equally delicious sounding groundhog punch.

**The Bill Murray bump.** Although the "prognosticator of prognosticators" has long been a local favorite in Pennsylvania, it was Bill Murray and his 1993 film *Groundhog Day* that really put Phil in the national spotlight. After the film's release, attendance to the event exploded, drawing crowds of up to 30,000 people!

**Is he really the weather prophet extraordinaire?** Unfortunately, Punxsutawney Phil's batting average for weather predictions isn't exactly the greatest: records of his findings have shown that his shadow-based predictions have only been right about 64.4 percent of the time. Most recently, he saw his shadow in 2017 & 2018, but both years had record high temperatures for February.

**Don't blame him if you don't like what you hear on Tuesday.** Because the "Sage of Sages" is said to speak his own special language called Groundhogese, many blame the presidents of the Punxsutawney Groundhog's Club for misinterpreting Phil's predictions which avid fans say is 100 percent accurate.

## BONUS: [15 Repeatable Facts About Groundhog Day](#)

6th Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Caitlin Schriber	Chloe Summerour	Alexandra Cuchkova
Kayley Rutherford	Mila Wiley	Kaybri Lowry
Ethan Maple	Victor Beilstein	Whittier Henry
Colin McWilliams	Kyle Crump	Jack Porter
Sophia Simone	Lily Wissman	Kristin Armstrong
Ellie Wozniak	Avery Jenkins	Isabel Swartzendruber
Connor Clair	Conor Herbert	Elias Biller
Jacob Carmichael	Christopher Barnes	Chaitanya Jiva
Lena Wilke	Kate Whittaker	Abigail Ogburn
	Sumeyye Ates	Catelynn Ogburn
	Patrick McHenry	Milo Keeler
	Isaiah Phillips	Harrison DeGeorge
		Sarah Klar

Julia Boutin	Sierra Skog	Jasmine Calloway
Jackson Mahoney	Amy Ramirez	Matthew Spiridon
Giuseppe D'Agostino	Scott Smiley	Lochlan Robbins
Sydney Helfer	Noah Yaekel	Hannah Stevens
Ashita Rastoogi		Lilie Jarvis
Nash Beshears		Alexander Ridgway
		JP (Jon) Rosser

## **2021-2022 School Year PTO Board Volunteers Needed**

As we begin to plan for next school year, more information on open positions will be coming soon in the Bronco Times. We need you to help keep Bailey a great school!

### **Thank you Bronco Families!**

We asked, and you came through! Your PTO is happy to announce that we reached our goal, and soon, 66 new monitors will be delivered to our school. Great job, Broncos! Watch future issues of the Bronco Times for photos of the units in the classroom, as well as a complete list of families who contributed to the cause. THANK YOU for helping make our school an even better place to be!

Feel free to contact [nmonacell@gmail.com](mailto:nmonacell@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **Year Book Submissions**

We need your photos to help assemble the yearbook. [Click here](#) to upload your student photos.

Ready to order a yearbook? [Click here.](#)

### **Performing Arts Booster**

Is your child actively or planning to be involved with the Chorus, Drama, or Dance program? Are you interested in helping with the Performing Arts Booster Club? We are looking for new board members for the 2021-2022 school year.

Current positions available:

Drama President

Chorus President

Dance President

Booster Club Treasurer

We hope to have these positions filled by April 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested or have any questions, please email Cheryl Wade at [cherylwade74@yahoo.com](mailto:cherylwade74@yahoo.com) or Natalie Baldwin at [baldwinnatalie@hotmail.com](mailto:baldwinnatalie@hotmail.com).

## **Bronco Times**

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