

Happy Friday Bronco Families,

As I reflect on 2020, I still cannot believe that students have not been on campus since March 13, 2020...9 months! I'm once again hopeful that we will return to some version of in-person as scheduled on January 19, 2021, but I'm not holding my breath as we've had false starts several times already. On January 5, 2021 we will be mailing you a set of five documents that include important information that you need to know for our return on January 19. If you never look at mail from school, please make an exception and read the items sent to you in this one please.

Parent Meetings This Week

I want to thank all of the parents who attended the Zoom information sessions the past three nights. I'm hopeful that this helped many of our families see all of the moving pieces that we will encounter upon our return to in-person learning. If you were unable to attend, I recorded to session so you can view it on this link: <https://youtu.be/2j6r4EjpFXc>

Schedule Changes for some Students

In last week's edition, I provided a full explanation to why these schedule changes must be made at the semester break, which was due to a large number of our families opting-in or opting-out of the Full Remote Academy for second semester. We really tried our best to keep kids with the same teachers, just in different blocks as much as possible. However, we had to establish some new sections of the Full Remote Academy classes so this created scenarios where new teachers were the only option. Students and parents can now see the new schedule in PowerSchool so if your student's schedule looks the same by today, it will stay as is for second semester. Finally a letter will be going out today to any student who has a schedule change so you will have a hard copy to use on January 5.

National Junior Honor Society

I want to extend my congratulations to all of the students who applied and were accepted to the Bailey Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. The students selected and their parents will be receiving an email acknowledgement of acceptance into our NJHS Chapter. We will be announcing some type of induction ceremony in January once we see what options we have at that time.

Novels Needed For Second Semester

Want to give your students a break from screen time? Please, please, please consider buying them a copy of our next book for ELA. Students will need this book in mid-January for our next unit.

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](#)

I will close by wishing each of our families a very Safe, Healthy, and Happy Holiday! Our hopes can only be that 2021 will provide us with the opportunity to get kids back to school, businesses fully back open, and life as we know it to a somewhat normal state.

Merry Christmas and Happy 2021,

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