



Bronco Times

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Happy Friday Bronco Families,



Well, we are on the cusp of making it through the first week, which did not come without some challenges. I will say that I'm really proud of how our teachers and students have engaged online this week, even with the tech related issues at the state level with Canvas and PowerSchool. As I visited classrooms during some of our blocks this week, I was able to say hello to many of our students on Zoom and see how teachers were handling their new normal. This is a completely new way of teaching and learning for everyone and I understand the challenges this brings for kids, parents, and teachers so we all need to work together to make the best of the things we can control right now. Please continue to reach out with questions or email teachers and grade level administrators for support. Finally, please use our website as a resource hub for information, support tools, and school documents.

Bailey School Leadership Team/Parent Lighthouse Team - We are looking for parents who are interested in serving on SLT/Parent Lighthouse for the 2020-2021 school year. These two teams will merge this year to help guide a variety of different things throughout the year. This team will meet 5-6 times this year with the first remote meeting to start in September. If you would like to self-nominate or nominate someone else for this team, please email Mr. Thomas - chad.thomas@cms.k12.nc.us

I have included my "Top Twelve" for parents again this week as we look forward to things leveling out next week.

1. All students should log completely off their Chromebook when finished each day and power it off in order for the Chromebook to update when they open it back up each day, which also improves performance. Simply closing the screen DOES NOT shut it down, nor provide updates.

2. It's really important to set a schedule for your Bronco that includes getting out of bed and being mentally and physically ready for online school before 9:00 am each day. We are still seeing large numbers of kids well after 9:00 am that are in their beds or coming on to classes very late. Thank you for helping to get students ready each day for success!

3. Most of our student login issues are due to students not signing in through both the initial Chromebook login and then into the Zscaler security portal. Once they do both of these, all programs should work just fine.

Initial Chromebook login:

Username - studentID@student.cms.k12.nc.us

Password - YYYYMMDD (DOB)

Zscaler login:

Username - studentID@cms.k12.nc.us

Password - YYYYMMDD (DOB)

4. Zoom links are no longer posted on our website. Teachers have put their virtual class links (Zoom, Google Meet, Canvas Conversations) into their Canvas courses for students to access. We will provide these for new families as needed, but took them down to avoid non-students from trying to enter classes.

5. Please go on to the Bailey PTSO website (link from Bailey website) to pay your \$20 Student Fee, which covers iXL, Agenda, PTSO dues and our capital fund. We have already used capital funds to purchase web cameras for teachers to use in their classrooms to improve online instruction.

6. If you have not completed the "**ONLINE BLUE CARD**", please go to our website and do so by Sunday so we have everyone's information.

7. If you need an ID badge for the CMS Eats program, please contact the school and we will get one made for you.

8. **Summer Reading** - assignments are due tomorrow for any student who has completed their reading log and one page response activity. They should take a picture of these and email them to their Language Arts Teacher to receive a 100/50 informal grade (yes, 50 extra credit points). Students who did not complete the Summer Reading will be exempt from this grade.

9. **Agendas** - these are scheduled to arrive today. Parents can plan to swing by later next week to pick up. An announcement will be made when and how. We will be using agendas once we return to in-person learning, but families may want to use them during remote learning as well.

10. **Attendance** - we will continue to take student attendance in every block, including homeroom (Thunder Time), every day. Therefore, it's important that your student be present on all virtual class meetings. Staff will be following up with families if a student misses more than 2 classes in a row.

11. If students are absent, they still must go in to Canvas and complete the assigned work for that day. They also need to communicate with their teacher once they complete a late assignment so credit can be given. Parents should use the attendance link on our website to report an absence so it can be excused.

12. Middle School Sports have been canceled by CMS for all of first semester. Once we go back to school in-person, this may change for second semester or certain sports may be moved to the spring. Stay tuned!

Thanks and Create a Great Weekend,

Chad O. Thomas

Principal





DONATE TO THE BRONCO FUND

Help us support the teachers, students and staff at BMS with a contribution to the Bronco Fund! Your donation will enable the PTSO to create the best learning environment for our students, and give our teachers the tools and technology they need to be successful. **Our first purchase this year will be much needed web cameras and monitors for our classrooms to make remote learning easier and more efficient for our teachers.** A great investment, don't you think? Every little bit helps, so please [CLICK HERE](#) to support our school.

PAY YOUR ANNUAL STUDENT FEE

Haven't paid your Annual Student Fee yet? Don't worry, you can still do so online by following [THIS LINK](#).

Your Annual Student Fee goes toward:

PTSO Membership & general PTSO expenditure fund

IXL Program for online learning,

Student planner (to arrive in mid-August)

Total = \$20 per family, each additional Student Fee for families with more than one Bailey student is \$15.

Thank you so much for your support,

Your Bailey Middle School PTSO

www.baileymiddleptso.org

Bailey Student Store

The Bailey Student Store will be available online soon! Watch for updates!



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The Bronco Times is a weekly e-newsletter distributed to keep families involved and informed of all things Bailey Middle School. During the current pandemic, Bailey has utilized many sources to distribute as much information as possible to parents and families. Sometimes, we have sent two editions in a week just to keep you informed. Please forward this email to your friends and family members who are not on our distribution list. They can join the mailing list by visiting the [Bailey Middle School PTSO](#) website.

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2020-2021 Academic Calendar

Please [click here](#) for the most up to date CMS school A/B day calendar.

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