

Happy Friday Bronco Families,

All I can say right now is thank you and please keep doing the best you can! Our Broncos have been doing a great job overall of attending daily virtual classes and completing their work in Canvas. As we all know, it's really tough to stay engaged, focused, and positive about school right now so HUGE KUDOS to those kids and families who are doing just that! Our teachers are also really working hard to maintain the standard of instruction we have historically built at Bailey, yet balance this with keeping the direct teaching, classwork, and homework within the class period. I do believe that our asynchronous blocks each day have provided a short reprieve to the daily grind of virtual meetings. Teachers are also now allowing kids to exit a little early in some classes if they have been prompt and active in class, completed all of their work, and don't need additional support from the teacher. We are working in this strategy to hopefully help motivate kids to work hard and stay engaged in order to get out a little early at times. Finally, I have listed a few updates for MAP Testing, Title IX Lessons, and Grades below.

Today is also September 11 and many of us remember exactly where we were nearly two decades ago today. I was in my office at Lincoln Heights Elementary when my wife called to tell me to turn on the TV (a tube TV on a cart in the media center). She was at home watching it live on the Today Show with my newborn son, who is now a sophomore in college...how time flies! The far reaching impact of September 11, 2001 has always surprised me with the sheer number of families from all over the world who lost a loved one that day or were impacted by that event in some way over the past 19 years. Please take a moment today to remember those who were lost and all of the families who were impacted on 9-11-01.

MAP Testing Update

- MAP Testing for Math will take place on Tuesday, September 22
 - MAP Testing for Reading will take place on Wednesday, September 23
 - Testing time will begin at 9:00 am with kids reporting via Zoom to their Thunder Time/Homeroom Teacher
 - ***Students must use a CMS Chromebook so we can track their progress, see their screen, as well as, assist with other tech related issues that will no doubt occur.***
 - Students will have as much time as needed to complete each test
- *usually about 2-2 ½ hours for those who put forth good effort
- ***Once testing concludes, students will be done for the day - No Canvas or virtual classes on the 22nd or 23rd.***
 - ****Students who finish too quickly (if the program detects random guessing) will be flagged and retested so please encourage your Bronco to take their time, use their testing strategies, and do their best.***

Title IX Update

- Schools are required each year to provide every student with our official Title IX lesson about strategies and consequences for bullying and harassment.
- These are designed by grade level and are available for review at <http://bit.ly/CMStitle9>
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Parents may opt out of the lesson through the steps listed on the attached letter. Click [here for English](#) or [here for Spanish](#) version of the opt out letter.

- Lessons will be provided to students during Thunder Time/Homeroom on Friday, September 18.

Grades in PowerSchool

- Please make sure you have access and are checking grades in PowerSchool weekly.
- Remember, not all assignments in Canvas are graded.
- Students should still go back and complete missing assignments for at least partial credit...a 50% is better than a 0%.
- Grade books will be up to date in PowerSchool for Mid-quarter progress next Tuesday, September 15.
- If you need your PowerSchool access code, please call the front office for assistance (980-343-1068).

Last week's video link did not work for some of you. [Here it is](#) again just to make you smile!

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, and Stay Positive,

Chad O. Thomas
Principal