



2017 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

The Broncho Beat

READY, RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL
Week of October 12 to October 25

BRONCHO BEAT

We want parents to be involved at Earl Harris Elementary. The best way for parents to be involved is to be informed. This newsletter will be released weekly to update parents of current events at our school including reminders, updates, and event information. It will usually be sent out on Friday of each week. I hope you look forward to receiving this weekly bit of information, and I hope it will help you stay involved in your child's school. Any announcements that include an attachment will have the attachment listed in "Parentheses".

Please check with your friends and neighbors to see if they received this newsletter. If anyone is not receiving the newsletter, they can contact the school office to make sure we have a valid email listed in our system.

Weekly Covid Update

Weekly Elementary Cases-0

County Risk Level Color Code-Orange-1

Bethany Bronchos
HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Bethany Public Schools will adjust plans and procedures at schools based on the Oklahoma State Department of Health's Alert System.* It is designed to assess risk for COVID-19 exposure in counties across the state.
See this week's school-related map:
ossba.org/map or bethanyschools.com

District Indicators: Conditions in the district will also be monitored closely and may impact levels at the school or district level.

GREEN New Normal	YELLOW Low	ORANGE 1 Moderate	ORANGE 2 Moderate +	RED High
In Green: In-person, on-site instruction no restrictions. Masks are not required. No monitoring temperature. Move to Yellow: Transition to Yellow after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in Yellow status.	In Yellow: Remain in in-person, on-site instruction after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in Yellow status. Required masks for all students, staff and visitors per Return to Learn plan. Move to Orange 1: Transition to Orange 1 after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in Orange 1 status. Move Back to Green: Transition to green after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in green status.	In Orange 1: Implement A/B schedule in the secondary schools. Move to Orange 2: Transition to Orange 2 after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in Orange 2 status. Move Back to Yellow: Transition to yellow after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in yellow status.	In Orange 2: Implement A/B schedule for elementary and secondary schools. Move to Red: Transition to Red after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in Red status. Move Back to Orange 1: Transition to Orange 1 after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in Orange 1 status.	In Red: Implement distance learning for all sites. Move Back to Orange 2: Transition to Orange 2 after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in Orange 2 status.
Fewer than 1.43 cases/100,000 residents	More than 1.43 cases but fewer than 14.39 cases/100,000 residents	More than 14.39 cases but fewer than 25 cases/100,000 residents	More than 25 cases but fewer than 50 cases/100,000 residents*	More than 50 cases/100,000 residents

*The State Department of Education made two adjustments to the State Department of Health's alert system: — changed RED criteria to reflect county-level, rather than statewide, data. — added ORANGE 2

NEW INFORMATION

SCHOOL LUNCH HAT DAYS

If your students eats a school lunch on Wednesday, October 21st, they can wear a hat that day! Remember, school lunches are currently free for all students.

EARLY RELEASE ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14th

As we move towards the end of the first quarter, we are realizing that evaluating early childhood virtual students is very difficult. We need a set time to either have virtual students come in for assessments or complete assessments over video

conferencing. In the upper grades, we would also benefit from time we could commit to finalizing distance learning grades and making sure we have all the work turned in or asking about missing assignments.

In order to provide time for our students to be properly assessed, we will be having an early release on October 14th for all students. The release time will occur at 11:30 for all students. AM prek would dismiss at their normal time and PM prek students would not report this day. We will plan to send a free sack lunch home with all students that day. The teachers would then use the time from 12:00-3:00 to finalize grades, contact students with missing assignments, meet with virtual learners for assessments, or have virtual meetings with our distance learners. We believe many families will be anxious to get away for Fall Break, so it seemed like the best day to do this. We also understand that not everyone will be able to accommodate this change in their schedule on short notice. If we have families who can't pick up their child for an early release, we will also provide 4-5 separate areas that will be monitored by support staff from 11:30-3:00. We will have fun activities in each area and rotate them approximately every 45 minutes until dismissal. If you are unable to pick up your child early on October 14th, please email sjennings@bethanyschools.com by Monday, October 12th to let us know. This will help us organize the activities for those students who need to stay.

We appreciate your understanding of the importance of this time for our teachers as we finalize grades for the first quarter. While this school year has presented many new challenges, we appreciate your flexibility and support as we work to overcome these challenges for the benefit of our students. We have the best parents of any school I know, and we can't thank you enough for your continued support.

THANK YOU!

We want to give a big thank you to the parents who helped with Parent Conference Meals! We had over 75 parents donate! We don't have all their names because some donated cash, but thank you to our generous parents who donated enough to cover some of next semester's dinners.

Thank you also to the following parents who helped deliver the dinner on Thursday:

Carly Baxter
Cheryl Boswell

Justin Hawkins
Sarah Rowland
Nikki Slaton
Courtney Waugh
Sabra Dunn
David Russell

Thank you for all of your donations and providing dinner from Jason's Deli!

TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION

As you know it is a constant battle to efficiently and effectively filter online content for our students. Rest assured that we have multiple layers of systems in place, not only at school but also when our devices travel home with your child. At school, we currently have three filtering systems run concurrently on our campus that provide a wide net to catch inappropriate content. Off of our campus, our LightSpeed Relay software controls and monitors school-issued Chromebooks and provides the same level of filtering they would experience at school.

However, these systems DO NOT overlap with your home or personal devices. If your child uses their school Google account to log into a personal device they will experience some controlled and safe-browsing safeguards, but sites like YouTube and other Social Media sites will not be blocked and could have some inappropriate pop-up advertisements. We just wanted you to be aware of this if your child does a majority of work on a non-school issued device.

Here are a few options for family-level filtering that we have seen parents use in the past to help with these situations:

- <https://meetcircle.com/>
- <https://www.bark.us/>

DRESS CODE

As the weather is starting to change, we want to remind our students and parents of some of the dress code policies.

Dress and Appearance: (Taken from Board Policy EH)

Students' appearance, conduct and character should reflect credit upon the school and its proper functioning. Students, who by their dress or actions, draw attention to self, or distract from a good educational climate will be subject to disciplinary action. It is expected that they will be fully clothed, clean and well groomed. All students shall wear footwear. NO "flip flops" shall be worn to school. Tennis shoes are highly encouraged. NO garments that expose cleavage or back/shoulders, such as spaghetti straps, low-scooped shirts or dresses, nor half shirts will be allowed. Tight fitting shorts, such as biker shorts, shorts with lace on bottom, and boxers are not appropriate wear for school.

For safety reasons, pants are to be worn around the waist, keeping them from dragging. Shorts, dresses and skirts should be worn at a modest length as determined by the Principal.

Students will not wear see-through clothing or underclothing as an outer garment. Headbands, scarves, bandannas and other items worn as headgear are not permitted. (Unless given permission by the Principal for special occasions.) No hats or sunglasses will be worn in the building during school, nor shirts or clothing with alcohol, tobacco, or other suggestive material wording (as advertisements). Additionally, there will be no chains and no visible piercing, other than earrings. Undergarments should not be visible at any time. Sleeveless garments should fit tight around the underarm and be wide enough to cover the majority of the shoulder.

Any variation to the dress code will be subject to discipline by the building principal. Students who do not conform to the dress code may be sent home to change clothing and continual violations may result in suspension.

IT'S TIME FOR THE GREAT PUMPKIN!

Great Pumpkin rules:

- 1. Anyone in 1st-5th grade can enter.**
2. Your pumpkin may not be carved and should be able to be carried by the student. Parents will not be allowed to bring the pumpkin into school.
3. Your pumpkin should be a book character.
4. Be as creative as you would like with your pumpkin!
- 5. Pumpkins must be picked up by 3:15 pm Fri. Oct. 30th or they will be thrown away.**

You can start bringing your pumpkins to the library Friday, Oct. 23rd. Pumpkins will be on display outside the library October 23-30. Students will vote on their favorite pumpkins. The top 3 Great Pumpkins will be announced Friday, Oct. 30th.

Questions? Email Miss Dautermann: adautermann@bethanyschools.com

HOMECOMING IS TODAY!

Please click the link for the Homecoming Football Preview:

<https://www.smores.com/eqcu2-homecoming-preview-bhs-vs-elgin?ref=email>

REPEAT INFORMATION

BETHANY DOWNTOWN FALL FESTIVAL –FRIDAY OCTOBER 16TH

What: Bethany Downtown Fall Festival

When: Friday, October 16th 5-8pm

Games, activities, and treats for children.

Wear your costume! Costume contest at Serve Coffee at 7pm.

Photo Bus Booth

Water Bucket Dump (weather permitting)

Please respect business and City of Bethany requirements for safe distancing and wearing of masks.

FALL BREAK

We will not be in school on October 15th, 16th and 19th for Fall Break this year.

Enjoy your 5 day weekend.

TREK FOR TECH WAS TODAY-KEEP GETTING YOUR SPONSORS

We had so much fun in our Jog-a-Thon. Running is only half of the event, and we want to make sure their laps are worth something. Please continue to get sponsors and donations for your effort. The money raised will go towards new classroom Smartboards! Our current Smartboards are over 10 years old and need to be updated desperately. Money is due October 13th so don't wait! Way to go Broncos!

VIRTUAL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

We would like to remind parents about virtual parent/teacher conferences on October 13th. If you have not already signed up for a specific time, please contact your child's teacher through the Class Tag sign ups. We would like every parent to meet with the teachers to discuss your child's progress and ways to help them succeed this year.

2020-2021 YEARBOOKS

Mark your calendars! 2020-2021 Yearbooks will be going on sale on Tuesday, October 20th. They will be \$26 until December 18th. On December 19th, the price will increase to \$36. Don't miss out on a year full of wonderful memories. Order forms will be coming home in Saddlebags after Fall Break.

5th GRADE ONLY: BRONCHO BRAGS

Broncho Brags for 5th grade students only are now on sale until Oct. 14th for the 2020-2021 yearbook. Please see the attached "Broncho Brags" for details.

FITNESS CALENDAR

Every month we will have our fitness calendar go home for students and families to be more active! In order to turn in a "completed" fitness calendar a student must perform 4 activities a week. Circle the activities performed and turn the calendar into Mrs. Wright or Coach Sailer by the first day of the next month. See the attached, "October Fitness Calendar".

WASHING MASKS

Parents, please help us watch the condition of the masks your children are wearing each day. As you can imagine with young children, these don't stay clean very long. Please remind them to wash these as frequently as possible between uses.

TRAFFIC REMINDERS

Please make sure the space beyond any driveway or parking lot entrance is clear before pulling forward. This will prevent us from blocking access to these entrances for our neighbors and staff.

FLU CLINIC OCTOBER 13th

Total Wellness will be performing **FREE** flu shots with health insurance! Please see the attached, "Flu Waiver". By filling out the waiver(s) ahead of time, this will dramatically speed up time for you and others.

Bethany High School Tuesday, October 13, 2020

The public url for this event is

<https://core.totalwellnessok.com/public/event/9092>

Please see the attached "FLU" form for details.

For any questions, please contact our school nurses:

Tara Brown Tharp-brown@bethanyschools.com

Katrina Morgan kmorgan@bethanyschools.com

PARENTS-DID YOU KNOW

We very much appreciate your caution with keeping your students home when they have fever, cough or just aren't feeling well. It is really helping the greater good of keeping our students in school and it is working so far!

However, did you know that those students don't even have to be counted absent for those few days as long as they do some distance learning at home. Parents just need to call the office to let us know that they will plan to complete the makeup work and we will count them for distance learning. If the child is too sick to complete work, we can mark them "absent" instead of distance learning as well.

DISTANCE LEARNERS

We ask that you come on Monday between 9:00 and 2:00 to pick up the paper packets that will then be exchanged every Monday. We know distance learning is new for our families. We will patiently work with you on any issues. Please also understand distance learning is new for our teachers as well. We hope you will work with us as we work out any issues we experience. If you have any questions, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

SADDLEBAGS

Class and school information will go out each week on Thursdays in your child’s “saddlebag”. Distance learners will need to pick this up in the exit office every Monday because it will also include work for the week.

SCHOOL INSTAGRAM

A picture is worth a thousand words. We have an Instagram account at Bethany Elementary. Follow us at “bethanybroncho” to receive picture updates of the great things our students are doing.

ATTENDANCE LINE

If your child is absent from school, please make sure to call the attendance line to let us know why they are absent so we can excuse the absence. The number for 1st-5th grade is 405-499-4623. The number for PreK and Kindergarten is 405-499-4645. It may be helpful to create a contact in your phone with this number.

BRONCHO BRANDS

We have begun giving Broncho Brands to students being their Broncho best. This is a system of rewarding students for being “Ready, Responsible and Respectful”. Each day we will announce the students who were caught being their Broncho Best from the previous day.

Paylin Varnell	Isaac Bellows	Quinnlyn Rains	Arynn Lillegaard	Jagger Edwards	Sutton Smith	Kimberly Ramirez
Kory Draper-Whitener	Braxton Arthur	Jaxson Looper	Navy White	Keyon Broyles	Ellie Goodwin	Ava Burks
Josie Blood	Emma Bell	Wyatt Gothard	Cash Will	Carter Stowe	Donner Evans	Case Hunter
Cris Ramirez	Vivian Flinton	Jackson Rozo	Nate McCaslin	Kasey Bernethy	Miles Gamblin	Summer Reid
Banner Stewart	Denver Wedman	Elyse Peterson	Abby Ryan	Barrett Bergman	Arriah Chesnut	Aiden Donoghue
Katelyn Thanscheidt	Camryn Suarez	Blakely Myers	Cohen Newlon	Colt Chamberlain	Emely Ramirez	Canaan Hodam
Karson Thomas	Everett Brown	Erick Avila	Merit Selsor	Taylor Williams	Liam Tilson-Parrish	Isaac Romo

MORNING TARDIES

Since drop-off starts at 7:45 this year, we will be flexible with tardies. Please do not worry if you are still in the car line after 8:00 this year. Tardies begin after 8:15

INDIAN ED

Our next Indian Ed meeting will be Wednesday, October 21st from 3:00-4:00 in the cafeteria. The meetings will be held the first and third Wednesday of each month. This is only available for 1st-5th grade students. For questions about this program, please email Mrs. Toler ltoler@bethanyschools.com

LOST AND FOUND

We have a lost and found located in the hall going out to the playground. To help us get items back to their owners, please make sure to put names in jackets and lunchboxes. **We will donate unclaimed items at the end of each month.**

PTO EVENTS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

BOX TOPS

Keep scanning your receipts so our school can get money from Box Tops. If you haven't already, be sure and like our Facebook page, Bethany Earl Harris Elementary Box Tops for more information.

Stacy Varnell