



2017 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

The Broncho Beat

READY, RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL
Week of November 9 to November 15

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 Student Cases-1

Weekly Elementary Staff Cases-1

County Risk Level Color Code-**Orange-2**

Our Health and Safety Protocols (figure 2) indicates we move to an A/B schedule in both secondary and elementary. **We are already in an A/B schedule in our secondary schools and will remain in the A/B schedule format in secondary. We will not move to A/B schedule in the elementary. The rationale for this decision is that we have had virtually no COVID-19 positive tests in the elementary. We believe a change to a different schedule at this time is unwarranted.**

To be clear, elementary, middle school and high school will remain on the same schedule they have been on all school year. MS/HS will continue on the A/B schedule and the elementary will remain on the 5 days per week schedule.

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

PTO GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

This has been such a great start to the year. We have seen so many improvements to our facilities, our students continue to show academic growth, and we just had a very successful Jog-a-Thon. We can't thank you all enough for helping us raise \$33,000 for new Smartboards. We understand how often you are asked to support all the programs your children are involved in. It makes it difficult to send another fundraiser out so soon after the jog-a-thon, but this fundraiser is very different from others.

The Gift Card Fundraiser is intended to be a mutually beneficial partnership for local businesses and Bethany Elementary. It is as much a way to support our community partners as it is a way to raise money for the school. Personally, I purchase the gift cards I know I will use throughout the year. For example, I know I will probably take my kids to Incredible Pizza at least once per year, so that is an easy one to purchase. In fact, I will probably eat at each of these restaurants at least once. I have even purchased some of them as gifts or stocking stuffers.

We have heard similar stories from families and also heard that they enjoy getting exactly what they pay for on the gift cards. For these reasons, we are going to have our gift card fundraiser in November like we always have. However, we are not going to have incentives or pressure families to participate. If the cards are something you will benefit from, we would love for you to purchase those through us, so our school can make \$5 off each one. **Packets and order forms will be sent home next week.** Don't forget, you will be receiving the full value of any gift card you order to be used in the participating restaurant. We hope this benefits your family, our school, and our great community partners. **Order forms will be due on November 30th.**

-Mr. Bellows

FOOD DRIVE DATE EXTENDED

Our Annual Food Drive to benefit the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma is extended until Wednesday, November 11th. Please remember to send a cash donation or non-perishable food items (nothing in glass containers, please) to school with your child sometime before November 11th. Let's make a difference and help those in need!

JOG-A-THON PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to everyone! Here are our top prize winners:

Lunch with the Principals:

1. Cruz Burleson
2. Paylin Varnell
3. Payton Mason
4. Maguire Fields
5. Claire Boswell

\$20 Amazon Gift Cards:

1. A.J Bernhard
2. Madilyn Strong
3. Jesse Deupree
4. Makayla Cumberbatch
5. Denver Wedman
6. Luke Wedman
7. Brooklyn Edwards
8. Andre Hayes
9. Camilla Ramos

Class Pizza Party:

Congratulations to Miss Lawson's 3rd grade class!

We also had many more students earn sno cones, watches, hoodies, and special days in class.

MATH TRACKS

Math Tracks is an incentive program that focuses on math fluency. Students are not graded on their progress, but are able to achieve up to 6 levels throughout the year. Students must pass a practice test in the classroom before taking the monthly principal's test in the cafeteria to gain a new level. Practice tests are located on the school website if your child would like to strive for new levels.

-1st and 2nd grade Math Tracks will be Tuesday, November 10th

-3rd 4th and 5th grade Math Tracks will be Thursday, November 12th

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

We will hold our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on Friday, November 13th. All students are able to eat this meal free of charge this year. We are sad that we are not allowed to have parents join us this year for this event.

NO SCHOOL NOVEMBER 23-27 FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK

We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving Break with your family.

ICON SPORTS FOR 2nd-5TH GRADE BOYS

See the attached, "ICON" for information about 2nd-5th grade boys' basketball.

CONGRATUALIONS ON OUR GREAT PUMPKIN WINNERS!

We had 49 very creative entries this year. Congratulations to our top 3 winners! Allayna Kitchell, Paxton Kessler and Cole Dunbar.

REPEAT INFORMATION

REMINDER ABOUT STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

Per our Parent/Student Handbook: Just as a reminder about student birthdays, we will be following Covid precautions for the 2020-2021 school year. We will not be allowed to bring cupcakes or treats this year to celebrate birthdays this year. We will look for other ways to celebrate students this year.

SCHOOL LUNCH HAT DAYS

If your students eats a school lunch on Wednesday, November 11th, they can wear a hat that day! Remember, school lunches are currently free for all students.

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.

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.

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, "November 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.

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.

Abby Ramsey	Owen Christensen	Antonio Hernandez	Jeff Johnson	Hudson Manning	Emiliano Lopez	Owen Fine
Hunter Goodermuth	Hudson DiGiantomasso	Lexy Desouza-Menezes	Mae Orth	Caroline Sisson	Laurelin Penick	Laken Bailey
Ryleigh Meek	Rilynn Berns	Kahlan Goodermuth	Dani Williams	Boston Pipkin	Angel Lopez	King Lamb
Juan Pablo Garcia	Kynzee Hernandez	Henry Blood	Beckham Redus	Karson Thomas	Elizabeth Serna	Jordan Farris
Esteban Gonzalez	Audry Ochoa	Kylie Atkerson	Aven Smith	A.J. Bernhard	George Mendoza	Elias Smith
Nolan Ritter	Noe Amaro-Rangel	Braylon Clark	Cami Buck	Amy Wickersham	Morgan McNutt	Abby Ryan
Savanah Johnson	Jackson Morris	Griffin Clanin	Ollie Diffie	Emarie Harding	Jax Slaton	Jaxon Hisle
Lucas Kreeb	Lakyn Ross	Harrison Speer	Jack Holcomb	Hayvenn Johnson	Conrad Sloan	Summer Reid
Drew League	Sofia Guizar	Miguel Lopez	Jude Hisle	Alex Hernandez	Estella Rivera	Jackie Hull
Olivia Conner	Santiago Lopez	Rodrigo Candela Roque	Rhett Holcomb	Jacob Stockford	Cole Jacobson	Eva Drew Neal
Mateo Escalera	Gabe Johnson	Jadon Sabolich	Kort Keoppel	Maddox Edwards	Marko Vasylyniuk	

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, November 18th 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

i9 Sports OKC

See the attached, "i9 Sports for winter" for information about winter sports or visit <https://www.i9sports.com>