



## 2017 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

# The Broncho Beat

**READY, RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL**  
**Week of September 7 to September 13**

### **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-Yellow**



# 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.

<b>GREEN</b> New Normal	<b>YELLOW</b> Low	<b>ORANGE 1</b> Moderate	<b>ORANGE 2</b> Moderate +	<b>RED</b> High
<p><b>In Green:</b></p> <p>In-person, on-site instruction no restrictions.</p> <p>Masks are not required.</p> <p>No monitoring temperature.</p> <p><b>Move to Yellow:</b></p> <p>Transition to Yellow after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in Yellow status.</p>	<p><b>In Yellow:</b> Remain in in-person, on-site instruction after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in Yellow status.</p> <p>Required masks for all students, staff and visitors per Return to Learn plan.</p> <p><b>Move to Orange 1:</b></p> <p>Transition to Orange 1 after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in Orange 1 status.</p> <p><b>Move Back to Green:</b></p> <p>Transition to green after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in green status.</p>	<p><b>In Orange 1:</b></p> <p>Implement A/B schedule in the secondary schools.</p> <p><b>Move to Orange 2:</b></p> <p>Transition to Orange 2 after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in Orange 2 status.</p> <p><b>Move Back to Yellow:</b></p> <p>Transition to yellow after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in yellow status.</p>	<p><b>In Orange 2:</b></p> <p>Implement A/B schedule for elementary and secondary schools.</p> <p><b>Move to Red:</b></p> <p>Transition to Red after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in Red status.</p> <p><b>Move Back to Orange 1:</b></p> <p>Transition to Orange 1 after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in Orange 1 status.</p>	<p><b>In Red:</b></p> <p>Implement distance learning for all sites.</p> <p><b>Move Back to Orange 2:</b></p> <p>Transition to Orange 2 after two consecutive weeks of Oklahoma County in Orange 2 status.</p>
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: — added ORANGE 2 — changed RED criteria to reflect county-level, rather than statewide, data.

## NEW INFORMATION

### SCHOOL BOND PASSED!-THANK YOU

Voters in the Bethany school district, on Tuesday, August 25th, approved a \$7.1 million bond proposal designed to increase student and community safety, add needed classrooms and maintain high-quality learning environments. Specifically, district families can now look forward to:

- The **addition of a safe room and classrooms.** In conjunction with other shelters on campus, all Bethany students, teachers, and staff will be protected from tornadic weather during the school day. Our **shelters may also be used during non-school hours** to protect residents in our school district, so this is extra capacity for that purpose as well. The elementary school's **4th-grade and 5th-grade will each gain one more**

**classroom** and **several small-groups classrooms** will help meet specific student needs.

- **A new hallway connecting the high school to the middle school** so high school students can get to the storm shelter without going outside. Currently, the two schools are not connected.
- **An extension of the new connecting hall all along the west side of the middle school.** It's the open walkway in front of the middle school right now. When it's enclosed and turned into a hallway, it will move middle school student foot traffic away from 6th-grade classrooms and limit the disruption to learning caused by excess noise.

According to numbers provided by the Oklahoma County Election Board figures, 315 residents voted yes and 99 voted no for an approval rate of just over 76 percent. State law requires a 60 percent approval margin in school bond elections.

“Voters have approved every bond election in Bethany Schools’ 110-year history. We don’t take that for granted. We’re grateful to our community for looking at the proposal and keeping the best interests of students as a top priority. We’re pleased about the outcome of the election and look forward to getting these improvements in place,” says Drew Eichelberger, Superintendent of Bethany Public Schools.

Approval of the bond proposal means that construction on improvements will **start in June 2021 and be complete by August 2022.**

### **NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM ON MONDAY**

The Bethany First Church of the Nazarene “After School Program” will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day.

### **TREK FOR TECH**

Next week, PTO will kick off our annual Jog-a-thon called Trek for Tech! The money raised will go towards new classroom Smartboards! Our current Smartboards are over 10 years old and need to be updated desperately. We will be talking to students next week and sending home information to parents soon!

### **REPEAT INFORMATION**

### **THANK YOU PARENTS**

We have noticed parents doing a great job of communicating with us when they have a possible exposure or are waiting on test results outside of school. We are able to work with families through Google Classroom very easily if they are temporarily waiting for these results. Students can still complete work and don't even have to be counted absent in these cases. We feel like everyone is doing their part to keep as many students in school at one time as possible and it is helping. We have yet to have a case within the elementary, but we know that can change at any moment. We just want to say thank you for the great communication we have seen so far. It is making a difference.

### **TRAFFIC REMINDERS**

- 1) If your child is not eating breakfast in the morning, we need you to make sure you do not drop them off for school until after 7:45. We want to avoid a crowd from forming at the entrance between 7:30 and 7:45. This also helps our parents who are dropping off for breakfast at 7:30 reach the front of the line. If you happen to arrive a few minutes early, you can still stop in the car line and just have your child wait in the car until 7:45. We appreciate your help with this.
- 2) Please try to avoid stopping in the crosswalks to keep those free for crossing students. We have several throughout the line and also have one right by the main entrance.
- 3) If you are entering Asbury from 43<sup>rd</sup> St., you must turn left rather than going across into the elementary parking lot. When you turn left, you will still be able to drop off your child near the flagpole.
- 4) We plan to place cones in the road next week to help guide cars as close to the curb as possible. We really need to have enough room down the center of Asbury for emergency vehicles to get through.
- 5) Remember to try to enter the intersection of 46<sup>th</sup> and Asbury closest to the line you will be joining. For ECC, try to enter from the East side. For Elementary, try to enter from the West side. This will help us avoid traffic crossing over at the intersection.

### **10 EXTRA YEARBOOKS FOR SALE FROM LAST SCHOOL YEAR**

Yearbooks- We still have TEN 2019-2020 yearbooks available for \$36. These will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Don't miss out on a year full of memories!

### **PICTURE RETAKE DAY**

If your student missed getting their picture taken for the yearbook, picture retake day is September 29<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are on Facebook: Bethany Elementary PTO page. If you have any questions, please email Miss Work [awork@bethanyschools.com](mailto:awork@bethanyschools.com)

### **JUNIOR BRONCHO FOOTBALL CLUB/FLAG FOOTBALL**

Junior Broncho Football Club forms are due Friday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. See the attached flyer, "Jr. Broncho Football" to print off a form.

You can also pay at: <https://bethany-football.square.site/>

For any questions, please contact Jon Arthur [jarthur@bethanyschools.com](mailto:jarthur@bethanyschools.com) or Adam Forester [aforester@bethanyschools.com](mailto:aforester@bethanyschools.com)

### **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.

### **NOTE FROM THE NURSES:**

To help stop the spread of illness to other students and school staff, we require that children be kept home when they are sick. Please keep your child home for the following reasons:

- Fever of 100°F or higher: Children should stay home until they are fever free without medication for at least 72 hours.
- Vomiting within the last 24 hours
- Severe headache
- Severe sore throat
- Diarrhea within the last 24 hours

- Red, watery eyes with yellow drainage
- Unexplained Rash

Students sent home with fever may return before the 72 hours if ALL the following criteria are met:

1. Documentation of current negative COVID -19 test since fever exclusion
2. Fever free without medication for 24 hours
3. Other symptoms have improved

Children should not be given Tylenol, Ibuprofen or any other medications to reduce the fever and then sent to school. The child may be highly contagious to others and also susceptible to other illnesses. If fever is associated with other common Covid-19 symptoms, please refer to Bethany Public Schools Return to Learn Plan 2020-2021 at [www.bethanyschools.com](http://www.bethanyschools.com).

If your student is feeling unwell for any reason, please keep them home to distance learn during their illness. When in doubt, keep your child home.

We appreciate your assistance during these unprecedented times. If you have any questions, please call the Bethany Public Schools health office at (405) 499-4615.

Tara Brown, RN

Katrina Morgan, LPN

### **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 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

Henley Kirkpatrick	Malachi Mobley	Bennett Frampus	Harlan Culp	Isaiah White	Brock McLaren	Cassidy Stowe
Kasen Williamson	Maddi Bradford	Alex Hernandez	Lila Toler	Gracie Keoppel	Jasper Stewart	Lennon Cordova
Lucas Dowell	Jackie Hull	Jesus Lopez	King Lamb	Miracle Hand Houston	Liam Kelly	Sophia Preston
Emiliano Hernandez	Dominic Ross	Carleigh Stowe	Jose Deloera	Gracie Smart	Maliyah Rios	Aven Smith
Rhiannon Kiker						

### **MORNING DROP OFF AND BREAKFAST**

We would like to remind parents that students can be dropped off at school beginning at 7:30. Breakfast is served from 7:30-7:50. If your child eats breakfast, you should try to drop them off closer to 7:30 to give them plenty of time to eat their full breakfast and avoid the traffic of parents dropping off at 7:45. All students report directly to class at 7:45.

### **SOUTH DOORS ARE OPEN THIS YEAR FOR MORNING DROP OFF.**

We wanted you to know that the South Elementary Entrance is open this year in the morning. This will help us spread kids out as they enter school. If your child rides a bike, walks, or gets dropped off near the south end of the building, please feel free to have them use this entrance.

### **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.

### **CAR TAGS**

Everyone should have received a car tag. This would have been sent home with the oldest elementary sibling of the family. These are now ready to be registered. Please look at the back of the car tags and the stapled student information letter

to register your family's car tag. Please register your tag even if you don't plan on using it very often. This will help in the rare instance you need to use it.

When you come to pick up your child after school each day, please hang the car tag in the rear view mirror so the number is visible to staff. If you have any trouble registering your car tag or are not sure if you have received one, please email Mrs. Deupree [tdeupree@bethanyschools.com](mailto:tdeupree@bethanyschools.com)

Students who walk to meet their parents are not considered "car riders". These students will be allowed to leave and meet their parents without a car tag. Please communicate with your child on where they should meet you each day if they are walking.

### **PARKING**

Due to limited parking at the Elementary School, we ask that parents park either in the Elementary parking lot (very limited space) or park across the street at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene and walk over. We have crossing guards in both the morning and afternoon to help you and your child cross the street. This is very important during events such as Roundup each Friday or any evening activities.

### **INDIAN ED**

Our next Indian Ed meeting will be Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students. For questions about this program, please email Mrs. Toler [ltoler@bethanyschools.com](mailto:ltoler@bethanyschools.com) Please see the attached, "Indian Ed" for more information.

### **MATH TRACKS**

Math Tracks is an incentive program that focuses on math fact 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 advance to a new level. Practice tests are located on the school website. Medals will be awarded at the end of the year for all students passing 4 or more levels. This year the Principal's test will be given



one week each month and one grade level will take the tests each day of that week.

Level 1 will be held the week of September 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.**

### **NO SCHOOL**

We will not have school on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> due to Labor Day. We hope you enjoy your extended weekend with your family.

### **5<sup>th</sup> GRADE CAMP CLASSEN**

We are excited to announce that we will be able to go to Camp Classen on day trips. While it will be a slightly different experience, we are glad we will still be able to make the trip. We will have more information about details soon. The dates will still be between October 7-9. With this change, we are also happy to announce that all parents will be able to attend with their child.

## **PTO EVENTS**

### **MESSAGE FROM PTO**

PTO-

Don't miss your chance to join PTO! Your family membership includes a cute Broncho tote bag, and a school calendar. Join today! Forms are in the exit office if you need one! Our membership drive **ends September 18!**

Activity passes are also for sale. **EACH STUDENT MUST HAVE AN ACTIVITY PASS TO PARTICIPATE THIS YEAR. NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF EACH ACTIVITY.** This pass will pay for Friday activities like snack days (salty treat day, sweet treat day, etc.) sponsored by PTO, except Broncho store. The first child is \$20 and each additional child is \$15. We are also offering a 9 weeks pack for \$5. Order forms are in the exit office if you need another one.

T shirts are also available for order. Check the Bethany Elementary PTO Facebook page link <https://bethany-elementary-pto.square.site/> . Or click this link from our school website <https://bethany-elementary-pto.square.site/>

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### **BOX TOPS**

Please see the attached “Box Tops” for details.

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Welcome back to school parents! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Stacy Varnell, and I am the Box Tops coordinator for our school. For those of you that are new to Box Tops, the program is now mostly done digitally. What you need to know: In order to participate in the Box Tops program, you must download the Box Tops app on your phone. Once you have downloaded the app and setup an account, you will scan your receipt after buying Box Tops products. After the products have been verified, the money will instantly be credited to our school! There are still some clipped labels out there, so I will do collections as long as needed. The Box Tops money helps so much by allowing the school to purchase resources for teachers when the money may not be available elsewhere. **If you haven't already, be sure to like our Facebook page, Bethany Earl Harris Elementary Box Tops, to receive more information. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm here to help make our school's Box Tops for Education program a huge success this year.** Thanks for your help! - Stacy Varnell