

Bronco Times



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Chad O. Thomas
Principal

Create a great day!

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Greetings

Only five more days of instruction and review before we begin our EOGs, EOCs, and Final Exams on Thursday, May 21. The testing schedule is listed below if you missed it last week. We have really tried to work around the Memorial Day Holiday Weekend, as well as offer students breaks between groups of tests. Please continue to support your student's completion of any review packets or other assignments over the next week as we are trying to give our kids as much review as possible. Furthermore, our Broncos need your encouragement each day of testing to do their very best, utilize their time effectively, and always double/triple check their answers.

To sign up as a proctor, [click HERE](#)

To sign up as a CMS volunteer, [click HERE](#)

Testing Calendar

May 21	Social Studies Final Exams (6th-8th)
May 22	Science EOG (8th) and Science Final Exams (6th/7th)**
May 26	Make ups for Science & Social Studies
May 27	Math EOG (6th-8th)
May 28	Language Arts EOG (6th-8th)
May 29	Make ups for Math & LA EOG
June 1	CTE "B" Day Exams and Make ups for Math & LA EOG
June 2	Math I EOC, Math II Final Exam, Spanish & French EOC (Students who do not have Math I/II)
June 3	Spanish & French EOC (Students who have Math I/II)
June 4	CTE "A" Day Exams and Make ups for all EOCs
June 5	Make ups for all EOCs and CTE Exams

June 8	Make ups as needed
June 9	End of year CELEBRATIONS! :-)
June 9	8th grade promotion ceremony
June 10	No special events
June 11	Last day of school

We will hold a general PTSA Meeting prior to the Chorus Concert on Tuesday, May 19 in the cafeteria. At this meeting, the slate of officers for the 2015-2016 PTSA Board will be presented/approved. Final budget adjustments for this year will also be discussed. We still have two key positions, Treasurer and Fundraising Chair, to fill for our 2015-2016 PTSA Board. Please contact [Erica Barozzino](#) if you are interested or would like more information about these positions.

Testing Proctors needed - and rewarded!

It's that time of year. We are preparing for our End of Grade and End of Course testing and desperately need your help. But let's be honest... Everyone likes a little extra motivation and incentive, right? How about coupon cards given to all our proctor volunteers, and door prizes and give-aways every day!



Simply [click on the link](#) to find a list of dates and number of proctors needed. When signing up, please include your child's name and homeroom/grade because we must ensure you do not proctor your child's test.

Please help us spread the news around to community groups, churches, senior groups, etc... A few hours of your time will make a huge difference in the testing success of our Broncos!

All volunteers must be registered through the CMS system. [Click HERE](#) to register. If you need help, want to find a way to volunteer, or have questions on proctoring please email [Amy Gais](#).

Your thoughts are valued

The PTSA Nominating Committee would like your input in recommending BMS PTSA officers for the 2015-16 school year. The role of the PTSA is to provide a liaison between Bailey Middle School parents, students, teachers, and administration. It is the fundamental principle of the PTSA organization to fill its positions with interested and committed parents from diverse

BMS PTSA General Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 pm

It's our final General meeting of the year, and YOU'RE invited! Please come share your thoughts and input as we wrap up the 2014-15 school year and look ahead to next year.

Please reach out to this year's nominating committee to share your interest or to suggest someone who might be the right fit to serve.

[Talina Bath](#), [Andrea Hausler](#), and [Meg Lindekens](#)



The new PTSA Board will be elected at the General meeting.

¡Hurra! BMS Spirit Night
Tuesday, May 19

Grab your amigos and head to the most delicious nacho-filled night of the week! Be sure to mention Bailey when ordering, and our PTSA will receive a portion of the evening's sales.

5:00 - 9:00 pm
Dine in or take out



New Opportunity for Bronco Beacon Editor

Do you have a passion for writing / editing? Want to be involved at Bailey Middle and the idea of working from home is appealing? Do you have Microsoft Publisher on your computer? We have just the right position for YOU!



Our current phenomenal Bronco Beacon Editor has volunteered three years for us and as her son moves on to high school next year, we realize we must let her go and seek a replacement. Ideally, we would like to find someone to train with Tammy Todd for the final issue this year and transition into the position to take it over full time for next year. We will produce one issue in August and then one final edition at the end of the school year. Articles are submitted by staff and volunteers, then organized, edited, and formatted by the Bronco Beacon Editor. Tammy can work with you to be sure you understand the process before you would have to take over on your own - an ideal situation.

To learn more about the position, please contact [Tammy Todd](#), Bronco Beacon Editor, and [Stephanie Sparks](#), VP of Communication. We look forward to hearing from YOU!!

Will you have a student driver in the next few years?

The budget passed by the North Carolina General Assembly last summer eliminated state funding for driver education after June 30, 2015. NCPTA thinks this is an important issue, and the NCPTA Board of Directors adopted a position to support efforts to ask the North Carolina General Assembly to include funding for driver education in the upcoming long session. We encourage local PTAs throughout North Carolina to support our efforts to provide state funding for driver education.

To contact your state legislators:

[Representative John R. Bradford, III](#)

Majority Freshman Whip
2015-2016 Session
Republican - District 98
Mecklenburg

[Senator Jeff Tarte](#)

2015-2016 Session
Republican - District 41
Mecklenburg

A sample letter is below, showing support of funding:

I am writing to ask you to support efforts to ask the the state to continue funding for driver education in the upcoming long session.

The current registration fee of \$65 is far less than the \$300-\$400 required to provide the Driver Education Program. Ultimately, these costs may be shifted to families making the program cost prohibitive to a large number of teens. The end result of this cost shift could be students waiting until they are 18 to get their licenses without the potentially lifesaving instruction and experience of the Driver Education and Graduated Driver Licensing Programs. Should teens wait until age 18, they will miss the educational benefits of the graduated licensing process that is currently in place with the state. In addition, automobile insurance rates in NC may increase as a result of unsafe drivers on the road.

Please support any efforts in the General Assembly to continue funding the driver education program. Thank you.

The [Driver Education Matters](#) website is a great resource for information on driver education and funding for driver education in North Carolina. This website includes additional features including a pledge for safe driving, brochure to download to send to parents and community and also link to contact legislators.

Attention parents of rising 7th grade Broncos

To parents with a child entering the 7th grade for the 2015-2016 school year. 7th grade entry vaccine requirements have changed.

All children entering the 7th or who have reached 12 years of age on or after July 1, 2015 are required to have one dose of Tdap vaccine and one dose of meningococcal vaccine before entering 7th grade.



Attention parents of 8th grade Broncos



Our 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 9 at 6:00 pm. The ceremony will be held at The Park Church, located at 6029 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, NC 28216.

The parking lot will open at 5:00 pm, but we ask that you carpool as much as possible. Seating will be first come/first serve, yet families should only invite 3-4 guests since we have 600 students and seating is limited to approximately 2400 including the students.

Students will be released for pick-up at 12:00 noon following their end of year celebration on June 9 to allow for plenty of time to get dressed, take pictures and drive to the church in time for our prompt start at 6:00 pm.

Attendance reminder

You do not need to call the school to report an absence, simply email our [attendance secretary](#). If you are leaving or coming in late for a medical/dental appointment, please provide a doctor's note.

Please remember our early dismissal cutoff time is 3:30.



Bronco Calendar

Thurs, May 14	Orchestra spring concert
Fri, May 15	8th grade semi-formal, 6:30 pm
May 15 - 16	National Stem League Nationals
Tues, May 19	BMS Spirit Night @ Zapata's, 5-9 pm
Tues, May 19	General PTSA meeting, 6:30 pm
Tues, May 19	Chorus Spring concert

Mon, May 25	NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day holiday
Tues, May 26	Performing Band/CYO Concert, 7 pm
Fri, June 5	Character Ed program, 8:45 am
Fri, June 5	Diamond ACE Celebration (year-long recipients)
Tues, June 9	6th/7th/8th grade EOY celebrations
Tues, June 9	8th grade promotion ceremony, 6-8 pm The Park Church
Thurs, June 11	Last day of school

Click [HERE](#) for information about spring sports. Go Broncos!