

# Bronco Times



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**Chad O. Thomas**  
Principal

Create a great day!



## Greetings

EOGs, EOCs, and FINAL EXAMS...Need I say more?

The "Testing Top Ten at Bailey" has been shared multiple times with our Broncos to ensure they have every opportunity to have successful testing sessions. Please encourage your student to do his/her best, utilize time wisely, and double & triple check answers.

1. Get at least 8 hours of rest, eat a good breakfast, and bring two sharpened pencils every day of testing! No mechanical pencils.
2. Pacing is important since you do not have all day anymore (Approx. 3 minutes per test question). Students have 3 hours of regular administration and only 1 additional hour after the scheduled time as needed.
3. If you get stuck on a question, mark it/highlight it and keep moving. Go back later to answer.
4. Circle your answers in the test book and double check your answers with the corresponding bubble on the answer sheet.
5. Check answer sheets for stray marks and circles should be completely darkened. TEACHERS CANNOT DO THIS FOR YOU!
6. Bring bag lunches into classrooms prior to testing. You will be given an opportunity to get a lunch from the cafeteria as well.
7. No cell phones, water bottles, candy, gum, books, etc. during the testing session.
8. Use the bathroom prior to testing session as we are starting at 9:30 AM sharp!
9. You can never go back to a prior test in your book, which includes the current section during the extra hour.
10. WE EXPECT YOUR BEST EFFORT ON EVERY TEST!

**\* Please note that students are allowed to bring a book to read once they are**

**finished with their test.**

**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

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**It's not too late - we would still love your help**

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](#).

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### **Wow, so easy! Thank a teacher, and Bailey gets money!**

With May being Teacher Appreciation month, Target is making an offer to support local schools.

Simply by clicking [THIS LINK](#) and acknowledging a teacher, Target will donate \$25.00 to our school for your efforts and time!

It couldn't be easier. Don't wait - thank a teacher today and we're on our way!



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### **Thank you, and keep those HT groceries coming!**

With the 2014-2015 school year wrapping up, the PTSA wants to thank all of the families who re-linked their VIC cards at Harris Teeter!



Bailey had 238 participants which allowed us to earn **\$1377.26!** Our school still has until May 31st to earn more funds for this season, so keep shopping. Make sure you mark your calendars to re-link your VIC card on August 1st for the 2015-2016 school year.

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### **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

backgrounds and opinions to provide the best possible voice for the school.

Please consider getting involved even if you have never participated in PTSA activities before. A detailed list of each officer/committee responsibilities is available at the BMS Front Office Desk or PTSA website.



In addition to committee positions, we are also seeking candidates for the Executive Board including: **VP Fundraising and Treasurer.**

If you are interested in learning more about an officer position, a committee or the responsibilities of a chairperson, or if you would like to volunteer yourself or nominate someone you think would fill these positions, please contact one of Nominating Committee members: [Talina Bath](#), [Andrea Hausler](#), or [Meg Lindekens](#).

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### **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.

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### 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.



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### 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.

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### 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.**



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### Bronco Calendar

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| 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!