

# Bronco Times



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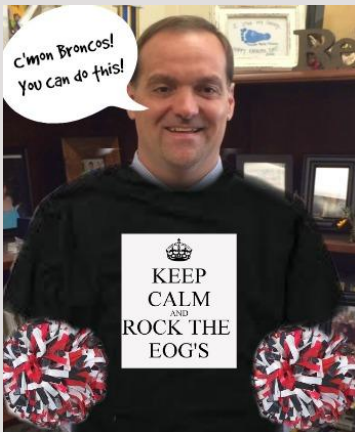
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Chad O. Thomas  
BMS Principal

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## Greetings

Only 10 Days until our EOGs, EOCs, and Final Exams Begin!

EOGs are quickly approaching and we need to secure a number of proctors daily to ensure that our testing runs as scheduled. When signing up as a proctor, please indicate in the comment section your child's name and the name of the staff member who recruited you (homeroom, Elective or other). Proctoring is not the most glamorous volunteer opportunity as you may have heard or experienced, but it's an essential part of our annual testing...we need you desperately!!! Our sincere thanks in advance for stepping up to be a proctor at Bailey. Remember, you must have registered as a CMS volunteer to serve as a proctor.

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

Band Concert update for May 12:  
6:00 - 6th Grade Band students report to the Hough Band Room for warm-up and tuning  
6:30 - 6th Grade Band Concert and Awards  
7:00 - 7th and 8th Grade Band students report to the Hough Band Room  
*\*come in quietly as the 6th grade concert may still be in progress*  
7:30 - 7th and 8th Grade Band Concert and Awards

### **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 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 Membership, VP Fundraising, Secretary, 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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### **Dread that back to school shopping? Click now and be done!**

Target. Staples. WalMart. Office Max. STILL. DIDN'T. GET. EVERYTHING. AUGHHHH...



Sound familiar? Don't get caught in the back-to-school supply grind. Supply packs for 2015-16 can still be ordered online through [May](#) 17th.

To place your order online, [click HERE](#), using school account #25484. Questions? Please contact [Sharon Eyer](#).

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### **¡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



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## **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!!

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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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### **One click gets you in the race this Saturday**

The 7th annual Run TOO (Together Overcoming Obstacles) Overcome is a local 10k, 5k, & kids fun run/walk that will be held on **May 9th, 2015** in historic downtown Davidson, NC at 4 pm.

Bailey along with the many area schools will host this event to support the local special needs population. Check out this [awesome video](#) about RTO!



[Click HERE](#) to register - IT'S NOT TOO LATE! Please join all the other runners from Bailey for this year's event. Proceeds are directly representative of the number of participants from Bailey.

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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

May 7 - 10	Orchestra trip to Universal Studios
Fri, May 8	Jazz Band to MPA
Sat, May 9	SCDBA Solo & Ensemble MPA (Band)
Sat, May 9	<a href="#">Run TOO Overcome</a>
Tues, May 12	Band Spring Concert (7th & 8th)
Tues, May 12	PTSA Board meeting , 4:30, & final SLT meeting, 5:30
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	Chorus Spring concert
Mon, May 25	NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day holiday
Tues, May 26	Performing Band/CYO Concert, 7 pm
Fri, May 29	Honor Roll celebration

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