

BMS Newsletter

January 2021

Greetings to all BMS Families!

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family in good health as we all enter a hopeful and optimistic new year!

On November 24, 2020, Brown Middle School switched to a fully remote model along with all other schools within the district. This was a switch that our teachers and students were prepared for, as our learning models utilized for the first 3 months of the school year mirrored the model that we would use in a fully remote circumstance. For the past several weeks, teachers and students have engaged with one another virtually using Google Meets. Students have utilized the Google platform to access and submit assignments and assessments, as well as directly engage with their teachers using Google Chat, specifically during teacher office hours that take place daily during Raven Pride Time from 9:26-9:56. Beginning on Monday, January 11th, Brown Middle School will return to our in-person model, and at that time we will welcome roughly 60% of our student body back inside the building for daily classes. The remaining 40% of students have opted to continue using the fully remote model.

I would also like to highlight an exciting literary-based opportunity for BMS students. Our BMS Library, under the leadership of Mr. Nick Petrosino, in conjunction with Reed Memorial Library, will proudly offer the opportunity for BMS students to participate in the "RAVEN REVIEW" Book Club. The book club will meet two times a month online via Google Classroom to discuss books selected by the students involved. Our goals for the program are as follows:

- To encourage students to read more
- To expose students to different types of literature
- To form a relationship between public and school libraries
- To encourage the use of online library sources
- To encourage positive use of our public library, Reed Memorial, and our school library

The Raven Review Club will be a thematic book club which will allow students to choose their own books that fit within the given theme and/or genre. Amidst reading, students will post opinions and viewpoints in Google Classroom about their book. The themes of the book club will match the library's themes throughout the year. In turn, the genre will relate to the theme:

Theme: Imagine Your Story (January-April 2021) Genres: Fantasy, Romance, Historical Fiction
Theme: Tails and Tales (May-June 2021) Genres: Sci-Fi, Dystopia, Action-Adventure

A Google Form sign-up was emailed to all BMS families in early January. If you would like to sign your BMS student up for this opportunity, please call or email Mr. Petrosino at 330-296-3849 x3030 or nicholas.petrosino@ravennaschools.us.

As always, if you ever have a question or a concern, please reach out to me via a phone call or email. I can be reached at 330-296-3849, or at jonathan.lane@ravennaschools.us. I'll leave you with the 3 W's for a healthy BMS: **W**ear Your Mask, **W**ash Your Hands, and **W**atch Your Distance!



Sincerely,

Jonathan Lane
Principal, Brown Middle School

Important Dates

Coca-cola Give!

Turn your Coca-Cola product purchases into donations to your school! To donate, visit coke.com/give/schools, select Brown Middle School and scan or enter product codes from participating Coca-Cola products.



Winter is here! If we have returned to in-person learning, in the event of a school closing due to weather, you will receive an all-call using the school's automated phone system. The system will use the primary number you have provided. If your number changes, please notify the school. You can also follow the local news and radio stations for information on closings.

January

Jan 14 - End of Grading Period 2

Jan 15 - No School - Records Day

Jan 18 - No School - Martin Luther King Jr Day

February

Feb 12 - No School - Staff Professional Dev.

Feb 15 - No School - President's Day

Feb 19 - Picture Retake Day and Remote Learner Picture Day - more info to come

Feb 25 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
3:00pm-6:30pm - call the office at
330-296-3489 to schedule a conference

*Student food pick up every Tuesday from
3:30-4:30 at the school

School Absences

Whether your student is an in-person learner or a remote one, please call the school office at 330-296-3849 (ext 3002) any time they will not be coming to school or logging in for the day/period.

Need information?

Check out the school website. Here you will find the staff directory, breakfast and lunch menus, daily announcements, important dates, and more. Go to Ravennaschools.us. You can find Brown Middle School under the Schools tab. You can also monitor your student's grades and attendance on Home Access Center (H.A.C.) from the Quick Links tab.

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