

With only 2 weeks remaining in first quarter, I encourage all parents to sit down with your Bronco this weekend for 5-10 minutes to review grades and assignments to ensure that nothing is still missing. Please note that students don't automatically get a 50% for a missing assignment or test if they never turn-in anything or complete the test. All grades must be completed by Friday, November 3rd at 4:00 pm.

Thomas' Top Five

1. **Be There Dad Starting at Bailey** - Be There Dad, a Charlotte-based organization recognizing the power of male presence in a child's life, is holding an informational meeting on November 2nd, from 7:45am to 8:30am. At this meeting members from the group will discuss how our dads and dad-like figures could make a positive impact on the kids at Bailey. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. If you would like to know more but are unable to attend, please email Jeff Price, jgprice2001@gmail.com (subject line: Bailey BTD).

2. **Smart Watches and Phones** – Just a reminder that per our policy that has not changed in 10 years, students must have their phone and/or Smartwatch OFF (not just silent) and in their backpack once they enter the building. It must remain there until they exit to car rider or buses. If you need to get an urgent message to your student, please contact the office. In addition, students who need to contact parents should do so from the school phone in the office as well.

3. **Red Ribbon Week** – Every year our Counseling Department coordinates Red Ribbon Week at Bailey to encourage drug and alcohol awareness, as well as pledging to stay drug and alcohol free as teenagers. We will be showing students a series of videos this week during Thunder Time surrounding drug and alcohol abuse and the impact on themselves and others. Unfortunately, we have witnessed tragedies in our own community in the past year from the fentanyl epidemic so we are hopeful that this information will hit home and be reinforced by parents as well.

DEA's One Pill Can Kill Website

- <u>https://www.dea.gov/onepill</u>

Bailey Red Ribbon Week Lessons and Videos

- <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1X0cEz8MFUZ1k</u> gFtvlc9rYVwvwt4vqBNis28b4bWJc2w/edit?usp=sharing

4. **Attendance & Tardies**– We are starting to see trends from the past few years reappear again with too many kids missing school or arriving late on a daily basis. Good attendance is not only proven to produce better academic results for kids, but also establishes good habits that will carry into their personal and professional lives. We will be celebrating those who have perfect attendance on a quarterly basis this year and on the flip side will also be personally contacting those who have poor attendance and/or on-time arrival. We understand that life happens, trips happen, and appointments happen, yet chronic poor attendance and tardies are simply unacceptable and violate state law.

5. Social Media – As we all know, social media has evolved into platforms that continue to change and adapt so most parents simply can't keep up or monitor their student accounts effectively. I've attached a link below to a website that has some good suggestions, tools, and lessons that may be of help to parents. We will be sending out some additional information

over the next few months that will also be helpful and informative for parents who want to protect their kids from themselves. All of the research has shown that the following are best practices for parents: set rules for cellphones, prompt open conversations with kids about social media, understand that almost all kids hide things on their phone, and that kids on social media after 11:00pm is not a good idea.

https://www.commonsense.org/education/digitalcitizenship/curriculum?grades=6%2C7%2C8

Create a Great Weekend,

Chad Thomas Principal

*Please note that we have rescheduled our fundraiser reward trip to LKN Putt Putt due to the rain today. Students will go next Friday, October 27 and we will use the original permission slip returned.

CMS will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting at Bailey on Monday, October 30 at 7:00 pm. CMS Staff will share plans for the Bond package that will be up for vote on the November 7 election. A new middle school on Stumptown Road in Huntersville is on the list of projects and will impact Bailey and our feeder elementary schools.

> Mecklenburg County JCPC & Programs

NJHS Broncos **BELIEVE** in making a difference in our community and our world. We are participating again in the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) One Walk at the Whitewater Center on 10/28 (8:00-11:30AM). It is a great event and a fun, easy walk! Everyone is welcome to join the team and show up in Bronco gear \Box

Please consider donating to this worthy cause and/or joining the team to walk with us.

JDR One Walk Link



In honor of our local veterans Bailey Middle School cordially invites you to The 12^e Annual Bailey Middle School Veterans Celebration

> On Wednesday, November 8, 2028 at 9:80 a.m. in the Bailey GYM

Featuring Bailey MS JROTC Club Bailey MS Singers William A. Hough HS JROTC Bailey MS Orchestra Bailey MS Step Team Bailey MS Performing Band Bailey MS Performing Band Bailey MS Dance Company Bailey MS Trumpet for Taps

Guest Speaker Dr. April C. Carpenter, PhD. MSgt, USAF Retired

Refreshments following in the media center on the main hall.

Please RSVP to: <u>teresa.lester@cms.k12.nc.us</u> Please place "V*eterans*" in subject line

> Bailey Middle School 11900 Bailey Road Cornelius, NC 28081



Celebrate YOU! WeekSpirit Days!

Monday 10/30- "Mindful Monday" Pick up your "Mindfulness" bracelet at school arrival - Remember to be mindful of how you feel & take care of you!

> Tuesday 10/31 - "Take care of YOU!" Pack a healthy snack today & earn a raffle ticket during your lunch!

> > Wednesday 11/1 - "Wear PJ's" Be comfortable in the skin you're in!

Thursday 11/2 - "Thanks for being a friend!" Write a note in Thunder Time to a friend, or teacher who supports YOU!

Friday 11/3 - Enjoy your Crumbl cookie treat & a dance performance at lunch, celebrating YOU!

Help our Dancers support "Paws4People"

with a \$5 minimum donation & enjoy a (RUMBL (OOK]]

during our November 3rd Dance Performance during lunch!

"Paws4People" is a non-profit organization that helps provide individuals with psychiatric, medical, physical, and social emotional needs with a trained service dog.

DONATE TO "Paws4People" & RECEIVE a CRUMBL COOKIE

Minimum\$5 donations will be collected during regular school lunches on Thursday, October 26th through Monday, October 30th

> *We have a limited amount of cookies that will be provided, so please donate early!

**Cookies will be distributed at lunch on Friday, November 3rd



Athletic Fundraiser

BOOSTERBUCKS • SET EVERYONE UP FOR SUCCESS

Why are we raising money?

CMS does not fund middle school sports, therefore our athletic booster club has to raise money to help support our athletic programs at Bailey Middle School. The participation fee for your child to participate in sports supports coaching staff, but does not cover other expenses.

Every contribution helps to provide:

- New uniforms
- Safety equipment
- Travel expenses
- Use of our football and baseball/softball fields (did you know we have to pay the town of Cornelius \$1500 a year to use these fields?)
- Field maintenance
- Gymnasium upgrades
- Essential sports equipment
- Support items (storage lockers, ice machine, washer/dryer)
- Player Awards/Team banquets







app.boosterhub.com/fundraising/18/main



BOYS BASKETBALL TRIAL CLINIC



Attention 6th graders interested in trying out for the Bailey basketball team next school year!

Trial Clinics are a great way to get an inside look at BMS sports, meet the coaches and practice with current players.

- Date: November 2nd
- Players can bring any gear/equipment to the locker room the morning of the clinic
- Parents can pick up players at 6:15pm from Bailey gymnasium
- The clinic is \$25 and space is limited- first come, first serve! (max 30 participants)
- Students must have Green or Blue signature sheet.
- Registration is required.
- Visit Bailey Middle School Athletic Booster Club website to complete registration and payment.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCT. 30TH

https://baileyathletics.boosterhub.com

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TRIAL CLINIC



Attention 6th graders interested in trying out for the Bailey volleyball team next school year! Trial Clinics are a great way to get an inside look at BMS sports.

- Date: October 26th
- Players can bring any gear/equipment to the locker room the morning of the clinic
- Parents can pick up players at 6:15pm from Bailey gymnasium
- The clinic is \$25 and space is limited- first come, first serve! (max 20 participants)
- Students must have Green or Blue signature sheet.
- Registration is required.
- Visit Bailey Middle School Athletic Booster Club website to complete registration and payment.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCT. 23RD

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WE ARE BACK FOR MORE RUGBY!!

Registration and tryouts are open!

PRE-SEASON AND TRY-OUTS:THURSDAY NOV.8. 4.15PM -6PM Practice: Monday & Wednesday 4.15pm -6pm Bailey Middle School field Open to all Grade 6, Grade 7 and Grade 8. No experience necessary.

www.falconsrugbyclub.com

Virtual Middle School LUNCH & LEARN with your CMS SAP Counselor

<u>99.eC</u>

Parents Do you know the Current Drug Trends?











Join us this Thanksgiving to bless families experiencing food insecurity in our Lake Norman community.

When: Thursday, Nov. 16

Where: Harp & Crown

Drop off time: 3:00-7:00 p.m.

For more details scan here



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