



# Braden River Elementary

March 2020

Wrangler Roundup

## Message from the Principal

Dear BRE families,

Spring is approaching and we find ourselves in a unique position as school will be starting back via the internet and online learning. This is a time like no other in our country and world. Let us not under play the importance of all this as we start back on March 30th.

You might be thinking about creating a minute by minute schedule for your kids. You might have high hopes of hours of learning, including online activities, science experiments, book reports, and teacher lead learning. The reality for some of our kids is that they are as scared as we are right now. Our kids see things and can hear everything that is going on around them, they can also feel our constant tension and possible anxiety. None of them have experienced anything like this before.

Over the coming weeks the idea of being off from school will move from sounding awesome to becoming a reality of feeling trapped at home and not seeing their friends. Over the coming weeks, you might see an increase in behavior issues within our kids. Whether it is anxiety, anger, or protest that they have to do learning on-line, or maybe just because things are not normal. You may see meltdowns, tantrums, and oppositional behavior this is normal and expected under these circumstances.

What kids need right now is to feel comforted and loved. They need to be able to talk and be heard. That might mean you have to tear up the idea of a perfect schedule and just love on your kids a bit. Here are some ideas that can show these in action:

- Play outside with them or go on a walk with them.
- Bake cookies or paint a picture
- Play board games and watch movies.
- Do science experiments together or take a virtual field trip to a unique location.
- Start reading a book together as a family, or start a family story together.
- Just snuggle under a blanket with nothing to do but talk and laugh.

Yes, school assignments will be on-line and there to do. You can support that work the best you can while you juggle your work, worry, and carry on with other items that are on your plate. Don't worry about your kids falling behind or regressing in school. Every kid across the country is in this same boat, and we will get through it and it will be ok. When school returns the teachers and professionals will course correct and meet your child's needs. This is what teachers are experts in doing!

Communicate with the teacher and school if your child is resisting doing math. Don't scream at your kids for not following the schedule. I would suggest not mandating 2 hours of constant working online on school work. This is going to be fluid process where the teachers need to hear from you on how things are going.

If I can leave you with one thing as we venture into this on-line learning together. Your child's mental health will be way more important than their academic skills. This will go back to how they felt during this time, and the support we provided during this unique time. It will carry much more weight then what they did during these weeks/months. Enjoy your family time!

*Joshua Bennett*

Principal

# 3RD QUARTER HONOR ROLL



## 3rd Grade

### All A Honor Roll

Leah Abrams	Olivia Lin
Tessa Buchek	Samuel Lucey
Trinity Burden	Ervin Morales-Velasquez
Brady Denault	Gabriela Pisani
Bailey Fulk	Declan Rzepa
Brooklynn Hall	Alyssa Sexton
Caden Hook	Maya Tran
Polly Jessop	Sarah Vargas
James Langford	

### A / B Honor Roll

RiJonn Belvin	Tamea Gibson	Kason Scarlett
Abby Bowers	Charlie Gurski	Kelly Scher
Colton Cahill	Chloe Hoepfer	Franchesca Simeon
Soledad Cerrillo	Emily Huynh	Stella Sladky
Lillian Chandler	ReAnn Kolbe	Ava Stambaugh
Camden Chalmers	Trent Lucas	Ella Stephen
Hezekiah Coblentz	Ryland Neary	Timothy Sulkowski
Brady Colcu	Akshar Patel	Tommy Sulkowski
Logan Cole	Rylan Post	Jonah White
Hunter Dragon	Ally Ridenour	Brody Withers
Tyler Ebeling	Ian Robinson	

## 4th Grade

### All A Honor Roll

Garrett Boyd	Samantha Haney
Grayson Boyd	Daniel Oh
Austin Chavez	Gianna Platt
Kylee Francies	Madelyn Silliman
John Hall	Penelope Valentine

### A / B Honor Roll

Valeria Cruz	Piper Montalvo	Luke Schroeder
Gia Giangrante	Kara Nickens	Evan Solis
Anh Hoang	Owen Paoli	Nico Tambe
Savannah Hoffman	Paola Ponce	Reagan Vajdik
Charlie Kardos	Jonah Rademacher	Alexis Walker
Nazarite Lally	Brayden Ridenour	

## 5th Grade

### All A Honor Roll

Hayden Beecher	Gabriela Otero
Jack Bowers	Arati Patel
Ashlyn Collins	Gavin Peterson
Ryan Gurski	Mahayla Roden
Lilly Hinds	Gabby Tabbita
Coleman Kubitz	Gabriela Zevallos-Ramos
Reed Miller	

### A / B Honor Roll

Sophia Asher	Caitlyn Drizos	Kaylea Hook	Kylie Parks
Julianne Beecher	Ethan Flores	Camryn Kolbe	Sophia Potillo
Julia Cangro	Elizabeth Foss	Kaiden Kulchar	Jackson Stewart
Landen Chandler	John Gonzalez	Emelia Magda	Ethan Van Heerden
Amelia Cooper	Maddox Hale	Lindsey Mai	Charli Waldrip
Madison Deleo	Austin Hamer	Carlee Martel	Kennedy Zaller
Riley Dotson	Emily Hatch	Nevaeh Martinez	
David Dragon	Leah Hegemier	Molly Neary	

Students in 3rd, 4th & 5th grade can achieve honor roll by receiving all A's and B's and Satisfactory and above for Responsible Learner. Students are recognized each quarter in the newsletter and on the Honor Roll bulletin board in the cafeteria.

## Message from PTO President — Rebecca Gurski

Dear BRE Families and Friends,

This is certainly a much different message than I originally wrote for this newsletter! As we all find ourselves in uncharted territory, PTO is working to make adjustments to our planned events and activities for the rest of the year. Updates will continue to be sent out as plans change and develop via Groupvive emails and posts on the BRE Facebook page. If you have not been receiving the PTO emails and would like to be added to the Groupvive system, please send me a message at [rebeccaraterman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rebeccaraterman@sbcglobal.net)

Here is what we know so far: Unfortunately, our **Mother/Son Kickball** event has been postponed. We will attempt to reschedule this if the opportunity presents itself. Regarding our **April Spirit Nights**, Chipotle has canceled with us and Culver's will have to cancel if they are still relegated to drive-thru status only on 4/13. We have not made the determination yet to cancel our Spring Fling, **Jungle Cruise**, but circumstances are not looking favorable for holding this event on 4/18. If we do cancel, anyone who had pre-purchased tickets will be contacted. As this is our biggest fundraiser of the year, we will instead set up an online auction to run in May featuring all items that have been donated thus far. Our **Yearbook** Chair continues to work on putting together what may be our most memorable and unique book yet! Updates on the status of yearbooks will be sent out over the next few weeks so please be sure to look for those. And finally, our **Staff Appreciation Week** plans may be creatively modified to fit the current situation as needed.

PTO is staying flexible, optimistic, and determined to make the best out of these circumstances and provide continued support for our awesome school, staff members, students and families! We are thankful for all the amazing support we received from all our you and our Business Sponsors throughout the school year which has put us in a position to successfully weather this storm. Stay safe and well, and we hope to see you all again soon!

Rebecca Gurski  
PTO President

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### PTO Board for 2019-20

President.....Rebecca Gurski  
Vice President.....Angela Abrams  
Secretary.....Annya Hernandez  
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Box Tops Coordinator.....Elly Barr  
Spirit Nights Coordinator.....Kristy Cestero

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with the new Receipt Scan  
Method at [BTFE.COM](http://BTFE.COM)

THE NEW  
BOX TOPS LABELS  
Each Box Top is  
still worth 10c  
to the school.



BRE's Robots Club participated in the first Manatee County School District VEX Robot competition on Saturday, February 8. Three teams built different VEX robots. Partners worked with pairs from 37 other elementary schools to work the game table challenges together. It was a great experience to practice patience, perseverance and problem-solving mind-sets. Pictured are the 4th and 5th grade members of BRE's 2019-2020 Robotics Club.'



# FREE MEALS FOR KIDS

18 & younger



Call 211 or  
941-739-5700

ManateeSchoolFood.net

#FDACSMEALS  
#WEMANATEE

March 30 - April 15

## Quick Grab n' Go

LUNCH FOR TODAY &  
BREAKFAST FOR TOMORROW

- DRIVE UP FOR MEALS
- STAY IN CAR
- CHILD MUST BE IN THE CAR TO RECEIVE A MEAL

### COMMUNITY SITES

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM • MONDAY - FRIDAY

13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Community Center  
922 24th St E, Bradenton

East Migrant Head Start  
34590 State Road 64 E, Myakka City

Rubonia Community Center  
1309 72nd St E, Palmetto

The Source Church  
5412 FL-64, Bradenton

Wee Care  
10540 Hamilton Way,  
Myakka City

### BUS SITES

#### NORTH LOCATIONS:

11:30 am - 12:00 pm • Turner Chapel

317 11<sup>th</sup> St. W., Palmetto

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm • Palmetto Youth Center

501 17<sup>th</sup> St. W., Palmetto

#### SOUTH LOCATIONS:

11:00 am - 11:30 am • Southeast High School

1200 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., Bradenton

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm • Bradenton Village Apt.

1302 3<sup>rd</sup> St. W., Bradenton

1:00 pm - 1:30 pm • DeSoto Boys & Girls Club

5236 30<sup>th</sup> St W., Bradenton

#### CABOOSE LOCATIONS:

11:30 am - 12:00 pm •

Manatee Mobile Home Park

2204 Manatee Ave. E., Bradenton

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm • City Stop

619 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., Bradenton

### SCHOOL SITES

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
MONDAY - FRIDAY

- Abel Elementary
- Ballard Elementary
- Bashaw Elementary
- Bayshore High
- Blackburn Elementary
- Braden River High
- Braden River Middle
- Buffalo Creek Middle
- Daughtrey Elementary
- Haile Middle
- Harllee Center
- Johnson/Wakeland K-8
- King Middle
- Kinnan Elementary
- Lakewood Ranch High
- Lee Middle
- Manatee Elementary
- Manatee High
- Miller Elementary
- Myakka Elementary
- Oneco Elementary
- Palm View Elementary
- Palmetto Elementary
- Palmetto High
- Prine Elementary
- Samoset Elementary
- Seabreeze Elementary
- Sugg Middle
- Tara Elementary
- Tillman Elementary

LOCATIONS AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Registration Is Now Open!  
**ENROLL NOW!**

RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

**Attention: New Students to BRE**

(20-21 Kindergarteners & NEW school choice families)

Please visit our school website for information on required documents and contact our school registrar, Julie Danke @ 751-7012 x2011 or dankej@manateeschools.net as we are only accepting registrations online at this time.

**Classes Are Being Formed for 2020/2021**

We are beginning to form classes for the upcoming 2020/2021 school year. This process is one that takes a lot of work and is very well thought out. This includes considerations of academics, behavior, student needs, demographics and gender. If you feel your child may have a special need that we should be aware of when placing students in new classes, please let us know by conveying those needs in the form of a letter. The letter should include a description of your child's personality and special needs and give the characteristics of the kind of teacher you have found your child works well with. The letter should **not** include any specific teacher, or a list of friends. These letters need to be sent to Mr. Bennett by April 24, 2020. We will take this information into consideration when placing your child. Letters can be mailed or emailed to bennettj@manateeschools.net.

**All STATE Testing (FSA) has been cancelled per order from the Governor for this school year.**

**Field Trip Notice**

Field trips have not been cancelled by the school district, as of 3/27/20. No Refunds will be given until the district cancels the trip. We will keep parents posted on cancelations.

**Food & Nutrition News:**

Free & Reduced Lunch Applications can be found on the school district website under Departments / Food & Nutrition (<https://www.manateeschools.net/Page/2610>) applications have to be filled out each year. With the current situation, if you have had a change in financial income, please check the requirements to see if you now qualify.

Many dates for school & PTO events have been postponed or cancelled. We will keep you posted through Connect-Ed calls, Schoology, Email, our School Website, FaceBook and Twitter.

**e-Learning Help**

Please check out our school website as we and the school district will be posting help guides and a hot-line during this new adventure in e-learning.



# K-Kids News

K-Kids has been busy these past few months! We organized a supply drive and made "Welcome Baby" posters for SOLVE Maternity Homes. We also made stuffed animals for Safe Children Coalition's foster children. In addition, we made inspirational notes and snack bags for families staying at Ronald McDonald House because they have children and babies being cared for at the Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital. Last but not least, with the help of students throughout the school we raised \$400 through our Valentine's NUT Day to buy baby toys for Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

Molly Neary, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Secretary





Protect yourself and the ones you love.



**Get vaccinated**

Influenza or "flu" can cause serious illness. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and your family.



**Cover your cough or sneeze**

Cover your mouth and nose with your sleeve or a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Toss your used tissue in the waste basket and wash your hands.

# Fight the FLU

**It starts with you**



**Wash your hands**

Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.



**Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth**

If you touch surfaces with the flu virus, you can get the flu by touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.



**Stay home if you are sick**

Flu viruses go wherever you go when you are infected. Stay at home and check with your healthcare provider when needed.

GET MORE INFORMATION AT [WWW.IMMUNIZEFLORIDA.ORG](http://WWW.IMMUNIZEFLORIDA.ORG) OR EMAIL [IMMUNIZATION@FLHEALTH.GOV](mailto:IMMUNIZATION@FLHEALTH.GOV)



**Fight the Flu**  
Part of a Healthy Lifestyle.



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### Shared Values

The BRE staff values respect and trust, collaboration, innovation, family, and fun in order to promote the highest student achievement.

### Vision Statement

BRE attains exceptional academic achievement from our students by providing a safe, positive and highly engaging learning environment, where we differentiate instruction and foster critical thinking skills.

Wrangler News is a publication of Braden River Elementary School in Bradenton, FL. For more information or to offer comments or suggestions, contact Braden River Elementary School, 6125 River Club Boulevard, Bradenton, FL 34202, phone (941) 751-7012, fax (941) 753-0911, or visit us on the web at [www.manateeschools.net/bradenriverel](http://www.manateeschools.net/bradenriverel)

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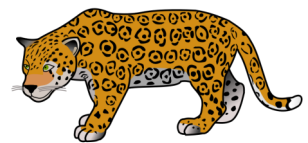
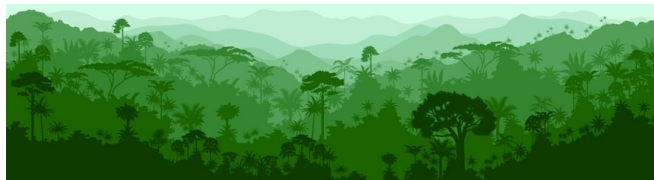
**Sharkey's Cuts for Kids**

**Texas Roadhouse**

**The Milbank Team, Real Estate**

**Wicked Good Cupcakes**

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**LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING!**