



Braden River Elementary School of Innovation

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Winter 2021 Newsletter

Message from the Principal

BRE community, it has been an interesting 2020. As we set our sights on 2021, we are continuing our learning adventure with the mindfulness of keeping our kids safe and providing students with the best learning experience possible. Our staff has worked tremendously hard this first semester managing all the new COVID protocols, teaching within different environments, catching students up, and having students come and go with each learning platform change. Our staff has not complained but, in action and words, has always done what is best for our students and our school.

As we start 2021, we are looking forward to all the wonderful things that BRE has been working on. I hope to highlight some of those things within this section. Grade level teams have worked on our mission of being a "School of Innovation". They have worked in a collaborative manner to start to create some units that focus across subject areas that will be interactive experiences for our students. Our staff has also been busy doing a book study on "[Setting the Standard for Project Based Learning](#)", which we have had monthly conversations around as a school community. This will continue to grow our learning so that we can create the most innovative school in Manatee County over the course of the next three years. Also, in the first semester, our school was renewed and refreshed in the area of technology. We have installed Promethean Boards in all 2nd-5th and ESE classrooms across our campus. This brings the educational experience to new heights for our students. We have also received and updated our phone system, teacher laptops, and an additional influx of student Chromebook laptops. In less than two years, we have been updated to a whole new level with technology. We have much to celebrate as we look at our benchmark assessment results, as we again fall in the top tier of schools in our district.

As we close this year and look to 2021, I have also encouraged our staff and students to reflect and goal set for the future. One of the challenges we presented to our staff from the "PurposeFull People" program that is part of our Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum is one that I would like to pose to our parents through this newsletter. It is simple and easy and allows us to demonstrate gratitude toward others.

Gratitude Challenge

At the beginning of the month, stick 10 sticky notes in a place you will see them throughout the month: on a cabinet, on the edge of your desk, on your dry erase board, etc. Challenge yourself to write a quick sticky note "thank you" to 10 different individuals in your life this month. Stick your quick note of Gratitude somewhere that that individual will see it. See if you can use up all 10 sticky notes by the end of the month!

Our school wishes each BRE family good health, happiness, and a renewed beginning for 2021.

Joshua Bennett

Principal

News from Coach Boso and Coach Stilson

ATTENTION

Please have your child wear sneakers (no sandals, Crocs, heels, boots, etc.) on days that he/she will have P.E. Proper attire will help us keep your child safe. Students are welcome to bring water bottles to P.E., especially during the hotter months. Please send in a note or doctor's excuse if your child cannot participate in P.E. because of an injury or illness. This will help us monitor the situation and keep your child as safe as possible.

Safety Reminder for Students

If you choose to drive your child to school, please remember that you may NOT drop your students off unattended in the Braden River Middle School parking lot. If students are dropped off by car it MUST be through the car rider line at the south side of the school.

Students walking to school—check your paths for safety, observe traffic signs, and cross the road inside of crosswalks. Bike riders, don't forget: WEAR A HELMET! IT'S THE LAW!



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During Quarter 2, your students will be learning soccer skills at P.E. Try dribbling, passing and shooting a soccer ball with them at home. It's a great way to exercise together!

During P.E. students will be implementing our BRE PURPOSEFUL PEOPLE TRAITS.

- ◆ November—Empathy
- ◆ December—Gratitude
- ◆ January—Kindness
- ◆ February—Perseverance

Let's make the world a better place by practicing these traits with our families.



COVID-19: Back-to-Work Safety

Protect Yourself

FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19 • Florida Department of Health

Wear a cloth face covering over your mouth and nose. Go to [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) and search "cloth face coverings" or scan the code with your phone app. Face coverings should:



- Fit snugly and comfortably on your face.
- Allow you to breathe easily.
- Be machine washed and dried every day.



Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed or gloved hands, or when you adjust or remove your face covering or safety glasses.

Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use a 60% or more alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Clean hands:



- Before and after shifts and breaks.
- After blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- After using the restroom.
- Before eating.
- Before and after preparing food.



Keep 6 feet between you and your co-workers or customers.

- Avoid groups of 10 or more during work meetings and breaks.
- Don't shake hands with co-workers or customers.
- Don't share drinks or food, and don't carpool, with co-workers.
- Keep your distance from co-workers or customers who look sick.



6 feet



Don't share work surfaces, phones, computers, supplies or work tools with co-workers—if possible. If you must share, disinfect surfaces and things before you use them. Also:

- Disinfect surfaces and things that customers touch.



If you feel sick or have COVID symptoms, stay home or go home.

- Call your health care provider and follow-up with your supervisor.
- Go to [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) and search for "COVID symptoms" or scan the code with your phone app.

- ▶ **COVID Symptoms:**
- Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fever
 - Chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Sore throat
 - New loss of taste or smell



For health and safety steps for specific occupations, go to [CDC.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/worker-safety-support](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/worker-safety-support) or scan the code with your phone app.



Tips & Procedures

SCHOOL HOURS: 8:25 AM—3:15 PM

- 7:55 am Students eating breakfast are permitted in the cafeteria. All other students go to their assigned morning seating area.
- 8:20 am First bell rings indicating 5 minutes until the start of the school day.
- 8:25 am Students are allowed inside classrooms. Class begins. Any student arriving after this time will be considered tardy.
- **Car riders are to be dropped off from their vehicles in the designated unloading zone in our car rider loop. Due to social distancing guidelines we ask that parents do not park and walk students up to the gate. For safety reasons, students are not to be dropped off in the parking area in front of our school.
- 2:30 pm Cutoff time for any changes in dismissal or delegating someone to pickup in PikMyKid
- 2:45 pm Cutoff time for early dismissals
- 2:45 pm Pre-K, ASD and self-contained classrooms dismiss in car rider area.
- 3:05 pm Students will be dismissed to the car rider area with the PikMyKid app. After entering our parking lot, you will stop when you see our staff member who will move your child into the PikMyKid dismissal queue. Please follow the traffic pattern and wait for your child to proceed to the loading area. For safety reasons, we have eliminated the parent walk-up area. All parents are asked to pick-up through the car rider line.

Build the Habit of Good Attendance

Early school success goes hand-in-hand with good attendance!

Regular school attendance is a partner to academic success. Parents and students are urged to recognize the need for promptness each day and attendance in all classes throughout the school year, unless a student is ill. When students miss classes, they lose valuable instruction and form poor habits that can result in problems for them later in school or in the work force.

Did you know that within one minute of the bell ringing, a teacher directs students to take their seats and starts instruction? When a child comes late to school, it disrupts the class and takes focus away from the teacher. Please make sure your child is on time to school every day.

We understand there may be times for appointments, but habitual early pick-ups could also result in falling behind in academics.

2ND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

ALL A HONOR ROLL

Kaylee Antrim	Jaxson Hofius
Dylanger Appel	Jillian Kenney
Rosemary Aronin	Justin Mauricio-Diaz
Aaron Attari	Simona Mazzucco
Corbin Bennett	Kinsey O'Neal
Wayne Comegno	Isaac Rodriguez
Madeline Cooper	Anneliese Schroeder
Ariel Coyle	Harper Silliman
Parsiya Cyrus	Vivian Szekely
Milo Diehl	Andrew Tromp
Mason Durfee	Cassie Willett
Sophia Faircloth	Viktoriya Yarmochenko
Vanya Graham	Mikenna Yermak
Audrey Haney	Kara Young

3RD GRADE

Lailah Aljukic	Jackson Kubitz
Desmond Barfield	Chase Lovely
Kalix Behringer	Parker Merritt
Marla Brunner	Austin Midkiff
Sydney Burghardt	Kalleigh Miller
Elliot Conaway	Kaelyn Naumowicz
Laylah Delk	Avery Nolan
Davi Dos Santos	Lillian Ploger
Calder Duff	Adam Ramirez
Lucy Edmunds	Rayce Sexton
Cooper Eidson	Evan Sorrentino
Christopher Hanamean	Colt Surline
Emma Harmon	Logan Walker
Phoebe Jessop	McKenna Wilson

A/B HONOR ROLL

ALL A HONOR ROLL

Leah Abrams	Rylan Post
Noah Blair	Liam Rankin
Tessa Buchek	Declan Rzepa
Trinity Burden	Kelly Scher
Colton Cahill	Stella Sladky
Brady Denault	Ava Stambaugh
Caden Hook	Maya Tran
Fedor Kuchmak	Sarah Vargas
Trent Lucas	Liam Warren
Steven Magedanz	
Jasper Mulvihill	
Elias Nehme	
Carmela Passalacqua	

4TH GRADE

Abigail Bowers	Gabriela Pisani
Jadyn Buinicki	Ally Ridenour
Camden Chalmers	Ferran Santa Maria
Brady Colcu	Kason Scarlett
Hunter Dragon	Franchesca Simeon
Tyler Ebeling	Ella Stephen
Tamea Gibson	Jonah White
Raeden Godbolt	Brooklyn Williams
Charlie Gurski	Brody Withers
Emily Huynh	Zane Zaller
Samuel Lucey	
Ryland Neary	
Akshar Patel	

A/B HONOR ROLL

2ND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

5TH GRADE

ALL A HONOR ROLL

A/B HONOR ROLL

Ryelynn Brunner
Chance Dougherty
Bailey Fulk
Brooklynn Hall
Samantha Haney
Anh Hoang
Polly Jessop
Owen Paoli
Gianna Platt
Jonah Rademacher
Brayden Ridenour
Sarah Sandwall
Luke Schroeder
Alyssa Serrano-Feldleit
Madelyn Silliman

Juliette Aronin
Wesley Beecher
Garrett Boyd
Grayson Boyd
Tyler Cestero
Austin Chavez
Eryn Connel
Valeria Cruz
Kylee Francies
Carter Gamm
Daireon Godbolt
Sophie Graham
John Hall
Charlie Kardos
Olivia Lin

Caitlin Motherway
Kenley Naumowicz
Daniel Oh
Julio Perez de Lima
Alyssa Sexton
Nico Tambe
Alexis Walker
Chelsea Weerappulige
Ashley Wilson
Hayden Yermak
Emma Zahniser

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 18 **No School - MLK Day**
February 15 **No School-Presidents' Day**
March 12 **No School-Record Day**
March 15-19 **No School-Spring Break**

PurposeFULL People

Quarter three

To do life, on Purpose

PurposeFull People focuses on resources for the class, staff, families, and the playground.

In the **CLASSROOM**:

The S.E.R.V.E. model is how each lesson is approached;

START INTENTIONALLY: Thoughtful ways to begin your month, your week, and your day related to the month's character trait!

ENGAGE RELATIONALLY: Activities that get students connecting, playing, and engaging with a focus on the monthly character trait!

RESPOND WITH EMPATHY: Tools to get students re-focused or re-energized thoughtfully to best meet their social, emotional, and physical needs throughout a day.

VALUES PRACTICED CONSISTENTLY: Experiential learning designed to put abstract values into practical action to help students see what this month's character trait looks like, sounds like, and feels like.

EXIT INTENTIONALLY: Effective ways to end your month, your week, and your day related to this month's character trait and to create a safe, positive, consistent classroom routine

The curricula is specific for k-2 and 3-5. Each week different pieces are focused on and incorporated into daily or weekly lessons. The **FAMILY** component includes a letter home that has conversation starters, simple activities, and Family character challenges ("PurposeFull Pursuits") related to the monthly trait. We know that this bridge is one of the most important ones to build! Speaking a common language between school and home and equipping families with the tools to engage in these meaningful (and sometimes tough!) conversation is critical for sustainable change.

Here's the links for the:

[K-2 family letter](#) and the [3-5](#) for kindness.

Perseverance, [K-2](#) and [3-5](#)

Honesty, [K-2](#) and [3-5](#)

Character Traits

January



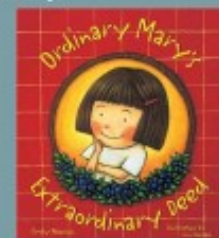
February



March



A story about kindness to share with your family.



Message from PTO President—Rebecca Gurski

Wow! It's hard to believe that we are already halfway through the school year! It's been a wild ride so far, and more twists and turns are likely to come. Looking ahead, PTO will adjust plans for our events according to current safety restrictions and recommendations. Please check emails, phone messages, and Facebook for the latest updates!

One night we are definitely looking forward to is our Parent Night Out at the UTC Oak and Stone on 1/23! We will have full access to the outdoor area where we can safely socialize starting at 6:30pm. Please plan to join us if you can! The restaurant will be donating a portion of sales this evening back to the school.

Our monthly meetings will kick back off 1/21 via Zoom. Anyone is welcome to join us as we highlight our top sponsors, review and plan events, and make funding decisions. In March, we will be taking nominations for Board members for next year. All positions will be open (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) as well as Spirit Night Coordinator and several event chairs. Please reach out to us if you have any interest. Filling all of these positions is necessary for PTO to continue to operate. All of us are extremely willing to answer questions and coach our new Board through a successful transition!

Fingers crossed we will be seeing everyone before too long at an upcoming event! Thank you so much for all of your ongoing support of PTO.

Rebecca Gurski

Website: <https://www.brepto.org/>

Visitor Restrictions Reminder

BRE will not allow normal visitation to our campus until a full reopen date with no social distancing guidelines. Parents/Volunteers will not be allowed on campus for breakfast and lunch or other times.

Uniform Solutions Plus

Our main uniform supplier is open for you to visit and try on school uniforms. They also take online orders and will deliver to the school.

941-800-7900

uniformsolutionsplus.com

Open Mondays and Wednesdays Noon to 6:00 pm and Fridays 8:30 am-Noon

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Why Be a COVID HEALTH HERO

Heroes look out for the people around them and do whatever they can to protect them. Maybe you're not afraid of getting sick yourself, but you sure don't want to make someone else sick. The person next to you might have a health problem that makes them more likely to get sick if they get too close to COVID germs. Or they may live with a grandma who's at special risk. Be a hero by using your superpowers to help keep you and others safe.

How to Be a COVID HEALTH HERO

1

Feeling sick? Been around someone sick? Stay home.

2

Maintain a 6-foot force field.

3

Wear - and clean - your hero gear.

4

Wash your hands - well and often!

5

Don't touch your face.

6

Sneeze or cough into your elbow.

Helping Keep You and Others Safe.

COVID HEALTH HEROES

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