

**Browning Middle School
Board Report
November 10, 2020**

Enrollment

6th grade – 153

7th grade – 154

8th grade – 141

Total 448

Happy Halloween!

This is a video we sent out to our students after our weekly Friday staff meeting on 10-30-20. Mr. Rivas did an awesome job of creating it, and we hope it brought smiles to our student's faces. Check it out!

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=468dd5a425&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-a:r-2450359712419408720&th=1757b762ec4561ad&view=att&disp=safe&realattid=fkgwo3qck0>

Building Update

BMS staff have been working remotely due the consecutive shut downs by the BTBC. The last update given targeted a reopening date of mid-November.

However, recent setbacks (aside from the shutdowns) include new furniture being placed on back order and the plumbing crew dealing positive cases among their workers – all of which will inevitably delay opening again.

One shipment of furniture did arrive on October 23rd and consisted of 22 pieces totaling 8,000 pounds.

Data

Academic rigor continues to increase, and staff are submitting their percentages of attendance in their Google Meets, as well as the percentage of assignments turned in weekly.

Attendance numbers in Google Meets continue to hover around 48%, while only 37% of assignments were turned in last week.

Technology Update

All iPads have been received at BMS.

7th and 8th grade iPads were distributed in August.

The 6th grade iPads have been in for a few weeks, but we did not distribute them because we were waiting for the cases to arrive. Those cases came in the week of Oct. 19th, and Julie, Rudy and our TA's spent Oct. 26th and 27th updating the iPads and installing the cases.

The first round of the 6th grade iPads were distributed on 10-29-20 from 9:00a-3:00p, with login and user information included in the distribution bag.

Additionally, parents/guardians were able to pick up their student's iPad during 6th grade packet drop off on 10-30-20 at BMS from 9:00a-3:00p if they were unable to attend on 10-29-20.

A second round of 6th grade iPad distribution took place Tuesday (November 3rd) from 10:00a-3:00p.

A third round is scheduled for the week of November 9th, and we are planning on starting later in the day (4:30p-6:30p) to accommodate those parents who work during the day.

Here is the current breakdown for iPad distribution for each grade level:

Student Enrollment	iPads Distributed	Success %	Students Remaining
8th - 141	127	90%	14
7th - 154	147	95%	10
6th - 153	116	76%	37

Jetpacks – continue to be in high demand and on back order. As they have become available, they are immediately distributed. The holds true with charging cords/cubes, and they are distributed as soon as we receive them. Ear buds/headphones continue to be a topic of discussion, with GEAR-UP asking if they can contribute in purchasing them. We are waiting for word from the state GEAR-UP office if this is a possibility.

Ms. Melinda Juneau and Ms. Joey Hall have been working to contact any and all students who are still not communicating with our school and we are following our BMS Covid-19 attendance protocols.

Orientation and Technology

Julie Hayes has held two separate technology orientation sessions during the first quarter that were geared specifically toward parents/guardians.

She is also available every day from 1:30p-3:00p to assist teachers, parents/guardians, and students with any help they need with their iPads or Google Meets/Classrooms.

This will continue as we dive into Quarter 2.

PD has been provided weekly to our staff, with most (if not all) in regard to online learning and available resources. We have also followed that up at our staff meeting each Friday with a Show and Share - where three staff members are given the opportunity to share with their colleagues' tips, tricks, resources, and successes as to what they are doing (and what is working) to reach our students.

BMS Newsletter

We have created a monthly newsletter to further promote the building of relationships between our school and the community. It contains a message from myself, our Dean of Students, special announcements, important dates, technology help, and our Students of the Week and Month.

Engagement

BMS teachers have nominated a Student of the Month (from each grade level) for October. Students will be chosen from a random draw and incentives have been picked out by Ms. Melinda and Ms. Edna.

Staff have also been nominating a Parent of the Month from each grade level as well, with the intent of getting more parental involvement from home.

They will receive a \$25 gift card to Glacier Foods or IGA for groceries or gas at Glacier Foods. We will have a parent from 6th, 7th & 8th grade, which will also be from a random draw.

Moving forward into the 2nd Quarter, we will nominate students for Student of the Week each week, and those students are eligible for the Student of the Month award - with a drawing for a Student of the Month at the end of each month. Nominations are sent to Ms. Juneau.

We will be recognizing all winners in our monthly newsletter and on the district Facebook page.

Here is a link to the complete list of October's nominees and winners:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UMR93V8FE_ZoKxS6Gx_PvAt6AsBSAHjTw_ZCDAIzfMsA/edit?usp=sharing_eil&ts=5f9c561d

BMS Student of the month October 2020

6th grade:

Hezikhiah ArrowTopKnot - student of the month October 2020

Jaelynn Lazy Boy - student of the week October 26-30, 2020

7th grade:

Tazalyn WhiteGrass - student of the month October 2020

Jade Glaze - student of the week October 26-30, 2020

8th grade:

Trysten Hannon - student of the month October 2020

Terrance Melton - student of the week October 26-30, 2020

Quarter 2 Schedule

We are excited to release a new schedule for the 2nd quarter which allows staff twice as much instructional/synchronous time with their students. Students will also now have an Advisory class each Friday, where they will receive additional tutoring, technology help, and social and emotional learning time.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vQ33fHdziTpEOvNFCT0gouXtKxvAHhRvC_J9Tm49maQ/edit?usp=sharing_eil&ts=5fa05106

It is important that as we enter Quarter 2, that we remember to learn from yesterday, live for today, and hope for tomorrow.

Be well and be safe,

William Huebsch

BMS Principal