

February 26, 2014

Dear Team Cobra Families,



Hello! I am the new 7th Grade Science Teacher taking over for Ms. Taylor in Room A13. Now that I have had a little time to learn the ropes here at Bailey Middle School and students have had time to adjust to their new teacher, I feel that it is important to make contact with parents. I can already see that we have a wonderful group of students who are obviously the result of caring, actively involved, supportive parents. Please feel free to contact me any time if you have questions or concerns regarding your child's education and comfort at school.

RULES & BEHAVIOR: Recently, our 7th Grade Team discussed the BMS rules and policies and the fact that teachers are expected to consistently support and enforce those rules. I am including this information here for you, as well, in case some of our students need a reminder about the rules that they must follow at school. (Please refer to the Student Agenda and CMS/BMS websites for more detailed information.)

First, I am sure that you are already familiar with the Bronco Behavior/ACE Plan, where students carry a color-coded signature sheet each week reflecting the behavior level earned for the previous week. There are also incentives tied to particular levels. I have avoided signing sheets during my first week here (again, trying to give students a chance to adjust to my "buckling down" with the rules), but this week we are in full swing according to the school's program. A quick reminder:

ACE Level	Green Sheet	0 rule violations/no signatures (per week)
Bronco Level 1	Blue Sheet	1-4 rule violations (per week)
Bronco Level 2	Yellow Sheet	5-10 rule violations (per week)
Grounded	Pink Sheet	11 or more rule violations (per week)

Lost or stolen sheets will be replaced by a WHITE behavior sheet and the student will receive two signatures. You are encouraged to check your child's sheet now and then during the week.

Next, we have the "Bronco Six" main school rules:



1. Prepare for Class
2. Follow Adult Directions
3. Respect Others and Property
4. Avoid Disruption of Education
5. Be Responsible with Belongings
6. Follow the Safety Rules and CMS Code of Conduct

There are a few school/classroom rules that seem to need particular attention and for which I have given students numerous reminders:

1. Large backpacks/bookbags are not allowed in the classroom. This is a safety issue and school rule. Students may carry a small string bag (or other bag the same size), but the larger (regular-sized) bookbags must be kept in the locker until dismissal. Ladies, this includes large tote bags and purses, too. The exception to this rule is the last class of the day, as the last locker break is before 5th block.

2. BMS is a “no gum school.” Gum is not allowed in the school and therefore not allowed in my classroom.
3. Except for breakfast, open food is not allowed in my classroom. Breakfast must be eaten, put away or thrown away by 9:15 am. Yes, candy counts as food.
4. Students are encouraged to bring a bottle of clear water to class. Students may not leave class to get a drink of water.
5. Students should make an effort to use the restroom during the transition times between classes. Though I will not deny access to a student who needs to use the restroom, leaving class to use the restroom should be a rare event.
6. Lockers may be visited only during scheduled locker break times.

PROGRESS REPORTS: You have probably already received notice from Mr. Thomas that this quarter’s progress reports will be available for you to see via PowerSchool on Tuesday, March 4th after 4:00pm. This delay is due to our recent Snow Days.

TEACHER WEB PAGE/WIKI: I am in the process of building my Wiki page and hope to have it up and running by the end of this week. Once I get it rolling, I will strive to update the page weekly.

It has been fun getting to know your children at school; so many interesting personalities! I look forward to a great spring semester at Bailey Middle School and sincerely appreciate your support from home.

With warm regards,

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PARENTS: Please sign and date below and return this page to school with your child. I will send it back home once I record that you have seen it. Thank you!

Student Name

Block #

Date

Parent Signature

Date