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## Bronco News - September 2020

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### Principal's Message

Hi Broncos,

We have had a pretty smooth start to this year. Yes, we have had some hiccups, but with patience, grace, and so many people committed to make the right thing happen, we are getting all our Broncos ready to 'distance learn' from home.

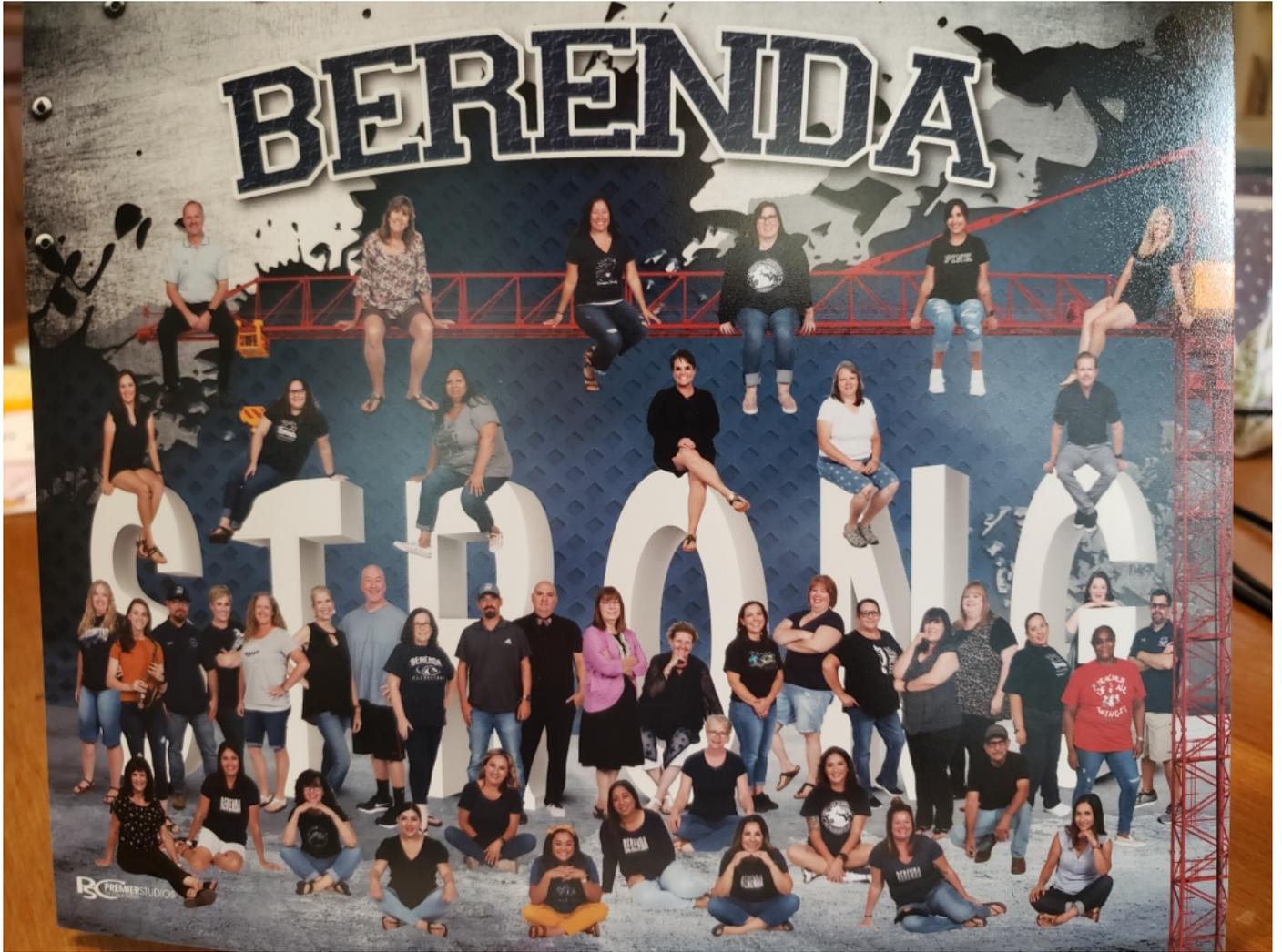
Now comes the hard part! We, yes I said we, have to keep our Broncos focused on their learning. I know many of you are working and can't be right there with your child. But, you can let your child know how important it is that they put in their best effort. When you talk to them every day about what they are doing and learning, you are letting them know how important their education is to you. For those of you who are able to be with your child, that is great! You can support the work of the teacher and make sure your child understands what is being taught.

If you are having any troubles with your technology, reach out to us and we can help. We may not have the answer, but we will work together to find a solution. You can also check our Distance Learning/Tech Support section of our Berenda website for resources to help with computer questions.

<https://www.madera.k12.ca.us/domain/3432>

Thank you for all your support as we move forward together!

Mr. Christiansen and the rest of our Berenda Bronco Family.



## School News

## Opportunities to be involved

Even though we are 'distance learning', we still have opportunities for our families to be involved. On September 3rd at 3:00 we will have our first English Learner Advisory Committed meeting of the year via Zoom. This group of parents learns about the inner workings of school and provides input to our School Site Council about how they would like our Title 1 funds to be used. All parents are welcome to attend.

Our first School Site Council meeting will be held on September 16th at 2:35 via Zoom. This group of parents and teachers is responsible for overseeing the Title 1 funds that Berenda receives to support our students. Our parent members are elected to two years terms. This year we will need to fill two parent spots. SSC typically meets 5 times a year. Like ELAC, you will get to learn a lot about Berenda and how we use our funds. At our first meeting, we will take nominations and elect our two parent representatives. If you are interested in helping out and being one of our SSC parents, you can let me know and I can answer any questions you may have.

Before we begin our SSC meeting, we will hold our Annual Title 1 Parent Meeting where I will explain the about our Title 1 funds and how they are used at Berenda to support the education of our students. To learn more about this program, join us on Zoom at 2:35 on Sept. 16th at 2:35.

We also have our Berenda Parent Club. This group of parents helps in so many ways! We typically raise money to support many student activities. It is these activities that help to make Berenda special. All parents are welcome to be a part of our BPC...and we need the support of all parents. More info to follow on when we will have our first meeting.

## Berenda, one of America's Healthiest Schools 2020



Berenda was one of only 514 schools in the United States to receive this award.

"The teachers, parents, students and staff at Berenda Elementary recognize the critical role that health plays in learning," said Mr. Townsend, PE Specialist. "We're honored to receive this national recognition for our dedication to supporting the well-being of students and staff, and remain steadfast in our commitment to fostering environments where all members of the school community can succeed."

You can find more information here:

<https://www.healthiergeneration.org/campaigns/americas-healthiest-schools>

## Student Health & Wellness

The anxiety, frustration and stress is real. You are not alone! Parents, students and teachers are all feeling the roller coaster of emotions. Now more than ever we need to remember to give one another grace and understanding. Things are not perfect nor will they be. We are all learning how to carry on in uncertain and ever changing times. Madera Unified and Berenda Elementary are here to help in this very challenging educational time. If you need assistance with something, please do not hesitate to reach out. We may not have an immediate solution but we will do our best to address your concerns. We are here to help! Use us as a resource. Keep moving forward!

Mr. Farinelli, our counselor, is ready to help support our students and families. Here is a [link to his online office](#).