



Berenda Elementary

March 2021

Principal's Message

Hi Broncos! I bring exciting news. We are working on plans to bring our students back to school!!! But, before that can happen, **I need everyone to take the survey that was sent to you.** The survey asks if you are interested in having your child come back to school in a 'Hybrid Model' or if you want them to continue with 'Zoom School'.

I know you all have questions...lots of questions...and I'm going to apologize in advance that I can't answer them at this time. I can share this:

***Hybrid** (in-person) - Students will spend some time in school and some time at home with asynchronous assignments.

***Zoom School** - Students will continue with Zoom meetings with a teacher and also asynchronous assignments.

*We will work to keep all students and staff safe by following **safety guidelines**. We have procedures in place to clean, disinfect, and practice social distancing. Every day, students and staff will fill out a Wellness Survey, have their temperatures checked, and wear facial coverings.

*The district has a plan for **Transportation**.

*The district has a plan for **Meals** for all students regardless of their choice.

*If you decide later you want to change from Zoom to Hybrid, we may not have room in a classroom.

*I will tell you now, no matter what option you choose, there is the possibility that your child will not have the same teacher. I understand no one likes to hear this, but, we are doing our best to provide the opportunity for our student to return to school safely.

As I said above, we will practice social distancing. That means I can't fit as many students into each classroom. What plan we put in place will depend on how many students want to return to a Hybrid (in-person) model vs. continue with Zoom School. Once I have survey results, I will be able to determine what schedule will work best for the students of Berenda.

This has been a hard year on everyone. I truly appreciate each and every one of our Berenda families and how you have supported us and your children, and I know moving forward, we will continue to support each other.

Make sure you have taken the survey and watch Parent Square for more information soon.

Mr. Christiansen

Be Safe and Give Grace!

What's coming...

Registration for new students to MUSD begins on March 1st. This is the time to get your **Kindergarteners** registered for the 2021-2022 school year that begins in August. How you ask?

Visit maderausd.org / Click on the REGISTRATION tab at the top of the page

Click on NEW STUDENT / Complete the online pre-enrollment process

Need help? Call Berenda or the MUSD Call Center from Mon-Fri, 8 am - 7 pm at 559-416-5879.

We have our **Packet Pickup Day** scheduled for **March 3rd**. We will be distributing from 10:30-12:30 in a drive through format and again at 5:00-5:45 out of room 5.

Quarter 3 ends on 3/26. So, if your child has missing assignments, they still have time to complete them. I would have your child show you their Google Classroom missing assignments and work out a plan to complete a few each day. This would mean they would need to complete their daily work...and then a couple of the missing ones.

Many of the assignments are completed together in class, so if your child is following along with the teacher, they should be able to complete the daily assignments. It will take some extra work after they get off of Zoom to finish the assignment they have not completed. But, if they do a few a day, it shouldn't be too bad.

Easter Vacation begins on 3/29 and ends on 4/5. Tuesday, April 5th is a school day for all students. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable vacation.

Student Health & Wellness (and Parents too)

Last month was National Dental Health Month. You children might have learned some interesting facts. Here is some point you can discuss with your children to reinforce the importance of proper daily brushing. We love beautiful smiles! :-)

Tooth decay is one of the most common chronic conditions of childhood. Teaching your child good dental care early, educates them on its importance and encourages proper dental health, as they grow. Here are a few guidelines for maintaining their dental health:

- Brush their teeth twice a day
- Floss at least once a day
- See the dentist every 6 months
- Eat healthy foods
- Replace their toothbrush, after they have been sick and every 3 months

The American Dental Association has a daily brushing activity sheet that can be used to remind us to brush our teeth twice day. This fun activity encourages creating a healthy dental routine and habit. See the link below to print for use at home.

Activity sheet in English: [Link](#)

Activity sheet in Spanish: [Link](#)