



Berenda Elementary

April 2021

Principal's Message

We had a great start with getting students back on campus. It was very exciting seeing their eyes light up as they exited their cars and walked towards their classroom. I've been impressed with our students and families and how they have followed all our safety precautions to help keep everyone safe at Berenda. This week we welcome back our 4th-6th graders.

If you are bringing your student back to school, please help us get everyone on campus quickly by following these procedures. We will open the front gates at 7:45.

Parents: Complete the ParentSquare survey every morning before coming to school.
Stay in the car and pull all the way forward in the driveway.

Students: Be ready to have your temperature taken with your mask on and backpack by you.
Get a squirt of hand sanitizer and head to the playground to line up by your cone.

It is important that your child know before coming to school how they are supposed to get home. They need to know their bus route number if they ride the bus. They need to know if you want them to wait for you to arrive in your car or if you want them to walk to one of the walk-in gates.

Hybrid or Zoom - We need your help! Your children are now either with the teacher in person or with the teacher via Zoom for 2 hours and 40 minutes. ([Click here for daily schedule.](#)) But, that isn't the end of what we need them to do every day. Every student should spend 20 minutes a day on Lexia. They should also spend 20 minutes on either STMath or Khan. These programs are designed to support students at their level and help to move them forward in their learning. These 40 minutes help to support the direct instruction they get from their teachers. Your child will also participate in PE and Music during the asynchronous time via a link they will be provided.

You should have your child show you their minutes on these programs. Have them show you what they do on the different programs. This will excite them! They will love spending time showing you what they are learning. Then have your child show you their Google Classroom. We are starting Quarter 4 and keeping an eye on their Google Classroom once a week will help you keep up with what they are doing and if they need any help. Having your child show you all these programs will show them how much you value what they are doing.

Working together, we can make sure that each of our Broncos continues to learn and grow.

Mr. Christiansen Be Safe and Give Grace!

What's coming...

We are going to take **Spring Pictures**.

Monday, April 12th from 3:00-7:00pm will be for students who are Distance Learning. You will come to the cafeteria where students will be allowed to enter and have their picture taken. I will send a flyer via ParentSquare.

We will continue to have all our social distancing protocols in place. Everyone must wear a mask and practice social distancing. Students will wear their mask until it is time to take their picture.

Tuesday, April 13th will be for Hybrid students who are coming to school. (A flyer will be sent home.)

Our **See's Candies fundraiser** raised almost \$500. Thanks to those families that were able to participate. I am looking forward to next year and hoping that we will be able to bring back events like our Jog-a-thon and Fall Festival.

Bus riders: We will have our Bus Evacuation Drill on Thursday, March 8th at 11:00. This will cause an approximately 30 minute delay with students returning home that day.

If you need the [bus schedule, click here.](https://www.madera.k12.ca.us/Page/14768) (https://www.madera.k12.ca.us/Page/14768)

Starting on April 12th, we will be sending home **Grab-n-Go food boxes with our Hybrid students** when they leave at 11:00. These boxes will have lunch and breakfast in them.

We will still have our Wednesday Food Distribution at Berenda for our students who are Distance Learning.

April 7th, from 11:15-12:30 and from 5:00-5:45, we will have **Packet Pickup for our Distance Learning students.**

If you would like to have a **Parent/Teacher Conference**, please reach out to your child's teacher via ParentSquare.