BRES WILDCAT NEWS

Kindness

Responsibility

Self-Control

Wishing you a happy, healthy and peaceful holiday break. With the start of a new year we look behind us to take stock and look ahead to make a plan. 2021 brings some unknowns and worries as a school and community. It's hard to imagine, but we are starting to plan for fall already. The budget process has begun and we are looking at programs and needs. In planning ahead, we are looking at what these next few months will bring us. It's challenging to plan while so much uncertainty continues to swirl around us.

In a monthly meeting with Lincoln Health in December, Dr. Andy Russ stated that we are 6-8 weeks behind the trend in regards to the pandemic. He said that we should expect to see positive cases rise in the 500+ range daily through January and into February. Looking over attendance data from last year, our student population doubled in absences in January 2020 and continued with 200 additional absences in February (a short month with a vacation). Our school community was sick. I'm sharing this data with you as we head into the possible thick of the storm of this pandemic, to help alleviate fears. It is cold and flu season in Maine. We are continuing on with our reopening plans including physically distancing, masking, and increased washing and sanitizing. Our hybrid plans are aligned with BRHS, with the hope that we will not need them. We continue to have students practice the digital curriculum we purchased so that we are ready to virtually instruct students in the event we need to.

I am so proud of our staff and students! We have remained vigilant. Teachers and students have learned a new way to teach and learn and continue to learn new strategies daily. We are all doing our very best under the uncertain times we are living in and are forever grateful for the work that our entire community has put into staying safe and keeping our school open.

It might get worse before it gets better. We remain steadfast in implementing our safety measures and we ask that you do the same so that we can keep our school open and our community as safe as possible. We are setting our sites on planning for the future and are excited about moving forward on many projects and new ideas that have been on hold.

Please be well, Shawna Kurr

Important Dates

Monday, January 18

No School

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday - Friday

February 15-19

No School

President's Day/Winter Break



Winter Sports @ BRES

Winter sports are now open to students in grades 5, 6, 7 & 8 this year. There will be no traveling to other schools. We will play intramurally, within our own student body. If interested, please contact the appropriate coach by email as soon as possible.

Boys Basketball - Coach Dennis Dacus

ddacus@aos98schools.org

Girls Basketball - Coach John Gosselin

jgosselin@aos98schools.org

Cheerleading - Coach Lisa Tilton

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2019⁻2020 BRES Yearbooks



They are here!

The 2019-2020 Yearbooks have arrived!

If you ordered one they have been delivered to classrooms teachers on Friday, January 8th. If you did not order one and would like to there are 20 extras in the BRES Office and are \$12 each.