



Brimley Area Schools

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Weekly Update

Dear Brimley Area Schools Family:

The spring quarter is really flying by. It seems like we just started our Continuity of Learning Plan and now we have finished up the fourth week. Much is happening around distance learning and our students, parents and faculty/staff have worked so hard to make the best opportunity for learning possible during these difficult times. I applaud all of you for the hard work you are doing to help our students remain on the learning path and achieve as much as possible with distance learning.

As we continue to maintain the Stay at Home/Stay Safe Executive Order with the next possible chance of change coming the end of May, we are looking ahead to next year. Much needs to be accomplished as we plan for next year. Budgets are being established, teachers are being hired, curriculum is being revised and updated just to name a few. For us to plan appropriately, we will need to know who is coming to school in the fall. Further, we have a desperate need to update our demographic information, as we have found out through this school closure. Therefore, we will be sending some homework for parents in the form of an enrollment packet. Please take the time to fill it out and return it electronically, mail, or deliver it when you are out for essential supplies. We will then make sure to update our student software programs for the coming school year. Please look for a mailing in the next week or so.

Our seniors are officially done with school on May 15th. This would be the normal day for finalization of regular schoolwork with the following week to take exams. We are holding to that schedule for our seniors. We are also going to meet with the senior class officers and advisors once again this coming week to continue discussions on plans for commencement and what that could look like. There are some nice ideas coming to the surface and we will keep you informed as plans move forward.

Meals will be delivered again this coming Monday. Once again, if you would like to receive meals, please contact the central office and we will get you on the list. I want to thank all who have come in at 7:00 a.m. each Monday to pack meals and those who have helped deliver them

to our families. This truly has taken many hands to accomplish and could not have been done without all our helpers.

This past week has been National Teacher Appreciation Week. I would like to take this time to thank all our faculty/staff for their dedication and hard work that is done all year to benefit our students and school. This year finds us in a unique situation and our faculty/staff have risen to the challenge to continue educating from a distance.

Distance learning has come to challenge the comfort zones in each of us and we have grabbed the challenge without hesitation and made the best of it. We have learned what works best and made changes as needed that benefit our students. When you have a moment, please send a note of thanks and encouragement to our faculty/staff members, I am sure they would appreciate it greatly.

Again, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above school number. Please tell your children hello from all of us, we miss them and cannot wait until we can see them again. Stay strong and healthy; U.P. STRONG!!!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Reattoir". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Brian Reattoir, Ed.S.
Superintendent of Schools