



# Brimley Area Schools

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## **Update:**

Dear Brimley Area Schools Family:

I know that some of you were waiting for an updated letter last Friday and perhaps were disappointed that you didn't hear my radio announcer voice over the robo call letting you know there was another update on our website. Well, I am sorry about that, but I felt that perhaps you were getting tired of hearing my voice every Friday evening calling to remind you that there was another update on our website. In any case, I am back with another update and hope you find it informative and beneficial.

As we move into Memorial Day Weekend, and what is typically the start of the summer season, I would like to remind all of us to take a moment of time, pause, and give thanks however you choose for the sacrifices of the men and women who lost their lives defending our freedoms.

**“I believe our flag is more than just cloth and ink. It is a universally recognized symbol that stands for liberty, and freedom. It is the history of our nation, and it's marked by the blood of those who died defending it.”**

– John Thune

Memorial Day Weekend marks commencement for the Class of 2020. This will be the 111<sup>th</sup> commencement at Brimley High School. However, this year's commencement will be a bit different due to social distancing restrictions. There are several options being planned for this year's commencement and more information will become available as we continue to be allowed to move more freely about our communities. I know Miss Hyvarinen is working very hard to plan and has sent out several emails with potential options. Please make sure to respond to those emails and thank you to those who have already responded.

Congratulations Class of 2020 for your accomplishments over the last four years. You have done a great job! You have been leaders in our school academically, in athletics, student government, National Honor Society, Robotics, Quiz Bowl, and in our communities. You have finished strong in the midst of an historic pandemic. Who would have thought when we began

this year that our schools would be closed, and we would have to operate via remote learning? Although not the best way to educate students, and certainly not how any of us would have planned the remainder of your senior year, you have seized the opportunity and completed your education. Once again, CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Meals will be delivered on Tuesday this coming week as Monday is Memorial Day. We will continue to provide meal service through June 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are in need of meal service, please contact the central office and we will get you on the list for delivery.

During meal delivery this coming week, there will be another round of schoolwork for the middle and high school students. This is the last round of work for the school year at both the elementary and middle/high school. Once again, thank you so very much for all you have done to assist your children with their schoolwork during this time of distance learning.

We are planning for next school year and part of the planning process is to have each family fill out a registration form. These forms will help us make sure we have accurate data in our student information systems. Attached to this form will be a survey asking if parents plan to send their students to school in the fall. Please take a moment of time and fill out the forms and return them in the envelope provided. There is a great deal of planning going on right now for our fall return and what that may look like. Please know that we will be following the directions of the experts on a safe return to school.

Part of the planning process has included Bay Mills Indian Community. Mr. Newland and the Executive Council reached out to our school and asked what we may need to assist with opening school in the fall. One of the items that will be an essential part of screening students, faculty/staff and visitors is taking temperatures. Bay Mills Indian Community has been able to secure three thermal scanners for our school. Further, they have purchased 25 Chrome Books that students will be able to check out to assist with schoolwork. Thank you so very much for your continued partnership as we work together on behalf of our students and communities.

In closing, if I can be of any help to you, or you have ideas that will assist us as we continue to finish up this year and plan for next year, please give me a call at the office. Now, please get outside and enjoy the weekend as the weather looks to be very nice.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Reattoir". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "R".

Brian Reattoir, Ed.S.

Superintendent of Schools