

Good Evening Brown Families,

I have a HUGE THANK YOU tonight for all of our parents/families/friends! Last year, you all donated to our Brown School for students and staff through supporting our APEX fun run, Bingo Night, Cookie Dough, Spirit Wear, and lots more! The money that is raised, all goes right back into school programs for our students. Please join us for a PTO meeting if you would like to know more specifics! A few of the huge items every year are:

- PE Aide funding
- Computer Aide/Clerical Aide Funding
- Technology Funds to help us update classroom technology.
- DreamBox

Last year, enough money was raised to not only meet the budget for this school year, to continue these wonderful programs above, but there was enough extra money from the past two years to do an AMAZING thing this year, which is definitely perfect timing. Our staff has very old regular computers in their classrooms that we have a Mimeo attached too. (The mimeo is like a digital white board). We actually had to buy cameras at the beginning of this year quickly due to the possibility of distance learning from the classrooms this year. When we went distance learning last year in March, our staff utilized our computer lab student laptops to teach our students through distance learnin and have continued to use these laptops to ensure our students are provided with quality instruction. The AMAZING thing is that with the HELP of all of you and your support, we are able to purchase STAFF LAPTOPS for every teacher! There are truly no words to express how important and what a key piece of equipment this will be for years to come for our teachers. They'll be able to take the laptop to and from home, be able to teach from home at a moment's notice, and also have an up to date and reliable laptop to use to continue providing quality instruction for all of our students.

I don't even know how to put into words how much it means to all of us that your support has helped us purchase these laptops, thank you so much from all of the Brown Staff!

TGIF:

- Our Brown Bear came out to Thank all of our amazing parents/families for following our Kiss and Drop procedures correctly.
- Please see video on facebook (this program won't let me attach it.)
- Kinder parents: Thank you so much for parking in the parking lot and not the Kiss and Drop yellow curb area on Spelling if you are walking your students to the gates! We really appreciate it. (The yellow curbed area is for unloaded and picking up only to help the flow of traffic continue to move forward seamlessly. Thank you!)

After School Chess Club?

- I apologize for the inconvenience, but there is NO Chess Club at Brown Elementary after school this fall.
- We are still following district protocols and trying to keep all students safe.
- No adults in building other than staff, and our janitorial staff is diligently cleaning nightly to be prepared for the next day.

#### Fall Picture Day:

- Due to the pandemic and protocols we are following to keep everyone safe and healthy. We are going to change our picture schedule this year.
- We will do our regular Fall School Picture Day February 8th for this school year.
  - o This means that we'll have Bell Photo come into the building and take all student/staff photos in February instead of now.
- If you want to still get a fall photo taken, you can absolutely do that at the Bell Photo location, we will have dates and times for you next week! :)

#### Licensed Substitutes Needed:

- We are still in need of regular, licensed substitutes to help cover classes when staff members are out or in meetings.
- If you are already a licensed substitute in Washoe County School District, please call 851-5600 and ask for Crystal, or please email Crystal at [Crystal.Valdez@washoeschools.net](mailto:Crystal.Valdez@washoeschools.net).
- If you are not a licensed substitute but are interested in being one, please check out the [district website](#)
- Once you are approved and ready to start subbing please contact Crystal at the above email.

#### Illnesses/Absences:

- In building/distance learning:
  - o If your student is not feeling well and you are going to keep the student home, PLEASE notify our OFFICE, not just the teacher.
  - o All illnesses need to go through our offices to follow our district protocols.
  - o Thanks!

#### Attendance:

- For distance learning students: If student is going to be absent from distance learning, please call the office for attendance purposes. 851-5600
- For in building students: If student is dropped after the 9:30 bell, please have students enter building at single point of entry for a tardy slip. NOT WING DOORS as they are locked at 9:30

#### Discovery Museum Help/Support for Distance Learning students 2-8:

- Please see flyer from district.
- It's attached.

PTO:

· Thank you to everyone who has paid the PTO membership dues – your contributions mean so much for our students! If you haven't had a chance yet, you can still send in a check or cash to the school, or pay your dues online at <https://brown-pto-membership-dues-20-21.cheddarup.com> . It's just \$10 per family, or you can always do more to help offset those who aren't able to pay. We appreciate you!

· Brown is a Box Tops School! Box Tops are FULLY DIGITAL this year – NO MORE CLIPPING! Download the free Box Tops for Education App onto your phone. Scan receipts onto the app to earn money for Brown. Our Box Tops Goal this year is \$500. There's been some great updates to the app to make it even better this year:

- o Use the Invite Friends Button in the app to ask friends & family to scan & earn for Brown
- o Use the Give Credit feature in the app to credit your Box Tops to a specific teacher (for tracking purposes)
- o Scan receipts within 14 days of purchase

A couple of safety protocols to remember for On Campus Learning:

- No parents, volunteers, extra adults will be allowed into the building at any time.
- ALL persons on campus MUST wear a MASK.
- Only ONE adult in the single point of entry area/office at a time, please practice 6 feet social distancing and wait outside until the entry area is empty. Thank you for keeping all of our students and staff safe.

Our Before and After School Kiss and Drop area:

· Thanks to all of my families who are helping to ensure that all of our students are safe and are following the protocols, just a couple of reminders:

- o Do not park on red curbs, school police will ticket you.
- o The yellow curbed areas on Spelling Court are for dropping and picking up students.

§ We do not park and leave our cars unattended, the goal is to keep the traffic constantly moving forward.

§ If you need to park and pick up your student on campus, please use our parking lot.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- Labor Day, Sept. 7th – NO SCHOOL!

· Friday, Sept. 11th: On our parent handbook/calendar, there was a Back to School night put on Friday, Sept. 11th. That was supposed to say Back to School Ice Cream Social. However, due to our covid restrictions, we are cancelling this event.

· APEX is COMING!!!!

o See flyer attached!

Sincerely,

Principal Bryan

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“We are committed to learning through perseverance!”

We Got Grit!

#### DAILY REMINDER

- \* Wear Face Coverings At All Times
- \* Maintain Social Distancing
- \* Wash Your Hands & Use Hand Sanitizer
- \* Help Keep Our Facilities Clean
- \* [Perform a Self-Screening](#) every day before school