

PRAIRIE CROSSING FOX NEWS



August 21, 2020

EVENTS

September

Mon 9/7

Labor Day - No School

Mon 9/21

Picture day

October

Fri 10/2

3:00 p.m. - Deadline to notify school of change in learning for 2nd 9 weeks

Mon 10/12

Start of 2nd 9 weeks

Car Rider Parents!!

We need your help. The safety of our students and staff is our first priority at Prairie Crossing. To help us with this, we ask that you please **DO NOT LINE UP** in the fire lane any earlier than **7:45** for the 7:55 drop off and **2:45** for the 2:55 pick up.

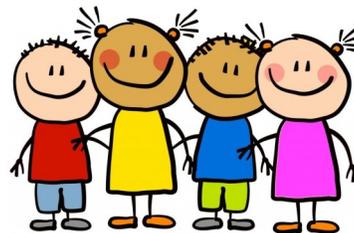
We certainly don't want to have to call emergency services and have no way for them to have easy access to our building.

A Note from Mr. Coleman

Futility and **Hope** are two words that have been on my mind this week. In the way that I have been thinking of them, they would be considered antonyms. **Futility** defined is pointlessness or uselessness, and **hope** is a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen.

As an educator in the middle of a world-wide pandemic, I seem to be on an emotional roller coaster in recent weeks and days. The tremendous high of having students and staff back in the building after such a long period of separation filled me with the hope that once again we get to impact the lives of our students. But it was accompanied by the new tasks of masking up, social distancing, hand sanitizing, virtual learning, and contact tracing. Each one of these brings a new definition to the term "the new normal." Doing these things gives me hope that we can mitigate the effects of this virus, but futile in that it will still exist in the world even when we do these things.

That helpless feeling has kept me up nights, but this is the hope that I have which comes from witnessing a couple of things. Our teachers and staff are stepping up to the plate to tackle instructing both in school and virtual learning simultaneously (basically two jobs) with such valor, that I see the goodness of people in a huge way - please be patient with them as they learn to navigate through this. And, our students are doing such wonderful job of understanding and performing all the extra safety protocols that they are asked to do. Please take note that the virus situation is where the futility comes from, but it is the goodness of people that gives us hope.



The Mission of BCSC ~ To ensure all students develop academically, creatively, physically, and socially into the finest version of themselves.

Virtual Students

Remember to log into the Google Doc **Virtual Attendance Log - Prairie Crossing Elementary** every day by 8:30 to enter your attendance.

Parents, if your student is sick or has an appointment, call the office by 8:30 a.m. to let us know they won't be "in school" today.



Thank You!

Many thanks to all the parents who have been sending in such great change of plans notes with all your student's info! **Having their first and last name, teacher (grade is great too!), and date helps keep confusion and mistakes to a minimum.**



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We also appreciate the phone calls for absent students!

After School Program (ASP)

If your student will be staying on a regular basis or even just as needed, make sure you have completed an ASP form.

The cost is \$4 day/child for full pay and \$1 day/child if you qualify for free/reduced status.

Regular weekly payments are expected to keep your account current.



HANDWASHING is your superpower!



cdc.gov/coronavirus

Virtual Students

Are you or your parents having technical problems with your device? Contact the Technology Dept at techteam@benton.k12.in.us for help or call them at Benton Central at (765) 884-1600 ext. 1131.



Picture Day

School picture day is Monday, September 21st.

More information including how to order and how this will happen for virtual students will come as we get closer to picture day. Follow your weekly Fox News for updates.