



Banks Middle School
12850 NW Main Street, Banks, OR 97106
Preparing Students For a Positive Future



August 4, 2020

Dear BMS families,

I hope this letter finds you doing well and staying healthy! It has been an unusual summer for me, but I have done my very best to enjoy the wonderful weather and time with my family. I hope you have been able to do the same. 🌻

Mr. Leo sent communication last week informing everyone that we will be in a Comprehensive Distance Learning Model until at least November 13, 2020. We will reassess how we are progressing on the matrix provided by the state, to see if we are able to open in November.

I will be sending out weekly communication to keep you informed and up-to-date on our progress as we plan for this school year. Here is this week's update.

- The first day of school will be **September 8th**
- We are developing a daily schedule for students to follow. This will provide a clear picture of what the day will look like for students. We will share this schedule with you prior to school starting. The schedule will be based on Oregon Department of Education's recommendations that students spend 2 hours and 20 minutes a day in online school. You can visit the ODE website and read the guidance if you would like more information. <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety/Documents/Comprehensive%20Distance%20Learning%20Guidance.pdf>
- Each child in the district will receive a technology device for use with Comprehensive Distance Learning. The devices will be given out later this month or early September.
- We will have a Virtual 6th Grade Open House - more information to come.
- We will not have a registration night. Instead, we will mail information home to you and you can mail it back or drop it by the school.
- Please don't worry about school supplies or the normal \$35.00 school fee.
- We will move school pictures to the spring.
- District information is posted on the BSD website and there is a FAQ link on the site as well.

I hope this communication helps! Each week from here until school starts you will receive more communication, which I hope will continue to be helpful. We miss the students and the routines that we have grown to love and be so comfortable with over the years. I look forward to learning and growing with the staff, students and community and we become more

resilient and strong through this challenging time. I am sending happy thoughts to all of you!
Please tell your children hello from all of us at BMS!

Stay well,

Mrs. Waite-Larkin, Principal

Mrs. Gallien, Assistant Principal