



Brady Middle School
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Dear Parents,

I'd like to thank all of our students, staff and parents for a great first week of "all-in" implementation at Brady Middle School. Please take a moment to watch [this video](#), which includes some pictures and video of what students experienced across the Orange Campus this week.

Please take a moment to read this update from Brady Middle School:

Resources for Implementation of the "All-in" Model

Here are some important resources to review prior to implementation of the "all-in" model on Monday, March 1:

- We will follow [this bell schedule](#) starting Monday, March 1. Please note: the A-B-C-D schedule *will be suspended* when we follow the "all-in" model. All classes/periods will meet on a daily basis while "all-in."
- [Implementing an All-Day, In-Person Instructional Model: Getting to "all-in" with a Remote Option January, 2021](#)
- [Building Logistics - March 1, 2021](#)
- [Orange Schools News Article - Travel, Quarantine, Mask, REME](#)
- *****NEW***** [Attendance Guidelines for Parents](#) *****NEW*****

School Medical Forms

Important medical forms, which may be completed and sent via email to Mrs. Jill Cannata, School Nurse (jcannata@orangecsd.org) are included below. If you have prescribed medications that accompany the forms, you may drop the forms off in the clinic when you bring the medications to school.

- [medication authorization record.pdf](#)
- [Asthma Action Plan.pdf](#)
- [severe allergy emergency care plan.pdf](#)

Dreambox Results at BMS: Something to Celebrate!

We are very pleased with our results from our first year of full implementation with the Dreambox math online program. Dreambox adapts to individual learners, personalizing instruction on a unique pathway that includes interventions and enrichment aligned to Ohio's revised math standards. The program, unlike many other online math programs, is designed to increase students' *conceptual understanding** of math concepts and to increase the use of and understanding of mathematical models. The program closes understanding gaps that students may have from prior years and provides content from elementary math through high school statistics and probability to ensure that every student has the right amount of productive struggle

on the program. Dreambox provides real-time data for teachers without requiring students to take any assessments.

Currently, BMS 8th grade students that are completing 5 or more lessons a week have grown more than one full grade level (139%) in their math understanding in just 4 months of implementing the program! Those that have completed 2-4 lessons have grown less than 1/2 of a school year (45%). Additionally, we see the same margin of growth ratio in our 6th and 7th-grade students--BMS students that complete 5 or more lessons a week are growing three times as quickly as those that complete 2-4 lessons a week. Check-in with your student and see if you can make some small tweaks in how many lessons he or she is completing, it could have a HUGE impact!

To learn more about Dreambox, visit www.dreambox.com. You can also view this [presentation](#) from our math coach that includes parent's frequently asked questions about the program as well as information about how you can set up a parent account to view your student's progress.

*Conceptual understanding - Many students are able to complete math problems by memorizing a set of steps or knowing an algorithm, for example, in elementary math, often students know how to add a two-digit by two-digit number but they do this procedure without place value understanding. The math becomes more a function of their ability to remember steps such as carrying, borrowing, etc--*a situation absent of critical thinking*--rather than thinking through the problem and completing it based on their understanding of place value.

Opportunity for girls entering 8-10th grade

The Ohio State University's Translational Data Analytics Institute hosts a free 4-day summer camp designed for young women who will be entering grades 8-10 to explore data science and analytics. It's an exciting, fast-growing field centered on scientific methods and processes for extracting new knowledge from data. Students who learn these skills can combine them with an unimaginably wide range of interests, from business and biology to health care and education, to city planning and social services. This year's camp will be virtual, [register here](#) for this exciting opportunity!

PTA's Bookfair Goes Online

You're invited to shop the Brady Middle School Scholastic Book Fair online from **Friday, February 26th to Thursday March 11, 2021!** All purchases benefit our school and connect kids with new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more. For more information, click on [this link](#).

Brady Yearbook - Last Chance to Purchase

The Brady Yearbook sales end April 2. This unique hardbound book will be filled with memories to last a lifetime. The cost is \$25 and can be ordered at [Lifetouch Yearbook](#). If you ordered your book, we thank you. If you are uncertain, just go to the site to check your order status. We thank you for supporting the Brady Yearbook Club.

7th & 8th grade Brady Spring Sports

If you have not done so already, please sign your child up for 7th & 8th grade Brady Spring Sports if they intend on participating. 7th & 8th grade Brady Spring Sports include: Baseball, Club Lacrosse, Club Tennis, Softball, Track & Field. Follow the four steps at the [Brady Athletics Website](#) to sign your child up. Each Spring Sport will have its own Virtual Parent Meeting. Parents will receive meeting information through email sent to the email address they provided in FinalForms. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Opfer, BMS Athletic Director, via email (dopfer@orangecsd.org) or by phone (216-831-8600 ext. 3138).

Important Dates:

- Thursday, March 11 - Grade 5 Parents Scheduling Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - via Zoom
- Friday, March 12 - Vaccination Day #2 for Orange Schools' Staff (asynchronous learning day for students)
- March 22 - 26: Spring Break
- March 29 - School Resumes
- Friday, April 2 - Good Friday (No School)

Links

- [Orange Schools Lunch Menu](#)
- [BMS Power of the Pen Team Excels at Districts!](#)
- [BMS Hosts Virtual 2021 Science Fair](#)
- [BMS Spelling Bee Goes Virtual](#)
- [BMS Fab Lab](#)
- [In a Time of Crisis, Call Us First](#)
- [Children Signs and Symptoms \(Anxiety and/or Depression\)](#)
- [Know! Compassion and Caring to Reduce COVID Stigma](#)

Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's Pride leader or to any member of the Brady staff for assistance. We are here to help!

Sincerely,



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