

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

2021

Superintendent's Corner:

The school year is flying by extremely fast. It is hard to believe that the first month of school is already completed. With that being said, the weather is also changing with the months on the calendar. The weather is getting a bit colder in the morning with a hint of frost on the pumpkins. Autumn is in the air! Please get out and enjoy the nice fall weather we are experiencing.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, guardians, students, and the community for your patience once again this school year as we continue to navigate this pandemic. We will continue to monitor the data provided by the Chippewa County Health Department as we make decisions around mitigation strategies. The Board is updated every week on the data provided by the Chippewa County Health Department and will work to make any necessary adjustments to our COVID-19 school plan.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

The first round of Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on October 7th, beginning at 4:30 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. Please don't forget that we have a full day of school on the 7th.

Professional Development

We will have a professional development day for our faculty/staff on Friday, October 8th. There will be no school for students on that day, please enjoy the three-day weekend.

First quarter ends

The first quarter of the school year will end on November 5th. The second quarter will begin on Monday, November 8th. Further details will follow regarding when report cards will be sent home.

Substitutes Needed:

We are in desperate need of substitutes in all areas of our school. If you are interested in becoming a substitute, please contact the central office and we will provide you with an application. The major areas of need are: Custodians, kitchen staff, bus drivers, and paraprofessionals.

Bus Drivers Needed:

We really need additional bus drivers for our school. Currently, we are short one regular bus driver and there is a desperate need for substitutes. If you are interested in becoming a bus driver please contact the central office for an application. We will pay for the training that must be taken in order to become a bus driver.

Respectfully,
Mr. Reattoir
Superintendent

NEWS FROM THE DESK OF THE HS/MS PRINCIPAL

September was a busy month here at Brimley Middle School/High School. We welcomed several new students and faculty to our school, sports programs got under way and adjusting to the new school year, and this continuing pandemic is always interesting. But here we are into the month of October and things are starting to smooth out and fall into routine.

PROGRESS REPORTS AND PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Progress reports will be sent out the week of October 4th, and should make it home before conferences on October 7th. As we work through our new student information system, Skyward, please continue to give us patience and understanding. If you have any questions with your child's grade or assignments, please contact their teacher to get things qualified.

Conferences will take place on Thursday, October 7th, and run from 4:30pm to 8:30pm. They will be in person at the MS/HS, however, they will be held in individual classrooms to help with social distancing. Teachers have been reaching out to set up scheduled conferences in order to help decrease wait time between conferences. If you have not made contact with your students' teachers, please send them an email or give them a call to set up your conference.

SKYWARD

The family access portal is now open and accessible by students and parents. If you did not receive an invitation email, please contact Mr. Brian Komejan at bkomejan@eupschools.org.

With the portal, you will be able to access your students' grades, attendance, and behavior history. As always, if you have any questions with what you see, please contact your child's respective teacher, or the office.

HONORS AVAILABLE

Each year the Brimley Middle School/High School honors our students achieving academic success at an Honors Banquet hosted at Lake Superior State University. While the banquet may look different this year due to COVID restrictions, students will still be able to earn the same honors as in years past. Students earn their invitation by maintaining a B average for the first three marking periods and the semester and having no grade lower than a C-. Please encourage your child to strive for this honor.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

A reminder that we do offer after school tutoring on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 3:30 – 4:30. There is also a tutoring bus that takes students home as long as they are in tutoring the entire time.

#BEtheBAYS PROGRAM

Our #BEtheBAYS program is soon to be up and going this fall once again. The #BEtheBAYS program is a behavioral intervention program that is required by the state to help promote positive behavior. It is designed to track student behavior, analyze where and when our biggest issues are occurring and make plans to help encourage students to make better choices. At the beginning of the school year, we have a lesson that is taught to the student body about what behavior is expected in various parts of the school, including: hallways, locker rooms, classrooms, buses, cafeteria, school grounds and the community. Students who exemplify these behaviors have their names put into a drawing once a week and earn certain “perks” at the school. For example, one of the perks they might earn is five minutes early to lunch, for three days, with a friend. Also, once a month a bigger drawing is held, where students can be rewarded with a gift card to various restaurants, an iTunes gift card or other options that kids enjoy. This is our eighth year using #BEtheBAYS and it has been an effective tool for our school.

BOOSTER CLUB

Our Sports Booster Club is always looking for new members or new ideas, so if you are interested in joining or finding out more information, please contact Terry Maguran, the head of our Booster Club, at brimleysportsboosters@gmail.com or at (906)322-6269.

OTHER EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Our school also offers other extra-curricular opportunities besides sports. They include: Student Council, Quiz Bowl, National Honors Society, Key Club and Robotics. Robotics is gearing up to start. They are currently looking for sponsorship for this year's competition. If you are interested in contributing, please contact their advisor, Mrs. Vicki Pomeroy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 7th is Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:30-8:30 PM)
- October 8th – No school for students, professional development for staff
- October 13th – Freshman students will be attending Manufacturing Day at LSSU
- Juniors will take the NMSQT Test (A pre-test for the SAT) on October 26th.
- November 5st – End of first marking period

WRAP UP

That wraps it up from the desk of the high school/middle school principal. If you ever have questions, concerns or words of encouragement, feel free to stop by the office. We are always happy to have community members give their valuable input.

Tom Suggitt
MS/HS Principal

MS/HS Principal #2

This will be my last newsletter that I write as the Brimley Area Schools MS/HS Principal. At this time I just want to express my sincere appreciation to the Brimley Community for the opportunity to serve my Alma Mater for the past almost 30 years. What a privilege it was to teach, coach and be a principal to students here. I will cherish the memories and relationships

that I had the opportunity to develop. The building is left in good hands with the hiring of Mr. Tom Suggitt. He will do an excellent job and is a genuine person and friend. But no worries, as I will still be around. At the recent school board meeting I was hired as the new Athletic Director. I am looking forward to this opportunity and especially the chance to continue to work with the young people of the community.

Thank you again and God Bless

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Powder Puff Game - 10/14/21 at 7pm Football field. Please come to support our students and student council.

FASFA Night

Monday, October 11th, 2021

High School Cafeteria

Starts @6:30 pm

Questions - call Mrs. DeMolen at 906-248-3218 ext. 110 or

Email

Testing

All Juniors will be taking the NMSQT test on October 13th, 2021. They are to report to the elementary cafeteria at 8:10 am to start the process.

News from Elementary Land

Brimley Elementary parent-teacher conferences will be held October 7th. They will be held between the hours of 4:30-8:00. Your student's teacher will be contacting you to set a time for one-on-one conferences.

October 15th will be picture day at Brimley Area Schools, so don't forget to smile!

The school year is moving along quickly. November 5th will be the end of the first marking period.

The students have filled the PBIS ticket tube by showcasing positive behavior throughout the school all month. They have earned the reward of "A Movie in School."

In effort to keep the cohorts separate we will not be having our traditional Halloween parade. Instead we will be doing a Halloween trail in our gym. There will be prize stations set up. We will also be allowing in class Halloween parties with store bought, pre-packaged foods. Please don't forget that these can not contain peanut/tree nuts , banana, pineapple or fish. Thank you for helping keep all of our children safe.

**Hugh Clarke
Elementary Principal**

Brimley Elementary School

Student of the Month

September 2021



Mrs. Leep's Kindergarten class is so excited to announce that **Thomas Tremblay** is the September Student of the Month. Tommy does a wonderful job following Bays Ways. He is very kind and respectful to students and staff at school. He is responsible and keeps his areas clean and follows our classroom routine so that he is always ready for his next task. Tommy is fun on the playground and everyone enjoys playing games with him. We are so happy to have Tommy in our class and we love his happy smile! Thanks for being a great example to others on how to follow Bays Ways and how to be a wonderful classmate and student!

Mrs. Leep



I am pleased to announce that our Student of the Month for September is **Scarlet Tuomikoski**. Scarlet is a very responsible student who is always showing Bays' Ways. She takes her time and works very hard to create quality work for every assignment. I can count on her to always be on task even when others around her might not be. During lessons, Scarlet is a role model for peers by

listening, sitting nicely, and following along. Her eagerness to learn and share what she knows is enjoyed by all. Scarlet has shown excellent student behavior all month. We are lucky to have such a sweet, responsible girl as part of our class. Keep up the great work!

Mrs. Hill/Miss Bentley



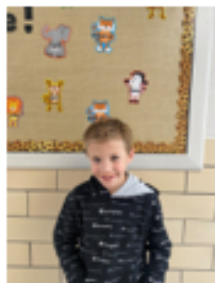
It is with great pleasure that I am announcing **Jackson Teeple** as our 1st Grade Student of the Month for September! Jackson consistently follows Bays' Ways in all areas of our school, and he goes out of his way to help everyone every single day. His classmates have stated that they like to play with him on the playground, he is their best friend, and is very nice. Congratulations, Jackson! We are very proud of you. He is a very thoughtful, considerate, and helpful to everyone in our first grade classroom.

Mrs. Castagne



Emily Young has been chosen as our Student of the Month for the month of September by the students in Ms. McPherson's first grade classroom! Emily is an enthusiastic learner, a good thinker, and always wants to do well. She is respectful in school and on the playground where she waits her turn, raises her hand when she wants to be heard, and has a level 0 voice in the classroom, hall, and bathroom. She is a kind and helpful member of our classroom family who follows Bay's Ways. Emily is a responsible learner as she completes her tasks in a timely, neat manner and follows directions. She also makes good decisions when it comes to safety. We are thrilled to have Emily in our classroom and have enjoyed her smiling face every day.

Ms. McPherson



We are pleased to announce our second-grade student of the month for September as **Jaxson Stacy**. Jaxson is a wonderful person in every way. He is a great student who participates in class, encourages his classmates, and is always eager to learn. Jaxson knows the meaning of effort, responsibility, and respect and it shows through his actions every day. We couldn't be more proud of our classmate Jaxson. Great job!

Mrs. Sellick



I am excited to announce that **Davyn Olmstead** is our September student of the month. Davyn has started the school year off on a positive note. He comes into the classroom and quickly starts his assignment. Davyn works very hard on his schoolwork and loves to learn new things. He is an active participant and has great ideas. Davyn is always kind and polite. He treats his classmates with respect and is a terrific role model. Great way to start the year Davyn!

Mrs. Gross



I am thrilled to announce that our September Student of the Month is **Bobby Robbins**. Bobby is a fantastic young man that has adapted so well to the changes that come with moving to third grade. He comes into the classroom each morning with a smile on his face and is always prepared for the day. He is a great friend to all of his peers as he is helpful, friendly, and has excellent manners. I am so proud of how well he follows the Bays Ways and of what a great role model he is to his classmates. Congratulations, Bobby! Way to go!

Ms. Peller



Louise Duvall is the student of the month in Mrs. Jarvi's 3rd grade classroom for the month of September. Louise has shown that she has outstanding leadership qualities and a kind heart that always thinks of others. Louise is always sharing her ideas with the class and goes out of her way to make others feel welcome and included. Louise displays all of the Bays' Ways that we want students to show throughout the school day too! Keep up the amazing work & congratulations, Louise!

Mrs. Alexia Jarvi



My Student of the Month for September is **Leah Sellick**. Leah has done an amazing job following our Bays Ways since Day 1! She is very respectful to her teachers and classmates. She consistently does her best whether on her own, with a partner, or in a group. She is very conscientious with her choices and sets a great example for her classmates to follow. She always comes to class ready to learn and keeps a positive can-do attitude even when it's a challenging problem. Congratulations Leah on earning SOTM for September!

Mrs. Rogers



Aubrey Marra has the honor of being the September Student of the Month for Mrs. Dettloff's 4th Grade Class! When Aubrey's classmates were called upon to nominate a candidate for Student of the Month, Aubrey received numerous nominations. During the nomination process, Aubrey's peers exclaimed that she is a great role model who always follows the Bays' Ways. She is kind, hardworking, and a good friend to all! Aubrey always puts her best foot forward and works hard on each assignment. As a class, we appreciate when Aubrey volunteers to read and to share her thoughts and ideas. Our class is so proud of Aubrey! Way to go! Keep up the fantastic work!

Mrs. Dettloff



I am pleased to announce that **Dylan Malin** is our September Student of the Month. Dylan always comes to school prepared and ready to learn. He is always respectful and kind to his teachers and peers. He often asks his peers if they need help on an assignment and helps them complete it successfully. He is a responsible learner who completes his assignments with his best work, follows directions, and makes good decisions. He follows all of our Bays' Ways rules and procedures in every setting making him a great role model for his peers. He is a pleasure to have in class and I am so proud of all his hard work so far this year. Keep up the amazing work Dylan, I am so proud of you!

Miss Grandfield



Congratulations to our September Student of the Month, **Lilly Vogel!** Lilly is an awesome new student to our district. She is a wonderful addition to our classroom and our school. Lilly has overcome the anxiety of being a new student and has jumped right in with her learning. Lilly shows every day that she is respectful, responsible, safe, and ready to learn. Lilly is making new friends and is being an awesome friend to her classmates. We are so proud of you Lilly! Keep up the great work, you make a great Brimley Bay!

Mrs. Rutledge



Getting back into the school groove is always a bit difficult, myself included! The September student of the month had no difficulty getting back to it and I can't tell you how impressed I am with their work ethics. Not only is this student an excellent worker, but they also are very kind to everyone that crosses their path. I am proud to announce that the first student of the month for Mr. Conley's class is **Erin Krusen**. Congrats Erin and keep up the amazing work!

Mr. Conley



Haily Lawson is September's Student of the Month because of her amazing work ethic and positive attitude. Haily is constantly striving to do her best at all times. She cares deeply about her work and even helps others around her to complete their work correctly. Haily also is excited to learn new things and participates daily. Her enthusiasm for learning is contagious and I am so glad to have Haily as a student. Keep up the hard work Haily!

Mrs. Stacy