

D.L Beckwith Middle School Daily Announcements
Thursday, October 15, 2020

| <u>Dates to Remember:</u> | The Beckwith Top 10 |
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| <p>Oct. 15 Grades 5 &6 Cohort B starts Hybrid</p> <p>Oct. 16 No School Teacher Workshop</p> <p>Oct. 19-20 Grades 5, 6, 7, 8 Cohort A goes Hybrid</p> <p>Oct. 22-23 Grades 5, 6, 7, 8 Cohort B goes Hybrid</p> | <p>1. In early summer the school district made the decision to go one-to-one with Chromebooks for students in grades 5 and above using grant funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Unfortunately, though ordered in early summer, the allotted Chromebooks for Beckwith have not arrived yet. We are unable to provide a new device to students in grades 7 and 8 until the shipment arrives. To ensure our students have access to technology while in school, we have provided gently used Chromebooks to each homeroom for 7th and 8th-grade students. Students will be assigned a device while in school but will be unable to take the devices home. Once our new Chromebooks arrive, we will be sure to notify families of our 7th and 8th-grade students and begin the process of distribution. Thank you for your patience and understanding,</p> <p>2. Beckwith is going hybrid for all grades next week. Be sure your child comes to school with everything he/she needs such as a fully charged Chromebook, headphones, lunch, pencils, erasers, etc. Please review more hybrid details here. And don't miss our video entitled, "A Day In the Life at Beckwith".</p> <p>3. For each cohort's first day, students who are not in the building will have asynchronous work. Asynchronous work is work assigned through the Google classroom without in-person learning. For students who are in the building, we will focus on procedures, protocols, and acclimating to the building. After the first day of school for each hybrid cohort, students will participate in the workshop model in which students are working with the teacher both remotely and in person.</p> <p>4. The 2020-2021 BMS Bus route is on our website. This is the morning route. We are informed that the PM route is the reverse order of the morning route.</p> <p>5. We hope remote learning is progressing more smoothly for everyone with each day. Students are expected to check into homeroom at 8 a.m. Their day will end at 2:15 p.m. We are including a link to the Beckwith FAQs. If you need assistance, as always, feel free to contact the Beckwith office at 508-252-5080 or email a staff member.</p> <p>6. Today we are attaching the PTSA's wreath fund raiser</p> |

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7. If your child will not be attending remote, hybrid, or live classes on a particular day, that morning please leave a message on our [absence line 508-252-5080](tel:508-252-5080). If your child has an excused absence, please ask your child's doctor to fax the medical excuse to us at 508-252-5082.

8. **From the Health Room:** All 7th grade student immunizations and current physical information must be up to date and provided to the health office. If you have not provided this information to Mrs. Mondor, our school nurse, it must be submitted at this time. All students must have a current (less than one year old) physical on file in order to try out for any sport. New requirements for students this year is that grade 7 students must have TDAP and meningitis vaccine MCV4. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is now requiring that every student have evidence of a recent FLU VACCINE on file with the School Nurse, whether they are attending school in person or remotely. This evidence must be signed by the provider of the vaccine (not just the "fact sheet"), and the shot must be given on or after July 1, 2020 to be effective in the upcoming flu season. All paperwork must be submitted by Dec. 31, 2020. Paperwork can be emailed to Mrs. Mondor at cmondor@drregional.org

9. Our [October Lunch Menu](#) is posted on our website. **Breakfast and Lunch are both available free to all Beckwith students all school year.** The Grab and Go lunch service is available. Pick up will again be at DRRHS from 10 am to noon and all are welcome to participate. This service is free for all Dighton-Rehoboth students. For students in high needs programs, both breakfast and lunch will be provided for free.

10. Parents who are picking up their child from school should email svincelette@drregional.org and krebello@drregional.org on the day they are picking up their child stating that the child is being picked up, the time of pick-up, and who is picking up the child. We will be checking the sender's email against what we have listed in X2 for verification. We will still require the person picking up to present your driver's license as identification so that we can release the child. Please do not fax the requests since we will not be able to verify who is sending the fax.

Additional Announcements:

Please be sure to visit the Beckwith website for updates.

Please be sure to **check the parent portal periodically** for your child's most current academic status. Report cards can be viewed and printed through the parent portal once term grades have been posted.

At times the media is invited to capture events and projects that are part of the student experience here at BMS. The Rehoboth Reporter, Taunton Gazette, Local Cable, The Sun Chronicle and The Providence Journal are typically the media outlets that occasionally seek to communicate worthwhile activities that occur in our school. Since videos, photos, and news stories about our school occasionally use the name of child(ren), we request parent/guardian permission. Please fully complete this [Photo Release Form](#) at your earliest opportunity. Thank you.

You can review the [District's Hybrid Model Instructional Details here](#). The information is also posted on our website.

Wednesdays are Tech Light Days. On Wednesdays our students will attend their remote classes from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Each class will be approximately 40 minutes long, with no study block. When they return from lunch, students are expected to complete specific work assigned by their teacher earlier in the day. The breakdown of class times is on the Beckwith calendar. Please note that the order of the students' classes will not change just the time they meet.

This morning we are attaching a letter from the PTSA and including a link to the Rehoboth PTSA website. Please [consider joining the Rehoboth PTSA](#) to assist them in their mission to support and enrich both the Beckwith Middle School and Palmer River Elementary School.
<https://sites.google.com/a/drregional.org/rehoboth-pta/join-the-pta>