

BBMS Updates and Welcome Back!

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Dear BBMS Families,

I hope this note finds you and your family doing well as you prepare for the first day of school on Monday. I hope that many students have had a chance to visit BBMS during the student orientations and that your student(s) is/are ready to go! We have been waiting so long to welcome everyone back into the building. To that end, I would like to provide you with a personal update about my health that will impact the first few weeks of school. In 2018, I was diagnosed with cancer, underwent treatments and surgery, and recovered fully. However, the cancer returned in April 2021 which required further treatments and an additional surgery that I had over this summer. The good news is that my cancer is gone once again! However, I am unable to return to work fully in time for school to begin. HCPSS has identified Mrs. Elaine Reed, retired HCPSS principal, to help support BBMS during my absence. She will begin the school year and work with Mrs. Nitsch and Mrs. Cunningham to provide additional administrative support to our team and school. Mrs. Reed did come to BBMS this past spring on days when I was out so she will be familiar with many students and staff. Please help me welcome her to Bonnie Branch!

I anticipate returning to BBMS in the very near future, but until that date, please be sure to reach out to Mrs. Nitsch or Mrs. Cunningham if you require any assistance or have questions to help you get off to a great start this year. I am excited that our PTA is up and running under the leadership of PTA President Mrs. Michelle Horner, we hired a number of new staff members this year, and the excitement for school to start is growing. I hope your kids feel the same way as we do about school starting this year (HA!!)

Lastly, please mark your calendar for Thursday, September 9 at 7pm – this is Back to School Night. We hope to see you there!!

Go Sharks!

Dr. Andrew Cockley, Principal

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