

The BC Corral

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Bronco Club

Back in the Saddle Bronco Club 20-21

Giddy-up for a wild ride and a brand new year.

Julie Chastain, **District Coordinator**

We want to take this opportunity to welcome you to Bronco Club 20-21. Bronco Club was established in 2016 to provide affordable after school experiences for our PreK through 6th grade students, and we're looking forward to making this another memorable year! Even though 2020 has been a year filled with uncertainty and change, we know one thing remains the same....kids love to be kids.

Our dedicated staff is looking forward to meeting with our students and helping them engage in fun activities that

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will stretch their minds, promote social growth, and develop friendships. With the help they need from certified

teachers and teacher assistants, Bronco Club provides an opportunity for homework to be completed before students go home. We are committed to being a program that our students love to be a part of, and look forward to having the opportunity to spend time with them. Thank you for choosing Bronco Club to fulfill your child care needs.

A Focus on Safety and Health is Our Priority.

MPS Health/Safety Plan

Mustang Public Schools has worked diligently to gather stakeholder input regarding concerns and questions raised by COVID-19 in our community as it applies to school operations. We commit to make every effort to promote healthy practices and implement protocols to provide for the health/safety of all stakeholders. This plan addresses the reasonable precautions necessary to keep our students and staff safe as we return to learning this fall. As we navigate through these ever changing times, we are very appreciative of the patience and support of our students, staff and families. The plan consists of three sections: Family/Student, Staff, and Other. Each section is organized for clarity, but may have overlaps of information. For example, some information contained in the Family/Student section may be relevant to Staff as well. This plan was developed with thorough and careful planning between Mustang Public Schools and local, state, and federal health agencies. We have been researching the constantly evolving literature from the education, medical, and

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public health sectors and careful input was taken from health professionals, as well as sought from all stakeholders through Return-2Learn surveys. The goal has been to create carefully layered, flexible, and developmentally appropriate practices that will ensure the strongest possible plan for Mustang Public Schools. Information is based upon local, state, and federal health guidance, and is subject to change based on changes in that guidance. Wherever possible, we have linked resources (Centers For Disease Control, American Academy of Pediatrics, etc.). We encourage you to visit those links for the most up-to-date information. As such, this page will be frequently updated, so please check back regularly. Here is the link: <http://www.mustangps.org/MORSEY.aspx>. ■



Mustang Creek Bronco Club having fun doing a 2019 holiday pasta craft.

Routine, Routine, Routine - BC will look a little different.

Stacey Elliott

We have just completed our first week of Bronco Club and to say we are excited is an understatement. We are so happy to see the kids back at school. As always, the first week of school can pose some challenges and this year is no exception. Thank you for your patience as we work through those little hiccups.

In the past, district administrators have always allowed each site-coordinator to design and structure their daily after-school routine. Administrators have provided the content and curriculum, but empowered site-coordinators to organize their day-to-day based on a formula that worked best for their site. With the spread of COVID-19, the impact on our school structure along with Bronco Club has greatly been effected. We recognize this creates new obstacles for Bronco Club.

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way to provide a secure environment for our children. That being said, she has developed a daily routine in which ALL sites will follow. This routine includes how students will go to each of their rotations and the

cleaning protocols for entering and leaving a rotation.

Another change made this year is how the pickup process will be handled. In prior years, parents are required to come into BC and sign their child out via our iPad. This required many hands to be on this device throughout Bronco Club. To reduce this amount of contact, our new procedure for picking up your child is as follows: parents will stay outside the pickup door, a BC staff member will be at the door and she/he will call for your child, they will indicate on the iPad who picked up the child and sign them out. As always, if the coordinator does not know the person picking up, that person will need to have their photo ID ready to show. It is best practice to always have your photo ID ready.

By limiting access to our building and our device, we hope to create a more sterile environment for our kids and staff.

As always, our staff and your child's safety is our primary concern. We hope this process will be a short lived one and we are able to return to the normalcy of life. Until then, we will follow the standards set forth in the MPS Health/Safety Plan and any additional requirements we feel are needed at Bronco Club for our children's wellbeing. For additional information, please

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When in Doubt, Stay Home.

MPS Health/Safety Plan

Student Symptoms Impacting Consideration for Exclusion from School:

Recognize the following COVID-19 related symptoms:

- A fever of 100.4° F or greater, or
- New loss of taste or smell, or
- Cough, or
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, or
- Chills, or
- Repeated shaking with chills, or
- Muscle pain, or
- Headache, or
- Sore throat■



Thanks to Kelly Sikkema for sharing their work on Unsplash.

Heroes Taking Care of Our Kids

Bettilou Stover, *Prairie View*

I am the coordinator for Prairie View Bronco Club. I have been with BC since it began in Fall 2016. I have been the PE teacher at PVE since our school opened 5 years ago. I am very proud of our school and was so excited to represent our first year to be open by being named the Mustang Public School's District Teacher of the Year. I have taught in Mustang for 22 years and have been an educator for 30 years in Texas and Oklahoma.

I have been married for 29 years to "Coach Stover" and we have two wonderful children. Laura Beth is a 26 year old chemical engineer in Dallas, TX. My son Charley just finished his freshman year at OSU in Stillwater as an electrical engineer major. Both my children loved going to school at Mustang from kindergarten to senior year. My favorite sport has to be football

with my whole family either playing, coaching, or working on the sidelines of the game for the last 27 years. I am a big Dallas Cowboys fan. My hobbies would be BIRD WATCHING and reading!

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I come into work and have the opportunity to make a positive impact on so many children each and every day. I absolutely love being the PE teacher and getting to know every single student in my building. I know this sounds cliché, but I truly feel that I am a

powerful influence on their day. Even as a classroom teacher I have always respected that privilege and opportunity.

My student's are constantly teaching me humility. They are always surprising me with their

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insight, skills of observation, and their ability to go above and beyond the expectations of the adults around them.



My favorite part of being a teacher is making a student smile. I LOVE watching their face light up when they walk in my gym, or when they find out what I have planned for them

that day. As I move to the end of my teaching career I absolutely love seeing former students bring their children into my classroom/gym. I feel so blessed to have been in Mustang long enough to see that full circle.

The hardest part of being a teacher is knowing the hardships the children are going through at home or at school. I hate that a great deal of the time the only position I have to help is giving them a hug. That is the downside of not being a classroom teacher. I don't get the time to build the relationship with all 600 plus students that I feel they need.

This coming year will be my fifth year to do Bronco Club. I always had to put my children in childcare as I went back to work. Because of this, making BC an outstanding place for children to stay after school is incredibly important and personal to me as a parent and educator. ■

Staff Highlights



Justin Collins, *Mustang Elementary*

I am not only a teacher for Bronco Club, but also I am a 4th grade teacher at Mustang Elementary. This will be my third year at ME as well as my third year in Mustang, Oklahoma. I have been an educator for a total of seven years in which four

of them were in North Carolina.

I love the positive atmosphere that Mustang schools brings to its students, staff, parents, and

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kids in education.

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The hardest part of being a teacher is balancing the varying learning styles between my students. Not only is that very difficult to master as a teacher, but to do it as effectively as possible in such a short amount of time in the year is challenging.

My family is my pride and joy. I have a beautiful wife of four years and my son. He just turned one in July of this year.

I have several hobbies I love to do when I get the chance. They include jogging or going for walks. I love karaoke and enjoy

using my hands with woodworking. I really do not have a favorite sports team, but I like watching tennis and college basketball. I am a huge March Madness fan. ■

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Department Contact Information

Bronco Club is a division of Mustang Community Education. We are happy to welcome the addition of two new staffers. Jean-Marie and Julie both bring experience and excitement to our programs. Welcome to the club.

From left to right:

- Kris Green - MCE Director
- Jean-Marie Otto - BC Operations Clerk
- Stacey Elliott - MCE Administrative Assistant
- Julie Chastain - BC District Coordinator

Contact us at: 405-376-7838



Mustang Community Education Team

PARENT HANDBOOK CHANGES 20-21: New update on BC Closings

Incident Weather, Handbook, Pg 5

As you know Oklahoma weather can change in an instant. One minute the sun is shining and the next a storm is developing. We have also experienced some unprecedented events this last school year with the pandemic and school being canceled. Bronco Club policy states, "if school is closed or after-school activities are canceled for any reason; weather, facility issue, holidays, etc., Bronco Club will also be closed for the

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affected sites".

A new change to this year's policy on closures is "if your child is not picked up within an hour of the end of the school



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day, you will not receive a credit for the canceled day".

We understand that when closures are announced, parents must take off work or find someone to pick their child up.

Please know that your child will not be left outside or unattended. They are sent to Bronco Club to wait until their ride picks them up if it is a normal day they would attend. Just know your child's safety is still our number one priority. ■

Tuition Due Date Changes to Tuesday

Tuition & Payment Information, Handbook, Pg 6

In the past, tuition has been due on Mondays. Parents had until that night at 11:59 p.m. to pay for their week of tuition before incurring a \$15 late payment fee. Implementing Eleyo has allowed parents to manage their account online, including enrollment, updating account information, and making payments.

Due to several holidays during the school year falling on Monday and parent feedback we have opted to change the tuition due date. Beginning the week of August 24th, Bronco Club tuition will now be due on TUESDAY. If not paid by that night at 11:59 p.m., your account will incur a \$15 late payment fee. Something to remember is the late payment fee does not appear until the next week's invoice.

Important: any remaining balance, whether tuition or fees, will acquire a late fee every Wednesday - until a zero balance remains. ■



Enroll, Change Schedule, Withdraw or Drop-In Requirements

IMPORTANT NOTICE - Handbook, Pg 6

Bronco Club must be given seven (7) days notice to change a schedule or withdraw from the program. Notice allows for billing adjustments to be made and additional fees to be avoided. **Parents are responsible for tuition during the seven (7) day notice.** If notice is not given, parents will be charged a minimum of one week's tuition.

Withdrawals and Change Requests are managed online at <https://mustangps.ce.eleyo.com>.

A \$5.00 change request fee will be incurred for each attendance change requested.

Enrollments into the program require the same seven (7) notice to ensure spots are available and ensure appropriate staffing is in place.

Three (3) days notice is required to process drop-in attendance. Drop in care requests can be made and paid for at <https://mustangps.ce.eleyo.com>. All fees are required before attendance, or you will be called to come pick up your child. ■

Bronco Club After School Closures

Mark your calendars with the dates below. Bronco Club will be closed on these dates. You will need to make other child care arrangements.

Labor Day - September 7
PD/Teacher Collaboration Days - September 18
Fall Break - October 15-16
Thanksgiving Break - November 23-27
Winter Break - December 21-January 1
Teacher Collaboration Day - January 4
Martin Luther King Day - January 18
Spring Break - March 15-19