

Hornet Updates Issue: 1 Vol. 1



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The goal of **Hornet Updates** is to present information on what has been taking place and the important activities that will be taking place. We will also focus on the status of school and the projection of what is coming.

It is important to say that this could all change on a moment's notice. Every school district in Illinois is subject to the decisions of the Governor, Illinois State Board of Education, and the Illinois Department of Public Health. With this being said, we could do a 180 degree turn and be in remote learning at any time. This would be completely out of our control if it were to happen.

With this as a baseline, we will work every day to make sure that we are prepared for every situation that we encounter.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for the kindness that has been extended to me as I work to get up to speed on the operations of the district. I look forward to the opportunity to work for you and with you as we move through the rest of the school year.

Brown County Schools are held in the highest regard throughout the State. They are a source of both pride and leadership. Students, staff and community are known for their hard work, dedication and pride. This ethic is carried in every classroom.

-Curt Simonson
Interim-Superintendent

Veterans' Day Parade

In lieu of the traditional programs which are normally held each year in the schools, this year local veterans were honored on November 11th with a vehicle parade. Students from all three buildings honored the veterans as they drove by each respective building.

Thank you to Dot Foods for arranging for one of their "patriotic" trailer trucks to take part in the parade to honor our local heroes.

Mr. Ebbing

Mr. Alex Ebbing, high school PE teacher and coach, was recognized by the Illinois High School Association as a Country Financial Spotlight Teacher for 2020. Mr. Ebbing was recognized at a presentation on the football field on November 12th with students, staff, and his family in attendance. Jacob Geisler, local Country Financial representative, presented the award. Mr. Ebbing's award can be viewed on the IHSA website. Congratulations to Mr. Ebbing! Brown County CUSD #1 is proud of you!

Mr. Ebbing



IHSA Award Winner



For your
Calendar

Nov. 24
Thanksgiving Brk

Dec. 18
Christmas Brk

Dec. 18
End of 2nd 9

Jan. 4
1st Day Back

Jan 18
MLK Day

Feb 15
Pres. Day

Extra Curriculars



As with virtually everything we do today, we are under the shadow of COVID. The virus has altered every facet of our life outside of our front doors. Schools across Illinois have mastered remote learning, A days and B days, and hybrid learning. Extracurriculars are also in the mix. The IHSA and its members are working very hard to develop a training and competition schedule for the second semester.

ILMEA District IV Choir

Congratulations to Mia Blaesing who was selected to the Illinois Music Educators Association District IV Choir!

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Food Drive

The Brown County High School Student Council is sponsoring a food drive to benefit the local holiday food basket program. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the high school through December 4th.

Elementary School Renovations

Last year a grant was written and approved through the Tracy Family Foundation for upgrades to the first and second grade classrooms and hallway to be completed following asbestos abatement and flooring replacement. We are excited to share that desks and chairs have been replaced and cubbies will soon replace the lockers that used to be in that hallway. Classroom cabinets will also be installed soon allowing for a substantial increase in storage for teacher and student resources. We are excited to share these upgrades and will have photos available soon.

Family Reading Night

This is an annual event held the third Thursday of November. The elementary school traditionally plans events to coordinate with this program. Unfortunately, as with many events this year, we are unable to hold an in-person event. We have asked several members of the community to submit video of them reading aloud a favorite book to share on our Facebook page for families to enjoy. Special thanks to all our guest readers!



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader ."

-John Quincy Adams

Thank You!!!

It is important as we enter the Thanksgiving Holiday that we recognize the sacrifices that are being made by students, parents, custodians, cooks, drivers, paraprofessionals, teachers, principals and Board members. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate the difficult waters of COVID. Every day is an adventure. We couldn't do it without you!

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