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 will stretch their minds, promote social growth, and develop friendships.

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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.

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/Staff, Student, 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 public health sectors and careful input was taken from health professionals, as well as sought from all stakeholders through Return2Learn 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.

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

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

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.

Julie Chastain, Bronco Club District Coordinator, has worked diligently to create additional protocols to ensure our sites are safeguarded in the best 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, the first week of Bronco Club is greatly been effected. We recognize this creates new obstacles for Bronco Club.

When in Doubt, Stay Home.

The BC Corral, Monday, August 31, 2020

Student Symptoms Impacting Consideration for Exclusion from School:

Recognize the following COVID-19 related symptoms:

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

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 go to http://www.mustangps.org/MORSEY.aspx.

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Thanks to Kelly Sikkena for sharing their work on Unsplash.
Every stable has its story - BC Spotlight.

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 engineering major. Both my children loved water as an electrical engineer.

My favorite sport has to be football. My hobbies would be bird watching and reading!

What I like most about being a teacher is that every single day I always had to put my children in childcare when I went back to work.

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 cliche, but I truly feel that I am powerful influence on their day. Even as a classroom teacher I always respected that privilege and opportunity.

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

My students have taught me the value of authenticity.

My favorite part of being a teacher is seeing the “light-bulb” come on when a child finally gets an idea or concept.

My favorite part of being a teacher is putting their children’s needs first in order to encourage everyone to help our kids in education.

My students have taught me the value of authenticity. In order for them to learn the most effective way possible, in my eyes, I treat them like I would any person. I joke with them and we have fun while we learn. Laughter is always the best medicine!

My favorite 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.

The hardest part of being a teacher is balancing the varying learning styles between every child’s potential and their own unique skill set in such a short amount of time in the year.

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.

NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES

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

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

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

Exercise caution and make arrangements with family and friends.

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.

Inclement Weather, Handbook, Pg 5
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