



# Welcome to Kappa Pod

As the new school year approaches, we would like to welcome you to Bemidji Middle School and the Kappa Pod community. By working together, our hope is that each child will have a positive and successful 7<sup>th</sup> Grade experience.

## Kappa teachers' names and email addresses are:

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## Supplies to Give Teachers During First Week

1 pkg. colored pencils	1 pkg. thick colored markers
2 boxes of facial tissue	1 single theme notebook (to leave in LA room)
1 ream of copy paper	1 pkg. Pencils
\$5 lab donation to science (Cash or checks made to BMS)	
Safety Goggles or Safety Glasses	

## Materials Students Are Expected to Have Each Day

Buy 2 packages of loose leaf paper, keep some in your math folder  
2 pkg. Pencils (replenish as needed)  
4 single-theme notebooks (different colors)  
5 pocket folders (different colors)  
highlighters (optional)

Trapper keepers are not advised in Kappa Pod.

**Kappa Pod Remind App - Please sign up**

Kappa Pod uses the Remind App for communication with families. Please sign up for Remind App messages as soon as possible by texting @kappa2122 to 81010. Students 13 or older can also join. This is for announcements only; if you need to contact teachers or have a question, please use the above email addresses.

**Daily Work and Announcements Link - Save this link to your device**

This link will be updated daily and weekly. It will also be attached to Remind App Announcements.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1l\\_wSdNAmXyCyary01tyqQSdDmUcINeEqm59wigtH7pY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1l_wSdNAmXyCyary01tyqQSdDmUcINeEqm59wigtH7pY/edit?usp=sharing)

**Family Access - Parents: Sign up now (if you don't already have an account)**

Sign up for Family Access to monitor your child's progress throughout the school year. This portal allows parents and guardians to view information related to their student's school experience (grades, attendance, missing assignments, discipline, food service info., and the ability to get email notifications from the pod). To sign up or log on to your account go to <http://www.bemidji.k12.mn.us/parent/family-access/>

**Contact information - Parents: Please make sure your contact info is up to date!**

We will send out Pod parent emails when necessary, and will also send updated progress reports for each class by email. To make sure you are getting emails and that we have correct phone numbers to contact you this year, please call the district office at 218-333-3100 and go to extension 31134. They can help you update emails, phone numbers, and addresses.

We look forward to meeting our new students on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 7th. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer!

Kappa Pod Teachers