

LAUREL SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians-

I would like to thank all of our families, students, and teachers who have embraced our current situation of remote learning. Together, I do believe we have made the best of this challenging time. We have managed to stay strong in the face of adversity and prioritize what is most important; our safety. We will continue to move forward productively, understanding the potential for an extended school closure.

As we continue remote learning, our administration has taken into consideration all of the feedback our school community has offered. With that being said, we have created a new schedule that should offer clear expectations and realistic opportunities for students to continue learning at home. Starting on April 20th after our Spring Recess, should we remain out, we will begin the next phase of our remote instruction. We will utilize the online platforms Google Classroom and Seesaw to provide school-wide instruction. There will be no more paper packet learning.

Laurel Springs School is very fortunate to be 1:1 with Chromebook technology. If you need a device for your child to borrow so that they may complete their school work, please contact the office as soon as possible. Additional to Google Classroom and Seesaw, our staff is providing class meetings through Google Meet. Each Google Meet link will be posted on the teacher's online platform for you to join. The teacher will post on their platform the times for Google Meet sessions. These are ways for students to engage with their friends and interact with their teachers through academic questioning. These online video chats will also allow for student support and a more differentiated approach to remote learning. Please keep in mind that you may still join the chat and disable the video portion should you not want to be seen on the screen.

The distribution of meals to all families in the district that qualify for free/reduced price meals will continue while school is closed. Facing unfortunate possibilities, financial circumstances can change quickly. Families can apply for free/reduced breakfast and lunch at any time. Call us for more details.

With the constant balancing act this situation is putting us in, online learning should be focused on essential content to offset inconsistencies in pacing that would be otherwise nonexistent if we were face to face in school. Our new model will serve as a concise way for students to be responsible in completing their assignments. Assignments will be checked and graded. Grades will be recorded in PowerSchool as they usually are. Report cards will now be available online only through PowerSchool. Should you need assistance logging into PowerSchool, Mrs. Isard can provide you with log on credentials. Please email her at sisard@laurelspringschool.org for help. Please find your child's specific grade level instructional plan in the table on the next page.

Curriculum/Instructional Plan

Grade					

Laurel Springs School will continue to provide and advocate for our students, both academically and socially. Please enjoy the Spring Recess and the break from remote learning while continuing to practice all of the necessary steps in staying healthy and safe. We are all on the same team here. Should you need anything, please don't hesitate to reach out at any time.

Stay well.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Mahlman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "M".

Ryan Mahlman
Principal