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**ONLINE LEARNING STUDENT EXPECTATIONS AND PROCEDURES**

Hello Students and Parents!

Our world has drastically changed since March 13th, when we last were able to see all of your smiling faces. The teachers have been working very hard preparing to embark on a new journey with all of you—online distance learning. In order for us to be able to do this and count them as required school days, we have to follow some very strict guidelines set forth by the governor. This includes being visible to instructional staff for the minutes you would be sitting in desks at the school on a routine daily basis, Monday-Friday. We have all learned the Zoom virtual classroom platform and we will be doing our classwork “live” each and every day. Class this week will be Monday-Thursday, full days (early out was cancelled), with student-led conferences Thursday evening. There may need to be some adjusting along the way as we discover hiccups, but we are going to give this a strong shot this week. Along with this, we need to set some student expectations and guidelines, so that we can guarantee that we are proceeding with strong educational instruction, that we are tracking educational progress, and that we are assessing for new knowledge.

**ELEMENTARY**

1. You will be meeting daily via Zoom each day at 9:00 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. for approximately 30 minutes with your classroom teacher. In between that time, students will be working independently on their packets.
2. At 1:30 p.m. we will be doing PE and Music. Phy ed will be on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and music will be on Tuesday and Thursday.
3. When we Zoom, you will need to be in a quiet, separate setting from the remainder of the family so learning is not interrupted by TVs, background activity/noise, pets, etc. No pets or toys will be allowed during Zoom time. We need you to be sitting at your Ipad so that we can see your face. Your undivided attention needs to be focused on the classroom instructor and the discussions/learning that is happening. You should have your marker and white board within reach, along with your learning packet.
4. You will be receiving weekly packets and homework that will need to be completed and turned in for grades. Grades will be posted weekly.
5. When it is time for a test, we are asking parents to aid us. Students should take a test in a quiet area, they should be monitored, and no use of textbooks, notes, etc. should be allowed.
6. If your student needs a book to read, please let me know. I can definitely go into the library and pick out some new books for each of them and send home with the lunch deliveries.

Sunny, Mr. Schill and I will be manning the phones and will be trying to help with questions and concerns throughout all of this. If we run into technological problems, we will address them, work through them, and continue moving forward. We ask for everyone’s patience and understanding. This is BRAND NEW to ALL of us. The administration and instructional team are working hard and trying to do our best at putting our students first during this time. We will hopefully find time soon to have Viking meetings—just so we can socially reconnect. Mrs. Henry will be making weekly calls to each of you to check on your social/emotional well-being. I am also available to any one of you if you need to vent, want to visit, etc.—my candy dish is awfully full now ☹ and it is pretty quiet in the office.

I ask that everyone- teachers, parents, students- remain POSITIVE and SUPPORTIVE of our newest initiative. It is not perfect, we know that, but we strongly believe that continuing the education of our children has to happen in some way, shape or form. We can’t lose ground on preparing our youth for the future. We all need to embrace this and put our best foot forward.

The halls are empty, we hear no chatter and laughter, and we are all awfully lonely for our kiddos. I pray this all goes by quickly, that all of our kids remain safe and healthy, and that we can soon be back together again.

Yours in Education-

Mrs. Martinson, Principal

Mr. Schill, Superintendent