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Good Afternoon Ewing Students, Families, and Staff:

I know that everything Friday, March 13th moved quickly and there are many questions out there about what comes next for our school community. Please expect to be receiving a lot of digital communication in the coming days. Please take time to read each of the messages that comes your way. I know some may be lengthy. Before I begin with this lengthy letter, I would like to take the time to thank all of you in advance for your support and assistance during this time of school closure. I appreciate the continued support and understanding as we begin to navigate new expectations and needs of our school and students.

Friday's decision to cancel school for the next several weeks came together very quickly. We have been operating with guidance from the Regional Office of Education #21 and the experts at the County Health Department ([their information related to COVID-19 can be found here](#)). They have been explaining to us, school officials, the [CDC guidelines for COVID-19](#), and how they work to keep us safe. As there are still no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Franklin, Johnson, Massac, or Williamson Counties. We have been operating for the past week within the strategies recommended by the CDC in the first two columns of the [CDC guidelines](#) on pages 3-7 of the chart.

However, the strategy across our community and the State began to change towards an approach of **social distancing**. As a result, we have put into place personal protective measures to close down our schools for students while most of our staff will continue to work to support our community. Therefore, school will be **closed from Monday, March 16, 2020 - Monday, March 30, 2020. At present, school is set to resume on Tuesday, March 31, 2020.**

So, what is the game plan for EGS!!

Presently, the District is working to formulate ongoing educational plans for students. The District is on spring break Monday, March 16, 2020, through Friday, March 20, 2020; therefore, the district is evaluating many methods to ensure learning continues during the remainder of school closure, March 23, 2020 to Monday, March 30, 2020. More information is to come regarding ways to access education, needs and resources. Please continue to read emails, text messages, and the school webpage (www.ewinggradeschool.org) to ensure you are up-to-date on current educational information. Below I have provided information regarding learning and school meals. Again, this information will be evolving as the week progresses, but I wanted to provide known resources and information. I understand the information is limited at this time, but I will provide current information as soon as I have confirmation and/or resources available to you.

Learning:

- Report Cards were set to be sent home Tuesday, March 24th- They will be sent home once we return on March 31st.
- I have included a list of online educational options students can access at home. These are learning opportunities for all ages and can be accessed from any device.
 - iXL- Reading, Math, Science and Social Studies- <https://www.ixl.com/>
 - Tumble Books- <https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/>- Username is ewing; Password = books
 - Epic <https://www.getepic.com/>
 - AR - <https://hosted313.renlearn.com/101671/Public/RPM/Login/Login.aspx?srcID=s>
 - NitroType - <https://www.nitrotype.com/>
 - Abcya.com - <https://www.abcya.com/>
 - Multiplication.com - <https://www.multiplication.com/>
 - PBS Learning - <https://ri.pbslearningmedia.org/>
 - Storyline Online- <https://www.storylineonline.net/books/house-that-jane-built/>
 - SplashMath- <https://www.splashlearn.com/>
 - ZipZap Math- <https://www.zapzapmath.com/>
 - Zearn, Iready, Reading Plus, and Lexia- All require student password.
- More specific information regarding grade level education is to come.

Meals:

- The District will have available “snack bags” for pick up at the school the remainder of this week, Tuesday through Friday. Beginning March 23, 2020, the district will have a meal plan in place for students to receive meals.
- Beginning Monday, March 23, 2020, the district will provide a “Grab and Go” lunch/snack meal for students. To order a meal for the day, please call the District office at 618-629-2181 from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Lunches will be available for pick up or delivery from 11:00-1:00. More information on times and distribution will be provided before Monday.

I will be following up in the days to come with a lot more information related to teaching and learning. We are focused on demonstrating to our students that we care about them and want to help keep moving their learning forward during these unprecedented times. Please continue to read communication from the District. I appreciate our partnership in raising healthy and successful students.

Keep following the practice of washing your hands regularly and covering your cough or sneeze.

More to come...

Kristin Ing

CDC Recommendations

This is a very drastic measure, and for it to be effective and not anxiety producing for our students, we ask that you take the following actions with your students and families [based on recommendations by the CDC](#):

- Avoid gathering in public places - especially in close proximity to others.
- Avoid close contact with those that are sick.
- Try to keep 6-10 feet between yourself and others - give yourself space.
- Be at home as much as possible.
- Try to limit who you and your children interact with to the same people you typically are around.
- Kids and families should avoid to stay healthy:
 - Be gathering in large groups - this is a time to be close with those that are closest to you.
 - Be visiting each other's homes or having sleepovers.
 - Sharing food or drink.
 - Competing in team sporting activities - use this time to train individually or with someone in the home.
- Kids and families could do to stay healthy:
 - Avoid excessive media coverage of COVID-19
 - Take care of their body. Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals, exercise regularly, and get plenty of sleep.
 - Make time to unwind and remind yourself that strong feelings will fade. Try to do some other activities you enjoy to return to your normal life.
 - Spend time outside - fresh air and exercise is one of the best things you can do over the next few weeks.
 - Connect with others. Share your concerns and how you are feeling with friends or family members. Maintain healthy relationships.
 - Use your technology and social media for good purposes - support one another and show that you care for one another.
 - Maintain a sense of hope and positive thinking.

CDC and DPH links for references

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

<https://www.hhs.gov/>