

March 30, 2020

From the Desk of Mrs. Phillips, Superintendent of Schools:

Even though we often think of April 1 as April Fools Day and enjoy fun jokes on each other, this year, there is no joke. Brown County School District will officially begin the implementation of Remote Learning on April 1, 2020, until further notice. The Governor of Illinois will make the decision of when Remote Learning will be transitioned back to our regular school days as we know them. Until then it is the resolve of all Brown County School District employees to continue to provide high-quality learning opportunities for all students.

Brown County School Teachers have been working to provide appropriate lessons that students can complete from the safety of their home. We plan to use packets that can either be picked up twice a week at the student's school or printed off from the www.bchornets.com website as available and needed. Students who have access to internet, computers, or even a smart phone, will be asked to utilize the tools that they have available to them to enhance their educational experience. Students who are too young to have these devices themselves should be assisted by parents to use them when appropriate or available. If such devices are not available, the packet of information will be viable and equitable alternative. Packets will be available **THIS WEEK on WEDNESDAY FROM 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** AFTER THIS WEEK, PACKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THE SAME TIMES BUT ON MONDAY AND THURSDAY. Each student's packet will be available in the lobby of their respective school. Packets will be labeled with the student's name so the parent or student can grab it and go. Please wait for the lobby to be empty before you enter so there will always be at least six feet between yourself and others. There will not be a packet available for students who communicate to their teacher that they will be able access the materials from the webpage OR for students in grades 6-12, from Google Classroom or their school email. If there are questions and email is not available, please call 217.773.7500 and leave a message on the office phone of the student's school. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Also remember that if you signed up for meal pick up, please arrive at your pick-up site of either Brown County Elementary School or Versailles School or Timewell Baptist Church between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Monday and Thursday to receive your meals. Currently there are approximately 150 children signed up to receive meals, but approximately 30 meals were not picked up last week each day. If you sign up for meals for your child(ren), please come pick them up. To sign up or drop off your name from the list, please call 217.773.74110 and leave a message of parent name, child(ren) name and parent phone number. Thank you!