

Lena Public School District



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April 2nd, 2020,

Dear Families and Community of the Lena Public School District,

School is a very lonely place without our students and we miss them dearly. As we all adjust to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Safer at Home mandate, and school closures, we hope you are finding silver linings each and every day in the extra time you are spending with your families.

Our teachers are continuing to prepare learning materials and resources for our students. We are asking that students and parents support our teachers' efforts by supporting the learning, activities, and opportunities that are provided. Our teachers have also been reaching out to communicate with our students in a variety of ways based on grade-level and we hope that students, who are able to, are responding to our staff. We believe that the classroom is the "great equalizer" for all of our students, but in the absence of the classroom, our teachers are doing their best to provide meaningful activities and resources for our students during this time.

While this work is not to be returned to school or "graded", we are expecting that our students are taking the time to continue to read, learn, and grow from these opportunities. The only hard copy or packet-type work that is expected to be returned to school would be in a specific case of a student who may have been missing work and/or failing from the 3rd quarter while we were still in session. Your teacher will be very clear if this is the case and this is the perfect time for a student to get caught up in this scenario.

Our second round of learning materials will be available for PICK-UP at the District Office on Tuesday, April 7th from 8:00am-2:00pm. Please practice safe social distancing when picking up work.

If you are not able to pick-up on Tuesday, we will again be using the buses for delivery of materials on Wednesday, April 8th, between 12:00pm-1:00pm. Please understand that this option is only available for families that are on our bus routes.

Our amazing Support Staff will be assisting the bus drivers with deliveries and I want to recognize them for all they are continuing to do for the district during this time.

We sincerely appreciate all of our parent and student support and patience during this time.

Sincerely,

Ben J. Pytleski
Superintendent/Elementary Principal
Lena Public School District