

Minnehaha Elementary School

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Parents/Guardians:

I have a memory from when I was a young boy standing on the edge of a cliff preparing to jump into a lake far below. I can still recall the anxiety I felt as I worked up the courage to leap. Eventually I did jump and it all turned out okay. I must admit today, as teachers were leaving the building for the weekend, I had that same anxious feeling. In some ways we are getting ready to make a leap into the unknown. Our school has never done distance learning on this scale and I would guess very few of our families or students have. So we are all making this big leap together and anxiety is natural. We are going to jump but I am very confident it will go well.

Any anxiety I have is tempered by the knowledge of how hard our teachers have worked the past 6 days preparing for distance learning. Teachers have learned the required technology and created lesson plans both digital and paper. They've worked with paraprofessionals, special education, ADSIS and Title One to make sure plans are in place for struggling learners. They have done what is necessary to make this successful. They are leaving tired today but also leaving prepared.

I'm confident we are ready and will do a great job with distance learning. I do understand however that anytime there is a change of this magnitude there may be unanticipated issues or other bumps along the way. Please contact your child's teacher when you have a question or a concern as they are in the best position to assist you. If you are having difficulty reaching your teacher then please call the Minnehaha office.

I am truly excited about the next several weeks and the learning that is going to take place for all of us. Below are some things to remember as we begin distance learning.

I look forward to learning with you.

Mr. Brett Archer
Principal

Pick up/Drop off sites:

Food will continue to be provided by the school district to those that have signed up.

The district will no longer be delivering to homes but instead will be delivering to pick up and drop off sites. These sites are open 9-11am Monday through Friday.

On Fridays any packets to be delivered to student's can be picked up by parents/students at the same pick up/drop off sites. Any packets with your student's completed lessons should be returned to these sites each Friday.

(NO MEALS OR PACKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON APRIL 10th double meals and packets will be distributed on April 9th)

Below are the pick up/drop off sites.

- Minnehaha - go to door #2
- Duluth Township Town Hall on the Homestead Road - lower parking lot
- Knife River Rec Center Parking Lot
- Hugo's Parking Lot
- Beaver Bay Green Door Parking Lot
- Finland Claire Nelson Center Parking Lot

Tech Help: If you need tech help, you can go to the district website at www.isd381.org. Click on the services drop down menu and then click on the technology help desk form. Complete the form and someone will help you.

Dear Families,

I want to remind parents and students that I will be available by email: rhoward@isd381.org and if you need anything at all, please send me an email.

Also, I will be checking voicemail 218-834-8221 Ext: 8421

If you need to talk in person, please email me or leave me a voicemail and ask me to call you. My number will register on your phone as a **private party** or **no caller ID**.

I'm here to support you,

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****Office Hours: 8:00-Noon. Emails and voicemails will be responded to during school hours. If you are in crisis, call 911 or Text MN to 741741.**