Pretty Water Public Schools

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Pretty Water Families,

I know this is a very trying time for all of you, but we will get through this as a community and school family. We are currently following the CDC recommendations as the coronavirus continues to spread across Oklahoma. Yesterday the State Board of Education closed all school buildings for the remainder of the current school year and issued an order for schools to offer distance learning from the week of April 6 to May 8. To protect you and our school staff, there will be limited physical contact with the school. Right now, the safety of our students, staff, and families are of the utmost importance.

The Pretty Water distance learning program will primarily consist of enrichment activities utilizing computer programs with which students are already familiar. These enrichment programs are designed to build on the knowledge already acquired by students. If families do not have access to the internet, alternative methods may be used. These may include educational packets provided by the school or educational enrichment activities that individual families already possess, and feel are appropriate. Instructions on how to access the on-line enrichment activities will be made available by next Friday so students can start accessing them on Monday, April 6. Teachers will start contacting parents next week to establish a way for you to communicate any questions you may have for them during this 5-week period. If you do not have access to the internet and would like an enrichment packet for your child, please let your teacher know when they contact you, and arrangements will be made for you to pick up a packet. OETA will also start broadcasting special programing for students starting March 30.

In the interest of fairness to all students, grades will not be given for enrichment activities completed during the 5-weeks of distance learning. We will be operating under the assumption that parents will have their students participate in a way that is satisfactory to the parent. With that assumption, students will receive an S for satisfactory in all core classes for the fourth nine weeks grading period. This will essentially make the third nine weeks grade also count as the semester grade for all students.

As a reminder, Grab and Go meals will be distributed starting on Monday, March 30. Each community member 18 and under will receive 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 10 milks, and 5 juices each Monday. Meals will be delivered curbside in front of the storm shelter from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm each Monday. I encourage all families to participate in this meal program. In the effort to limit contact, students **do not** have to be present for families to pick up their meals.

I am confident that students will be prepared and ready for school when we can all be together again. I know that students and parents alike will be even more excited than usual for that first day of school in August.

Please stay safe and God Bless!

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Dr. Jeff Taylor