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Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Good Afternoon Ewing Students, Families, and Staff:

Reminder, the 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.

Starting **Monday, March 23, 2020**, the district will provide continuous learning opportunities for students. Teachers are working on activities that will review content, build skills, reinforce learned content as well as expose students to content to keep them on track for learning. The District acknowledges limitations with the Internet, electronic devices as well as understanding/knowing how to help students learn new information. EGS is committed to supporting students and families as we work through this unusual educational setting.

TimeLine for Learning Activities:

- All digital learning and communication from teachers will be provided to parents no later than **10:00 am on Monday, March 23, 2020**. Please check Dojo, Goggle Classroom, Email, and/or Remind.
 - Please note: Kindergarten and Frist Grade will primarily have paperwork. Paperwork will be delivered Monday.
- Any paperwork/learning packets will be delivered by school bus on Monday during the meal **bus route times of 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**. If pick up of the learning packet is necessary, please contact the school as soon as possible.
- The learning guidance and paperwork that will be provided Monday will be for the **remaining 6 days** of the school closure (March 23 through March 30).
 - Learning expectations and plans will be communicated if school is closed passed the March 30th date.

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Online subscriptions:

The District has secured several online subscriptions that are used at school to be available for home use. Teachers will provide additional guidance and information in their lesson plans for each grade level/content.

- **Iready**- Everyone should have access to INSTRUCTION in reading and math, not just testing. Students use their Iready login for instruction just as they do for the assessments.
- **Discovery Education**- To come- The District is working on student access for this learning platform.
- **Starfall**- Is a program for Pre-K through third grades. Teachers will provide access codes for each student in those classes.
- **Brainpop**- The District has secured free account information for all students. The login information for Brainpop is as follows: UN- egs115 PW is school115
- **Tumble books**- I shared in the previous letter to parents. Login Information: UN- ewing PW- books

- **All other subscriptions** or online accounts/web pages should already be accessible to students they just may need a reminder of their passwords!! If any more become available, the district will provide information to parents.
- Zearn, Iready, Reading Plus, and Lexia- All require *student* passwords.

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 Monday through Friday** during the mandatory school closure timeframe (Monday, March 23rd through Monday, March 30).
- The District will have available “snack bags” for pick up at the school the remainder of this week.

Resources:

Spectrum is offering Education Assist for those K-12 schools affected by Coronavirus shut downs with free Internet at home for 60 days. Here is what families need to do:

1. Call 1-844-488-8395
2. Use the option "set up new service"
3. When you are connected with a spectrum representative, tell them you are calling about the Education Assist program and that you have a K-12 student in need of internet at home for E-learning.
4. The representative will ask for a zip code. Unfortunately, there are still some rural spots that Spectrum cannot service. A zip code check will allow Spectrum to see if they can get service to the residence.
5. If they can get service to your residence, they will come and set up internet in your home for free (no installation costs) and no bills for 60 days.
6. *Be warned, though. It is up to the resident to cancel Spectrum service when the 60 days is over or else Spectrum will start billing for the service after the 60 day period.

Previously Released Information

Monday, March 16, 2020

- 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* passwords.

Please continue to read emails, text messages, ClassDojo and the school webpage (www.ewinggradeschool.org) to ensure you are up-to-date on current educational information. Again, this information will be evolving as the week progresses, but the District wants to continue to provide known resources and information as soon as possible.

The teachers and I will be following up in the days to come with additional 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 the 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.

Thank you for all your support! Go Warriors!!

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 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 are 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/>

[their information related to COVID-19 can be found here](#)

[CDC guidelines for COVID-19](#)

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