

# Valders Area School District

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Dear Parents;

Thank you for your time and efforts over the past two weeks to help us provide education to all of our students during this unusual situation we are all in. There have been numerous questions, of which there are no clear answers, but I will be happy to share what I know.

The Governor has issued a Safer-At-Home order, which means that we will NOT be coming back to school before April 24. When we get closer to that date in April, we may have guidance about when we may return. I will update you when I have a more definitive time of when we can return.

People have been asking about Chromebook support. If your child has a Chromebook here is some information that was sent to you earlier this week: If you have a problem with your Chromebook during this school closure period, please email [help@valders.k12.wi.us](mailto:help@valders.k12.wi.us) with a brief description of the problem. If we believe that we can talk you through the repair, we will reply with email instructions or try to contact you by phone. If a replacement is needed, let us know when you can pick it up in the Valders Middle School commons area (outside of Jane Linzmeier's office). We would like to have a pickup window of about 30 minutes between 8 am – 4 pm, and we will try to have a replacement ready within an hour of confirming the need for a replacement. Jane will not be in her office until the Safer-At-Home order is lifted; so you can just pick up your replacement and leave the damaged Chromebook on the table. Thank you for your understanding and patience during this closure.

If you have questions regarding certain computer programs or apps your child needs to use for instruction, please contact Sharon Hamby, our Library Media Specialist, at [shamby@valders.k12.wi.us](mailto:shamby@valders.k12.wi.us).

I also want to remind you that next week is Spring Break. There will be no school from March 28 through April 6. I hope you will take the time to relax and spend fun and quality time with your immediate family. You will hear more from teachers on April 7, when classes resume.

Thank you for your partnership!

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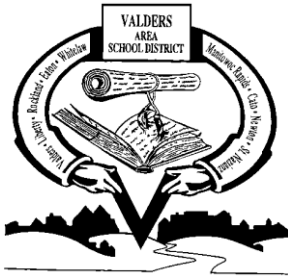
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March 16, 2020

Dear Parents,

Today Governor Evers announced a ban on all gatherings of 50 people or more.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIGOV/bulletins/2817964>

While he did say that the ban would not affect services such as grocery stores, food pantries, childcare centers, pharmacies and hospitals, **public schools are no longer exempt from this ban.**

To ensure the safety of our students and staff, school will be closed beginning tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17 through April 6, 2020. The end date is subject to change.

Teachers did their best to communicate with all students today regarding the digital learning plan going forward and parents and students should watch for future communications from those teachers.

School offices will be open tomorrow, **Tuesday, March 17, from 11am – 4pm** for students to pick up Chromebooks and other materials.

Students and parents are reminded that they will need to pick up materials only; staff and teachers will not be available to answer questions in person. Any questions may be sent via email to staff. Loitering in the halls and having conversations with others is discouraged. However, students are encouraged to clean out their lockers for sanitizing purposes.

All school buildings will be closed and all school day instruction, athletics/sports, co-curricular activities, and Community Services Department activities including childcare, fitness centers, and facility rentals are canceled until April 6.

Please be sure to check your email for future details. During this time, we will do everything we can to provide your children with a positive learning experience.

Sincerely,

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March 15, 2020

Dear parent(s) or guardian(s):

The State of Wisconsin has communicated that all public and private schools will be closed throughout the state between the dates of March 18 through April 5. The current planned reopening date for us is Tuesday, April 7. Some other important information regarding the school closures include:

- All after school activities, including athletic practices, are also canceled during this time;
- All community use of our buildings is suspended through April 6;
- The Valders Area Schools will hold a staff in-service day Wednesday, March 18 to allow the teachers to best develop virtual learning opportunities for our students.
  - o All students will receive homework for the dates of March 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27.
  - o If you do not have Internet access, you will have an opportunity to receive free Internet service. You can begin that process by calling Spectrum at 1-844-488-8395;
- Students will still have spring break March 30, 31, and April 1, 2 and 3
- Chatterbox Day Care will not be held in Valders Elementary School. Please check with your Chatterbox Day Care provider for more information regarding day care;
- Students will need to take home all their learning materials, including instruments and Chromebooks for students in grades 3-12;
- Valders schools are limiting all visitors to the school and district buildings. Parents, students, and visitors will only have access to the main office in all of our buildings.
- If you need to pick up medication for your child, please do so by 3:30 on Tuesday, March 18.

If you travel to an area that is included in the list of locations “sustained community transmission”, such as California, New York, and Washington, please contact our school nurse at 920-775-9500 ext.5123. The Department of Health Services recommends that you and anyone you traveled with to self-quarantine at home for 14 days and monitor yourself for symptoms of COVID-19. Please reference the attached sheets for instructions on how to self-quarantine and self-monitor for symptoms. Please be aware that Valders Schools will require compliance from students and staff with this recommendation.

We will continue to monitor and respond to this rapidly changing situation. We will communicate all necessary information as quickly as possible. We are committed to keeping our students, staff, and community safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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