

# HI-PLAINS SCHOOL DISTRICT R-23

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Hi-Plains Community:

The Hi-Plains teaching staff met yesterday, March 23, to begin planning for our alternative learning format. This will consist of some take home items and some technology based items. We have discussed the need for the philosophy of “less is more.” The approach we are taking is to maintain skills with our kiddos, and we will try not to push much new learning. We are planning for a work load that is much less than if the kids were actually in the classroom, as we do not want to put any more stress on your family than there is already. Please understand this will be extremely different from activity in the regular classroom environment.

All alternative learning will begin on Tuesday, March 31 and will continue as long as necessary. The teachers will be in touch with parents and/or students this week via email or phone call. Our JH/HS teachers will be using Google Classroom, so your student may be receiving an invitation to a class if the teacher does not have this routine established already. If you have a child in grades 7-12, please ensure that they are checking their emails regularly.

One thing that I would ask of each of you is to schedule time to read. Please make time for your kids to read or time to read with your kids. This will be the single most important activity your kids can do to maintain academic skills. A good time frame would be 20-40 minutes per day depending on the age group. This time may be broken up over different sessions.

We will continue to allow students and parents through this week, March 23-27, to come to school, clean out lockers, and pick up materials and Chromebooks. Please bring something to carry all supplies in, i.e. backpack, box, bags, etc. We will only allow a maximum number of students/parents in the building at a time, so we ask that you please be patient.

I want you to know that I have the highest confidence in our staff and students that we will persevere in these challenging times. Although this way of learning is new to most of our teachers, they are working extremely hard to plan for this extended closure. We truly appreciate our partnership with you, the parents, in the education of our kids.

Please regularly check our school website, [www.hp-patriots.com](http://www.hp-patriots.com), for continued communications. I will keep the community informed as new information comes available. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me via email at [mikec@hp-patriots.com](mailto:mikec@hp-patriots.com).

Be Well,

Michael Clark  
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