

HI-PLAINS SCHOOL DISTRICT R-23

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Hi-Plains Community:

What trying times these have been. I can't imagine what each of you, as parents, are going through right now. I am sure the extra time with your kids has been incredible and enjoyable. I am also sure the changes to your daily routines have been difficult to navigate. I want you to know that we miss our kids dearly. We miss seeing their smiling faces in the hallways, in the cafeteria, in the gym, in the music room and in our classrooms.

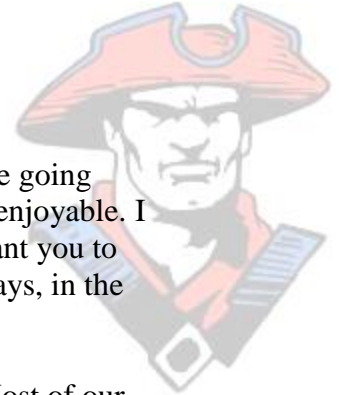
I needed to share some logistics regarding instruction and school work with you. Most of our teachers, especially elementary, have sent home packets of work. Beginning Monday, April 13, I will be at the school to exchange school work. Due to the Governor's stay at home order, during this next week, teachers will need to have all work be electronic. The exchange of packet work will happen on a weekly basis every Monday beginning on the 13th. You will be able to drop off completed work and pick up new school work. **IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME TO THE SCHOOL, PLEASE LET ME KNOW AND WE CAN MAKE A DELIVERY EXCHANGE.** I will keep you informed if this process changes.

Please understand that this is a learning process for all of us and we know it's not a perfect one. If we see ways to improve or if the health agencies or the department of education shares information telling us to do things differently, we may make changes to our processes. Also, if you have suggestions on ways to improve, please share those with me via email.

We will continue to provide breakfast and lunch on Tuesday through Friday for our district families. If you would like to participate, please let us know. There is NO COST for these meals through the school closure. If you are unable to pick up meals at either location, Seibert and Vona, please let us know and we can make deliveries. Our objective is help families feed kids, as we know this is an unexpected expense for many.

If you have not been to the school to pick up your child's belongings, books and technology or to clean out lockers, please do so as soon as you are able. Although, starting now, we will be managing everything curbside, as the school has been deep cleaned and disinfected several times. If you plan on coming to pick up items for your student, please call ahead and let us know, and we can have all items ready for pick up.

Through this school closure, we are relying on parents to help our students understand the importance of continuing their learning. We want to ensure that our kids will maintain academic skills and be ready to pick up where we left off when school resumes. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of reading, as this one single activity alone will help maintain academic skills for all content areas. I would also emphasize how important it is to monitor screen time, not as a time restraint, but as a quality control. Limiting gaming, YouTube and social media



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interaction is what will be most crucial. Please also monitor your child's late night activity as well. Please know that I am able to monitor all student usage through the school's GoGuardian account, and I have seen student usage between 10:00 pm and 4:00 am, which can be a dangerous time on the internet.

As always, please regularly check our school website, www.hp-patriots.com, for continued communications, and have your students regularly check their school emails for communications from their teachers. 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.

Be Well,

Michael Clark
Superintendent

