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Dear PG Families,

Yesterday the teaching staff met with me via Zoom, to review the first week of the mandatory distance learning activities. We discussed successes, concerns, communication, and family needs. As you are well aware, our school closure has been extended to May 1st and during school closure there is an expectation that students engage and fully participate in the curriculum.

Our staff worked very hard to seek the needs of families through our survey and constructed material and lessons that students could participate with while they strengthen their skills, keep their study habits sharp, and reinforce skills and concepts already taught. The teachers are fully aware of the difficulties families may face as they take on school at home, many while continuing employment in essential fields. Teachers took this into consideration while designing the distance learning activities and developed the daily work based on a time schedule that all students should be able to manage and be successful with independently for the most part. The following are daily time expectations for each grade level:

K=1hour 1st=1.5-2 hours 2nd=2 hours 3-5= 2.5-3 hours 6-8=2.5-3.5 hours

In addition, teachers are making a weekly connection with students and/or families through a variety of methods, such as Zoom, emails, texts, or phone calls. Please note that as your children complete their studies, it is very important for you to communicate with the teachers any struggles families may be experiencing so teachers can work with families to ensure all of students are successful with at home learning. It will take a team effort with everyone involved, but most importantly for your children to participate and fully engage in their education and daily studies.

In our meeting yesterday we also discussed how we would proceed with grading during this third and final trimester of the year. Grading will be based on your child's engagement, participation, and successful completion of the work. The following marks are what you will see on the report card for the four core academic areas:

Primary (TK-3)

- S** The student consistently meets and regularly exceeds behavioral expectations and/or standards; met distance learning expectations & work is at the level of $\sqrt{+}/+$ or 75% or better
- S-** The student regularly meets behavioral expectations and/or standards; participated in distance learning expectations & work is at the level of $\sqrt{}$, 50%- 74%
- N** The student does not meet behavioral expectations and/or standards; minimally participated in distance learning expectations & work is at the level of N or <50%

Upper Grades (4-8)

- S** The student consistently meets and regularly exceeds behavioral expectations and/or standards; met distance learning expectations & work is at the level of $3/4$ or 75% or better
- S-** The student regularly meets behavioral expectations and/or standards; participated in distance learning expectations & work is at the level of 2, or 50%- 74%
- N** The student does not meet behavioral expectations and/or standards; minimally participated in distance learning expectations & work is at the level of 1 or <50%

Lastly, as we continue to move forward through the Coronavirus Pandemic and prepare to lessen the shelter in place orders, we will be following the recommendations of Public Health in terms of keeping schools closed. With that said, it is expected that we will extend the closure past May 1st for another two or three weeks, and possibly to the end of the year. We are taking it one day at a time. In anticipation of extending the closure further, teachers are beginning work on three more weeks of lessons. **The plan at this point is to have another packet pick up on Monday, May 4th from 9:00-12:00.** On this date the packets that you have at home now will be due and need to be turned in as you pick up the next packet. We will be in touch as we move forward.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. It is very important that you maintain communication with your child's teacher, as they can readily address your concerns and make necessary adjustments.

I hope PG is back to normal as soon as safely possible. Stay safe and healthy,

Sincerely,



Dave Tarr
Superintendent/Principal