

Good Afternoon, Indian Head Families!

Thank you for your support and encouragement of your child as they transition into a new way of learning! We all have been adjusting and learning and trying to determine that right balance. As you know, little ones need more assistance, and the older students are more independent! We hope that the resources that have been provided over the past two weeks have allowed your child to become more comfortable. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher with any questions.

Moving forward, we will be working towards following the DESE guidelines for remote learning. Please know that we understand that every family is adjusting to this "new normal." Parents will still determine how much or how little your child does based on computer time available, family schedules and your child's well-being. The updated guidelines include the following:

- A. 2-2.5 hours of learning per day. Learning can take many forms *throughout the day* and *may* include such activities as:
 - morning meetings, check-ins, etc.
 - both online and offline work
 - Related arts (music, art, wellness)
- B. Special Education staff will be supporting teachers' plans and communicating with your child in order to make modifications where necessary.
- C. Teachers will continue to monitor student's engagement with assignments through usage reports of online district resources (i.e. iReady, Moby Max) as well as personal communication with families.

Please check in with your classroom teachers for YouTube channels, Instagram, Twitter and/or Facebook accounts, etc. they have established in order to connect with students. Many staff members are also hosting weekly Zoom meetings. We will continue to adjust and support as we go along this new challenge.

Teachers will be sending out their grade level weekly schedules today. In addition, your child's teacher will be communicating with their class in a variety of ways, personalizing the class experience as they would if we were attending school.

For assistance with technical issues with regard to Whitman-Hanson devices or applications please contact: helpdesk@whrsd.org Log in for student email at: email.whrsd.org. Student User Name is lastname.firstname and their passwords are the same as at school (usually student ID#). Please be patient when contacting Tech Services as they have had an **overwhelming** response and are working quickly and diligently to resolve issues for families.

On a personal note, we would like to thank our teachers for their care and concern for their students that they share with me daily. We are impressed with their passion, creativity and genuine love of their students. And to our families, that are adapting to all of these fast moving parts, THANK YOU ! Your understanding and patience is much appreciated. Together we will all come out of this in a very good place!

Be safe. Be healthy. Be kind

Mr. P

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