

# FLETCHER W. JUDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Judson Families,

**As of Monday, November 23, 2020, Watertown Public Schools will move into the full Remote Learning model** of our Reopening, Reconnecting, and Reimagining ReEntry Plan. We will be returning in a *hybrid instructional model* on Monday, December 14, 2020 so long as it is safe and advisable to do so at that time.

While this remote learning model is in place, all students will learn from home through a combination of livestreamed lessons and independent work. This new model is for ALL students, even those who previously engaged in voluntary remote learning.

I am sharing the below information to help make this transition to home learning as smooth as possible for students and families.

## **Schedules**

While learning from home, all students and teachers will follow the *Remote Learning Schedule*. Synchronous (live) learning will contribute to approximately 75% of the school day while approximately 25% of the day will be asynchronous (independent) learning. *Please understand, increased synchronous learning will develop as teachers and students gain a comfort level with the model, and teachers will have to tell us what is ultimately most reasonable in accordance with grade level and student tolerance of online learning.*

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Click [here](#) for access to the schedules. The schedules have been shared with students and practiced this week under teacher direction.

If your child receives special education services his/her individualized learning plan will be shared with you via email from the case manager by the end of the day on Friday, November 20th.

### ***Important Information to Remember:***

- All classes will be livestreamed *starting at 9:00 am daily*.
- ALL students are expected to livestream with their cameras on and with their faces showing every day for each class. Please review [these expectations](#) with your child.
- Students need to be on time and remain online for the entire class.
- WIN time continues to be in the schedule for all students and students who demonstrate need will continue to receive intervention during this time.
- Wednesdays continue to be single-session (early dismissal) days.

*\*Please note: Monday, November 23rd and Wednesday, November 25th are single-session days.*

*\*\*More information regarding the hybrid model will be forthcoming after the Thanksgiving holiday.*

### ***Instructional Materials***

To support the move to remote learning, we're sending students home with materials we think they will find helpful to support their learning. We ask that you please return these items to school when we resume in-person instruction.

If your child was not in school to bring their materials home, please contact the office to arrange for pick-up.

If you find that your child needs additional materials in order to complete his/her work effectively, please contact his/her classroom teacher.

### ***Attendance***

Watertown Public Schools is committed to ensuring that our students are engaged and attending school, regardless of the learning model. Therefore, please be informed that in a full remote model, teachers will take attendance each morning. Just as with in-person learning, if your child will be absent from classes that day:

- You must call the school to report student absences
- You must follow up with a note or email in order for the absence to be excused.

Thank you for your adherence to this procedure and for being our partners in maintaining meaningful home/school connections during these difficult times.

### ***Remote Book Check-out***

Although we are going remote, your child will still be able to check-out books during this time by accessing this [Google Form](#).

After completing the form, you will receive a response email confirming your submission, that the book is "in" and has been located in the library, and when it is available for pick-up at school. After the spring, we had many missing books, so it is important that we have physically located the book before we can confirm your check-out and pick-up. The response email will be sent to the parent email you have provided in the form. All book pickups will be located in the school lobby and the book is due 2 weeks from its check-out date. There will be a bookmark in the book reminding of the due date.

## **Support**

We recognize the challenges that many students and families face at this time and want to remind you that our support staff is available for assistance in any way and we encourage you to reach out to them for guidance.

Support staff can be contacted at:

Vittoria Albanese, School Psychologist: [albanesevi@watertownps.org](mailto:albanesevi@watertownps.org)

Kristin Raymond, Principal: [raymondkr@watertownps.org](mailto:raymondkr@watertownps.org)

Becky Cheezic, SRBI Coordinator: [cheezicbe@watertownps.org](mailto:cheezicbe@watertownps.org)

## **COVID-19**

During this time when students are learning from home, we are asking for families to continue to communicate with us regarding COVID-19. We are still required by the Torrington Area Health District to continue to contact trace during this time. If your child tests positive for COVID or has direct contact with someone who tests positive, please contact our school nurse, Karen Albino, and let us know. Mrs. Albino can be contacted at 860-945-5738 or [albinoka@watertownps.org](mailto:albinoka@watertownps.org).

We are very grateful to our families for all of your support with this!

## **Watertown Lunch Program**

An email was sent out on November 17th with information regarding free take-home meals which will be available during this Remote Learning period. These meals are available for pick-up for all children 18 and under or 18-21 years old with special needs. Meal pick-ups will occur every Monday and Wednesday from 11:00AM- 1:00PM in the Watertown High School Bus Loop at 324 French St. If you have any questions feel free to contact the Food Service Department at (860)945-4819 or email [Schipkejo@watertownps.org](mailto:Schipkejo@watertownps.org).

*Next week, due to the Thanksgiving holiday, pick-up will be only on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> for 3 days of meals. There will be no pick-up on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup>.*

As always, we are here to help and support your child. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

*Kristin Raymond*