



November 18, 2020

Dear Parents and Families,

I am writing to inform you that Milan Schools will be using eLearning beginning Monday, November 23 and continuing the week after Thanksgiving break, with an expected return date of Monday, December 7.

We are moving to eLearning due to an increased number of COVID-19 cases in our county that has impacted our schools. Dr. Welsh continues to say that schools are the safest place to be. That is a compliment to our students and staff for following all safety procedures daily. However, because of the prediction that there will be a spike in positive cases after the holiday, and to lessen the chance for positive cases to come into our schools, Dr. Welsh says that this eLearning plan is “a very good strategy to give our schools a buffer.” Our intention is to return December 7, and finish strong as we complete the last two weeks of the first semester in person.

It is of the utmost importance that we all continue to act responsibly while we are eLearning by wearing a mask when in public, social distancing, washing hands, and limiting large gatherings. The remainder of this letter will provide information about our plans for the next two weeks.

eLearning Lessons

All students will be eLearning during this time. Your child’s principal will be sending specific directions for your child so that you will know when assignments will be posted daily, when teachers will hold Google Meet sessions with students, and when assignments will be due. It is our desire to make this a smooth transition into virtual instruction since our students and teachers already use it daily. If you have any questions or have connectivity issues, please contact your child’s principal via phone or email.

Meal Pick Up or Delivery

We are offering two ways to get meals while we are eLearning: pick up at the elementary school or drop off at your house if you are on a Milan bus route. Pick up or delivery will take place beginning Monday, November 23, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Then it will continue Monday, November 30, and again on Wednesday, December 2. Meal sacks will contain:

On Mondays: Monday breakfast & lunch, Tuesday breakfast & Lunch, Wednesday breakfast
On Wednesday: Wednesday lunch, Thursday breakfast & lunch, Friday breakfast & lunch

If you are interested, please sign up using this [link](#). **Complete this form by Friday, November 20, at 9:00 a.m. for this eLearning period.** You may register all students from one household at once. The registration will be good for this period of eLearning.

If you request an at-home delivery, please watch for the bus between 10:00-11:00 a.m. or provide a safe and secure place for us to drop off the meal sacks.

If you have additional questions, please email Ginny Shannon, Food Services Director, at ginny.shannon@milan.k12.in.us

Sports and Extracurricular Activities

At this time, all sports practices and games are scheduled following the guidelines set forth by the Ripley County Health Department. Please stay in contact with your child's coaches in the event these activities need to be rescheduled or cancelled.

Health and Safety

We encourage everyone to continue to be vigilant in efforts to lessen the spread of this virus by wearing masks, maintaining a social distance, and staying home when sick, when waiting on a test result, or when told to quarantine. *Please continue to contact our school nurses to report any sickness so that we may be aware and respond accordingly.*

Again, watch for specific information from your child's school and contact the school if you have additional questions. Thank you for your support and understanding during these unusual circumstances. We will get through this together.

Sincerely,

Jane E. Rogers
Superintendent