RILEY COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL



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FROM SUPERINTENDENT CONKLING'S DESK

LEARNING PLAN



As you all have been notified, we will be continuing with remote learning for most of our students until January 19th. This is two weeks after our Christmas Break. Kindergarten and first grade will return on November 30th and continue in-person learning until we break for Christmas. As they are the neediest learners as far a remote learning is concerned, we feel this is the best option for them to continue learning.

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After Christmas, we are asking you to limit student activity and stay home if possible as activities outside the home may result in outbreak, isolation, quarantine, and the inability to reopen for in-person instruction. Please notify the office, as you have been doing, if your child or someone in your family is sick, has tested positive for Covid-19, is awaiting test results, or is considered a close contact with someone that has Covid-19.

We will continue to update through email, and on our website. The purpose again of remaining in remote learning after Christmas break is to allow for a period of quarantine for students. Staff will be in the building, but they work isolated in their classrooms also allowing them a quarantine of a sort. Please help us so we can

ensure a return to in-person learning. If we note an increase in cases after January 19th, we may have to implement additional remote learning periods.

We will continue to serve lunches on school days from 11/30-12/21 and again from 1/4-1/15. Please remember to call in the morning by 9:00 if you would like to pick up lunch for that day. If you call on Mondays, you can order for the whole week.

I would like to wish you all a happy holiday season and a look forward to seeing everyone back after the New Year.



OUTDOOR RECESS

Our students are outdoors for 20 minutes every day

unless the mid-day wind chill is 0 degrees Fahrenheit or colder. Students do not have an option to stay in for recess. Please be sure that children have warm clothes including hats and gloves. Junior high students tend to forget these things and are not prepared for the cold temperatures. We have already been experiencing some very cold temperatures and snow. Some students have been wearing hooded sweat shirts only and some have come in shorts. Once the wind is blowing, this will not be adequate. As we start experiencing snow, Elementary students will be required to wear boots in order to leave the blacktop and play in the snow. Cold, wet feet make for a miserable afternoon. We also go outside for mask breaks, so students are out multiple times during the day.



SCHOOL CLOSINGS

We will be using the automated phone system to send out notification calls in the event of an emergency school closing due to weather conditions. The system will leave you

a message if you are not home to answer the call. If you DID NOT receive a message that usually means your answering machine message is too long. If you have a cell phone listed as a primary number and you have music that plays before the caller can leave a message the system will not work. If you do not get a message and suspect there is no school you can check Star 105.5 radio station and at schoolclosings.com. If there is a change in the telephone numbers, please let us know so we may update our records. All primary contacts will be receiving calls.

We will use remote learning days this year if we have to be out for weather. In doing so, we will not have to makeup days missed for weather.

Thank you for your cooperation in listening to the messages before calling the school. If everyone calls our lines will be overloaded.



STUDENT ABSENCES

When notifying the school of student absence(s) please be sure to notify the office as well as teachers. Teachers appreciate getting your emails letting them know your student(s) will be absent, but sometimes that information does not get to the office in a timely manner. Teachers may not check their email until later in the day. We are required to call home in the morning if we have not been notified of a student(s) absence. Thank you for working with us to ensure all students are accounted for.



8TH GRADE PSAT TESTING

The Marengo Community High School counselors will be in the building on December 14, 2020, to administer the PSAT placement testing to our 8th grade students. It is very important that each 8th grade student be in attendance that day. The tests are used to determine class placements at the high school. You should have received a letter from

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the high school and a survey from us in regards to this.



RILEY VIKING AWARD WINNERS

Viking award winners for the month of October were 6th grader Margaret Hanson and 8th grader Derek Bibbings. The Board of Education recognized these students for their accomplishments at the November 18, 2020 meeting. have forgotten their phone numbers because of them being programmed into their cell phones or how to dial a land line phone because they are looking for the send button. Please take a moment to help your child/ren learn your phone number and how to dial on a land line phone in the event that they are unable to use a cell phone. If your child/ren were in an emergency situation it would be important for him/her to be able to give emergency responders his/her phone number in order to make a parent contact.

FOR YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY



We have noticed when students come to the office to use the phone that many of them do not know how to dial a land line phone and do not know their phone number. Because of the ever changing technology and cell phones, many of our youth



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