

LATHROP ELEMENTARY INFORMATION

12/14/20

Is virtual learning going to continue to be an option for students moving forward? We are planning to only provide virtual learning for students who are *actively participating and completing weekly assignments*. The best education we provide is in person, however, we will continue to use our virtual platform for those students with health concerns in need of online instruction and those that are keeping up with the curriculum from home. Our teachers are working diligently to meet all student needs, but keeping up with two platforms continues to be very challenging and we need your help to make it successful. ***For those utilizing the virtual option, a decision will be made based on continued virtual learning for your child based on the work they complete and submit along with your child's participation in assignments each week. A decision regarding virtual learning will be made at the end of 2nd quarter (January 22). In order to continue to utilize virtual learning your child must meet the expectation of their classroom teacher or they will be asked to attend in person beginning 3rd quarter (January 26) or you may opt to homeschool. If you want your child to return in person they are welcome anytime to join us and begin in person everyday.***

Can my child be virtual one day or week and in person the next, as needed? No, if your child is not already enrolled in virtual, it is no longer an option unless medically necessary due to a Covid exposure or health condition. If you are absent from school you will need to make up work arranged through your classroom teacher. Only extended absences will be allowed to utilize virtual learning or in the event of a school wide dismissal.

What if the teacher is gone and a substitute teacher cannot be found? This week we had great difficulty finding substitutes for our classrooms. We do our very best to find substitute teachers when teachers are absent. Due to Covid, substitutes are very difficult to find. ***If we are unable to find a substitute for your child's classroom by 6:15am, your child will have virtual school from home that day.*** I know this is a tremendous inconvenience, however, the alternative is to cancel school in person for ALL Classes at Lathrop Elementary due to a shortage of teachers. We would rather have one classroom at home learning virtually to cover the days a substitute could not be found rather than an entire school going virtual.

Will I be given notice my child needs to go virtual due to lack of a substitute teacher or due to a positive Covid test? Yes, you will be given notice no later than 6:15 the morning of, and if at all possible, you will receive notice the day or night before. It really depends on the circumstances. This is similar to a snow day when there isn't a lot of notice, but we will do everything we can to let you know ahead of time.

What happens if a child or the teacher in the classroom tests positive for Covid? (Updated) All students and the teacher in the classroom will be quarantined for 10 days from the last day of exposure. Lessons will immediately be started virtually for everyone in the classroom and the teacher will continue to run the class from home. Teachers will return to creating videos to help with instruction until everyone can return to class for in person instruction.

Will I be notified when my child's classroom will be back in person after virtual day(s)? Yes, we will provide notice the day before in person school resumes so parents can plan accordingly. It is easier for us to plan on when a teacher will return than when a teacher may be absent.

What if my child doesn't have internet access or a device to use on an emergency virtual day? If the virtual day is temporary (one or two days) and a child doesn't have access, efforts will be made when they return to school to catch them up, much like a sick day would be. However, we will do everything we can to provide your child with a device and access to the internet. If possible, and in a circumstance of prolonged virtual school (more than 3 days) a device will be brought to your child if you cannot arrange to pick it up.

Where is the elementary landing page? The elementary landing page can be found on the school district website. It is also linked here:

<https://sites.google.com/lathropschools.com/lathropelementaryschool/home>

What can I do as a parent to help our school? Please keep your child home if they are sick and particularly if they are running a fever. The best way for us to protect our students is to keep those that are sick from coming to school.

What can I do to support my child going to school? Stay Positive and Patient! Our attitudes are contagious to our children. If you are positive and have a positive attitude towards the efforts we are making at school, your child will display the same positive attitude. These are challenging times, but we can make the most of the situation by bringing a positive attitude and best effort to our school every day!

Other questions? If there are other questions, please don't hesitate to ask, and we can add them to the frequently asked questions list. Chauncey Rardon, chauncey.rardon@lathropschools.com, 816-528-7737