



Old Fort Local Schools

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Dear Old Fort Parents,

As you may have realized, today we exceeded our maximum allowance of 8 calamity days. The plan had been to make-up any excessive days on either President's Day or the first day of Spring Break if needed. This would require using Thursday, April 14th (two days from now) as a make-up day.

Due to the unanticipated fog day today, it is very difficult for people to change their plans for Thursday with such late notice. There are many families and staff members who already have committed plans, many of which involve out-of-state travel and/or other adventures. Having in-person learning on Thursday is simply not feasible due to staffing shortages.

Again, students will NOT report to school on Thursday. Rather, we will need to count Thursday as a Remote Learning Day. This will not involve teachers Zooming with kids as we did last year, but will look more like the older-style Blizzard Bag Days that were utilized several years ago.

Here's how this Remote Day will work:

- Teachers will send home one assignment per subject/class with students tomorrow. This may come home as a physical (paper/pencil) assignment or be put into Google Classroom.
- Primary-aged students already have two Remote Learning packets at home that were prepared and sent home months ago to use in the event of staffing shortages. **Students should complete Day #1 only** of these remote packets. If you are unable to locate the packet, please let your child's teacher know so another one can be sent home tomorrow.
- Teachers will remind students to take their Chromebooks home tomorrow which they may need for any online assignments.
- All Remote Learning Day work will be due no later than Friday, April 22nd. This will allow for flexibility over the long weekend for families who may be traveling or have other plans.

Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions. We appreciate your continued support, understanding, and flexibility. Thank you.

Yours in Education,

Laura F. Bryant, Superintendent