



BOX ELDER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

District no. 13-G, Hill County
Box Elder, Montana 59521

March 15, 2020

Community Members,

In these uncertain circumstances, we are doing everything that we can to make sure that the safety and health of our students and staff remain intact. Plans are nearly complete for food dispersal for Box Elder students starting tomorrow morning at approximately 10am and then again at 2pm. Specific locations and times of food dispersal will be shared via our school app and Facebook page.

We ask that everyone take the following considerations when approaching to collect meals:

1. Be patient - this is a process and will get better over time. Tables will be set out to distribute meals in order to continually practice “social distancing” throughout this process.
2. Keep to recommended “social distancing” protocol - 3-6 feet between each person as much as possible when waiting to collect meals.
3. If you or anyone in your household are having any symptoms of illness, please do not come to pick up meals - notify the school and we will make accommodations to get meals to your students.

Educational planning has already started and will become more finalized tomorrow and throughout the week. We want to relieve any pressure or stress you may be feeling about collecting materials, logging into websites, completing work or “losing any academic ground” right now. We will ensure that all students receive the materials they need to complete assigned work as it becomes available. We will inform everyone when those resources will be available and will make arrangements for delivery/dispersal of materials to all students. We sent books to read & keep home with as many students as possible on Friday and more will be dispersed this week.

For the next few days, it is important to continue to educate you children on the current health crisis affecting our world as well as preventative measures to keep themselves and those around them healthy. Here are excellent resources to utilize:

- [Talking to Teens and Tweens About CoronaVirus](#) - NYTimes
- [Talking to Kids About The Corona Virus](#) - ChildMind
- [Just For Kids: A Comic Exploring The New Coronavirus](#) - NPR

In the meantime, try to do some activities as a family, plan and stick to a routine as much as possible, get adequate rest and enjoy the time home with each other. Below are just a few great ideas to keep you busy, engaging in thinking & learning, and making the down time productive for you and your children.

[Netflix list of educational shows/series](#)

[Indianapolis Public Library compilation of 100+ read alouds](#)

[Favorite Authors & Illustrators share reading & writing resources](#)

[Math card games using only a deck of cards](#)

[25 Non-Screen Activities to do at home](#)

[30 Lego Challenges](#)

[5 Best Yoga for Kids YouTube channels](#)

[Scholastic Learn At Home website](#)