



New Hope School District

"Excellence in Education for Children"

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Good Evening Parents of New Hope Elementary Students,

New Hope staff is working to provide services to students while our schools are closed due to COVID-19.

Food Service

As of today, our food service department has begun serving meals for anyone ages 18 and under. A "Grab n' Go Meal" includes a lunch and a breakfast for the following morning. Meals are available Monday thru Friday between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. You can pick up food regardless of your child's school of attendance. Delivery service will be available to our bus riders, upon request.

At-Home Activities for Students

Teachers are working to develop work packets for our students while we are out. We will also be providing some additional books for your children to support their reading. In addition to this, teachers have been putting together a list of online enrichment activities that you can access with your child. Parents can review academic skills with students to the best of their ability. These activities are optional and will not impact students' academic grades. Please be aware that most of the links offered are public links. The list/links to the websites will be offered in a separate notice.

Helping Your Child Emotionally

You might see that your child is showing signs of stress from all of the uncertainty happening right now. Providing your child with developmentally appropriate information allows them to understand what is happening while staying calm. The link below provides some tips and tools to support your children in processing our current situation.

[Talking with children about Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

We will update our parents and community as information and guidance continues to become available.

Sincerely,

Janet Stemler
Superintendent/Principal