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Re: School Closure – COVID-19

Good morning Powers Lake community, school, staff, parents and students.

As our school is on its third day of closure from COVID-19, I would like to convey an important message to all of you. Yesterday, the entire Powers Lake staff met to discuss our next steps in the event that school is closed beyond this week.

The staff worked diligently on how to provide the best educational environment for students in all grades and subjects. If the school is closed for an extended amount of time, the education of your students will look different.

Elementary students will be required to pick up weekly packets, focused on maintaining grade-level content in core content areas of school. Packets will be available for pickup on Tuesday, March 24th @ 9:00 am for grades k-5. Also, Powers Lake Elementary has started a Facebook page that will include other educational activities from their teachers. It is our hope that the collaboration of our community on this page will only reinforce how important education is to our students, teachers, and families. The page will start off next week with dress-up days where parents and students can post pictures of themselves staying active in their education.

As for the high school, the classes will be a combination of online and homework for each particular grade, as all subject area teachers will be contacting their students by their k12 email addresses. All teachers in high school and elementary will be @ the school on a daily basis from 9am to 12 pm to help with anything that may arise in this new format of education, starting on Tuesday, March 24th. Also, there is a COVID-19 folder on the school website under the Menu, then Documents. We will be creating grade-level and subject-level folders as well as it will be constantly updated on a daily basis.

Also, if you your student is receiving Special Education Services from Powers Lake School, Miss Hill and Mrs. Fraunfelter have been working to provide equitable education for all students. If students have work received from their teachers to work on, it will be modified to each individual student according to their education plan.

There will also be other changes involving meals for students. Breakfast and lunch will be offered on a daily basis from 8:00 am to 8:30 am and from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Meals will be provided in to-go containers for ease of convenience for all students. This service will be provided on Wednesday, March 18 and then will start up again on Monday, March 23rd in the event school is closed for an extended period.

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As COVID-19 has created a different environment in the education of our children, it has not stopped the passion and innovation from our staff. The resolve, dedication, and heart our staff has shown over the last two days make me proud to say that I am a Rancher. Have a wonderful time at home as please stay tuned to your phone or social media for updates.

Sincerely,



John Gruenberg
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