



HUENEME ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Hueneme ESD Community:

Earlier this week we announced that all Ventura County schools are closed at least through May 1, 2020. I recognize this time is causing stress and anxiety for many, and losing the structure of the school day and learning opportunities for your child(ren) certainly contributes to those feelings. Hueneme teachers and staff are committed and determined to deliver a high-quality education to your child.

This week we offered enrichment activities through workbooks for grades TK - 6 and introduced our new Hueneme Virtual Learning Gym for grades TK - 8. The Clever link in the virtual learning gym gives students access to most of the programs they use while they are at school. In addition, we now have “[print at home](#)” packets linked on our website and in the virtual learning gym for grades 7 and 8. **Hard copies will be available for pick-up at Blackstock JHS from 11:00 - 12:00 next week during grab and go meal service.** We will continue to offer enrichment as we transition to formal distance learning when we return from spring break. The Hueneme Virtual Learning Gym will be updated every week with new content.

Transitioning to a distance learning model in a short period of time presents never before seen challenges, for all stakeholders. We are learning, and adjusting every day, and we appreciate your understanding as we navigate through this process.

Hueneme teachers and staff are currently:

- Building an online website to provide teacher training and resources for distance learning
- Preparing technology devices to be deployed
- Waiting for wifi hotspots to arrive that were purchased for families in need of them
- Analyzing special education service accommodations and delivery methods
- Analyzing the needs of English learners
- Developing resources for parents and students to be uploaded in the virtual learning gym
- Preparing lesson plans to be delivered to students using multiple platforms

During Formal Distance Learning:

Grades TK - 1: Students will receive bi-weekly packets of learning materials with a daily schedule to follow. Teachers will be checking in with students at least one time per week. Materials in the packets may include things such as student textbooks, workbooks, project assignments, worksheets, etc.

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Grades 2 - 5: Students will receive learning through a combination of on-line platforms and bi-weekly packets with a daily schedule to follow. Materials in the packets may include things such as student textbooks, workbooks, project assignments, worksheets, etc. Online learning may include Google Classroom as well as other online websites and apps.

Grades 6 - 8: Instruction will be delivered primarily through Google Classroom as well as other online websites and apps. Students already have textbooks at home.

Here is what you can expect over the next six weeks:

March 23 - 27: Students in grades TK - 6 will be contacted by their teacher to check in and see how they are doing. Students in grades 7 and 8 will be contacted by at least one of their teachers. Students will continue enrichment activities in the virtual gym, in their workbooks and in their paper packets, while staff are preparing and training for formal distance learning.

March 30 - April 3: Chromebooks will be distributed to students in grades 6, 7 and 8.

April 2 - 3: TK - 5 students will pick up learning packets (to be used April 20 - May 1), daily schedules and mobile devices (if required by the teacher) to be used when distance learning begins after spring break. Trimester 2 report cards will be sent home.

April 6 - 17: (Spring break) Wifi hotspots will be distributed to students who do not have wifi at home.

April 20: School resumes through formal distance learning.

Meal Service

Grab and Go meal service will continue to operate throughout the school closures when school would have normally been in session. We are currently evaluating if we have staff capacity to offer meal service during spring break. There are some adjustments to meal locations and times starting on Monday, March 23.

11:00 - 12:00 Blackstock JHS, 701 E. Bard Rd., Oxnard, CA

11:00 - 12:30 Haycox School, 5400 Perkins Rd., Oxnard, CA

11:00 - 12:00 Parkview School, 1416 Sixth Place, Port Hueneme, CA

Contacting the School

We realize contacting someone at a school or the district office has been challenging over the last week. We are setting up voicemail and email accounts that will be monitored on a regular basis. In the meantime, in the event you are unable to reach the person or school you need, please leave a voicemail message at 805-488-3588 ext 9100, or email crojas@hueneme.org, and we will make sure the message gets routed correctly.

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I want to give thanks to our Hueneme staff members who have been working around the clock to prepare for distance learning, as well as our staff who have been working daily providing meals to our children. This has been a huge unexpected undertaking, and I am confident our team will deliver a quality program.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christine Walker
Superintendent