Beresford Elementary Families-

Governor Noem decided on March 17th that all schools in South Dakota are to be closed for one more week. Starting next week, Beresford Elementary School will be moving to an ‘at home learning’ model. BES staff has been working extremely hard to create the necessary structure for learners to be successful at home. This whole concept of at home learning creates many challenges, but with patience and extra communication, we will overcome!

On Monday, March 23 from 2-6 pm we will be distributing learning materials at school. This will be a ‘drive through’ concept based out of the Elementary Commons Doors on Elm Street. We ask parents to enter Elm Street from the East. As you are driving West, we will have the street marked into multiple lanes. Choose a lane, pull up as far as you can, and have a piece of paper with your children’s first and last names and grade levels written on it. Show us the paper through your car window, a ‘runner’ will go into the Commons, get your child’s bag and bring them back to your car. We will be completing this using ‘social distancing’ protocol. So please stay in your cars. If you are sick or unable to make it, please call the BES office at 605-763-5012 on Monday. We will make other arrangements to get learning materials to you.

Your child’s teacher/facilitator will be your main communication source during this time of at home learning. They will be reaching out to you to inform you of how instruction will be set up. If you don’t hear from your child’s teacher, please leave a message at 605-763-5012 or contact me. Since each grade’s instruction will look different, never hesitate to reach out your child’s teacher. Grades 2-5 iPads will be in learner bags of materials that are passed out on Monday.

Educators always feel the best place for learners to be is at school. Unfortunately, that isn’t possible. As we bring the learning to you, our goal is to not overwhelm your family more during this uncertain time. Our goal is to provide you with some learning opportunities that provide some structure to these days. Because this is new for everyone and we are moving into uncharted territory, understand this system of ‘at home learning’ won’t be perfect. In this time, if the school and families can work together with positivity and open communication, I’m confident it can be very effective until we can meet again!

What’s more important than the learning is each person during this time of uncertainty. As a school, we may not be able to provide you with what you need, but it’s possible that we can help find you someone who can assist. If there are needs in your household, please reach out to us!

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