March 26, 2020
Dear Wynford Elementary Families,
It has been a long 8 days without being in the building with students, and we just wanted to check in to keep you up to date on any changes that have been occurring.

Breakfast/lunch pick-up is available every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the locations that have been posted. Students DO NOT have to be in attendance to get to the food. Staff will just need a student name to check off the master list. We hope that you are taking advantage of this opportunity. The food is for ALL students in the district from ages 2-18. If you are part of the Bucyrus Backpack Program, that food will be available at the food drop off points on Friday. If you qualify for free/reduced lunches, your family could qualify for the Bucyrus Backpack Program. Staff has applications at food pick up areas to fill out. We would like to thank all the staff that has been making the food available to our students--the cafeteria ladies, bus drivers and custodians--THANK YOU!

Our teachers have made every effort to make sure they have been in contact with their students. We have heard of all the different ways they are communicating, delivering lessons and checking in on all of you. It is our intention to take grades on the work that has been sent home or assigned, so please check to see that your child is working to their best ability, while not stressing out. This change in what we know as school came very quickly and we are very proud of how our staff jumped to the opportunity to prepare and provide instruction in a way they have never done before. We THANK THEM for their hard work and continued support to our students as we work through this unprecedented time. Governor DeWine is pledging to have no testing this year, as this makes it way through the legislative system, we will keep you up to date.

And last but not least, we thank all of you who are supporting the students from home. Without your guidance and oversight they surely would be struggling to make their way through what is a new experience for all of us. We hope that you are finding ways to enjoy your time together, are taking opportunities to get outside (with safe physical distancing) and are finding new hobbies and talents in the process. If you find yourself stressed--take a walk, call a friend, FaceTime a relative or just take a pause. We have found ways to socialize virtually, we hope you are, too! If you are an essential worker, we thank you for what you are doing to keep life going for those of us who are at home.

If you have any feedback on how this is going, how we can improve or what is going well--please send it to Amy or I via email. ratliff.nelle@wynfordroyals.org taylorsheldon.amy@wynfordroyals.org

You will always hear from us that we miss your children, we worry about them and we love them. As always, contact us if we can support you and your family as we work through the next three weeks.

Sincerely,

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WES Principal

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WES Assistant Principal