Dear Parents/Guardian:

At the writing of this letter, I am under the assumption that we are out of school until April 7, per the governor’s order. If additional information is shared with me, I will be quick to pass it on. As stated in my text on Tuesday, provided below are some updates. I am making them bullet points to try to keep this as brief as possible:

* Return to your E-Learning Platforms beginning **Monday, 3/30.**
  + Teachers will be available for questions every day from 8:30 am -1:30 pm.
  + Grades PREK-2, new work packets will be mailed on Thursday, 3/26. You will still connect with your child’s classroom teacher via **Class DoJo.**
  + Grades 3-8, continue with the Google Classroom.
* **Beginning March 31**, please make sure your child has checked into Google Classroom (grades 3-8) to do their attendance questions or parents have checked their child in on Class DoJo (grades K-2) by 10:00 am. If you child is sick, please call your child’s school office and report them sick. You will be asked some specific questions about their symptoms. A school secretary will contact anyone who has not checked in or called in sick. The McHenry Country Department of Health has asked us to report any unusual sickness.
* We will have one secretary in each building from 8:00 – 12:00 noon to answer phones.
* **School Principals** will be available via email at all times. Please do not hesitate to reach out to them if you need support or have questions.
* The District is in the process of setting up some links on the school website with educational webpages.
* The **hot spots** are scheduled to ship on 3/30-but this continues to be a moving target. As soon as they arrive and have been configured, Mr. Breakfield will be in contact with families that have indicated that they need them and arrange for pick-up at MCMS.
* **Tech Support**
  + Specific questions may be directed to Alyssa Fiesser at afiesser@marengo165.org.
  + Walk in Tech Support—10:00 to 12:00 starting Monday 3/30. All tech support is at the MCMS school office.
  + A tech “trouble shooting” guide is available on the district’s website.
* **Make and Take Meals**
  + We are going to try to put together a week’s worth of meals for families to reduce the amount of time out of their house. To order meals—call 815-568-7427 by 10:00. Meal pick-up is at MCMS from 10:00-11:00 am.

As we are truly living through history, I want to take a moment to thank all members of our educational communities—staff, parents, food pantry, and friends and neighbors. It truly takes a village to raise a child. We all recognize that these are not ideal conditions, but primarily, it is the well-being of our community that is most important. Together we are stronger! And we will get through this together!

As I shared before, you can reach me on my cell phone at 815-690-7258 if you have any questions.

Yours In Education,

Mrs. Lea Damisch

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