

Thunder Family,

Well, students, you probably never thought you'd hear us say this, but we miss you. Seriously. We do. Your teachers, our staff, and I truly miss being able to see you every day. Parents, you're seeing more of your kids than you have in a long time, maybe since before they started school years ago.

Though we can't be in the same building, we are still diving into this new world of education together. This is going to be interesting, but I'm excited to see the amazing ways we are going to not only survive this but thrive, learn, and make new memories.

I want to ease any anxiety about the amount of time you'll be expected to be "at school." We know everyone's situation and schedule is different, and our new at-home learning will allow you flexibility. You will not be expected to be available for seven hours a day like a normal school day. Your teachers have been working hard for you, determining the essential skills that still need to be taught. School is going to look different, but rest assured, you'll still be learning and growing. We hope you embrace this new style of school. We are here to support you—reach out any time you need us.

**General Information:**

- We will officially resume "school" or continuous learning on Monday, March 30
- Teachers will be getting specific information to students about each class
- Students need to check their email EVERY day
- Google Classroom will also be used, so check that often - [Parent Video on Google Classroom](#)
- Many teachers will utilize Zoom for meetings and to check-in or help students—here is a tutorial of how to set it up: [Video link for how to set-up Zoom](#)
- Purple Days - Mondays and Wednesdays
- Blue Days - Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Fridays will be a flex day used to meet with students individually through Zoom, work on missing assignments or to make-up a purple or blue day that was missed (Good Friday, Easter Monday)
- We will follow the school calendar so the seniors last day is May 8
- April 22 will be an in-service day (Food service will still provide meals)
- Teachers will have virtual office hours
- Students will be graded and earn credit for each class
- Students should contact individual teachers to see how they need to go about completing missing work that was assigned before spring break
- We don't want anyone to be frustrated or overwhelmed—if you need something, please reach out for help. We are approaching this with flexibility and grace
- Here is who you can reach out to for any issues you are having:
  - Learning Activities: Contact your classroom teacher via email
  - Technology: Mr. Brett Brack ([bbrack@usd115.org](mailto:bbrack@usd115.org))
  - Counseling needs: Deb Kramer ([dkramer@usd115.org](mailto:dkramer@usd115.org)) or Joyce Bruna ([jbruna@usd115.org](mailto:jbruna@usd115.org))
  - Any Other Concerns: Contact me ([bscism@usd115.org](mailto:bscism@usd115.org))

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