Family Update:  

Friday, March 27, 2020

As we close out a very busy week, we’d like to provide all Highland families with an update on some upcoming events.

1) Beginning next Monday, March 30, all Highland students will hear from their teachers with an invitation to begin (or continue) navigating the online tools that they will be using when classes start for real on Monday, April 6. The week is intended to provide time for teacher and students to connect, explore, and practice with online experiences. It will allow families time to blend the schedules of multiple students, as well as parents who may be working from home. This will also be one last opportunity to reach out to Brad Tucker, our technology director, to ask for assistance with solving any technology related issues that you may have.

2) Highland’s Meal Distribution will begin on Monday. Sign up information and details about the program are on the web site. Since this is the only program that we are able to offer at the school building during the Safer at Home closure, we are also expected to take extra precautions during meal preparation and delivery to protect the health of all. To meet these expectations, our school nurse is in regular contact with Iowa County Health Services to make sure no one working in the kitchen has any health issues that would prevent them from working there. We are also checking the temperature daily of each person preparing the food before they enter our kitchen and making sure they feel healthy and are without symptoms. In addition to the usual hair nets and gloves, our staff who are preparing food will also wear face masks. Finally, we will continue to sanitize the kitchen after each day’s meal preparation, just as we are expected to do during any regular day.

3) We are beginning to construct a special parent space on our web site where we can house as much of our family communication as is possible, so you will be able to go to one site to find the bulk of the information that you might wish to find. We hope to have that up and running before classes begin on April 6.

We appreciate the multiple offers of support and encouragement that we have received over the past two weeks. We also appreciate the patience and understanding you’ve shown as we’re working to get our distance learning program up and running.

Please stay in touch. Stay well.