



West Valley School
Above and Beyond
The West Valley Way

3/27/2020

Dear West Valley Families,

I hope you all enjoyed, as much as you could, your spring break. To say we are living in interesting times would be an understatement. As always, when presented with tough times, we will rise up and continue delivering the best education possible for your kids! Our staff has been working very hard to provide on-line learning for your kids. With the Governor's directive to "shelter in place", **our teachers, and the vast majority of the staff, will be working remotely from home through April 10th.**

We have been putting together an educational service plan that was approved at a special board meeting on March 26. The Governor approved our plan on Friday, March 27. The plan will be accessible on our website, as will the directive from the Governor.

We know this change in educational delivery will present some challenges for kids and staff, so we ask that you please be patient as we work through this new method of educational delivery. While on-line education is not new, it is new to West Valley students and will take some time to iron out the kinks. Until we can get back to the preferred method of face to face education, we will strive to provide a quality on-line education for your kids. Your child's teacher will be contacting you throughout the next few weeks to support you and provide information about your child's lessons. Keep in mind this is new to all of us and we will be learning as we go too. We will be providing you with plenty of tips to help keep your child engaged in their work throughout the day. It is also important to remember that your kids will need some social time and exercise throughout the day, too.

This is a very fluid situation, so we will be keeping in contact with you as the situation unfolds. Keep working with your kids on being their best selves and doing their best work and know that we are here to help you in whatever way we can!

Here are some ways you can help your kids and information we have as of right now:

- Governor Bullock's directive for "**Shelter in Place**" is in place through April 10th and can be found on the website or WV App Live feed (abbreviated version)
- **Technology needs** - Mr. Wilson will be setting up communication with families who need a chromebook. Technology help can be requested by emailing techhelp@westvalleyschool.com.
- Families without the internet will be contacted for information regarding paper packets.
- State assessments have been **cancelled** for this school year (SBAC)
- Covid-19 plan of action for educational services has been approved by the WWSB and the Governor - See on the website or WV App Live feed.
- **Food Services**- Any West Valley student has access to free breakfast and lunch through the Kalispell School District. You can go to any of the KSD elementary schools, or the central kitchen by the Kalispell Middle School, between 11:00 and 1:00 daily to pick up food. They will provide that day's lunch and breakfast for the following morning.
- Set up a daily schedule for your kids to follow during the school hours. This will help them stay focused on their school work.
- Please remember that we are not having any students at school at least through April 10th

Let's make the best of this difficult situation and remain positive, so we can give our kids the best learning experience possible!

Thanks for supporting West Valley SD! Stay well and take care!

Cal Ketchum
Superintendent