April 2, 2020

Dear Wynford Elementary Families,

As you are surely aware, Governor DeWine has extended the order for no school until May 1. While we were hoping this would not be the case, we were preparing for it. Please understand that we would much rather be at school and have life back to normal, but we appreciate what Governor DeWine is doing to keep us all safe and healthy.

As we move forward, breakfast/lunch pick will continue to be every Monday, Wednesday and Friday—EXCEPT for the scheduled Spring Break that is on the calendar. There will be no school/online lessons for Thursday, April 9 through Monday, April 13. On Wednesday, April 8, five meals will be delivered to each stop for each student because there will be no food delivery on April 10 and April 13. Don’t forget, students do NOT have to be in attendance to get the meals. The Bucyrus Backpack Program has grown substantially since we have been out of school. If you have the ability to donate to that program, please do! We are now providing 120 weekend backpacks! If your family qualifies for free/reduced lunches, your family will qualify for the Bucyrus Backpack Program. Staff has applications at food pick up areas to fill out.

At this point, there is a very small percentage of elementary students who we have not made direct contact with in the district. Almost 85% of our students have the ability to do their work online, and that is awesome! We are working to make sure all students have the equipment they need to make this at home transition a success. Many students have received school issued chromebooks. We are currently working with a company and a sponsor to get mobile hotspots in designated areas in the district. We know not everyone has reliable internet, unlimited access or the capabilities at all. Teachers know that, too, and will be supplying paper packets only to families who have been identified as having no internet access. It remains to be our intention to take grades on the work that has been sent home or assigned, so please check Progressbook to see that your child is working to their best ability and turning assignments in. Of course, if you are completing paper packets, there will not be grades and it is yet to be determined how that work will be collected.

We will inform you when the spring pictures are delivered to the school and when you can pick them up, the same with the yearbooks. The Spring Flower Fundraiser will continue, but with online sales only, with sales being completed on Friday, April 10. The Foertmeyer Company is working with the CDC on arranging a safe delivery. We will announce the date of the delivery as we are able to schedule it.

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 taylersheldon.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 month of April together.

Sincerely,

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