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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health. With the end of the 3rd quarter upon us, it is time to address grading.

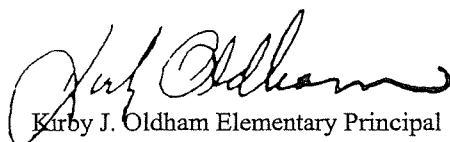
Given the unprecedented circumstances of a long-term online learning delivery model, we are providing guidance on how to both capture students' in-school performance through March 13, 2020 and student performance during our dismissal. Given all that is transpiring, many students cannot be expected to fully do their best work while being isolated, shifting to online learning and experiencing a myriad of other changes. Therefore, we are prioritizing empathy, kindness and trust. Please understand our first priority at this time is the overall well-being of our students and families. In the big picture of life, what we are currently dealing with overshadows grades right now.

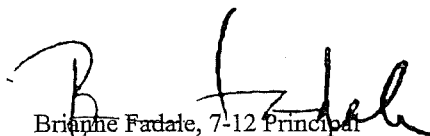
As we all work our way through this global crisis, as a district, we have decided to move the end of 3rd quarter to March 13, 2020. This was the last day students were physically attending school in-person. Students will be able to submit any missing assignments for the 3rd quarter through April 17, 2020. Students concerned with missing work should contact their teachers directly. The distribution of report cards will be determined and communicated with families at a later point in time. We will update families when the district receives further guidance from the NYS Education Department on how to proceed with the 4th quarter grading.

As we work through this fluid situation, we encourage all of our families to take their child/children's learning seriously. All our students are encouraged to read, write, work on assignments, and take advantage of this time. If they do not take learning seriously, they will simply be adding stress to themselves at some point in the, hopefully, near future. Please bear in mind, the solution to this problem of grading will not be perfect, nor are our current circumstances. The solution we seek needs to be as fair as possible to all, and not cause additional stressors to students or families. We ask for your support and patience as we await the information that is necessary. We are working daily to obtain accurate information from the Governor, and seek guidance from the NYS Education Department.

Finally, wash your hands and use social distancing! These two practices, at this time, are far more important than your grades.

Sincerely,


Kirby J. Oldham Elementary Principal


Brianne Fadate, 7-12 Principal