SPRING BREAK UPDATE: April 7, 2020

WASHINGTON SCHOOLS CLOSED for the remainder of the school year
Yesterday in a press release, Governor Inslee announced schools will be closed for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year, in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. Without these restrictions, public health authorities say the rate of infection will overwhelm the healthcare system.

COMMUNICATION Our goal to is to communicate with families on a weekly basis. We are in the process of creating an email list in order to provide you with weekly updates. Emails will go directly to your in-box to keep you abreast of the most current information. Please sign up for weekly communication updates at: https://mailchi.mp/chelanschools/signup.

DISTRICT OFFICES CLOSED The School District Office will be closed through Spring Break and re-open on Monday, April 13th. Teachers and classified support staff will not be working or communicating with students and families throughout the break. All school building offices will be closed through May 4th unless the current “Stay Home Stay Healthy” order is extended by the Governor.

FOOD SERVICE This week and throughout the remainder of the school year all meals will be distributed at Morgen Ownings Elementary School between the hours of 10:30 am and 12:30 pm. Mobile pick-up will be available at the MOE bus zone on Woodin Avenue. We will continue to distribute meals at Apple Acres and Chelan Falls 10:30 am - 11:30 am and at Stayman Flats 10:45 am – 11:00 am. Thrive Chelan Valley will continue to distribute weekend food bags from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm behind Chelan High School.

CLASS OF 2020 We remain committed to working closely with seniors and their families to determine how to best honor the Class of 2020 given the circumstances. At the same time, we remain hopeful that we are able to host traditional graduation ceremonies in June. Building administrators will be in communication with seniors and their parents to discuss ideas and plans as we move forward.

CONTINUOUS LEARNING Teachers continue to plan and improve our distance learning platform in order to provide the best possible education for all students. The district will be working with an on-line learning consultant to assist teachers in strengthening their knowledge and delivery of instructional support to students. Immediately following Spring Break, a new update will be sent out to all students and families sharing the latest information on remote learning.

TECHNOLOGY ACCESS As of this past Monday, the district has increased its bandwidth at both the High School and the School District to improve Wi-Fi accessibility. You will be able to access Wi-Fi from the safety of your car at both the High School and Community Gym parking lots. If your child needs a chrome book or you need information on accessing Wi-Fi please call the district office hotline at 682-3515.

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