



# EAST PALESTINE CITY SCHOOLS

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COVID-19 Update Communication

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Good evening East Palestine families this is Mr. Neifer, EP Superintendent. I am calling to update you on where we are with plans to continue to support our students during this continued school closure:

- Academic assignments for the rest of April will continue to be posted on the district website in 2 week intervals. We will recognize our time off for spring break and resume academic support next Tuesday. The next set of assignments will be posted by Monday, April 20th.
- Report cards for the 3rd grading period will be available on the Parent Access portal in ProgressBook on Friday April 17th.
- I would encourage everyone to continue to turn in assignments upon completion. This allows for the teachers to get them graded and provide feedback. Please try to turn in as many assignments as possible electronically to reduce the need for contact and possible viral spread. We have added a new location for paper packet drop off outside of the elementary school main office entrance for all grade levels and forms. This is available at any time day or night and will be collected on Mondays and Thursdays. Please utilize all CDC recommendations and do not congregate.
- Assignments 11-17 should be completed and turned in by Monday, April 20th.
- The meal distribution program will have a slight adjustment this coming week. Today you received 3 meals instead of 2. Due to the holiday weekend and our spring break we will be distributing meals next Tuesday for the entire week. Times and locations will remain the same.
- I have had a number of conversations with parents the past week regarding their level of frustration with trying to educate at home. I want to encourage you to continue to do the best that you can and look at this situation as an opportunity to build grit and perseverance in your children. It is times like this that I am reminded of the key role that failure plays in the learning process and it is important for our students to learn this as well. Please do your best in these trying times and know that we are aware that we are going to need to review a number of topics next school year. The grading philosophy will contain great flexibility for assignments that are attempted and submitted.
- Finally, I want to wish everyone a safe and memorable Easter weekend.

I want to thank everyone for their patience and support. Please continue to monitor trusted district websites and social media applications for updated information.

Have a good evening, stay safe, and as always Go Bulldogs!

## Bulldog PRIDE