



Ridgedale Local School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you all found some time to relax and recharge over our recent Easter break. Speaking with several teachers, staff members and administrators, they were very thankful that we had a few days to regroup and prepare for the homestretch of the school year. At this point we are still hoping to return to school on May 4, but continuing to plan in the event that we are out for the remainder of the year. I have received several reports of students that receive ancillary services in OT/PT and Speech therapy that have not checked in with their service providers. If your child is one that receives one or more of these services, please check your email of any communications that have been sent out, and work to continue to keep you child in touch with these professional services.

We have resumed meal delivery effective today, Tuesday April 14, 2020. We will continue meal delivery on Thursday April 16, and continue with the Tuesday and Thursday delivery schedule through the end of the building closure or the end of the school year, whichever comes first. This is a change from our daily delivery schedule, so please be aware of this two day/week schedule change moving forward.

SRO Mike Woods is still available for wellness checks for any family that would like for him to stop, please call the Board office if you would like a check, or email him directly at mwoods@ridgedaleschools.org. I am beginning to receive more requests from the teaching staff to check on students that are not responding to video classes or school work that is due, **especially in the Jr/Sr High School**. This is very concerning to us, we are still working to make sure that all of our seniors meet the graduation requirements and that the rest of our students can be promoted to the next grade level. We will have SRO Woods stop and check several homes to make sure all is well and report any assistance that you may need.

As a reminder, as we prepare for next school year, information and forms for the following can be found on our website. However, if you need assistance please email me at rbirtton@ridgedaleschools.org

1. **Preschool** – we are still accepting applications for preschool electronically or via US mail service. Forms can be found at ridgedaleschools.org
2. **Kindergarten Registration** – Due to the mandated closure we are postponing until a later date. You will receive the new date when it is set.

3. **Open Enrollment** – We are accepting open enrollment applications beginning through May 31, 2020, electronically or via US mail. OE form is at ridgedaleschools.org

The elementary PTO wanted me to share some information regarding their spring flower sale:

Due to recent Covid-19 events we have had to discontinue our spring flower sale with Foertmeyer & Sons Greenhouse. Here are the ways that we are handling the 2 types of orders were received:

Online Orders:

If you have placed orders through their online store, fundraiseIT will be issuing refunds to you over the next 7-10 business days. Please do not contact your credit card company, nor fundraiseIT, directly, to cancel your order as it will incur heavy fines towards Foertmeyer & Sons Greenhouse.

Catalog Orders:

Make sure to let the people who ordered from you through the catalog know that their orders have been canceled. Please return any cash and return/void any checks that have been given to you for orders that were placed this way.

The PTO is sorry for any inconvenience and disappointment. We are in contact with our rep at Foertmeyer & Sons about doing the sale for next year.

There is still time to cast your March 17, 2020 primary ballot, remember in person voting is strictly prohibited, however you can still cast an absentee ballot. Ballots must be requested by April 25, 2020 and returned by April 28. Voters can obtain absentee ballots three ways: 1. Voters can find applications for [Absentee Ballot Application](#) on the Board of Election's website. Download and print off an Absentee Ballot Application and mail to the Board of Election's office at 222 W. Center St. Marion, OH 43302. 2. Email a request for Absentee Application, include your name, mailing address, contact information and number of applications needed to marion@OhioSoS.gov 3. If you do not have access to print off the application below or email, please call us and leave a detailed message to request an application be mailed to you.

For any family interested in gathering more information on Covid-19, our school Nurse Mr. Jon Campbell is available, through a virtual clinic. He may be reached at jcampbell@ridgedaleschools.org. We are also posting the latest guidance on our website ridgedaleschools.org.

The Board of Education will be holding a special meeting, virtually on Thursday April 30, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

For the most up to date information log on to the District website at ridgedaleschools.org. Remember, if you need any assistance please call, 740-382-6065, and we will get back with you as soon as possible. Have a great evening!

Sincerely,
Robert A. Britton, Superintendent
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