March 18, 2020

Dear Bigfork Families,

**Kinder-4th Grade Students**

We anticipated having school work ready for our Kinder -4th grade students after spring break.  However, our elementary staff have already created print-based work for every student, which will go home this week! They are also working on creating video lessons for reading (and some teachers may be posting math) for parents to access through our website. We hope to have some links ready by this Friday.  Please be checking our website for new posts.  Specialist teachers have shared online resources with classroom teachers to address library, art, music, and PE for students to work through at home.  You will be getting those links and log in information from your students classroom teacher.

Some teachers have also begun “video chats” on Google Meets with their students and it was fun to see some of you connect today.  If you were unable to connect, don’t worry.  We will continue to work out the details on how best to communicate with you and your student.

**5th – 12th Grade Students**

We had a great start to our virtual learning platform today! Great work from students and staff!  We were thankful to be able to reconnect with our students and looking forward to making this experience even better.  In the event you had troubling logging into you class today or accessing information, you may contact your teacher or visit the remote instruction FAQ page.

<https://www.bigforkschools.org/remote-instruction-faqs>

**From the School Nurse**

Please see the link below to the KRMC website with updates from the "community medical management team" perspective for COVID-19.  There is a local 24 hour KRMChotline available for anyone with questions regarding COVID-19.  More information on the link:

<https://www.krh.org/krhc/patients-and-visitors/covid-19-preparedness-and-updates/practicing-social-distancing>

**From the Food Service Director and Transportation Director**

We are thankful so many families are using our form <https://forms.gle/n9Ly2MeDGT45jkEz6> to communicate needs for meals and supplies.  We were able to use our small vehicles today to deliver many of the supply requests and will continue to do so tomorrow and Friday.

Tomorrow and Friday, we will also be delivering breakfast and lunch to students who qualify for free or reduced meals.  In the event we are out of school beyond spring break, we will establish a regular schedule for drop offs a few times a week.  For those students who do NOT ride the bus, we will be creating a drive through window for you to pick up meals on the east (high school) end of the ELEMENTARY building.

As a reminder our buses will run tomorrow and Friday at the times below delivering both meals and supplies.  Please be ready to collect your meals and supplies from your normal pick up/drop off spot.  We will do our best to stay on schedule, but anticipate the route getting a little behind.  We appreciate your patience.

* Tomorrow, March 19, we will be running all afternoon bus routes on the regular times.
* On Friday, March 20, we will be running all morning bus routes on a two hour delayed schedule.
* If you are not on a bus route and wish to pick up your supplies, you may do so Thursday, March 19.  **High School** students/parents may pick up their supplies at the High School Office from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  **Kinder – 8th** grades students may pick up their supplies at the Elementary Office from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In the event you do not receive your needed supplies by the end of the day on Friday March 20, please know we will schedule a time to pick up your supplies sometime during the week of spring break.

Sincerely,

Matt Jensen

Superintendent