

Forestville families,

First and foremost, I hope you and your family are safe and healthy during these very difficult times. I also want to thank and honor you for all your support, patience, and flexibility while we transition to this new way of operating and managing school.

The Forestville teachers, staff, and admin have been working hard to adjust and get ready for distance learning going forward for the rest of the year. I want to share with you some expectations and answer a few frequently asked questions to help get us all through the next two months.

In order to cut down on exposure from sharing paperwork and hard copies of assignments, we are transitioning as much as we can to online learning. You should have all received emails from your teachers at this point sharing with you how they are setting up their virtual classroom and routines. Many of our teachers are using Google Classroom and other various online methods to deliver learning opportunities, assignments, and instruction. Like you would if we were still doing in person classes, please check in with your teacher if you have questions or concerns about what your student is working on or need help.

If you need to check out a Chromebook from us to help you and your student during this time of distance learning, please contact your teacher to let them know. We will work on getting you a device and set up an appointment to pick it up. If you do not have internet at home, the three internet providers below are offering free internet during school closures:

Spectrum: Call 1-844-488-8398 or go to mobile.spectrum.com/support/article/360040980371/ coronavirus-covid19-update

Comcast: corporate.comcast.com/covid-19

Sonic Internet: 90 days of free access at sonic.com/cov19

We are also working on obtaining hotspots to help with internet connectivity. I will let you know when we get these and we will work on distribution for our families that need support with getting the internet.

Our Pick up Party that is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, from 8-1pm is only for students and families that need a hardcopy of materials at this time. Please let your teacher know if you will need a hardcopy of materials, and we will make sure they are ready for you. If you will be picking up next Tuesday, please come through the parking lot by the main office and the Auditorium, and we will bring out your assignments and resources your teacher puts together for you. All social distancing measures and safety protocols will be followed.

Many of you have asked about what this means for grades, grading, etc. We are waiting for some guidance from the state regarding grading and such, but rest assured that students will pass and move forward to their next appropriate grade. The goal is to continue to have students practice and refine skills they already have and will need moving forward. Teachers will continue to give feedback on assignments and keep track of what is turned in.

These are unprecedented times and we know how diligent students, teachers, and parents are working to maintain continuity of work. We also know how stressful this is for our students, particularly our soon to be high schoolers, as they are struggling to feel prepared and ready for the next level.

Please know that we are doing our very best to make sure that our students and their needs are well taken care of. Do not hesitate to reach out to me, Ms. Hegenbart, and/or your student's teacher, if you need support with anything. We are here to help.

Be well,
Renee