

Parent Update

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Dear Parents,

We want to touch base and provide you with a quick update on the transition to virtual/distance learning. Our Chromebook delivery arrived today, earlier than anticipated. School staff were able to get the shipment unboxed and ready to be inventoried, labeled, configured and distributed. We plan on spending tomorrow getting the first batch of Chromebooks ready for distribution. **We anticipate being able to distribute Chromebooks to each student, along with other supplemental materials being provided by teachers, on Thursday and Friday.** More details should be distributed to parents via e-mail blast, the School web site, and the Friends of Bear Creek Community Charter School Facebook page tomorrow around lunch time.

We understand that lack of personal technology, or older technology that is cumbersome to use for remote/distance learning, is the biggest challenge right now for many parents. We are hoping that this will not be an issue once we distribute the new Chromebooks.

It is our expectation to provide a new Dell Chromebook and charger to every student, kindergarten through eighth grade. This will allow every student to have the same technology. Students will then be able to utilize the Google applications for distance learning purposes. Students in 5th through 8th grade are very familiar with this, as they have been using it continuously for quite some time. Students in the lower grades have begun utilizing Google applications in the classroom, but may more of a learning curve. Regardless, the Google applications will allow students to engage with teachers “live” and will be able to complete many assignments/assessments in the Google application, or they can be uploaded into the Google application. Teachers will provide specific information to parents on their individual web sites regarding the use of Google applications in the learning process.

A personal letter was mailed home today detailing each student’s schedule, and providing the necessary logins and passwords to online applications. This is the same login and password information that was mailed home over the summer. On the back of the sheet is your child’s virtual learning schedule detailing both synchronous, live instruction and independent work time. Student schedules are also posted on teacher webpages. Look in your mailbox over the next couple of days. **The yellow sheet contains important information, please keep it in a safe place.**

Students in grades five through eight are to follow the schedules and attend classes, which should be happening every day. If your child was attending school daily and does not have technology they will not be penalized for not attending class. Teachers will be tracking attendance for record keeping purposes only.

Students in kindergarten through grade four will begin synchronous, live instruction, on Wednesday. If your student does not have technology to get on for Wednesday do not worry, keep working with the resources you have at your disposal. For students in kindergarten through fourth grade, there are additional resources you can use to engage students in the learning process. If you are having difficulty getting into iReady please spend time working on some of these sites in both reading and math. If your

child cannot access iReady please rest assured they will not be penalized. Teachers will be tracking attendance for record keeping purposes only.

Thank you for your patience.

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Reading Resources

<https://www.getepic.com/>

<https://www.storylineonline.net/> (Choose YouTube)

<https://pbskids.org/>

<https://www.seussville.com/>

<http://www.gamequarium.org/dir/Readquarium/>

Math Resources

<https://www.coolmathgames.com/>

<https://www.gamequarium.com/math/>

<https://www.varsitytutors.com/aplusmath>

<https://www.mathplayground.com/>

<http://www.mathgametime.com/>

Reading and Math Resources

<https://www.brainpop.com/>

<https://www.starfall.com/h/>

<https://www.abcya.com/>