

# COVID 19

## Friday Follow-up

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**Clayton School District**

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# Hello, Clayton Families!

## It is Memorial Weekend!

- Before I begin this week's Friday Follow-up I just want to say thank you to all those men and women that gave their lives to protect our freedoms. And though many think of this weekend mostly as a 3-day start to the summer I hope everyone can take a moment on Monday to think about everything we get to do, or say because of those that gave their life, protecting our way of life and the freedoms that go with it.
- And though last Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> was Armed Forces Day honoring those men and women in uniform regardless of when they served, during conflict or peaceful times, I also want to say thank you for your service to our country!

# Thank you for your help these past 10 weeks!

- This week I want to thank everyone that has stepped up to help our students, your children in any way.
- From community members that offered services including child care to our school families to the individuals and businesses that donated items including Cheese for families and homemade masks for staff to wear while in the school building.
- From the teachers that picked up their classrooms and moved them to a more online format to the parents that sat with their children to help with instruction as much as they could.

# Thanks Continued:

- From the staff that packaged and delivered meals non-stop since this began to all the families that left them Thank You cards and notes and posters and even treats, or just waved at them out of your windows helping them feel they were making a difference.
- From our custodial staff that has been cleaning and disinfecting rooms and has now moved into the summer cleaning mode making sure the students have as germ free a building as possible to return to when that happens, to our office staff that has been orchestrating meal delivery lists and item pickup and technology repairs and teaching material distribution. Thank you staff for keeping the school running safely and smoothly.
- And also to our small administrative staff that has had to keep up with new expectations given at the state and county levels, plan for continuation of the school year, work on ways to honor our seniors as they head out to start their lives after high school, provide connections for students without internet, determine how to provide training for our staff and make sure we are providing support for our students now, through the summer and into the next year. I am lucky to have such a dedicated team at the helm.

# Thanks Elementary and MS students:

- Most of all I want to Thank the children;
- Thank you young students for picking up an iPad or watching your teacher on a phone as they talked with you about how you were doing and hopefully made you smile as you worked through some of the lessons you would have had in school. Whether in Junior Kindergarten or 4<sup>th</sup> grade, it was nice to see pictures shared showing what you were doing to keep busy and connected during this time.
- For those Middle level students who are at the age where they have become very social and want to be, most of all, with their friends. I hope you were at least able to find some satisfaction with connecting virtually within an electronic classroom, and hopefully were even able to understand and complete a portion of what your teachers were providing. Thank you for participating to the extent you could.

# Thanks HS students

- And for the High School students that had multiple events pulled away in the blink of an eye, I have never in my 37 years seen a school calendar come to a close this way. From my first announcement cancelling the Spring Concert and all after school events, I knew the reduction of instruction and loss of activities would be hard on all of you. I did not realize at that time just how far reaching this would end up and the heavy toll, that the loss of face to face support within a classroom would take from you.
- I truly hope we can overcome this situation for your sake and as you head into summer you are able to find a break from all this craziness, Thank you all for hanging in there and making the best of this unprecedented situation.

# SENIORS:

- I know most of you have turned in your last items and are finished with your work for this year, and for Clayton School. I hope opportunities open up soon for you to be able to move forward with your post high school plans.
- We have been planning a few opportunities yet to honor you, but please remember that we are trying to provide activities so everybody can participate and it is difficult to find a time or event that works for everyone, while also conforming to the state expectations and health department guidelines.
- Continue to work with Mr. Nadeau and Mrs. Arneberg along with your class advisors as they create some additional memories to mark this milestone in your lives.

# Turn In Days JK-11 students

- The instructional part of the at home instruction for all other students is today and I have a feeling you are all in need of a break.
- As a reminder I will go through the turn in day schedule again for next week:
- We will start with the Turn in Days on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> with the JK to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. Please bring in any technology they have borrowed from us and any library books that need to be returned. A scheduled time for groups of students has being sent out and provided by your instructors. Please follow the listed times so that we do not have a large group trying to return items, at the same time.
- Items left by students in their desks will be ready for you to take home. Come to door #1 and we will let you in individually to drop off and pick up items in the elementary commons.



## Turn in Days continued...

- Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup> will be turn in day for grades 4-8. Please bring in the chrome books that were sent home along with the charging cords, hot spots (if provided) and any other school items. Also please refer to information provided to determine the times you can turn in items.
- Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> is for grades 9-11. We need to collect the MacBooks from all students that are not signed up for Driver's Education, or taking a credit recovery class. Please bring any school materials, hotspots and of course your charging cord with your laptop. Please arrive during the assigned times so we do not have too many waiting outside.
- Friday May 29<sup>th</sup> is for any student that could not come in on the scheduled day or time for your child's grade.

# Food Delivery:

- There will not be food delivery on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> as the staff is off for Memorial Day. They will be providing meals again on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.
- As you have already heard in previous weeks, we will be packaging meals through the month of June with the last day being June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Watch for information regarding a weekly food pickup option beginning in July as part of a Salvation Army food provision program.

# Summer School:

- As you know we cannot have any in school classes until at least July.
- And even though Drivers Education and some credit recovery will begin in June through an online option. We are giving a break to most of the students and teachers at this time with using that system.
- Nobody knows what new mandates may be coming or how the opening of the state will affect the course of the virus, but we will continue to monitor our options and if possible have some summer school activities later in July or early August. I am not making promises, but we are hopeful for some opportunity to again have students in the building or at least provide some fun activities for students to do at home

# Summer Projects and more:

- Work on the parking lot will be starting next week as we are able to move into the summer projects.
- Inside activity on projects will start out slowly as we continue to follow safe guidelines including social distancing expectations.
- The Fitness Center remains closed as part of the school closure until June 30<sup>th</sup> as directed by the Health Department. While private fitness centers are able to open local schools are closed until July 1<sup>st</sup>. If any opportunity arises to change that status we will certainly announce it to our members. As for your membership fees we will be adjusting your renewal in December to account for the lost months during this pandemic.
- I am also very aware of the desire for the athletic teams to get back into the fitness center to regroup and look forward to some form of a fall season.

# Thank You!

- As always the district staff thanks you for your support of what we are doing to provide instruction and support to your children during this unprecedented event.
- Together we can get through this.
- Have a Great Weekend!
- We Are Clayton!

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- Please feel free to access the links on that tab. We will add additional information as we feel it is relevant and try to provide you with factual information, so you can be as informed as possible.