

# COVID 19

## Friday Follow-up

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**Clayton School District**

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# Hello again, Clayton Families!

- I am very thankful to many of you for the kind words to the teachers, support staff and even me, as we have been working during this time to provide multiple levels of support for your children during this unprecedented pandemic.
- It has been uplifting to see the images of students enjoying the meals we have delivered and families doing a variety of activities like playing board games or even school activities that are helping them get through these continual days of the Safer at Home preventative order from our Governor.

# Introduction Continued

- Though I am not in the building every day, I can tell you that when I am here and I'm not hearing the students outside my office having lunch, I am very aware of the burden it puts on your families as the school has become off limits to your children.

- Here are a few updates since last week.

And as I did last week:

- I will again have this script posted to our website on the COVID-19 Quick Link so you can review the content of this message at your convenience.

# Food Delivery

- I continue to be amazed by the way our foodservice staff and the paraprofessionals pack and provide now over 600 total free meals each day to the children of our district. We greatly appreciate the federal grant funds that we will receive to allow us to provide this service to our district children.
- I also want to shout out to the local farmers and businesses that have helped to provide cheese curds and other cheese products, that we have been able to directly pass on to our families that are receiving these meals.

# Food Delivery cont.

- We have also been contacted to receive a grant and private donations to help with our food delivery program and we will continue to look for additional ways to support your children.
- As we continue to do our part, in support of the Governor's Safer at Home order, we started with our reduction to 4 days of delivery this week. The food crew has become more efficient and quicker in our packing and delivery, and I'm happy to say that they are getting those meals out by noon practically each day.

# Returning to school this year!

- You may have heard Governor Evers, yesterday, tell everyone in Wisconsin that schools will not be opened again this Spring to finish out the year within the building. While this is very disappointing to the school staff and many of your children, it is a necessary step to prevent any of our area residents and families from creating a flash outbreak of the Coronavirus that would be difficult for our healthcare workers and facilities to handle.
- Our teachers will continue to work with all of your children to provide support, activities and lessons to help them stay connected to their classmates and teachers during this time.

# SENIORS

- Now that we know we are not able to bring you back to the building this Spring, we will continue to look at what an alternative graduation ceremony could be. I have been working with Mrs. Arneberg and Mr. Nadeau to plan for your commencement and I know they have both been in contact with some of you and we will be in contact regarding plans as they develop.
- As a reminder: If you are applying for scholarships, please continue to submit them as noted on the website and if you have questions please contact Mrs. Arneberg. Next fall when you are able to start your next stage of schooling, you will want to have those scholarships to help.

# Hot Spots:

- **Hot Spots:** Seem to be the **hot** topic. As a school district trying to get these in to the houses of those students that do not have a reliable way to connect to the internet, it has sure been difficult.
- We have however, cleared the major hurdles and starting today we are getting them out into those houses so all students may have access to the teachers and their classmates at the times scheduled.
- I still feel good about how we are doing, even though it took longer than expected. These devices are hard to get these days, and other schools are realizing that now.

# Wireless Access:

- And again I want to remind you:
- We currently do have wireless connections available in the large parking lot and in the staff parking alley, so students that are able to get to those locations, can use their computers with the school wifi without leaving their car.
- And, Northwest Communications has also added a wireless access point at their building on the corner of Prentice and Clayton Avenue called “N W Comm Free WiFi”, so there would be an option to park near there also.
- In fact you can find an interactive map of free Broadband access points throughout Wisconsin that are available during this Health Emergency by searching Emergency Internet Resources or you can find the link on our website under the COVID-19 tab

# COVID-19 Information Tab on the District webpage

- I've referred to our webpage where we are posting the scripts for these videos as well as other pertinent information.
- You can find documents from the Center for Disease Control, that includes facts about the virus. It is very important to know the facts, so the CDC updates their website regularly. There you can find information about the virus, including how it spreads, who it can infect, why you are staying home and ways you can help protect yourself and others with simple steps like wearing a mask when you go out.
- We have also added an online story book about the current pandemic that you can use to explain what all this talk is about with your younger children that may be feeling extremely confused about why we have to do these things
- Please feel free to download anything you see posted on our website and share with others.

# Thank You!

- Here at the school we continue to do whatever we can to make this situation as worry free as possible. If there is something more, you think we could help with, or wish to ask me to clarify anything, please connect with me through a phone call or email. I can't promise, we can do everything we are asked, but I will promise that we will consider all ideas.
- Thank you, enjoy your weekend, and please keep yourself and others healthy by staying "Safer at Home"