

April 15, 2020

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

First I would like to say how appreciative we all are of our families, students and community resilience during these uncertain times. The administration and staff have worked hard and cohesively to provide your child's distant education. I have heard everyone mention how much they miss the students and time at school! We cannot wait to get back to our "norm."

Schools are closed for the remaining of the school year. However, the at-home distant learning will look different for the next two phases. In the 2nd phase of instruction teachers will be available for contact with students Monday- Friday from 10:00-12:00 via Google Hangouts or phone calls. Individual grade time may be needed and will be organized by each teacher when necessary. The packets that were delivered on March 23 will be collected when Ms. Terry and I deliver the next phase of packets on April 20th. We will hand deliver like last time to each family's home. If for some reason we cannot make contact please come by the kitchen window to pick up your child's work (and drop off previous packet) during T-F 8:00-9:00 or 12:00-1:00 while we serve breakfast and lunch. Teachers will be giving feedback on the first packets in a safe, adequate amount of time. Please know that staff were provided protective equipment when making the packets to ensure everyone's safety.

Phase One: March 19th-April 9th at-home study packets (to be collected for feedback)

April 10th-April 17th (Spring Break)

Phase Two: April 20th-May 8th at-home study packets (to be collected for grading)

Phase Three: May 11th-May 29th at-home study packets (to be collected for grading)

The school has ordered internet hotspots for students that do not have access to home internet so that they can receive online instructional support and enrichment. We will be getting them out as soon as they arrive. We are currently organizing chromebooks, chargers and hotspots to be delivered also as soon as

possible to the April 20th date. We will confirm delivery via parent portal information system when appropriate.

Science projects will be going out for hands-on learning as supplies allow. Our art teacher, Ms. Lisa, and I are also working on how best to provide art at home. There will be more news to follow regarding art, but I am glad that Ms. Lisa is willing to provide an art lesson-even if it looks different from art lessons in the past to the best of her ability. Thank you for being flexible and understanding to our "ever-changing" time table of information and distant learning possibilities.

Ms. Terry has completed the yearbook, but ordering online is no longer an option. Several families have already pre-paid and will receive yearbooks when they arrive. Ms. Terry will put out notification on how families that have not purchased yearbooks yet, but would still like to, when she has some concrete information.

I cannot imagine how difficult it has been for families during this time to become your child's teacher. I commend those of you that make sure your child is continuing their education at the best means possible. Please reach out if you have any questions. My phone number is (209) 819-9233 and my email address is akahl@snellingschool.org.

Stay Safe,

Alison Kahl
Principal/Superintendent