



April 3, 2020

Dear Hood Canal Parents and Guardians,

Hood Canal staff have been reinventing what education looks like during the COVID-19 school closure. We have been planning for ways to provide educational activities, tools, communications, and lunches for our students during the school closure. We are tentatively planning to have kids return on April 27th, but stay tuned for updates as we gain more data about the spread of the corona virus.

**Educational Activities:** Teachers should be contacting students at least once a week. Your student or you may be in touch with teachers through e-mail, phone call, social media, or through use of Internet-based tools. Teachers may create traditional assignments with books or paper packets, online assignments and tasks, or educational activities using Internet-based tools. There may be a variety of creative ways teachers assess the progress of your student.

**Chromebooks and Wi Fi:** Before the school closure, students were surveyed by teachers to determine which of our families needed Wi-Fi. We will be contacting those families to pick up a “Hot Spot” to access Wi-Fi through Verizon. Please contact us if you need free Wi-Fi so your child can access learning materials, using his or her Chromebook. If your child did not bring a Chromebook home, your child’s teacher may be in touch to make arrangements for pick-up. Please e-mail your child’s teacher or me, if you need 1) a Chromebook or Hot Spot to access Wi-Fi or 2) to discuss your child’s educational expectations or progress.

**Individual Education Plans:** Case managers will be in contact with students and/or families of students who have Individual Education Plans (IEPs.) We plan to hold IEP meetings via Zoom or by conference call. Each IEP team may individually determine whether and how services and supports may be provided. Although we may not be able apply the IEP exactly as it is written, our IEP teams may approach IEP goals and services in unique and creative ways, so students may access educational activities during the COVID-19 school closure.

**Grab-and-Go Lunches:** All children, ages 0-18, are eligible to pick up a brown bag that includes one breakfast and one lunch, Monday-Friday. Lunches may be picked up at bus stops that are listed on our Facebook Page and our school website, under “Grab-and-Go Lunches.” Lunches are available to all youth, whether they are enrolled in the District, or not. Thank you for your patience as we worked through scheduling trials. Thanks to the South Sound Reading Foundation, we were able to give away some beautiful books to our kids! Be on the lookout for Easter goodies donated courtesy of Armstrong Racing Foundation.

If you are having exceptional hardships, feel free to reach out to school counselors Mike McGuire [mmcguire@hoodcanalschool.org](mailto:mmcguire@hoodcanalschool.org) or Kelly Hanson [khanson@hoodcanalschool.org](mailto:khanson@hoodcanalschool.org) to discuss your child or receive information about local resources.

Thank you to all the educators and families who have been creative problem-solvers to provide support for our Hood Canal students! We love you and wish your family health & safety during this unprecedented time!

Warmly,

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