

Mountain View-Gotebo Public School

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Distance Learning into Thanksgiving Break

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have worked extremely hard from the beginning of the school year to minimize the spread of Covid-19 and limit interruptions in learning. Unfortunately, our communities' positive numbers are on a rise and some of our students are being directly affected. With Thanksgiving break approaching we have made the difficult decision to provide school virtually to all students for the upcoming 4 day school week, November 16-19. This will allow students to have a longer separation from each other in an effort to mitigate the spread in the school, our families and communities. We know this requires many difficult schedule changes for our students and their families but feel this is needed at this time for the health of many. We appreciate your understanding and partnership in continuing to provide a safe and productive educational experience for all students. The four-day virtual week involves several aspects:

First, Daily instruction and activities will be provided through Google classroom. Please make sure you are reading and following teacher requests for the week of virtual learning. Your child may be asked to complete assignments both virtually and with paper pencil. It is imperative that your student participates in the daily virtual classroom.

Second, All students have the opportunity to receive meals for the week. If your child rides the bus, meals will be delivered to you. If your child does not ride a bus their meals can be picked up at the backdoor of the cafeteria each day between 11:00-12:00. Elementary students will need to return their meal form to their teacher and Junior High and High school students need to communicate their meal intentions to the cafeteria lunch count attendant.

Third, If your child receives special education services, please call the school at (580)347-2211 to schedule a time with Mrs. Thompson so that your child can come to the school during the virtual school days to receive assistance.

Fourth, If your household does not have internet capabilities, please call the school office to schedule a time for your student to come use the school computer lab to complete virtual assignments.

Finally, we are hopeful that the week of distance learning in addition to the week we are out for Thanksgiving Break will prove to be enough time to ensure that we do not have an increase of positive cases/quarantines on our campus. Thank you for your patience and understanding in these matters. Though our circumstances might be difficult at times, our goal to ensure student and staff safety has not changed. Thank you for your cooperation as we work together to accomplish this goal.

Sincerely,



Sam Belcher