

Riverton Elementary School

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Parents and staff:

By now you are all aware that in an effort to slow down the spread of COVID-19, the Governor of Kansas has closed face to face instruction for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. With this executive order in place, schools have been required to develop a Continuous Learning Plan that will continue to help address the critical standards at each grade level.

We know this is not an ideal situation for any of our parents and students at Riverton Elementary, but do appreciate your patience as we navigate through these difficult times. Our staff has been working diligently since this announcement was made to establish best practice that can support all of our families / students both academically and emotionally. Please know we are here to help support you and your family in any way possible.

The information below is to provide you with some basic information of our plan at the elementary level moving forward starting April 6, 2020.

PHILOSOPHY

There is no substitute for the daily interaction between students and their teachers. This new process is going to ask parents to adjust to a new normal and become more involved in their child's education process. With that said, we realize that many of our parents are working daily with students at all three buildings. We've told our staff that "Less is More" and to "Keep it Simple." All staff members have been encouraged to follow the guidelines set forth by the Task Force at KSDE, which are listed below, when developing lessons.

PK= 30 minutes daily
Grades K-1 = 45 minutes daily
Grades 2-3 = 60 minutes daily
Grades 4-5 = 90 minutes daily

Our elementary is not a 1-to-1 building like the MS and HS (not every student has a laptop) therefore creating some challenges. Currently we have 10 Chromebooks per classroom, 30 per grade level, and in an effort to better utilize this technology we have moved all of these devices to grades 3, 4, and 5 to better accommodate those students and staff already using Google Classroom. For students PK-2, academic packets will be utilized with lessons being created two weeks at a time. Our first packet will go out the week of April 6 followed by the weeks of April 20, and May 8.

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COMMUNICATION

Communication is key during this process. Every grade level has established a communication platform that most parents are already apart of. We encourage parents to check these platforms routinely for updated information. Riverton Elementary has also created a new Facebook page where weekly announcements are being posted. Finally, our USD 404 website has been updated with teachers' emails and phone extensions should you need other ways of reaching them. This information is listed under the Elementary Link on the top of the web page at www.usd404.org.

Student's grades 3, 4, and 5 – If you have a technology questions, as it pertains to district issued equipment, please contact Teresa Falling or Kyle Dannelley at techsupport@usd404.org.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Please know that we are committed to making sure students are receiving the help, support and accommodations they need in order to be successful. You and your student should be contacted by Mrs. Adams in the near future to discuss your child's plan throughout this process.

GRADES

School is still in session and academic expectations are still in place. At this time, we still plan on producing 4th quarter grade cards so it's very important that we are completing as much work as possible and getting it turned in. This is a unique time in education that will require much grace and flexibility, but teachers must have something to base 4th quarter grades on.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Our student's mental health and well-being is very important to us. We firmly believe that if a student's mental health needs are not being met academic success will be limited. You may contact Lisa Rutledge, our school counselor, by email at lrutledge@usd404.org or call her office at 620-848-4078 ext. 137, any time you have a questions regarding mental health issues. Also, we have a school based therapist, Brad Hildebrand that works at Spring River Mental Health. If your child has been seeing Brad, you may contact him at 620-848-2300.

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In closing, we are ALL adjusting to a new normal. Please know that we are here to support you and your family with whatever needs you have. We don't have all the answers, but are willing to do whatever we need to make this a positive situation in the upcoming days and weeks. We appreciate your patience / grace as we make this transition. Please contact the school office at 620-848-4078 with any additional questions. Thank you!!

Adam Thomasson, RES Principal

