



Monmouth Beach School District

A Tradition of Excellence

November 15, 2020

Dear Monmouth Beach School Community:

We have been informed over the weekend that there are several staff members who are having COVID-like symptoms, have been exposed to COVID and/or are awaiting test results. We have also received reports of community members with potential illness and/or quarantine situations. Out of an abundance of caution in keeping our school community safe, we will be pivoting to virtual instruction beginning Monday, November 16. We anticipate that we will be able to return to in-person instruction on Monday, November 30; however, the situation is fluid and will be reevaluated by the Board of Education and administration throughout this time period.

To prepare for the unexpected change, *tomorrow will be utilized to deploy materials and supplies* that students will need to participate in virtual learning for the duration of the time period. Please see the materials pick-up schedule below:

Middle Students Materials Pick-up

Middle school students will come into the building to get materials out of their lockers that they may need for learning. They are to enter the middle school entrance, go to their lockers, and leave the building.

- **Grade 6:** 8:45 - 9:15 am
- **Grade 7:** 9:30 - 10:00 am
- **Grade 8:** 10:15 - 10:45 am

Elementary Students Materials Pick-up

Elementary school students will need to pick up their Chromebooks and any additional materials the teacher decides to send home for learning. Elementary parents should drive to the front of the building and a staff member will bring the materials out to your car.

- **Grades 4 and 5:** 11:00 - 11:30 am
- **Grades 2 and 3:** 11:30 - 12:00 pm
- **Grade 1:** 12:00 - 12:30 pm
- **Kindergarten and PK:** 12:30 - 1:00 pm

Learning Structure for Tomorrow Only

Middle School Students:

To ensure that our students have some meaningful learning tomorrow while we get materials home, teachers will be posting learning tasks in his/her Google Classroom. Middle school students, who already have their Chromebooks at home, *will log in for the start of the school day at 8:20 am*. Homeroom teachers will be briefly meeting with these students to set them up for the day before they have to come to school to get materials. The rest of the learning day for middle school students will be asynchronous learning tasks. Students must be present in the 8:20 meeting to receive attendance credit for the day.

Elementary School Students:

The majority of our day will be devoted to getting materials ready and deployed for our PK-5 students. Once your child has his/her Chromebook, they will have Google Meet with his/her homeroom teacher. Students must be present in this Google Meet session to receive attendance credit for the day. Please see the Google Meet times listed below by grade level. This will enable your child to be set up for success for the rest of the week. Teachers may conduct a short lesson or have students complete some learning activities. *(If you have children in multiple grades, please come to the earlier of the two times).*

- **Grades 4 and 5:** 12:30 pm
- **Grades 2 and 3:** 1:00 pm
- **Grade 1:** 1:00 pm
- **Kindergarten and PK:** 1:30 pm

Beginning Tuesday, November 17:

After our materials pick-up day tomorrow, we will launch into our normal virtual schedule, which we trialed during the week of November 2. Schedules can be found online. We will also monitor the need for additional materials pick-up times as we get further into the virtual learning period.

Please understand that making this decision was not an easy one, but know that it was made with the best interests of the school community in mind. We know that our virtual platform is strong and will still provide our students with access to solid instruction. With this short term pivot, we can hopefully set ourselves up for in-person longevity as we head into the winter months.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

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