



Hawk Highlights

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Checking In With You...

28th Edition

Hi There Hawk Families!

I hope you all are adapting to the new “temporary” normal of facilitating work and home life under the same roof. I know this is a different animal as the world continues to take one day at a time. This is when we allow leaders to lead and do as they are asking us to do, this includes federal, state and local leaders.

It is my hope that your child is connected to learning, whether they have digital access or not. If they do not have access, have them read, write, create or even explore...remember, you are the first teacher so be sure you are doing all that you can to keep thinking going. I’m sure you know this. 😊

One would think that there is a lot to manage, however when you trust the professionals (teachers) to take care of teaching and learning, my job becomes being more of a support to my teachers and students than anything during this time.

I want you to be aware of what teachers are expected to do during this time just to give you a reference point and a way to understand a teacher’s view.

The district has clarified that grading is to resume when school resumes, therefore, teachers are not to grade student work while out of school. It is appropriate for students to submit assignments and teachers to provide feedback, but no grades. Remember, some students do not have access to digital learning tools. I know it’s hard to believe that some may not have access, but it’s true across the district. So, we are not trying to send students or parents into any more panic than the world is in now. I’m sharing this with you to help to align your expectations as a parent with mine as a leader.

Just to help us all balance, see the minimum expectations below for digital learning. This is not a limited list nor a checklist, it's simply to assist you with a big picture.

Teacher Expectations	Student Expectations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide assignments/activities to keep students learning and thinking• Be accessible to students• Respond to and/or check in on students• Consider those that have and need accommodations• Provide feedback to students• Be mindful that some students may not have access – be ready to serve all students when school resumes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Log in and work on assignment/activities sent from teachers• Make sure the teacher knows that the student is responsive• Submit high quality work as always expected• If the student does not have access to digital tools<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Read○ Write Journal Reflections, poetry, music - whatever his/her interest is

I did not put my teachers in any boxes. Their visions of digital learning include a wide range of tools and ideas and I need them to be as innovative as they prefer. I trust them and know that they will use professional judgement and do what's best for students.

At the end of the day, we are here to serve you!

General COVID-19 information:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/index.html>

If I could answer any questions I truly would...

I am sure you have tons of questions but as I shared with my leadership team, it's ok to say, "We don't know," because we don't. What I will do as soon as some form of clarity begins to shape, is send you a link. That will be the opportunity to send questions or even just help us to think about things that concern you, as we attempt to get back on track. I do believe the district will handle many of our questions and concerns, but within the school community you may have thoughts that we need to consider.

I will reach out when I'm ready to do this.

Reflections that benefit us all

When you can't control things you have to do things like, wait, trust and choose to think positively. Not that these things are easy to do, it's just what we have to do. If you focus on all the "what ifs," you will have a melt down.

There are many things we wish and don't wish however, we can't do anything right now except choose peace. Relax.

Try to stay calm and know that when things get back to normal many things will be considered but for now....enjoy time with your loved ones.