

March 15, 2020

PLEASE READ THIS EMAIL IN ITS ENTIRETY- IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dear Parents,

Governor Gary Herbert announced last Friday that all public schools in Utah will be dismissed beginning Monday, March 16, for a period of two weeks. This is a pre-emptive measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). **This means Jordan School District schools will not be in session and no students will attend in person from March 16 – 29.**

We appreciate your patience as we work to make plans for procedures surrounding the school dismissal. Our teachers will be busy planning and preparing on Monday and Tuesday for online school to start this coming Wednesday. This Skylert email will hopefully address questions and concerns you may have had regarding the school dismissal for the next two weeks. I apologize for the length of this email, but we have a lot to communicate to you. If there are further questions after reading this, you may call our office Monday morning at (801) 302-8599, but please leave a message if you can't get through to us. For the next two weeks, we will be available by phone from 8am-4pm. **Please do not come into the school. The district has requested that no patrons or students be allowed into the school. The only people allowed in school buildings are faculty and staff.** Thanks for your understanding on this. You can also email me (cherie.wilson@jordandistrict.org) , Patti (patricia.hanlon@jordandistrict.org) and Leslie, our AP (leslie.ewell@jordandistrict.org).

No Patrons Allowed on School Grounds and In the Building- In order to meet the requirement of social distancing, we ask the following: students are not allowed to use the school playground during the school day. Supervision is not provided. If you have parent-teacher conferences scheduled this week with your child's teacher, this will happen through phone call or email. Your child's teacher will contact you. Please do not come to the building for prior appointments with teachers. All IEPs have been postponed. The special education teachers will call you soon if you had a meeting scheduled in the next couple of weeks.

All School Activities Have Been Cancelled- 5th grade Maturation, Kindergarten Orientation, Principal's Pride Awards, Kindergarten Fashion Show/Dads and Doughnuts, and the 3rd Grade Program have all been cancelled.

Nothing has been re-scheduled at this time and we will let you know when they are. I sent a link previously in a Skylert for information on Maturation videos for parents and 5th graders.

Online Learning at Home- Assignments and grading will still be the same.

The online assignments that your child will participate in will continue to be meaningful and engaging as if they were here at school. Students will be expected to complete assignments that are given to them by the teachers. Teachers will continue to grade assignments and provide feedback. So please help your child keep up on that. The teachers will be available to answer questions and provide instruction online (live or recorded) along the way each day. Each teachers will let you know what their hours will be for this, so watch for an individual email from your teacher on that information. The online learning will not be a review- it will be new content- and review along the way as needed. At the end of this email, I've included some websites to go to for certain subject areas. You can also go to our Foothills website for links to online learning beginning Monday. Please continue to have your child complete iReady 30-45 minutes per week in both Reading and Math. This is available to all children K-6. Their username is their lunch # and password is 1234. The website is login.iready.com. You can also access iReady with an iPad using the "iReady for Students" app in the App Store.

Obtaining Free Internet Access at Home- Some companies have started to provide free or low cost internet access to families that don't have access to WIFI and I want to pass the info on to you. Here are some websites for you to check out and apply if this situation applies to you:

<https://www.internetessentials.com/>

<https://www.att.com/shop/internet/access/#!/>

<https://corporate.charter.com/newsroom/charter-to-offer-free-access-to-spectrum-broadband-and-wifi-for-60-days-for-new-K12-and-college-student-households-and-more>

Requesting Chrome Book Devices for Online Learning- We realize some of you may need devices in order to access content for online learning. We have set up a Google survey for you to fill out if you would like to request devices. There's a section on the survey to request a device for each child so you don't have to fill the survey out more than once. Please read the following guidelines before committing to checking out a device from the school. It must be used for school work only. The district will continue to monitor websites and content

that your student views. Please keep it safe in a protective bag away from food and drink. You will be responsible for the cost associated with loss or damage (up to \$250 per device). Here is the agreement the district has created for the checkout of devices for online learning. You will sign it when you pick up the device(s) you request for your students. **PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU MAKE A REQUEST FOR DEVICES:**

[JSD Chrome Book User Agreement](#)

Please fill out this survey if you agree to these conditions and would like to request a chromebook. You will sign an agreement in person when you pick up the device:

<https://forms.gle/xBh6jX8XB8AABsha7>

RISE Testing- It is unknown at this time how our testing schedule will look. We will let you know the new testing times when we return to school. For now, your student in grades 3-8 can still practice the RISE tests by going to: <https://utahrise.org/training-tests.stml>

Breakfast and Lunch- Our cafeteria staff will start to provide breakfast and lunch to go for students this coming Wednesday. This is open to all students. Meals will be given to students at the front doors outside. Students will grab and then go home. Students will also punch in their lunch number. If your students are on free and reduced lunch, these benefits will continue. Student's lunch accounts will be charged if they pick up a breakfast or lunch. If you need meals before Wednesday, please contact us- we have access to meals and snacks for families in need and can arrange a time for you to pick them up. Each weekday from March 18-27, pick up for breakfast will be from 7:30-9:00am and lunch will be available to pick up between 11:30-1pm. Again, students must punch in their lunch number, grab a breakfast or lunch pack, and then go home.

Resources for Learning- Beginning Monday morning, you can go to our Foothills homepage: foothills.jordandistrict.org- our teachers are gathering websites to help you- some of these websites will be used by the teachers for online learning.

Students typically have **rotations** each day. We will not be able to provide work for Art, PE, STEM lab or music, but there are online resources that could help you provide these enriching activities for your student(s) during their absence from school.

PE: <https://www.gonoodle.com/for-families/>

Art: <https://www.deepspacesparkle.com/category/art-lessons/>

Music: <http://www.dariamusic.com/parents.php>

STEM Lab: <https://www.giftofcuriosity.com/engineering-challenges-for-kids-steam/>

I believe this is it for now- we appreciate your support as we work out details for the next two weeks. Feel free to email me, Patti, or Mrs. Ewell with your concerns or needs. We hope to be a source of information and support during this unprecedented time.

If new information becomes available, we will send out another Skylert. Please feel free to contact us anytime if you can't get a hold of your child's teacher during the next two weeks. We are here for you!

Sincerely,

Cherie Wilson, Principal

Foothills Elementary