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Remote Instruction

November 13, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The district is navigating the increased number of COVID-19 cases in the community and responding to the recommendation by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Education as Clarion County moves into the second consecutive week in 'substantial' status. Armstrong County has entered into the third week of 'substantial' status.

The overarching goal of the district is to assist in mitigating the transmission and spread of the COVID-19 virus. In doing so and in alignment with recommendations from the DOH and PDE, Redbank Valley School District will be moving to remote instruction for all students beginning Monday November 16, 2020. The anticipated return to face-to-face instruction is December 1, 2020. However, the district will monitor cases over the next two weeks to determine if remote instruction will need to continue beyond December 1, 2020. The district will keep everyone informed.

The district realizes that remote instruction last spring presented issues. We have used that experience to make adjustments to the way remote instruction will be presented this time. Below is a summary of the process that will be unfolding. The information below should assist you in planning your family schedule during the time of remote instruction.

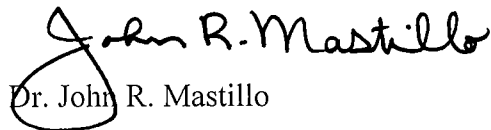
- Students in grades 7 – 12 will receive their Chromebooks today (Friday November 13th).
- Students in grade 6 will receive their Chromebooks Monday after 12:00 noon.
- Students in grades 3 – 5 will receive their Chromebooks on Tuesday November 17th.
- Students in grades K – 2 will receive their Chromebooks on Wednesday November 18th.
- **Computer use forms must be signed & returned for students to be issued a Chromebook. If not returned, forms can be signed at the time of pick-up. Parents will be notified of the scheduled pick-up at their child's campus.**
- Instrumental lessons will continue remotely with Mr. Terwilliger
- Assignments for students in grade K – 5 will be sent home today (Friday) for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.
- Students in grades K – 2 will be participating in a blended remote and educational packets.

- Students in grades 3 – 5 will also be receiving an email regarding assignments and contact with teachers.
- Daily schedules for students in grades K – 5 will be sent home today with students and will be posted on the teacher’s Google classroom. Classes will be provided synchronous with teachers. Lessons will be recorded and posted for students to review at a later time if necessary.
- Login information for students in grades K – 5 has been sent home to assist in accesses programs and software being used for instruction.
- Students in grades 6 – 12 will follow their daily schedule and log in to a synchronous classroom with their teacher. Lessons will be recorded and posted for later viewing.
- All lessons must be completed within a 24 hour period.
- Meals will be provided at this time for drive up pickup between 11:00 – 12:30 each day at the high school. Families will be able to pick up lunch and breakfast for each child.

Attendance guidelines – in order for students to be counted present for the day, students are required to log into their classroom and complete assignments.

The district staff appreciates your willingness to help maintain the health and well-being of our students, staff, and community.

Sincerely,


Dr. John R. Mastillo