



## **Johnstonville Elementary School District**

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Dear Johnstonville Families,

As a follow up to my previous letter, Johnstonville Elementary School District will remain closed to students in accordance with Governor Newsom's stay at home order for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. We are all adjusting to changes in how we lead our daily lives. This means finding ways to navigate new routines for learning, for work, and structuring family time at home. While we need to remain focused on our students and their ongoing academic needs, we also recognize that this situation requires people to attend to personal and family social emotional needs as well.

### **Distance Learning Program**

As we transition in to our distance learning program, please recognize this method of instruction is new to students, families, and staff. We have been working hard to develop an educationally rich program. Our staff has committed tremendous time and energy to organize course content and enrichment activities for our students to use.

As part of our distance learning program we will provide:

- Opportunities for virtual contact with classmates and teacher
- Teacher "Office hours"
- Independent work activities to supplement teacher instruction
- Designated time for Special Education support, if applicable

Our teachers will be reaching out to their families to let them know how the distance learning program will look for their classes. Our distance learning program will officially start on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Some of our teachers will provide packets, digital experiences, and/or a combination of both. Please contact the school if you have not heard from your student's teacher by April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Our front office will be open every Wednesday, starting April 15<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00am-6:00pm. This time is for you to pick-up your student's work and drop off the previous week's work. It is important to note that Wednesdays are the only days that the front office will be open. Also, when you do visit the school, please be sure to maintain social distancing.

### **Chromebooks Available for Families**

We want all students to be ready to engage with their teachers during school closures through our distance learning program. While not all courses for every grade level will be



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exclusively online, it is important for all students to have internet access and the tools necessary to participate. To this end, we have developed a check-out process for Chromebooks. The Chromebook check-out is intended for our families in need, who do not have a device at home for their students. Families that are in need of a Chromebook for their student will be able to check one out on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

We are also working to provide a solution for homes without internet access. However, we do not have a viable solution at this time. However, we are continuing to try and find a solution to this issue.

### **Meal Service Continues on April 14<sup>th</sup>**

As an essential service, we will continue to work in coordination with neighboring school districts to serve meals to children, 18 and under. Meal service will resume on April 14<sup>th</sup> during the weekdays from 11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. by our gymnasium.

### **Board of Education Meeting**

Our regularly scheduled April 16<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meeting will continue to be held at 5:30 p.m. The health, well-being, and public safety of community members, public officials, and employees remain the top priority for Johnstonville School. Consistent with the stay at home order from the Governor, in-person attendance in the Board Room for the public will not be permitted. Like our regular board meetings, there will be a public comment period included in each of our upcoming meeting. Please know you can submit comments and/or questions to the Board of Trustees at any time by emailing [ssmith@johnstonville.org](mailto:ssmith@johnstonville.org). Your comments will be read by our Trustees and play an important role in informing our work.

Sincerely,

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