

China Primary School

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Dear China Primary Students and Families,

We miss you so very much! This is a difficult time for all of us and each day brings more changes. We cannot control the changes that are affecting our daily lives but we can control our reactions. I have been awestruck by the many acts of kindness, support and watching communities coming together to meet this great challenge.

Given so many changes happening so quickly, I want to take this moment to review with you. What we know now is:

- We will be closed until May 1 based on the [governor's directive](#).
- We are providing breakfasts and lunches for pickup at the following locations Monday through Friday from 9:00AM-11:00AM:
 - ATW, CMS, CPS, MHS, MMS, WES, the Oakland Boat Landing, the Rome Community Center, the North Belgrade Rec. Center, and the Sidney Fire Station on the Pond Road.
 - If you can't get to a pick up location and need food, please contact the China Primary office. At present we are making food deliveries on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
 - We **will** be providing breakfasts and lunches during the week of April vacation (April 20-24).
- Learning packets can also be picked up at the school from 8:00AM-12:00AM at school each week. The packets can be delivered on the food delivery days: Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please contact the office if you would like the packets delivered.

At-Home Learning Opportunities

Immediately following the order to cease in-school classroom instruction, teachers began to offer learning opportunities to their students digitally. At first, this situation was to last for two weeks. We soon knew that we would be offering learning opportunities remotely for a much longer period of time. As we move forward, we have made changes to make activities easier to understand and accomplish. Below are a few points to provide clarity.

- The purpose of providing at-home opportunities is to review material and practice skills so that students can maintain their current level of knowledge and skills and provide some level of routine.
- Every grade level PreK-8 will have a grade level folder available online that will have activities in reading, writing, math, unified arts as well as some things to explore. You can reach those resources by [clicking here](#) and then clicking on the appropriate grade level. You will see a menu document for the grade level and the resources that go along with that menu are located in the folders.

- Although there will be digital options, the majority of the activities will be able to be done without the internet.
- No work that is sent home, or posted on our website is expected to come back. We will not be scoring any work and will not be updating Powerschool grades or standards at this time. We cannot ensure equitable access to instruction and thus it would be unfair to score students' work. Teachers will provide feedback and support to students on their work, the resources on our website or any supplementary items if that is desired.
- Teachers and/or ed techs will be reaching out to your child and will be accessible to them and yourself through email and/or by phone by appointment. They will be helping students make sure they are working at the right academic level, giving academic feedback, and providing optional opportunities for students to interact with them and each other online.

Our Buildings are Closed

Due to the order from the Governor, we are closing our schools to the public. We will continue to have food pick up from 9:00AM-11:00AM, Monday through Friday. The office is manned on those days from 8:00-12:00 to answer phones, questions and you may pick up learning packets during those times. If you need to pick up something, other than meals, please call the office and we will make sure it is ready for you.

Communication Plan

With constant changes, it is important to stay in touch. Your first point of contact should be your child/children's teachers. We are meeting regularly and therefore they will be able to answer most questions concerning student learning. I will be sending out communication weekly with any updates. If you have questions, please call our office at 445-1550 or email me @ dpietz@rsu18.org and I will get back to you.

A Shout Out!!

Our custodians, food service staff, transportation staff, educational technicians, teachers, secretaries, instructional coaches, building administrators, central office administration and other staff have been AWESOME! Even though we can't all be together doing our regular jobs, they have worked as an incredible team to continue to put students first. Thank you all!

Please be safe everyone. Practice good hygiene, physical distancing (6 feet or more) and following the "stay at home" order. If we follow all of these recommendations the sooner we will be able to be together again. Stay in touch with family and friends regularly and let us know if there is anything you need from us.

Thank you. Take care.

Darlene Pietz