

March 25, 2020

Good Afternoon Ferndale Schools Family,

I hope you and your families are well. Due to the Humboldt County shelter-in-place order and efforts to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we will extend our school closure through April 10. Spring Break is the week of April 13-17. We hope to have students be able to return to school on April 20 and will keep you updated as we work through the next few weeks of closure. We understand and regret the hardship school closure places on families, but the health and safety of our students and staff is most important at this time.

Although closed to students, we remain dedicated to serving the needs of you and your family. Our Food Services program is providing a breakfast/lunch pickup option for all area children up to age 18, between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm on Mondays at Ferndale Elementary School. These meals are free and each child will receive 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches for the week.

We have been working to assist families with chromebooks to use during this time and to ensure internet connectivity. If internet connectivity is a problem, please let us know so we can continue to look for options to get you connected or have teachers provide printed schoolwork for your child(ren). Thank you for your continued support with enrichment packets and online work. During the closure, drop off and pick up of packets, school supplies and needed devices will be on Mondays from 10am-2pm at both sites.

When coming to pick up meals, or pick up or drop off school work or supplies, please observe these social distancing guidelines:

- Stay six feet away from others
- Have only one person come to the table outside or into the building, please leave others in the car or outside
- Do not come if you are ill
- Frequently wash your hands for 20 seconds or longer with warm water and soap
- Cover coughs or sneezes

Our teachers are using Google Classroom and Zoom to support your student(s) during this time. It is important that students complete their work and participate in the activities teachers are providing. We know this will be difficult for many students and families so please let us know if we can offer any support. We have attached some instructional materials to this email that may be of help to you and your family in navigating online learning. It will also be important that students check their school email accounts for updated information and participate in class Zoom meetings whenever possible. Thank you for your patience as we transitioned away from our classroom based instructional program and shifted our focus and plans to creating cohesive distance learning opportunities for students. Please contact the school office if you have questions or concerns and if we can be of assistance with food and education services. We hope you

continue to be well and take care of one another and that we all get to see each other soon,

Beth Anderson
Superintendent
