

Dear BHES Parents/Guardians,

March 17, 2020

We wanted to reach out to you to let you know we miss our Eagles and teachers are working hard in preparing high-quality distance learning opportunities. Our goal is for our students to continue to grow academically in spite of these extraordinary circumstances.

Distance learning will begin on Monday, March 23rd. Prior to that time, teachers will be sending you detailed information about how to access the distance-learning platforms that they will be using to deliver instruction (Seesaw, Google Classroom, and Zoom). This week teachers are uploading lessons and activities. Feel free to look if the platform has been shared with you, but please do not have your child complete work at this point, as teachers are not finished with uploading materials and videos. We know students are excited and we appreciate their eagerness. We will be ready soon!

Please know students logging on and completing activities/assignments is important for two reasons. The first reason is for some type of consistency in educational opportunities during school postponement to continue. We want to stay connected to our kids during this time. The second reason for participating in distance learning is it will be part of the criteria we will use to determine credit for the fifth six weeks of school and possibly longer. 100% participation is our goal and it is required. We will begin with review lessons so students can become familiar with the online platform. This will help during this transition period to distance learning. We need your support in helping your child/children access the online platform, but feel you should not have to teach material as we are beginning with a review of skills previously taught. In the beginning, they may need your help in navigating the online platform. Please keep in mind, distance learning operates very differently than the classroom setting. Approximately one hour a day will need to be dedicated to complete lessons. If you have a Smartphone, you can download the app for the online platforms utilized by your child's teacher to complete activities and log in to the attendance link daily.

Teachers will provide feedback on students' work. They will be sharing a time when you will be able to reach out to them on a daily basis with questions and concerns. Attendance documentation is required. A link in the platform will need to be completed daily. Please visit the following attendance link: bit.ly/ESSdailystarter in order to document your child's attendance each day.

Many have had questions regarding STAAR assessments. Please click on the following link for updated information from Governor Greg Abbott.

<https://dfw.cbslocal.com/2020/03/16/governor-greg-abbott-cancels-staar-tests-public-students/>

Thank you for your support as we launch this new way of delivering instruction and learning. We feel confident it will be beneficial for our students. Do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or myself during this time. We are better together! We can, we will!

Sincerely,
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