

March 27, 2020

Good Afternoon,

After examining the directives by the governor, bargaining unit contracts, discussions with our business office and truly appreciating the exhaustive hard work by all staff and families during this time, a decision has been made to proceed with the regularly scheduled April vacation. This break will begin on Friday, April 10th and go through April 19th. Students will not be asked to log in daily to do work during this time. Please use this break to reconnect with your family and take some time for yourself to recharge your batteries. We ask that you follow whatever health guidelines that may be in effect at that time regarding social gatherings, events or travel.

Grab and Go lunches will continue to be available during the vacation in the same manner as they have been with one exception. On Thursday, April 9th you will have the option of picking up two meals instead of one. Staff will not be available for lunch pick up on Friday, April 10th, Good Friday.

As guidance from the Governor continues to come in we will address a possible return to school date. At this time, he is requiring that all school buildings remain closed until April 20th. We will remain in contact with you as time goes by and the potential for longer duration impacts of this virus become more clear.

I would like to take a moment to thank those families that have stepped up to help replenish the supplies at the Bethlehem and Woodbury food banks. The response has been wonderful and we will continue to collect the items as we have been during the Grab and Go lunch pick up and in the bins outside of WMS. There is a page on the Region 14 website that can provide guidance on what types of goods are needed <https://www.ctreg14.org/district/distance-learning/food-banks>.

Sincerely,



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