

Key Peninsula Middle School Parent Update 3/27/2020

Dear KPMS families,

I hope this message finds you well as you abide by the governor's direction to, "Stay home, Stay Healthy." Here are some updates from our school:

Please remind students to check their school email for messages from teachers.

Schoology

As you may be aware, our students can access their learning through an online platform called Schoology. Students can download the Schoology app on their phone. This makes it easy for students to take a picture of their work and submit it to their teacher. They can easily look up their learning activities. Students can access Schoology on their phones, but it's not as easy as using a Chromebook.

Did you know? PSD wifi spots you can use

Key Peninsula Middle School has an external hotspot like other school buildings in Peninsula School District. Free internet connections are available at:

- Artondale Elementary School
- Evergreen Elementary School
- Minter Creek Elementary School

You can simply drive up and access the internet from your car! The KPMS gate is open 11am-1pm during this 2 week "stay at home" order. It is open so we can serve lunches, so that is an option. In the next couple weeks, PHS, Vaughn, HRMS, GHHS, GMS and Voyager will have wifi that will work in their parking lots.

Easy to follow schedule

Starting Monday, March 30, we are going to follow a schedule for families to follow while students are at home. Feedback from parents is that there is a ton of communication from teachers and too many learning activities, so we thought we'd take a consolidated approach moving forward. We will also try to give resources that are easy to download along with what we are already posting. See below for the schedule of subjects.

Teachers will schedule Zoom events and communicate/support students on those days.

Monday: Social Studies/Counseling

Tuesday: Language Arts

Wednesday: Math

Thursday: Science

Friday: Electives and Math (if needed by teacher)

Math

Math is a content area that we are focusing on heavily so students do not have any holes for next year. We will slowly introduce new content - 2 lessons per week. Please ask your student to make sure they are doing the learning in this content area. Our data is showing students are not engaging in this subject area as much as we'd like. To help students and parents, teachers are learning to post instructional videos and imbed the video in Schoology. If students struggle with a problem, they can email their teacher. On Wednesdays, and if needed, on Fridays, teachers will connect with the student especially if the student does not have a strong internet connection. In the Zoom meetings for math, teachers answer questions too. If you download the Socratic Math app, parents can take a picture in the app of the problem and it shows you the steps to solve it. However, this does not work with word problems.

PSD Grab and Go meals expand to a bus stop near you

To help support families during the school closure due to coronavirus, Peninsula School District has been serving an average of 1,000 meals a day to students 18 and under in our community.

The meal service is free and includes both breakfast and lunch. Students do not need to qualify for free or reduced meals to receive meals, and no forms or registration are required.

Since starting the program, our district has learned that some students are unable to get to the locations where meals are served. Therefore, beginning Monday, March 30, meals will be delivered to students along bus routes in elementary school service areas. On the Key Peninsula, these areas are Vaughn and Minter Creek.

Meal delivery bus routes

Bus routes for each service area and bus stop times are listed [here](#).

Meal planning survey

Please help us plan for your child's meal needs by completing this survey. Also, we will expand meal bus routes to other locations in our district, so please let us know by completing the [survey](#) if you have a need for this service.

Meals are still available at the following sites on the KP for pickup Monday-Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.:

- Evergreen Elementary;
- Purdy Elementary; and
- Key Peninsula Middle School.

Meal stations are located near the front of each school to encourage social distancing.

Also, parents may now pick up lunches for their children.

Pre-ordering is not necessary, but meal orders can be submitted online by clicking [HERE](#). Questions can be emailed to info@psd401.net.

COVID-19 Information

The district website has the most current information on the COVID virus situation pertaining to schools. Please check the website for the most current information.

Broken Chromebook

During the closure, should your device need repair, please let the PSD technology department know. You can email servicecentral@psd401.net, and they will be in touch with a plan to get the device from you and provide you a loaner while it is being repaired.

Thanks for your patience and kind comments as we take on this work during the shutdown. Please stay safe. We miss the children and can't wait to return to school on April 27.

Sincerely,

Jeri Goebel
Principal
Key Peninsula Middle School