

Monday, April 6, 2020

Hello Davis School District families,

We hope you have had a great Spring Break! As we get back into our third week of remote/digital learning, we want to give you a prospectus and outline of what to expect for fourth quarter.

First of all, we send a big THANK YOU, for all of the work you are doing to help facilitate learning at home. This health crisis is something that has affected all of us greatly, and we want you to know that there is nowhere we would rather see your children than in our schools. We miss them, we love them, and we want them all to be safe, happy and learning as much as possible through this new method of learning.

We expect our teachers to connect with each of their students in productive, learning activities that are age/grade and time appropriate. It is very important to make sure that each student is connecting with their teacher(s), and we will be following up on this with principals and teachers to support that expectation. Our connecting expectations and support for those expectations is outlined in the five-page PDF document associated with this email.

On April 1, the Davis County Health Department issued a County Public Health Order ordering all non-essential personnel to stay home from work (work from home) if possible, further regulating gatherings in private and public areas, and emphasizing the need to practice precautionary measures that will prevent or inhibit spread of COVID-19. This order adds further emphasis to the state-wide recommendations put in place by the Governor recently.

In support of the County Health Order, we highly encourage students to learn from home and not visit the school and teachers unless absolutely necessary for learning to continue. If there is a compelling reason to see a teacher (technical issues, clarification or assistance in learning), we require that an appointment be made, through the school's office and the visit be very brief. There will only be very limited, essential personnel at schools on a daily basis. We will continue to serve breakfast and lunch in a grab-and-go fashion.

As the Superintendent of Davis District, I believe that it is critical during this health crisis to have a well-articulated short- and long-term plan. We have patterned our plan, "Davis Learns Together," after the Governor's Utah Leads Together plan for the State of Utah. The PDF document outlining our learning plan for fourth quarter is attached with this email. Please take a look at it. Fourth quarter with be a quarter like no other before, and we have to approach it in an entirely new and optimistic frame of mind. By May 1, we expect to know what the Governor's orders will be in terms of the end of the school year. Regardless of the declaration on May 1, reconvening school or dismissal for the rest of the year, we will adhere to the Davis Learns Together plan.

We thank you for your support, for your kindness, and your caring! We are fortunate to work with the greatest families on earth and we are reminded of that every day. Please watch over your own health and the health of your family and loved ones.

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