

Dear Highland's Families,

These are unprecedented times and I cannot thank you enough for your grace and patience as we learn how to instruct and grow your children remotely.

In light of the Governor's extension of the school closure, I wanted to share the work that is underway at Highlands and across Renton Schools to support continued learning.

Important updates:

- In order to ensure that Highland's students have access to electronic devices, we loaned 101 Chromebooks to our families this week and anticipate distributing approximately 50 additional devices next week.
- We are increasing the learning expectations compared to prior weeks. Beginning on April 17th, we will provide daily learning activities in Math, Literacy and Science/Social Studies (alternating). Please check our In-Home Learning web page every Friday!
- Teachers are reaching out to connect with families/students on a weekly basis, and I encourage families to collaborate with teachers to determine the best balance of expectations for their students.
- We are working individually with families of students who receive special services (Special Education and ELL) to serve their identified needs.
- We are continuing to refine our plan using the feedback we're receiving from families. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher and/or me if there are ways we can support you and your family.
- As we anticipate returning to school in the fall, we recognize concerns about skill gaps and readiness for the next grade level. We are committed to assessing students in Math and Literacy once we return, in order to adjust curricular pacing guides and prioritize learning standards.

Again, thank you for your patience during these new times. Please stay connected with your child's classroom teacher as they can guide you through the weekly lessons and communicate specific needs that come up while our school doors are closed. Please be on the lookout for our second chromebook distribution. I will send communication once I know the date/time for the second round of providing chromebooks.

Sincerely,

Alfred DeBlasio