



SEDubois

Mission: "Create learning"

What is an eLearning day!

An "emergency cancellation" or "snow day" occurs when school is cancelled unexpectedly. Instead of declaring it a 'snow day', the students will have an eLearning Day. This is a day that students will stay at home and do school work assigned to them through the internet. All assignments will be posted by 9AM. Students will be able to contact their teachers through the internet, utilizing email and Google Classroom. School facilities will not be available on an emergency eLearning day.

What will an eLearning Day look like?

Students will access their daily work through the internet, utilizing Google Classroom or other digital media. All assignments will be posted by 9am and will be a continuation of the previous day's instruction. Teachers will be available during 9am to 3pm for students to contact and ask questions if they need assistance. Students will have 3 days to complete assignments and will have the opportunity to use the school's internet when they return to school if they were unable to access materials on the eLearning day.

What is eLearning?

eLearning or 'virtual days' utilize technology to access educational curriculum outside of the traditional classroom. Southeast Dubois Co. School Corporation believes that continuity of instruction in the event of the loss of a traditional instructional day, due to weather or other events, is a critical component of our students' success.

Built-in Make Up Days and eLearning Days

The 2017-18 Southeast Dubois Co. Schools Corporation calendar has built-in make up days scheduled for Feb. 16, 19; April 2, 20, and May 25. These days will be utilized to make up the first 5 missed school days. Because these days have been exhausted, students will participate in eLearning for any future missed days. If we encounter any more inclement weather, an eLearning day will be held on the day of the weather event.

ELEMENTARY & INTERMEDIATE

Elementary and Intermediate teachers may send some relevant school work home in paper format to compliment the online material.



Dear Parents,

Last night the Southeast School Board approved the option to make up future missed days by scheduling eLearning Days. An eLearning Day is an option allowed by the Department of Education as an alternative to extending the school year after snow make up days are exhausted. They are designed to be instructional and a continuation of planned lessons.

What does an eLearning Day look like? K-4 students will take home their Chromebook when an eLearning Day is scheduled or if unfavorable weather is predicted. On eLearning Days teachers will post assignments by 9:00 a.m. Teachers will post assignments and instructions in Google Classroom. Students will have three school days to complete assignments.

What are we supposed to do on an eLearning Day? Teachers are working with students so that they will be able to complete the work on their own. Many of our students are tech experts already, but there are student-centered trainings we plan to conduct before we have our first eDay. Teachers will train students on how to access and complete assignments. Our teachers are going to conduct a mock eLearning Day at Pine Ridge on Monday. This will be a morning session of training for students and a way for our staff to measure the effectiveness of this day.

We don't have Internet or our service is horrible! We understand that Internet service can create a challenge for many families. When an eLearning Day is announced we will share a schedule of when Pine Ridge Elementary School will be open for families to use our facility and WiFi. We will do our best to have hours that work for our families. Any Southeast Dubois County student is welcome to use Pine Ridge to complete assignments. The Birdseye Library, Ferdinand Library, Tri-County YMCA, and other local businesses are locations you can visit for public WiFi. Fr. Christopher has agreed to allow students to use the parish office building in the event of an eLearning day. We will work with the Divine Mercy Parish office staff and the Tri-County YMCA to schedule times, and we will communicate the times to families.

What about the Chromebooks? Please be sure that Chromebooks are properly cared for while in your possession and that Chromebooks are returned to school with your student on the next day of school. Students and families are responsible for the care of Chromebooks when they are sent home. Please keep them in the cases when not in use. We will not send home chargers. In most cases a Chromebook will last many hours without recharging. It is important that students reserve the battery charge for school use. It would be best if only students use the device.

Are the Chromebooks covered by the corporation's Internet filters? No! The Internet is a dangerous place. Please monitor your child's device while they are online. The school's WiFi has filters to block inappropriate sites, however, at home parents will need to restrict what students can and can't view.

What about Wednesday's missed day? For the day we missed on February 7th, we may schedule an eLearning Day on a Saturday, but this has not been decided. We will share additional information on this day at a later time.

We feel that with practice these days will be beneficial to our students. There will definitely be unforeseen challenges. We will make changes to improve future eLearning Days to ensure quality instruction continues. Please communicate questions or concerns that you may have at this time, and we will attempt to find a solution.

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