

McAlister Family Update--May 11, 2020



We hope this McAlister Family Update finds you and your family well. In light of our schools being closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, we once again wanted to communicate how much we appreciate your partnership in our online learning efforts. This partnership helps to make this time as meaningful as possible for our students. Again, thank you!

Trouble with Chromebooks or Links in Google Classroom?--If students are experiencing technology difficulties, there are things you can do!

- Be sure to do a proper shut down of your device each night,
- Only log on to one Google Account on your device,
- Don't have too many tabs open at once,
- To the extent possible-reduce the number of devices using your wifi,
- Use Google Meets/Google Hangouts without the video camera,
- Make sure the device is fully charged,
- Parents can put in a Tech Request using this [link](#) if they have difficulties with a school device.



Additional Opportunities for Learning--The Specials teachers (Art, Music, Physical Education, Spanish, Library and Band) are excited to share that they will be conducting short live-interactive meetings with each grade, twice a week! These are optional opportunities and a good time to join these teachers for a fun mini-lesson, review, workout routine, game, a chance to share your creations, and maybe some surprises. In order to accommodate as many students as possible, each week the 2 sessions will be the same to minimize students missing out. These meetings are optional but we hope you will join us when you are able. Look for more information as the week unfolds!

Elementary Special Education and Section 504 Conference Call -- Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who participated in our District's Special Education and Section 504 Conference Call last week with Superintendent of Schools, Tim Van Tasel, Assistant Superintendent, Michelle Zawawi, and Director of Pupil Services, Diana Kelley. We hope you found the information shared helpful, and we want you to know how much we value and appreciate your feedback!

One recurring theme we heard during the conference call was the importance of collaboration and coordination between our general education and special education teachers, and related services staff. To that end, our general education teachers meet with their special education teacher and/or related services staff at least weekly, and more often than not multiple times per week to review each student's learning plan for the week. Together, they are reviewing IEP goals, objectives and accommodations, prioritizing instruction, and working to balance the workload for students with learning differences. If you find your child is struggling, please communicate with his/her case manager. We are here to help!