

Greetings, Oiler Nation!

On March 30th, the East Jasper School District began its initial roll-out of our FIRST-TIME EVER District-wide online instruction initiative by utilizing Google Classroom as our platform. This is a very exciting time for us as we navigate unfamiliar and uncharted waters. Yes, we know that there will be challenges along the way with an undertaking of this magnitude. However, we are embracing these challenges with OILER PRIDE and PERSERVERANCE, and with your help, we know that we will emerge from this storm even STRONGER and even GREATER.

Our administrators and teachers have been working diligently to upload lessons for all of our students - Pre-K through 12th grade - and are excited about this innovative way of teaching, as well. From the calls and messages that we have received, it appears that our students are excited too! While we know that this mode of teaching and learning is no substitute for face-to-face engagement between teachers and students, our goal remains to provide as many quality learning opportunities for our students as possible - even in the face of these unprecedented and trying times.

As we work out the “kinks” and “bugs” in this process, please know that we stand ready to offer assistance as needed. Our teachers will be available to help our students and parents online through messaging and soon through virtual conversations in order to help provide additional instructional support. So, parents and students, feel free to contact teachers via SchoolStatus text messaging or in the Google Classroom. Look for upcoming information on the new EJSD HOTLINE; numbers are on their way! Also, in the next few days, we will be mailing Learning Packets to every student, along with report cards, to ensure that students without internet access will still be able to participate in learning activities.

Last but not least, I want to extend a great “THANK YOU!” to our East Jasper Cafeteria Staff and ALL of our Community Partners who worked tirelessly this week to package and distribute food to children in our various communities. For example, many of you may have seen the Facebook posts earlier this week that featured Greater Beaver Meadow student and adult volunteers as they prepared for the pick-up of snacks, juices, fruit, and other items that were provided by the District. While we have not operated Grab-and-Go meal sites due to our concerns about safety in this perilous time of COVID-19, we still are dedicated to helping any families who are in need of assistance in any way that we possibly can. We also plan to provide more food baskets throughout this crisis (in compliance with Governor Reeves’ shelter-in-place orders) again at varying intervals with the help of our EJSD Community Partners. We also are partnering with Senator Juan Barnett in this effort, as well. Thank you, Senator Barnett, for your concern and support for your community!!!

As always, thank you for allowing us to serve you and your families.

Wishing everyone Love, Safety, and Protection,
Nadene Arvington, Superintendent

“It Takes a Village to Raise a Child.”