



**April 3, 2020**

**Greetings Hudson Park Families,**

I hope this letter finds you well, even during this uncertain time. We certainly are experiencing some unprecedented events. I want to thank everyone in advance for your support, patience, flexibility, and understanding during this time, especially as we embark on a new journey--Distance Learning (for an undefined amount of time). This letter is designed to provide our parents and students important information. I am trying to be thorough, but as quickly as things are moving, I may have missed some key items. Do not hesitate to reach out to me with additional questions or for clarity. While our school is closed, school will continue from home. We are implementing distance learning across the District, where students will continue school virtually from home, as will our school staff.

**What does distance learning look like for my child?**

Google Classroom is the key. Fortunately, most of our students are well-versed with Google Classroom, (which is where links to multiple resources for students and staff are housed). Generally, our students know how to access the Google Classroom. Teachers will be posting the assignments to their Google Classroom on a regular basis. Students can communicate with their teachers through this platform, as well. In addition, teachers will utilize the GOOGLE HANG-OUT feature to provide opportunities for LIVE interaction during the week. Some will even post GOOGLE Voice phone numbers. Should your child have any questions about the work, his/her first point of contact should be the teacher. More information on how to contact school staff is below, but Google Classroom allows for two-way communication. Additionally, some teachers utilize REMIND as a tool, and there is always e-mail. The details of what is expected will be described in each Teacher's Google Classroom. Assignments will be posted on Google Classroom by each teacher.

**When are distance learning times for Hudson Park Elementary?**

8:00-10:00 a.m.	PreK/HPE Live Instruction Online
12:00-1:00 p.m.	PreK/HPE Instruction Online (Live and/or Recorded)
3:00-3:30 p.m.	PreK/HPE Virtual Office Hours

**What are the options if my child does not have access to a computer or the internet?**

Computers will be delivered starting Monday morning by bus in “TechPacks” to those that have requested. Hot spots have not been received yet, but will be delivered the same way when they arrive. Hot spots are currently on back order. We also have three areas on campus to access the internet: the softball field parking lot, pool parking lot and district office parking lot.

**What if I have requested supplemental learning packets for my child?**

For families receiving packets, they will be delivered on the bus routes. To return packets please take a photo of them on your cell phone and email them back to the teacher. There will also be a drop box in front of the school. Returning them by bus is also an option.

**How will my child turn in his/her work?**

Most assignments will be turned in through Google Classroom. My advice—DO NOT allow the work to pile up. Stay on top of it. We don't know for sure how long we will be out of school.

**What if my child is having technical difficulties or has trouble logging in to a particular program?**

Our Technology Specialist, Mr. Nick Hansen-Sedor, will be the contact for such problems. His email is [nick\\_hansen-sedor@rsd.k12.or.us](mailto:nick_hansen-sedor@rsd.k12.or.us). Make sure to describe in detail the nature of the problem.

**How do I contact the school if I have questions or need to speak with a teacher/staff member?**

HPE employees are working from home. All school staff are expected to and will check and respond to email Monday through Friday during the work day. Please allow up to 24 hours for a response. Our [website](#) has all of our staff email addresses.

**Important:** Should you have ANY DIFFICULTY contacting a teacher or staff member, or just have questions/concerns, contact me directly sooner rather than later at [heidi\\_blakley@rsd.k12.or.us](mailto:heidi_blakley@rsd.k12.or.us). I will ensure that your question or concern is addressed in a timely manner. Furthermore, because this is an unprecedented event, I want to ensure that every person in our school community has easy access to me during the closure. With that in mind, I am also sharing my GOOGLE Voice phone number—971.267.3896. This will ring to my cell phone, so please take into consideration the time you are calling. I am committed to doing whatever it takes for your child to be successful. I know that communication is crucial and I commit to being available throughout this closure.

### **Some Suggestions for Successful Distance Learning**

- Stay organized and manage your time carefully. You can easily become overwhelmed without effective organizational and time-management skills.
- Establish a regular, uninterrupted work time each day! Limit outside distractions, aka turn off Netflix .
- Contact your teachers, counselor, and/or administrator sooner rather than later when you have a concern.
- Stay Sharp! In order to reduce the impact of the learning slide from a prolonged period away from face-to-face school, don't forget the following beyond your class work: Read for pleasure and for class.

Beyond these resources, if you have a need or know of someone with a need, PLEASE contact me so that I can share the information with our School Counselor. You can also reach out directly to our counselor, Sara Gray at [sara\\_gray@rsd.k12.or.us](mailto:sara_gray@rsd.k12.or.us). We will do everything possible to support our HPE families! I believe in you all! You can do this! We will get through this! You are all in my thoughts! Be Safe and Be Well.

Sincerely,

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