

Dear Families,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. We miss seeing the students every day and hope they have been able to sign into their grade level and specials Google Classrooms and are taking part in the many ELOs that the teachers have created for the students.

On Monday, we will begin a whole new way of teaching and learning, and are excited to roll out our new Distance Learning approach. While we know that distance learning cannot replicate the personal connection of the day-to-day interactions with teachers in a classroom, we want our students to stay actively engaged and involved in learning. Each day teachers will post a Morning Message for students to respond to before beginning their daily schedule. At this time all the lessons will be asynchronous, meaning that there will not be live interactions between students and teachers. Students, however, will be participating through their Google classrooms, submitting work teachers will provide feedback on and/or able to ask questions that teachers will respond to. Our goal is to gradually build in more video lessons and interactive classrooms as we all become more comfortable and skilled with the technology.

Our staff has been working closely over this past week to plan for distance learning, so I have outlined what the student schedule and expectations are below. The district will also send out more details and I expect that our plans will evolve over time; we thank you for your patience and flexibility as we all re-enter the “first week of school.” We will communicate with you regularly and update the website as needed.

#### Student Expectations

- Login daily to Google Classroom to participate and complete activities and assignments.
- Taking ownership of your own learning; ask for help from your teacher or other adult.
- Be thoughtful and kind with all of your interactions on the Google Classrooms.
- No video chats with other students or teachers.
- Commit to the time allotted for each subject area each day.
- Complete assignments by the due date given by your teacher.
- Do your best and enjoy distance learning!

#### Student Schedule:

<b>Weston Intermediate School Distance Learning Schedule</b>	
Between 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Or 10 minutes of your day	Morning Meeting/Attendance
9:00 - 9:45 a.m. Or 45 minutes of your day	Reading
9:45 - 10:30 a.m. Or 45 minutes of your day	Writing
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.	Break – take a break and eat a snack or get some physical exercise or engage in a fun activity
10:45 - 11:30 a.m.	Math

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11:30 - 12:00	Lunch Break – if possible get some fresh air or do something fun or relaxing
12:00 - 12:45 Or 45 minutes of your day	Science/Social Studies
12:45 - 1:15 Or 30 minutes of your day	Specials Activities
1:15-1:45 (if you have 2 specials on one day) Or 30 minutes of your day	Specials Activities
1:45 onward	Read For Pleasure, Practice Your Instrument, Go Outside, Get Some Exercise, Chat with Friends, Family time, etc.

Parents, if your child is unable to attend classes, please call the absence line to report absences as you always have; 203-221-6331. The key to your child’s success will be to establish a daily routine and continue to follow it as closely as possible. We also strongly encourage you to incorporate daily mindfulness exercises and physical activities into their day. Consistent bedtimes that are age appropriate will also allow them to continue to grow and learn in a positive way.

**Our district technology help desk is available** to support your technology needs. Email [helpdesk@westonps.org](mailto:helpdesk@westonps.org), and they will respond as soon as possible. If you are in need of a Chromebook, please contact me immediately via email.

We know that this may be stressful and we want you to know that we are here to support you in any way that we can. Please do not hesitate to reach out via email at any time.

Stay healthy and we look forward to “seeing” you on Monday morning.

Warmly,  
Pattie Falber